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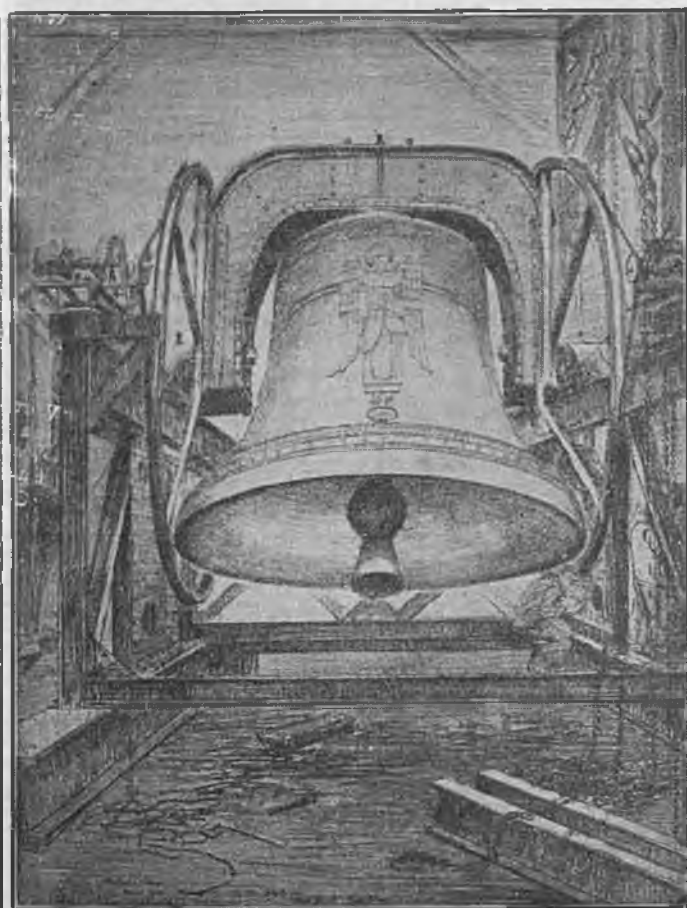
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CLAIMS TO COMPOSITIONS.

A correspondent, who is not without some knowledge of the subject, referring to the fact that in our last issue composers renounced their claim to three peals, ventures the opinion that if it were possible to publish the figures of all the peals composed during the last decade or so, perhaps not five per cent. of them would be found original. While some ringers may not be prepared to put the figure quite so low, there can be no question that a very considerable proportion of the compositions produced in these days have been obtained before. There are some plans in some methods that are completely worked out, but would-be composers do not know it. They belong to a new generation and the work of men that have gone is unknown to them. In due course another new generation will spring up, and they will reproduce the work of those now living. It must inevitably be so all the while there is no complete record of compositions to which reference can be made. For the time being, at any rate, the Central Council cannot see its way to forming such a register as would be required. The difficulty is not so much in getting the material together, as in making effectual use of it when it has been compiled, and yet the need of such a thing becomes more and more apparent as time goes on.

Our correspondent points out that the disclaimers of last week were brought about by the publication of the figures and, obviously, publicity is one of the best means of ascertaining whether a composer is entitled to claim a composition. There are, however, two very strong reasons against it. In the first place the obligation of proving the right to a composition should rest upon the composer and his right should not stand merely by default of a counterclaim. Secondly, the publication of compositions on any large scale is a costly matter, and it cannot be expected that others should bear the expense of printing figures merely in order that someone may be satisfied, not necessarily that a composition had not been obtained before, but that at the date of its publication no one else claimed it. When a man puts together the figures of a peal it should be his responsibility to show that he has the right to call it an original production, but how can he do that unless there is available for his use some record of what has gone before? Constantly composers, who are just making their first groping efforts in this branch, send their figures to 'The Ringing World,' asking if they are original, so that we know there is a real desire among this class of beginners to do the right thing and not claim as their own anything which has been previously produced. But in the absence of

