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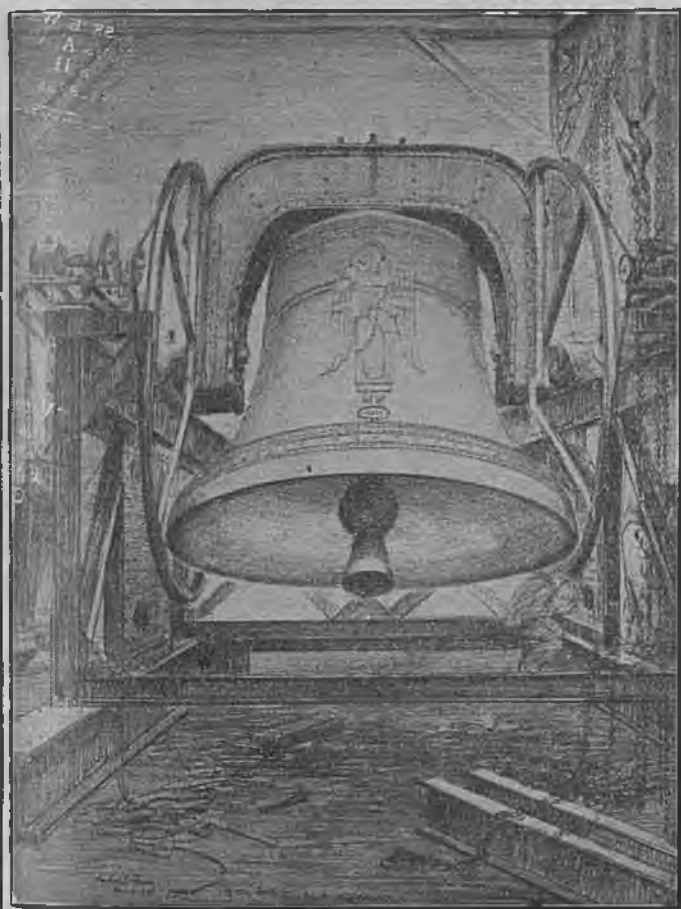
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PEALS OF MINOR.

We are very glad to see a member of the Methods Committee publicly discouraging peals of Plain Minor rung on the lines of a recent one at Isham, which was arranged with two singles only. In this form it may be a novelty, but it cannot be claimed as advancing the standard of peal ringing; indeed, it is just the reverse, and, in our opinion, a retrograde step. It is exactly one of the developments which, during the controversy on the Methods Committee's report last year, we pointed out would be led up to by admitting into a peal of Minor anything but true and complete 720's, or anything but true and complete 120's in a peal of Doubles. In fact, we quoted an exactly parallel case of Doubles in which, if repetitions are to be admitted before the completion of any extent, 5040 Grandsire Doubles with only two singles would have to be recognised as a peal.

It is the logical outcome of what we called 'tampering with truth,' and once you break the rule which requires each 720 (or 120) to be complete, however desirable may be the immediate end in view, you cannot decline to recognise any absurdity which a conductor may think fit to call a peal, so long as each row occurs not more than seven times in a 5040 of Minor or more than 42 times in a 5040 of Doubles. Mr. Trollope may object to the form of the Isham peal for reasons totally different to our own—he does not tell us on what grounds he thinks it is undesirable and therefore to be discouraged—but it is a good thing to find a member of the Methods Committee taking the first opportunity strongly to discourage 'freak' arrangements of this kind.

Nothing in the recognised standards of peal ringing is binding upon anybody, but the tendency in these days ought to be to raise them and not to open the door to the lowering of them. There may be some who would argue that the Isham peal is not retrogressive; but if such arrangements became accepted in general practice, why should not 5040 of Bob Minor be rung with only two singles, and if the one is to be recognised, why should not the other be? The Exercise has spent more than two and a half centuries in trying to build up a standard; ringing in these days has reached a stage when peals on the higher levels are 'cheap,' and anything which may tend to lower the qualification for any performance to be given the dignity of a 'peal' should be sternly rejected. There will probably always be people with strange notions of their own as to what they would call a 'peal,' but that does not make it necessary that the Exercise should recognise them, and, if the Exercise refuses recognition, such things will quickly cease to be practised.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG .. Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES ... 6
FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 4	ROBERT J. DAWES ... 9
HENRY STALHAM ... 5	JAMES HART ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* First touch on ten bells. A birthday compliment to Wm. Edge and Joe Broadley, of Bradford.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

JOHN HOYLE ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 2	*ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	GEORGE A. COOK ... 8
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... 9
GEORGE F. MARRINER ... 5	*WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, MART STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
HENRY R. NEWTON ... 2	JAMES BELLOCK ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled during the burial at Cardington, Beds, of those lost in the disaster to the airship R 101.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK HADLEY ... Treble	HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 5
JOSEPH FLAVELL ... 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	ALFRED FALLON ... 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM CLIFTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

The ringers of the treble and tenor were proposed members of the above society in the belfry.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMB Treble	DENZEL DAVIS 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	THOMAS DAVIS 6
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 3	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4	HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
LESTER GRAY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
JOHN H. CRAMPION 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

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

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*HENRY H. PARSONS Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
†ERNEST W. RAZZELL 2	FRANK B. JEAL 6
ALFRED J. BULL 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
†WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER 4	†CHARLES A. ALDWORTH Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	EGBERT BORRETT 5
JOHN SOOTER 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 treble	*THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal of four spliced methods. This peal contained 2,944 changes of London, 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 of Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge being rung in alternate courses.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	CECIL NICE 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
RIGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

The conductor's 500th peal (200 conducted).

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. With the exception of Mr. T. T. Reeves, of Birmingham, all the band are service ringers at this church.