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definite information, what is more natural than for a budding aspirant to claim his work as something new even though its plan may be so obvious that scores of his predecessors may have obtained the same peal. The time is certainly coming when the word 'composed' will lose a lot of its significance. In regard to a great many modern productions 'arranged' is already a more appropriate description, and there would be good ground for using this term in all cases where the plan of composition or the requirements of the method were not entirely new.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALBERT WALKER 6	A. PADDON SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	FREDERICK DENCH 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	JOHN W. WARD 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYNONDS 11
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 6	FREDERICK J. TILLITT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who attained the age of 80 years on September 18th. The ringers of 6, 7, 8 and 10 are from Saffron Walden, Essex.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL,
5320 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	ARTHUR G. KING 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 8
MISS KITTY WILLERS 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 9
GEORGE MAYERS 5	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Spliced Royal by all, by the association and on the bells. The longest length and the 50th peal on the bells for the association. This peal is Miss Willers' 100th and first of Royal. The composition, containing the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the second in 6th's, and all the 5-4's and 4-5's, is rung for the first time in honour of the 81st birthday of John Souter, the Diss veteran.

UXBRIDGE.—On September 3rd, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.; Miss Doris Cox 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, H. Batton 3, W. H. Gutteridge 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, P. E. Jones 8. Ringers of treble and 3rd are from Farnham Royal. Great credit is due to Miss Cox for the way in which she rang her bell, this being her first quarter-peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	ERNEST STITCH 6
HARRY PAGE 2	FREDERICK LASBURY 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	WILLIAM PAGE 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
GEORGE POPNELL 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival as a farewell to the Rev. M. Jones-Powell, D.D., who has left Cardiff for the parish of Peterston-super-Ely, Glamorganshire.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*JOHN GOODMAN Treble	† HAROLD V. COOPER 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
JOHN BASS 3	HARRY PRICE 8
WILLIAM SHORT 4	HECTOR G. BIRD 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Mr. John Goodman earned the thanks of the band for kindly taking a vacant rope at the last minute.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
RICHARD A. POST 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 8
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE Treble	GEORGE WHITE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WM. A. BRECKON 7
*SIDNEY ELWICK 3	HUBERT WATERS 8
ALFRED E. OXLEY 4	HARRY GIBSON 9
JOHN WALLER 5	RICHARD HANSELL Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal and first attempt. Arranged for Mr. T. H. Taffender, of London, and Mr. H. Gibson, of Scarborough, who were elected members of the above association previous to starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FRANK RINGE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*PERCY GREEN 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

F. W. CECIL CURTIS Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5
WALTER R. FARROW 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	EDWIN R. GOATE 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a complimentary peal to Fred Seager on his holiday return to his native county, and also as a birthday compliment to four of the 'lads,' Messrs. F. H. Haigh, P. J. Johnson, F. B. Kendell and F. H. King.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. This composition, with the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and the tenors parted for eight leads, is now rung for the first time.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HERBERT W. SMITH Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KINVER, STAFFS.—On Wednesday evening, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, J. F. Simpson 2, P. Handley 3, J. Bass 4, T. Field 5, V. Hubble 6, F. Handley (conductor) 7, P. Jones 8. First attempt by 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8, and first attempt as conductor. All are regular service ringers at St. Peter's, except J. Bass (Woolaston).

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR I. HOLMES Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

First peal on the eight bells. The two trebles were added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May last.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART, No. 2.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ARTHUR WALKER Treble	WILFRED APPEGATE 5
JOHN H. LENTON 2	HARRY BROWN 6
*VICTOR APPEGATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. Rung in honour of the reopening of the above church, after being closed for internal painting and decorating.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	PEARL INSKIP 5
EDGAR H. TINGEY 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 6
WALLACE G. CHURCH 3	HERBERT SHARP 7
HARRY TYSOE 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

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

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. TOWNLEY PARKER Treble	JACK CHARNOCK 5
†HARRY FRANCE 2	WM. SHARPLES 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	FRED RIGBY 7
HERMON NELSON 4	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. The peal was rung as a farewell to the Rector of Chorley, Dr. P. J. Kirkby, an honorary life member of the association, who is retiring this month.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	RAYMOND PHILPOT 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	ALAN R. PINE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London on the bells. A birthday compliment to W. J. Robinson and the conductor.

NEWMARKET.—On September 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor: K. Tuffs 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, O. Moody 3, L. Warner (conductor) 4, S. Twitchett (Stetchworth, Cambs) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6. First 720 of Minor by ringers of 1 and 5.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

REV. H. LAW JAMES' SEVEN-PART, No. 2.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

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

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,]

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	*WILLIAM C. RHODES 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN

* First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. UNWIN Treble	WM. E. PITMAN, MUS., BAC. 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
*WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C. CHARLES DAVIS Treble	RONALD BULLEN 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	FREDERICK PIKE 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Joyce Davis, daughter of P.C. Davis.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
E. GEORGE SWIFT 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	WILLIAM BRANTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Thursday, September 17, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	†ROGER W. DANIELS 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	†CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method, and hail from Lincolnshire. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Haycock, who has just taken over the joint livings of Framsdan and Creetingham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE GRAY Treble	*HAROLD J. HAZELL 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	WILLIAM ROSE 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal to be rung by a band representing eight different colours. The ringer of the treble is from Hertford, 2nd from Cranbrook, 3rd from Tunbridge Wells, 4th from Ipswich, 5th from Cambridge, 6th from Peterborough, 7th from Norwich, and tenor from Dorking.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

JACK WAUMSLRY Treble	WILLIAM GAYES 4
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JOHN WORTH 5
ALBERT V. REES 3	JACK TIPPER Tenor

Conducted by JACK TIPPER.

First peal in five methods on the bells and by the band, also first in the branch by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES ROSE Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 4
ALFRED B. KING 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
KEITH W. WHITEELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

H. A. Wright was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting the peal.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Ten different callings.

ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	JAMES SHAW 4
*FREDERICK J. WARR 2	ROBERT S. GIBES 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	HERBERT E. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Grandsire and three of Canterbury Pleasure, rung alternately.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR MILES Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	JAMES T. RANDLE 5
†REGINALD MORRIS 3	CHARLES R. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in two methods.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of London Surprise and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 4
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor.

THE IRISH TOUR.

The following performances were recorded for the Irish Association during a tour in the North of Ireland, September 7th to 12th:—

DUBLIN, COUNTY DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

DROGHEDA, COUNTY LOUTH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WM. ARMLEY WOOLER ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal in the method in the county.

LURGAN, COUNTY ARMAGH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 3
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal in the method in the county.

HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Malachi,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 1	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM HORAN 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

The first peal in the method in the county.

BELFAST, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. ARMLEY WOOLER 1	WILLIAM HORAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal in the method in the county.

HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER 1	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The first peal in the method in the county and the first Surprise peal on the bells.

BALLYMENA, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal on the bells.

COLERAINE, COUNTY LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Patrick,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER 1	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal on the bells and first peal of Major in the county.

LONDONDERRY, COUNTY LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. COLUMB,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER 1	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDER. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

BELLRINGERS GO FOX HUNTING.

There was a very pleasant gathering of ringers at Foxearth on Saturday, when the Northern Division held a meeting at this place, the first since 1924. Although the parish is somewhat isolated from the rest of the county, a number took advantage of the ideal autumn afternoon and proceeded there by bicycle. A warm welcome was extended to all by Mr. Sam Evans, the leader of the local band, who had everything in readiness, and touches of Stedman; Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung before the service.

The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Bassett), Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, read the lesson, whilst the Rural Dean, Dr. Young, of Birdbrook, gave a most helpful and enlightening address. This was followed by an excellent tea at the Village Hall, which had been arranged by Mr. S. Evans, and about thirty sat down. The Rural Dean, the Rector and organist attended, whilst Mrs. and Miss Evans and a friend waited at table. A business meeting followed, at which one non-resident life member was elected, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Bocking on November 14th.

Mr. Howard, in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, said he hoped that some membership would be retained at Foxearth after all the association had done. He thanked the organist for his services, also Dr. Young for his helpful address and advice, and assured him that his words would long be remembered. He also thanked the ladies who had assisted at the tea.

The Rev. G. H. Bassett, in replying, said the ringers were always welcome. He was very pleased to meet them, and hoped they would soon pay another visit.—Dr. Young also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and said it gave him the greatest pleasure to meet a company of ringers.