NUNEATON WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNNATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble	ARTHUR BEAMISH 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
*EDWIN MARTIN 3	ERNEST STONE 7
*ALFRED KING 4	HAROLD D. ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Mr. A. Wilkerson, who is leaving Nuneaton for Weston-super-Mare with best wishes of the Nuneaton Society.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

LEONARD J. JOYCE Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	PERCY J. DYKE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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WHITWORTH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*S. T. SLATER Treble	†A. V. WILLIAMS... .. 5
H. W. EMMETT 2	F. KENDALL 6
†W. E. RAWSON 3	J. HILL 7
W. H. KENDALL 4	J. BRACEWELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor, and first attempt. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

*JOHN BOWDEN Treble	SIDNEY RIDGEWAY 5
RICHARD GRATER 2	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 6
WILLIAM COCKRAM 3	†FRED NEWCOMBE 7
FRANK VINEY 4	HARRY WARE Tenor

Conducted by F. NEWCOMBE.

* First peal. † First peal with a changing bell. First attempt as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Richard Grater, who has completed 50 years as a member of the Devon Guild.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN TIMMIS Treble	†ERIC B. ALLMAN 5
THOMAS HURD 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
JOHN H. PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JOHN BRASSINGTON 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples away from the treble.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	HARRY R. ROPER 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	*CHARLES CLARKE 6
CHARLES W. PARKER 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. Albert Edward Flaxman, through whom the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1897. The ringers wish to thank his son, the Rev. Dr. Harry Flaxman, for his generosity after the peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM KREBLE 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Jack Keyes, of Tiptree, cousin of the conductor, and Miss Vera Martin, of Virley, which took place earlier in the day at the Parish Church, Virley, Essex.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

TOM FORD Treble	WILLIAM HEATH 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST COOMBS... .. 7
FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially rung as a birthday peal for the conductor's wife.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RAYMOND OVERY Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in a Surprise method.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	*CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
WILLIAM BUTTON 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES TRIPE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for Mr. Edwards.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER GRAY Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
ROBERT WALLWORK 2	*RONALD EDWARDS 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
THOMAS WALLBROOK... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Superlative. First Surprise peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to T. Wallbrook. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN EVANS Treble	*ROWLAND BIGGS 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	HARRY WINGRAVE 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal on an inside bell. The conductor's 250th peal.

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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... ..	Treble	HERBERT FULCHER	5
STANLEY COPLING	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
*CECIL BARRETT... ..	4	WALTER BARRETT	Tenor

Composed by C. LANG.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Marytha,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM HOWE	Treble	GEORGE BRITTS	5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	2	ARTHUR TRUMAN... ..	6
HARRY POOK... ..	3	GEORGE LUYTON	7
WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE	4	WILLIAM BEDFORD	Tenor

Conducted by E. W. BIFFIN.

First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. S. Mortimore, Rector, for giving permission for the use of the bells, and to Mr. S. Rendle for getting everything ready. The band represent eight different towers in the Guild.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 38 cwt. in C.

*EDWARD THATCHER	Treble	ARTHUR E. STANDEN	5
FRANK FISHER	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..	6
*FRANK GOSLING... ..	3	*REGINALD FISHER	7
JAMES E. LILLEY	4	LEONARD G. TANNER	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Triples by the local band, assisted by Mr. L. G. Tanner, of Weston. First peal of Grandsire Triples on this magnificent ring.

PENKEDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*JAMES SHAW	Treble	HERBERT E. BOOTH	5
ALFRED FALLON... ..	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
WILLIAM A. JONES	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	4	CHARLES J. BASTOWE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield on the occasion of the twenty-fourth anniversary of their wedding.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Milburgh,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS... ..	Treble	FRED HAWKES	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST S. TEBBUTT	Treble	FRANK ROLLINGS... ..	3
ARTHUR ROBINSON	2	THOMAS LAW	4

TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOSEPH BLOW	Treble	THOMAS HOLL	4
*THOMAS BLOW	2	CHARLES JEFFS	5
JOHN MALVAN	3	*FRANCIS KIRK	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALVAN.

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

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*ALFRED J. BULL	Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT, JUN.	4
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER	2	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
CHARLES W. CLINCH	3	WALTER CLAYDON	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* 100th peal for the Surrey Association. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON... ..	Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	4
GEORGE PRYKE	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
†JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	3	LESLIE G. BRETT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. G. Pryke's 100th peal for the above Guild. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*MANSFIELD GINN	Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4
FRANK WARRINGTON... ..	2	ARTHUR J. GINN	5
*BERRY WAYMAN... ..	3	*CHARLES ROBINSON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the harvest festival by invitation.

PROGRESS AT NETTLEBED.

On a recent Wednesday evening a visit was paid to the village of Nettlebed, Oxon, by the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Great progress has been made in this tower since Mr. J. Smith went there to reside. Grandsire Doubles were rung by several resident ringers, and a 720 Bob Minor by R. T. Hibbert 1, H. Hope 2, T. Cobb 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, S. Smith 5, J. Smith (conductor) 6. First attempt for 720 by ringers of 2, 3 and 5. Mr. J. Smith has reason to be proud of his youngsters.

TERANDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one of Double Court and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BURROWS Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	WILLIAM A. TACK 5
*GRAHAM PRATT 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal, and elected a member of the Herts Association in the tower at the time of the peal.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in B

JOHN HOUSE Treble	ERNEST TOSSELL 4
CHARLES FIELD 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	*BAWN BRANCH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on these bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Blacker.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt in E.

ALBERT BROWN Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal for 16 years on these bells, the finest six in the county.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

HAROLD T. BARHAM Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY Treble	STANLEY A. HOLMAN 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
PERCY L. JOHNSON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This is the shortest time in which a true 5,040 has been completed on six tower bells for the above association.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LUKE AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD F. MITCHELL Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATEK 4
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	SIDNEY ELTON 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	JOHN PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal of Bob Minor by all except the ringer of the second, and with the exception of the ringer of the fifth all have rung a peal on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells in the method. First of Minor on the bells, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

STANLEY WEBB Treble	J. MAURICE DIXON 4
CECIL W. H. TOMLINSON 2	GEORGE DOWLING 5
JOHN M. PICKERING 3	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED NORMAN Treble	HENRY E. COX 4
JOHN J. WEBB 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
*FRANK PHILLIPS 3	THOMAS LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. The ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor belong to the local band. The first peal on the bells in which a local man has taken part for 25 years.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WALTER W. MILLER 1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3-4	JOHN ARBON 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal. First peal on handbells rung in the parish.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

*ERNEST BENNETT 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

FIRSTS!