After other touches on the bells, some of the cyclists decided to make for home. They had left a Fox in the earth, and decided to explore new roads on their return in search of another. All went well until Borley Church was passed, when some of the leaders headed for the Belchamps, whilst the remainder kept to the proper road and finally found the 'Fox' at Bulmer. The others, being somewhat dissatisfied with the state of the Belchamp roads, took to the fields and, after encountering hurdles and footbridges, arrived at a farmhouse. Night was falling, and the thought of home greatly impressed them. Having inquired of the farmer's wife for the 'Fox,' they were politely told there were plenty in the district, but they were greatly relieved when she directed them to the one at Bulmer, which they reached after covering about four miles in one hour and twenty minutes. By this time the other members had seen sufficient of Bulmer, and, although the chief whip gave a loud blast, there was no response from the missing few, so they headed for their own village, which was safely reached. After partaking of reasonable refreshment and discussing the formation of a search party, the last huntsman returned weary and worn, but in good spirits, and although the price of refreshment had been advanced one penny per pint, he said he would have one 'if it cost him a bob.' And he did!

F. R.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division, held at Apsley on September 12th, was not so well attended as in previous years, owing to the weather. Ringers came from Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, Watford, Willesden, Berkhamsted and Tring, and members of the local company were present. The methods rung ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Rev. C. B. Goodwin held a short service, and very kindly entertained the ringers to tea. At the business meeting, Mr. H. Bishop acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. J. Puplett. The president, Mr. F. J. Reeves, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity in providing tea, and to all those who had helped in making this meeting a success.

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DEATH OF DR. EUSTACE HARWOOD. A FORMER RINGER AT OLD WINDSOR.

The mortal remains of the late Dr. T. Eustace Harwood were laid to rest in the family grave at Old Windsor Church on Saturday, September 5th, the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. McCaig, lately from Cornwall, officiating. The service was choral, and many of the deceased's medical friends and brother bellringers were present. At the conclusion of the sad rites a muffled peal was rung on the tower bells. A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 6th, when the Vicar gave a brief address based on the text, 'The memory of the just is blessed,' in the course of which he mentioned the long connection with the parish of deceased and his father, and referred to the former's literary gifts.

For many years Dr. Harwood resided at Hampstead, but he always maintained his interest in the parish of his birth and its bells. He devoted much time to historical research for his valuable work on 'Windsor Old and New,' a recently published volume, which reveals deep insight into the customs and traffic on the Thames before the days of railroads. This work was dedicated in 1929 to the memory of his father, the Rev. T. E. Harwood, M.A., who was curate of Old Windsor 1862-1873, and Vicar from 1876 to 1911.

Dr. Harwood, in his younger days, became interested in bellringing under the foreman, Mr. J. Gutteridge, who is now 84 years old, and had rung about a dozen peals of Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His first was in January, 1893, conducted by Mr. J. J. Parker, followed by several with the Rev. J. H. Hindson, then Vicar of Wraysbury, just over the river. He had called Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and was one of the team which scored the 'first local' peal, conducted by Mr. Wm. Welling.

Dr. Harwood's medical studies were carried out at Edinburgh, and whilst there he rang in a peal at the Cathedral of St. Mary, one of the band being the first lady to score a peal in Scotland.

During the war period, Dr. Harwood did strenuous and valuable work at St. George's Hospital, London, and recently he was in private practice. He was of a genial, kind and reserved disposition, much like his father, who died in 1911, and who the writer had the pleasure of knowing personally from 1878. Only last June Dr. Eustace Harwood called to see him and handed him No. 333 of his book—the issue was limited to 400 copies—and had a long chat over the tencups about the old days at Old Windsor when there were only five bells in the tower. Even the possibility of a band of M.D.'s attempting a peal in the near future was discussed, but a greater conductor has called 'Stand.'

W. H. F.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that there are only two TRUE PLAIN courses of this method, it would be interesting to the Exercise if we could see the actual figures of the six-score, a description of which is given in the new 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.' Perhaps the committee will oblige.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

Brighton.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A FOUR-PART ODD AND EVEN BOB PEAL.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

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F435261
2G462153
H146523

I416532

Calling first course as G.