At Barton-le-Cley, Bedfordshire, on Thursday, October 9th, for the harvest festival evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: H. Mann 1, Rev. T. H. Dixon 2, E. R. Brown 3, A. Gutteridge 4, R. Foddy 5, R. Kendall (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first by a local band on the bells.—On Sunday, October 12th, for festival evensong, 720 Bob Minor: H. R. C. Mann 1, H. Mann 2, E. Foddy 3, A. Gutteridge 4, H. Roberts 5, R. Kendall (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by the ringers of treble and 5th, and first with a bob bell by the 2nd.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.**

In delightful weather, apart from being cold, the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch at Barton-on-Humber, on Saturday, October 25th, was one of the most enjoyable meetings in the annals of the district. Among the towers represented were Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Goxhill, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln (Cathedral), Scotter, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham, in addition to the local company. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet) and Mr. Howell (Holy Trinity Church), Hull.

The ancient tower of the church, dedicated to St. Peter, contains a sweet-toned ring of eight bells, which were kept going in the standard methods and Double Norwich during the afternoon and evening.

At the request of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Park (Thornton Curtis) conducted the service and gave a most eloquent address to the large number present. Subsequently fifty members and friends partook of an excellent tea at the Assembly Rooms, after which the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Varah) extended a hearty welcome to all, and in his interesting speech referred to Harrison's Bell Foundry, which was at Barton some years ago.

Mr. F. P. Linley (Northern Branch president) took the chair at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar, Rev. J. H. Park and Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby (Grimsby District president), and members of the committee.

Apologies for absence were announced from Canon Hicks, Messingham, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Lincoln (Northern Branch Ringing Master) and Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet (Guild Ringing Master).

Gainsborough was agreed upon as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the arrangements being left in the hands of the general secretary and local members of the committee.

Speeches of interest were made by Mr. Linley, Rev. H. T. Parry and Rev. J. H. Park.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. J. H. Park for his very helpful address, the organist, the caterers and waitresses, and, last but not least, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless for the excellent arrangements he had made, and all others who had helped towards making the proceedings such a success. This having been duly responded to by the Vicar and Mr. Hoodless, the business meeting concluded, after which further ringing on handbells and tower bells helped to bring to a finish 'a perfect day.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**GLASTONBURY DEANERY BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held at Dinder on Saturday, when the towers represented were Glastonbury, Wells, Meare, Crocombe, Dinder, West Pennard, Doultling, Shepton Mallet, and Leigh-on-Mendip. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and, later, service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. Y. McLean). Tea was served in the Village Hut, and was generously given by Mr. A. F. Somerville.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Master of the association, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock (West Pennard) was voted to the chair, and was supported by the branch secretary, Mr. F. D. Rickards (Wells) and the Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. H. J. Trim (Glastonbury).

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Glastonbury in January.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Somerville and the ladies who prepared the tea; to the Rev. and Mrs. McLean; to the organist and blower; and to the local ringers. Further ringing was then indulged in, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor being rung on the bells, a very enjoyable meeting terminating about 7.30 p.m.

LAVENHAM RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, October 18th, the marriage took place at St. Lawrence's Church, Little Walsingham, of Mr. F. A. Poulson (Lavenham) and Miss M. H. Martin (Little Walsingham). The ceremony and reception were of a quiet nature by request, hence no 'wedding bells.'

The bride was given away by her sister, and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. L. Poulson, another ringer, acted as best man. The bride's brother is also a ringer.

The happy pair afterwards travelled to Cambridge, where the honeymoon was spent, and have now taken up residence at Newton, Suffolk.

The Lavenham 'bachelors band' regret losing their deputy conductor, but they can still 'muster' enough for the octave, whereas the 'Benedicts' have to rely upon their three non-resident members.

Mr. F. A. Poulson is one of the trio of well-known ringing brothers of Lavenham, Suffolk, all of whom have left the 'single' ranks during the last eighteen months.

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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.

The first peal on the bells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, was rung on Saturday, when a peal of Stedman Cinques was scored by a band of visitors from London and elsewhere, with Mr. William Pyc as conductor.

Owing to the tower being unsafe, ringing at Shopton Mallet, Somerset, has been suspended until further notice.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples by the local hand on the fine ring at Congressbury was rung last Saturday, the only outside help being from Mr. L. G. Tanner, of Weston-super-Mare. It is 21 years since the local men rang a peal of Doubles, at the time the bells were a heavy ring of six. The advent of Mr. C. R. Lilley and his son to Congressbury has stirred things up in this Somerset village.

For some years the bells at Tibenham, Norfolk, have been pronounced by visiting ringers as unringable, but last Thursday a peal was rung on them. They are said to be the finest ring of six in the county. We hope this peal will not delay any necessary overhaul of the bells. The whole village appeared to take an interest in the peal, and the Vicar, who was particularly pleased at the performance, showed his appreciation in 'liquid fashion' at its conclusion.

A correspondent inquires what a friend of his has been training on at Duffield to ring the treble and tenor to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples?

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were opened on November 1st, 1878.

To-morrow is the 150th anniversary of the opening of a ring of eight bells at Waldron, Sussex. A peal of five bells was put in the tower by Richard Phelps in 1732. A treble was added in 1773 by Thomas Janaway, and the octave completed by Wm. Mears in 1780.

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

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LACK OF INSTRUCTORS.

The quarterly meeting of the Alton District, held at Ropley on October 25th, was well attended, representatives being present from Bishop's Sutton, Blackmoor, Farnborough, North Stoneham, Overton, Petersfield and Winchester, and some useful work was done on the bells.

At the meeting following the tea, at which the party numbered 31, an interesting feature was the decision of the Ropley band to rejoin the Guild.

Mr. Wilfrid Andrews spoke of the difficulty of finding instructors in country districts, and urged the younger members to work hard to make themselves efficient in order to meet this difficulty. He very kindly consented to instruct the Ropley band himself.

The Master referred to the hon. auditor's hereavement in the death of Mrs. Griffin, and a vote of condolence was passed.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Read, was also passed to Mr. Alan Pink for his services to the district, especially in the Petersfield neighbourhood.

ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.**500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.**

A thanksgiving festival has been held at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the church. The Bishop of Norwich preached the sermon at the morning service and also dedicated a beautifully figured and gilded reredos, a cross, the gift of Mrs. Barnard, and a pair of candlesticks, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, members of the congregation, in memory of relatives who were former worshippers at the church. The Lord Mayor and Corporation attended in state, being received by the Vicar, the Rev. Hugh McMullan, and the choir at the great west door, and the procession entered while the hymn, 'We love the place, O Lord,' was being sung. At the rear of the procession was the Bishop of Norwich, preceded by the churchwardens and the Rev. F. W. Baggallay (son of a former Vicar of the parish).

In his sermon, preached upon a text from the Psalms, 'O come, let us worship,' the Bishop offered hearty congratulations and encouragement to those who were working in and for the Church of St. Peter Mancroft. 'We have long learnt,' he continued, 'to identify

As early as the fifteenth century St. Peter Mancroft had a ring of five bells, and they were made into six by the addition of a treble in 1602. The augmentation to eight took place in 1672, and in 1736 this ring was made a peal of ten by an addition of two bells subscribed for by Gentlemen in ye Parish.' In the following year, there was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters, 'which for excellency of its ringing, Harmonious changes and ye number of them, was certainly superior to anything of its kind ever done in the world; and to remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of ye same. Thus was this great peal perfectly complicated to the entire satisfaction, surprise, and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hours 15 minutes. The number of changes were 12,600 rung by 9 men belonging to the steeple, the tenor singly by a young ringer for 8,000, then a second rang her to the end of the peal. The persons' names and the bells they rung were as follows: Tho. Melchior treble, Wm. Pettingall 2, John Gardiner 3, Tho. Barrett 4, Robert Crane 5, Wm. Porter 6, Tho. Blofield 7, Edwd. Crane 8, Christ. Booty 9, James Jerom and Robt. Liddamon tenor.'



THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

it with generous thought and gifts. Taught by its late incumbent (Canon Meyrick), who made a fine appeal in Norwich, through the many years of his ministry and by his predecessors here, this parish and congregation have taken broad views of the call of the Church. Now I rejoice to find that the good work is still going forward, and that your new incumbent is making his own contributions towards the fuller development of Church life and Church influence in the parish.'

At evensong, the service was also very impressive, the organ and choir being augmented by a number of string and brass instruments, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Baggallay. Before evensong a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) was rung in 55 minutes by the following members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild: Miss M. Robertson 1, Miss A. Cushing 2, Miss H. Bill 3, H. J. Borrett 4, B. J. Honchin 5, W. E. Bason (conductor) 6, F. H. Knights 7, G. Mayers 8, G. Bailey 9, F. W. Curtis 10.

St. Peter Mancroft has been famous in ringing history. Here the first peal on record was rung (Bob Triples) in the year 1715. The first peal of Grandsire followed in 1718, and the first peal of Stedman Triples in 1731. For these three performances alone St. Peter Mancroft holds an important place in ringing, but many other famous peals have been rung there.

In 1775 it was decided to replace the old peal with a new ring of twelve, with a tenor of 41 cwt., and these were cast by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. 'The new peal of twelve bells was opened on Wednesday, June 21st, 1775. On that day a Te Deum and Jubilate was performed in the Church with a chorus from the Messiah. The Coronation Anthem was also performed by a band of about thirty gentlemen to a genteel and numerous audience. After this the bells were opened by the ringers, much to the admiration of the listeners and admirers of music and ringing. It was at first apprehended that the note of the tenor was not deep enough to cover the peal with dignity; but her majestic and complacent giving sound soon proclaimed her superiority, and the execution of the whole has reflected honour on the founders, and on the gentlemen who tuned these harmonious bells.'

The old tenor, inscribed, 'To the King, Queen and ten children this harmonious peal of twelve bells is dedicated,' was cracked in 1814, and was recast at a weight of about 41 cwt., and, typical of the spirit referred to by the Bishop in his sermon, in 1909 a flat sixth bell was added to make a middle eight, and this bears a Latin inscription which may be literally translated: 'I am called Gabriel. The Guild of Ringers of this Church with the good will and gifts of many have me made, 1909.'

BOB MAJOR COURSING ORDER.

AN ARTICLE FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS.

BY J. SEGAR, JUN.

No conductor likes to say after three hours' ringing, 'This should be all.' He will always try to find a few places in the composition where he can check the progress of the ringing and call 'Stand,' if something is wrong. Jasper Snowden dealt very fully with the importance of this in 'Ropesight' and in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' where he states that the ablest class of conductors comprises those who know the positions of the bells throughout the peal.

So far as Plain Bob is concerned, it is quite easy to know the coursing order throughout the touch or peal, and to work out mentally the effect of a bob before calling it. I am assuming that the tenors are not parted, and that the conductor is ringing an observation bell. In the plain course the bells come to lead in this order, 8.7.5.3.2.4.6. It is sufficient to remember the working bells, 53246. A bob alters the work of three bells, which will be met consecutively. A bob will rearrange but not separate the bells whose work is altered by the call. A bob at the first lead (i.e., W) causes (532)46 to become (325)46. The first of the three has become the last of the three figures in brackets. 336 changes of Bob Major with calls at W could be written:—

532 46

325 46

253 46

532 46

If you take the first opportunity of calling this touch you will find the coursing orders given are correct. There are two more ways of putting three figures in brackets—5(324)6, 53(246)—and there are two more places in a course where a bob can be called. It would be very convenient to find a bob at Middle had rearranged the middle three (324), and a bob at last lead had rearranged the last three (246). Unfortunately, this is not so. Another visit to the tower will show:—

3 bobs at M.	3 bobs at H.
53 246	5 324 6
53 462	5 243 6
53 624	5 432 6
53 246	5 324 6

It will be noticed in all three cases, W.M.H., a bob causes the same rearrangement. I previously mentioned that the first (of the three bells affected) becomes the last, and this applies at M. and H., just as it did at W. Those who would like a little practice on paper before attempting the mental transposition in the belfry will not be wasting their time. This system can be applied to composition, and a false touch can easily be detected.

23456 W. M. H.

45236 — —

62534 — —

52436 — —

The coursing orders of the above figures are:—

W.	M.	H.
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32546	32546	35426
35426	35264	32654
32654	32546	32546

and the falseness at M. is exposed. When ringing Major only, there is one other place where a call is sometimes made, i.e., 'Before.' This has a simple, but rather different, effect: 53246 becomes 65324.

Anyone using this system of proving compositions should be careful of bobs 'Before.' Other calls produce a new order instead of the old. Bobs Before produce a new order in addition to the old.

Some may find bobs at M. the easiest, so I conclude with a quarter-peal in skeleton form with simple calling and easy coursing orders:—

B.	M.	H.
		53246
65324	65243	
	65432	
	65324	63254
	63542	
	63425	
	63254	62534
	62345	
56234	56342	
	56423	54263
	54632	
	54326	53246

LITTLEHAM, EXMOUTH.—On Wednesday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples (1,260 changes): Rev. E. S. Powell 1, John Arbury 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, William Howe 4, John Flint 5, Oliver Gatter (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Armiger Trollope 7, Mrs. E. S. Powell 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

'MISSIONARY' EXPEDITION TO BARNARD CASTLE.

Efforts to create an interest in change ringing are being made at Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. A meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held there on October 18th, when the members met the local ringers at tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Bircham. After ringing on the Parish Church bells, the company, numbering 24, met in the Mission Room under the chairmanship of the Vicar (Rev. H. W. H. Bircham). The visitors included Messrs. T. Titt (secretary), G. Park, Roland Park, Norman Park (vice-president), Lawes, Porter and W. Oliver, of Holy Trinity, Darlington; Messrs. Venus and Clarke, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington; Messrs. J. W. Shipp and H. Shipp, Staindrop; Mr. Hall, Heighington; and Mr. Burnett, Kirkby Stephen. Local ringers present included Messrs. Tom Chatt (captain), Robert Blenkinsopp, W. Cheesebrough, A. Stoddart, E. W. Willis, and T. W. Harwood, of the Parish Church belfry. The Rev. G. K. Spiller (curate), and Mr. F. R. Battersby (lay reader) were also among the guests.

After the repast, the Vicar, in offering a hearty welcome to the guests, referred to the importance of the bellringers as part of the Church organisation, but regretted that in many cases ringers appeared to be outside the general band of churchworkers, although their work came within the same category as Sunday School teachers, district visitors, churchwardens, sidesmen, and so on. He wanted the ringers to regard themselves as part of the Church organisation and feel that their services were valued. Since an enthusiastic band of change ringers had come to the town he had taken the opportunity of offering them welcome. They were proud of the peal of bells at Barnard Castle Church, and they were proud to have people from a distance to ring them. The local clergy desired to recognise the ringers more than they had done in the past. There were ringers who, although they called people to church, did not go in themselves. He submitted affectionately that they who rang the invitations to other people to gather for worship should go into God's House themselves. His friends from a distance had shown him a little book on change ringing, and if the local ringers would accept copies from him he would be pleased to provide them. If local bellringers cared to go in for change ringing members of the association would be pleased to come over some Saturday afternoons to give them instruction. There were no handbells in use at Barnard Castle at present, but if there was a possibility of them being used they would be provided. There was need for progress in everything, and he would like to see progress made in bellringing.

Mr. Norman Park promised that the association would do all it could to assist local ringers in change ringing. If handbells were provided, they would be pleased to come over some Saturday afternoon.

Four ringers from Holy Trinity, Darlington, rang touches of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and then Mr. Norman Park expressed the thanks of the company to the Vicar and Mrs. Bircham for their hospitality and kindly welcome.

Mrs. Bircham, acknowledging the vote of thanks, said how pleased the Vicar and she had been to have the ringers with them. She was sorry there were no change ringers or handbells in Barnard Castle. She hoped that soon there would be change ringing in the town.

DEVON 'CALL CHANGE' RINGERS KEEN.

On Thursday of last week 170 ringers of the Tavistock Deanery assembled for a festival at Bere Ferrers. They came from 16 parishes, including Lewtrenchard, Buckland, Walkhampton, Tamer-ton, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, and Bere Ferrers.

The ringers visited the towers in the various parishes they passed through, and ringing began at Bere Ferrers at 2 p.m. and continued until eight o'clock.

A service was held, when the Rector and Rural Dean welcomed the visitors. He was assisted by Rev. W. Moore (Kelly), who is the indefatigable hon. secretary of the Deanery Guild, as well as being president of the South Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. The Vicar of Eggbuckland (Rev. J. C. L. Johnstone) was the preacher.

Tea was provided, the catering being carried out by the wives of the Bere Ferrers ringers, under the supervision of Mrs. Collom.

Most, if not all, of those present were round and call change ringers, and it says something for the keenness of these Devon men when they will assemble in such numbers for a mid-week festival.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Hertford County Association was held at Apsley on Saturday, and was fairly well attended. Ringers came from King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Leighton Buzzard, Tring, Ealing, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, and, last but not the least, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, from Swindon. The methods rung ranged from Grandire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Goodwin), who also kindly entertained the ringers to tea in St. Mary's Hall, and presided at the business meeting.

The bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and a great improvement has been effected in the 'go' of them.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. W. Ayre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for all he had done in regard to the bells, and for his kindness and hospitality.

CORNISH RESTORATIONS.**ST. MABE BELLS REHUNG AND AUGMENTED.**

The bells at St. Mabe, near Penryn, Cornwall, restored and augmented to six, have been dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (Canon G. W. Hockley). The bells, originally a ring of five, hung anti-clockwise, were cast in 1877 by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The old treble has been recast, the remaining four retuned, and a new treble has been added (this being the gift of Mr. J. M. Stuart in memory of his mother). They have been rehung in a new iron frame on ball bearings with the latest fittings. The fifth and tenor, which were terribly out of tune, would not be recognised as the same bells. This goes to show what can be done by retuning. The whole of the work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the bells are now a most pleasant ring, the tenor being 9½ cwt.

After the dedication service, the Vicar, the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson, extended a pressing invitation to the district secretary of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, to arrange a meeting for October 25th, exactly a year after the last meeting, when those present made a collection to start a bell fund for the restoration, and at the Vicar's request the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella, Messrs. W. H. Southard and A. S. Roberts inspected the old frame and made a report for him to set before his Church Council. Now, through the efforts of the Church Council, enthusiastically led by the Vicar, things have been set in order, and the bells were at the disposal of the sixty or more ringers who were present on Saturday last, the towers of Illogan, Budock, Gwennap, St. Agnes, St. Gluvias, Perranwell, Kenwyn, Gulval and Truro Cathedral being well represented. Dr. J. Symons (Diocesan Ringing Master) and Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (vice-Master), were also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and an address given by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella (diocesan secretary), who emphasised the great call of the bells to worship and prayer. He also urged those bands who at present were content with rounds and call changes to aspire to something greater—change ringing—now the winter was setting in. A special word was addressed to the captains of bands on leadership and encouragement.

The bells were kept going from 2 p.m. until late in the evening, and it was only during service time that they were silent, as whilst some were at tea others were ringing. The method ringing included Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Everyone congratulated the Vicar and local ringers on such a result in less than a year, and this is a splendid example of what enthusiasm will do.

ANOTHER TRURO DISTRICT RING PUT IN ORDER.

During September, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston rehung the six bells in the detached campanile at Illogan, putting them on ball bearings, and overhauling the fittings and frame generally. The 'go' of these bells is now splendid.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED PROFICIENCY BADGES FOR YOUNG RINGERS.**

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Upper Deal on Saturday by the kind permission of the Rector, Rev. E. D. Bowser. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held in the church, the Rector officiating and giving a very appropriate address. Mr. J. P. Cobbold stepped into the breach caused by the absence of an organist, and presided at the instrument. Tea was held at the Magnet Inn at 5.15 p.m. It was hoped that the Rector would be present at the tea and meeting, but unfortunately he was prevented from attending. Twenty-five members were present, representing the following towers: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphage, Dover, Slurry, Wickhambreaux, Wingham, Littlebourne, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Whitstable and Deal.

Mr. J. Sharp was unanimously elected to the chair for the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Mr. H. Hopkins, of Whitstable, and Messrs. W. Hunt and F. Lewing, of Upper Deal.

Suggestions were invited for the next by-meeting. Two towers were proposed, Wingham and Chilham, and each secured ten votes. Eventually the chairman was persuaded to give his casting vote, which went in favour of Chilham, the proposed date being Saturday, December 6th.

A somewhat lengthy discussion arose as to the advisability and benefits to young ringers of awarding some sort of 'proficiency' badge by the county in recognition of advancement made in change ringing.

Eventually the chairman pointed out that in any case that meeting could take no definite steps. It must be left to the Central Committee to deal with, and the only thing they could do was to instruct the representatives to bring the question before the committee in November.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service and address, and to Mr. Cobbold for the music.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Stedman.

THE LONGEST PEAL OF MINOR IN Lincs.**DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD AT WEST DEEPIING.**

On Wednesday, October 8th, a peal tablet was dedicated in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church, West Deeping, recording the longest length of Minor rung in the county of Lincolnshire. The tablet, which records the 10,080 changes rung in 14 methods in 6 hrs. 19 mins. on Saturday, August 13th, 1927, by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was dedicated by the Rev. G. Dudley, Rector of West Deeping, immediately before the commencement of the harvest thanksgiving evensong. The Rector proceeded to the belfry accompanied by the choir and ringers, and offered the dedicatory prayers. The address at the service which followed was given by Canon Jarvis, of All Saints' Church, Lincoln, and he expressed great pleasure in being able to take part in this unique service of thanksgiving. In the course of his address, the Canon referred to the tablet which had previously been dedicated, and said he understood it was a tablet recording a very worthy performance. Furthermore, it was pleasing to know that five of the ringers who took part in this peal were present at that service of praise and thanksgiving. Owing to her missionary work in Leeds, Miss Kathleen Judson was unable to be present. She had the distinction of being the first lady ringer to accomplish a peal of this length.

At the conclusion of the service, 360 Cambridge Surprise was brought round by the following who took part in the peal, with the exception of the treble ringer, who kindly made up the band: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, C. T. H. Bradley 2, A. Riggall 3, J. J. Judson 4, W. Tilley 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6. Further ringing continued, there being a good attendance of ringers from the local towers.

C. T. H. B.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE OF DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A district meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch was held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 18th, when the fine peal of eight bells was placed at the disposal of members by the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Penney). Although the event was favoured with fine weather, the attendance was very poor, members and friends from the following towers being present: Cambridge, Trumpington, Melbourn, Saffron Walden, Dry Drayton, Hitchin, and the local band.

A short service, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address, was held in the church.

Tea and the business meeting took place at the residence of Mr. P. Webb, captain of the local ringers, who kindly provided an excellent tea at short notice, owing to the local caterers dropping out at the last moment. Provision had been made for thirty or more, but only twelve sat down, with the Vicar in the chair.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Warrington, district secretary and Ringing Master, expressing his desire to retire from office, owing to inability to attend to the business of the association. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Miss Kitty Willers, the enthusiastic and popular lady ringer of Trumpington, accepted the invitation to stand, and was unanimously elected to serve until the annual meeting.

It was decided to suspend the office of Ringing Master for the present.

The Central Council's circular on the subject of inter-relationship with affiliated Guilds, and the inclusion of a covering rule, was read and discussed. It was felt that the matter should be left for decision at the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, and to Mr. and Mrs. Webb and family for so kindly providing tea, and the use of their room for the meeting, concluded the business.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in the standard methods were rung, one or two beginners scoring their 'first in the method.' The next meeting will be held at Fen Ditton in November.

VETERAN RINGER DIES AT HORSHAM.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Stephen Knight, who at the ripe age of 80 passed away on October 4th at Horsham. A well-known member of the Hertford County Association, he had years ago taken part in a number of peals in that district. Since his retirement he had lived for some years in Horsham, his former home. Always keen and active, he was up to the last found in his place if it was possible for him to get there.

His genial reminiscences of his peal ringing days with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook, Nathan Pittow and others of the old school were always interesting, and his death severs another link with the past.

He was buried in Horsham Cemetery, and at the graveside were members of the local company and visitors from neighbouring towers, who after the interment rang several touches at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled.

BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, September 8th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 23 mins.: Miss M. Cooke 1, Miss E. M. Cooke (first 720 of Surprise) 2, J. Cooke (conductor) 3, J. Leslie 4, W. J. Battle 5, G. R. Edwards 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PEAK DISTRICT MEETING AT BUXTON.

The first meeting of the M.C.A. to be held at Buxton was a monthly meeting of the Peak District, which took place at the Church of St. Peter, Fairfield, and which turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable function. Between 30 and 40 ringers were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Burbage, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Fairfield, Norton-on-the-Moors and Tideswell, and the bells, a nice ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) were kept going all the afternoon and evening in all the standard methods from Cambridge Surprise downwards.

A substantial tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Church Room, presided over by Mrs. Williams, wife of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Williams), who welcomed the M.C.A. to Fairfield in a very pleasing speech, and regretted the absence of the Vicar, who was away for the week-end.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, who expressed the warm thanks of those present for the kindly welcome and excellent arrangements made for them.

The Hon. Secretary extended a warm welcome to the ringers of Fairfield and several of Burbage who had recently joined the society, expressed the hope that they all, and especially the younger ones, would make full use of the monthly meetings, and assured them that every help would be extended to them. A welcome was also extended to two visitors from the North Stafford district (Messrs. J. Walley and W. P. Dean), who, incidentally, gave much kindly help during the day to a number who were struggling with Cambridge Minor.

Mr. Dean, in reply, mentioned several joint meetings in prospect in their area, and invited the attendance of any who cared to come.

Two new members were elected—Messrs. Rex Wilson (Fairfield) and S. Kirk (Burbage)—and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Matlock, if possible on November 22nd next. It might be borne in mind by those interested that Double Norwich is still the method selected for special attention.

A kindly invitation was then received through Mr. R. Ashmore to make use of the bells of Christ Church, Burbage, on the other side of Buxton, and a number of those present availed themselves of the offer, finding a pretty little ring of six (tenor 10½ cwt.) and a nice belfry, where a number of courses, mostly of Cambridge, were brought round. Tunes and changes were also indulged in on the musical set of handbells brought from Bakewell by Mr. Wallace, and a most successful meeting closed about 8 p.m.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Chesterfield District, which was held at Staveley on October 18th, was fairly well attended, members being present from Ecclesfield, Worksop, Warsop, South Normanton, Kilmars, Chesterfield, Cresswell, North Wingfield. Between 20 and 30 members sat down to tea, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair and being supported by Sir Josiah Court and Mr. Churchwarden Kilbridge.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at North Wingfield on December 20th. This will be the annual meeting of the district.

The bells were afterwards kept going in various methods until 8.30.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY WRIGHT.

PASSING OF A GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Harry Wright, of Great Yarmouth, which took place on Monday, October 6th. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, joining as a probationer in 1892 in the old school of the St. Nicholas' Society at Great Yarmouth, which recalls the names of William Blyth, Robert Christian, Matthew Long, James Matthews, William Secrett and Arthur Webber, all of whom have passed over.

Deceased was a very steady and capable ringer in the methods that he knew, and had rung 25 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, also a few peals with other associations. His first peal was one of Plain Bob, and his last one of Sledman Caters (rung in London), his occupation sometimes taking him from home for several months at a time.

The interment took place on Saturday, October 11th, amid many manifestations of regret and respect. The St. Nicholas' Society was represented by Mr. Denison Hayward, the veteran of the company, who happily is still on the active list and, we hope, will continue for many years to come.

Mr. Wright was a man of very genial disposition, and will be greatly missed by his large circle of friends.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday evening, October 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor (two 720's called differently) was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Halstead, Essex: Ed. Pritchett (longest length in the method) 1, P. Braizer 2, G. Snowden 3, A. Root 4, W. Coppin 5, J. Root (conductor) 7, with the 6 and tenor covering, all the band being local men. It was rung as a wedding peal to the Rev. E. F. Harmer (late curate of the parish), who was married at the Church of the Epiphany, Santal Pagarnas, North India.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEEMAN RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, when ringers attended from Chatham, Frindsbury, Rainham, Newington, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Borden, Lynsted, Queenborough, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Beckenham, Gillingham, together with the local band. The bells were available from three o'clock, and until four o'clock were rung in various methods, when the assembled company attended evensong in the Cathedral, the organist and choir being present.

At the close of the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the association at the City Cafe, the Dean of Rochester, Dr. Talbot, presiding, supported by the Vicar of Gillingham (Rev. Webb), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary), and the district representatives (Mr. Haigh and Mr. W. Spice, sen.), about fifty sitting down to enjoy the splendid spread.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Dean expressed his pleasure in meeting the bellringers again, and more particularly because during the last few days he had discovered the fact that one of their number had during his lifetime been honoured by a memorial recording his services to his fellow-ringers. The Dean said this was usually done after one had died, but he was sure that Mr. Mitchell richly deserved all that had been done.

At the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mr. Haigh, upon being proposed for a further period of office as district representative, asked to be relieved. He had served now for forty years, and considered a change would be beneficial.

Mr. Spice, sen., was re-elected, and Mr. Belsey was chosen to fill Mr. Haigh's place. Mr. S. Shellock was re-elected as district secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Haigh for his very long services on the general committee of the association.

The district secretary's report and the balance sheet both showed that progress is being made, the membership having increased by about twenty practising members and one honorary member, while the number of peals rung also shows an upward movement.

Three new honorary members were also elected during the evening, together with two practising members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. The tower was then again visited, and touches in the various methods were enjoyed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Prestwich on Saturday, October 18th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by Canon Cooper, who gave an excellent address. Tea was served at the Tower Cafe, when the members sat down to a splendid repast, kindly arranged by the local band.

After further ringing, the business meeting was held in the Institute, the branch president being in the chair. Pendleton was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, November 15th, Manchester Town Hall for December, and the Cathedral for the annual branch meeting in January.

Three new members were elected, Messrs. Thos. Welsby from Worsley, and Kenneth Hey and Harold Simpson from Prestwich.

A discussion took place re the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's grave, and it was decided to leave it over till the meeting at the Cathedral.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, Canon Cooper, for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having everything ready and making everybody comfortable.

Further ringing then took place. Although the attendance was small, this was compensated by everyone having good practice in various methods.

WHO CAN TRUMP THIS?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, rang his 200th peal on Crayford bells, which must be a record.

I should be interested to know who has rung the least number of peals in 100 different towers, as on Saturday last I completed my 100th tower with my 160th peal.

Perhaps an enquiry through 'The Ringing World' will help to satisfy my curiosity.—Yours truly,

HARRY PARKES.

FOR THE WANT OF OIL A PEAL WAS LOST.

At St. Piran's Church, at Perranarworthal, Cornwall, on Friday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandisle Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: Cyril Laxon (aged twelve, first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, W. E. Minors 4, W. H. Sleemau (conductor) 5, A. S. Roberts 6.

The band started for a peal, but owing to the bad 'go' of the third bell, it was decided to bring them round. It was a great pity that the young and promising treble ringer could not have scored his first peal at the first attempt. All the bells wanted a little oil, but the tower key could not be found.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 26th, at the Church of St. Clement Dances, Strand, for harvest festival evensong, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, E. F. Pike 2, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 3, I. Emery 4, G. A. Fleming 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. Roberts 7, W. J. G. Brown 8, W. Williams 9, C. W. Pipe 10. The ringers of the 5th and 8th are from Ipswich.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 26th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wilkes (first quarter) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, H. Alford 6, A. C. Darnell 7, C. H. Viller 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Riley and G. B. Cole.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. Martin 2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3, J. F. Parrott 4, J. H. Parrott 5, H. Hills 6, S. Penfold 7, A. Riley 8.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sunday, October 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): P. Gledstone 1, M. C. Fowler 2, J. McCluskey 3, H. Rooke 4, E. Cooper 5, H. Wagstaff 6, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 7, A. Hill 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—For evensong and on the 600th anniversary of the Parish Church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 360 changes each of Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob): W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, P. Ashcroft 5, E. Bright 6.

HAMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Stephen's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: R. Bevan 1, E. Aylett (conductor) 2, C. Pryor 3, C. H. Martin 4, T. Bevan 5, R. W. Hudson 6, E. F. Pryor 7, W. J. Norton 8.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, September 21st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: S. Wyatt 1, A. J. Wyatt 2, A. Hayward 3, E. Causley 4, S. Wyatt, jun., 5, D. Sheldon 6, G. Coles (conductor) 7, W. Coles 8.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Sunday, October 12th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Andrews 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. H. Symonds 4, A. Symonds 5, L. Pryke 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, F. A. Turner 8. Rung in memory of the R 101's dead.

At St. Mary's Church, Banbury, with bells half-muffled after evensong, on Sunday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with 6.8.10 covering, in 54 mins., rung by local ringers: R. Higham 1, R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, T. Impey 4, F. Baldwin 5, G. Bliss 6, H. Impey 7, F. Woods 8, J. Simons (conductor) 9, W. Marshall 10. Rung in memory of those who lost their lives in the R 101 disaster; also as a last tribute to the victims of the Grove Pit disaster.

At Beckenham, Kent, on Sunday, October 5th, for matins at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: A. James 1, H. Hawkes 2, I. Emery 3, F. Scutcher 4, E. Mounter 5, T. Flint 6, P. Spice (conductor) 7, P. Meek 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Pearce, for many years a sidesman at this church; also for the victims of the air disaster.

A CHURCHWARDEN'S DEATH.

At St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, on Sunday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins. was rung for morning service, with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. E. A. Pollard (churchwarden), who was fatally injured on October 8th, and was interred the previous day. The ringers were Miss C. M. Wade 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, W. Waterhouse 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blackith 7, E. Redshaw 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 4th from Messrs. J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Choct, 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, C. W. Pipe, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rush-ton, E. J. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 2.50, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Lawrence Jewry 2.45 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, at 1s. each at 5.30. Bells at St. Mark's, Dalston, available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. A special invitation to Preston branch ringers is extended.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting in belfry 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. and tea provided at 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Buses from Millstone Lane.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Very good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The last quarterly meeting will be held at Belper and Duffield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The bells of St. Peter's, Belper, will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's, Duffield, from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all members of the Derby District kindly make a special effort to attend this meeting as there is important business to be discussed?—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at Old Warden. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available early. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for November: Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at St. Clement Danes' at 10 a.m. Mondays, 3rd and 17th, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 6th and 20th, *St. Giles', Cripple-gate (election night) on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on Nov. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30, at Commercial House, Church Street. Please send names to A. J. Berry, Thornham, by Nov. 5th.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford Rectory.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of unveiling the peal tablet in memory of the late Mr. Robert Holloway, late ringing master of the South and West District. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Will try and arrange for tea for those who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, first post.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Tea 6.15 p.m. (6d. each), meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Nov. 4th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Nov. 5th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ordsall, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The peal of 6 bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify hon. secretary before Wednesday, Nov. 5th. Good attendance requested. Good train and bus services from all directions. 'Roll up in hundreds.'—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davantry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davantry, Northants.

STANDISH, GLOS.—The re-dedication of the bells, which have been silent for twenty years, and which have been hung in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. A. J. Freeman, B.A., Standish Vicarage, Stonehouse, Glos., beforehand.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar is providing tea as a mark of appreciation. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurcaston on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th? Let's have a really big meeting!—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 2.30. The Ribble buses, on the Blackburn to Leyland service, pass the church.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, not later than Thursday, Nov. 6th. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Barkston (owing to Denton bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good attendance.—J. Bracewell, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Feering bells between 7 and 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of the 12th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Tenterden on Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Temperance Hotel 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card from those wanting tea will help. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Harmston (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Practice every Wednesday at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E., at 6.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Any police officer attending Police Federation in London during November please write to F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, W.1, or Inspector Bottrell, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

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