S345261	A	2	6	7	9	14
4D541326	B	2	6	7	9	10 11 14
A432561	C	2	6	7	8	9 12 14
C125346	D	2	6	7	10	11 12 14
A234165	E	2	4	5	6	7 10 11 12 14
3D536421	F	2	5	6	7	9 10 14
C164352	G	2	4	5	6	9 10 14
4D462135	H	2	4	5	6	9 10 11 12 14
C521643	The first of the two courses marked					
E652341	S is produced by 2 6 7 9 11S 12 13 17,					
2D453126	and the second one by 2 4 5 6 8S 11.					
B154263						
D251634						
E625431						
2D324156						

Repeat from 416532, calling first course as A. The course ends between the singles are at slow sixes.

This is the first Four-Part odd and even bob peal of Stedman Triples and was conducted by Maurice Swinfield at Measham on August 26th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A number of inscribed ships' bells from British warships, many with war-time associations, are for sale, the most expensive being one from H.M.S. 'Tiger,' priced £10.

Family peals and 'name' peals we have had, railwaymen's and gardeners' peals, but the latest is a 'colour' peal. Last Sunday there were as many tints in a belfry at Brith as you would find on an artist's palette—Gray, White, Green, Brown, Hazell, Rose, Golden and Pink, and between them they rang a peal of Superlative.

Congratulations to that fine old Ipswich ringer, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who reached the age of 80 years on Friday, and celebrated the event by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Saturday. Mr. Brundle is the oldest ringer to ring a peal of Surprise Maximus, and we hope he will be spared with strength for many years yet to continue the art he loves so well.

The bells at Henlow, Beds, have been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have added a treble to increase the ring to six. The dedication took place last Saturday.

Owing to a misunderstanding about the membership of one of the ringers, the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung at Prittlewell on August 8th last, cannot be credited to the Essex Association, and consequently is to become a peal for the Kent County Association.

FRAGMENT FROM KINGTON MAGNA.

AFTER PEPYS, AND RECENTLY DISCOVERED.

July 4th (Eve of Lord's Day). Did decide to go to Aquae Sulis to ring at the annual meeting of the ringers of Somerset. Took Gryph on the pillion—a stout fellow. Did encounter much rain and mist, but did ring on the bells there. Mighty pleased with the sermon, for the Rector there did not tell us what naughty men the ringers of old were. Nor did he tell us that we should attend the services for which we did ring, that being mighty difficult for some of the ringers there, who did work on farms. But he did speak some common sense. At 8 p.m., did start back, still raining. Radstock in fine style, but missed petrol cap. Gryph would go and search for it. Half an hour, but no cap. Four shillings. Did hold hand on tank, mighty uncomfortable. Stratton-on-Avon, petrol pipe broke, so mended same with tubing from the lamp, and so on to two miles from Shepton. No petrol, much having run out unperceived when the pipe broke. Now dark, and having no carbide must needs push to Shepton. Garage man mightily astonished, but did fill us up with petrol and carbide and give us a cork. 11 p.m. and on our way. Two miles and lost nut of mag. chain case, this falling off with a great clatter. Gryph said he would carry the case, so away again. 12.30 a.m., the timing chain broke. Memo: must get new one. Mended chain, still raining, and timed up the mag.—not easy, but Gryph struck matches and away again. 2 a.m., lamp went out and had to refill it with carbide and water. Strange it should be short of water, seeing we had had so much. 2.45 a.m., left Gryph and so home to bed, 16 miles, 3.30 a.m.

July 11th. A Dorset meeting, with some keen fellows. New chain to mag., fourteen shillings. Did take Gryph, the new chain working well, albeit somewhat noisy. Started back late. Mag. chain broke. Did decide to push, putting new chain on handle bar. Five miles and Gryph asked if chain was all right. Could not feel it, so must needs return to search for it. Had to push bike back for the sake of the light. Went back and found chain. Fourteen shillings. Five miles. (A fragment is missing here.) Resolved to buy a new machine, though mightily disturbed about it, for must needs attend Sanger's practices, Double Norwich. Copper bath rung London and is highly excited. Must not let him leave me so far behind. So to bed early, nothing but scurvy punctures in the new machine. Some say the tyres be perished. Fourteen punctures in eight days. Methinks the devil be in the bike.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th, when 35 members and friends attended from the following towers: Battle, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Burwash, Crawley, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hawkhurst, Heene, Lewes, Mayfield, St. Leonards (Christ Church), and Uckfield, together with members of the local band. Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingam, and Mr. John Evans, of Hughenden, Bucks, were also present.

The bells were kept well going in all methods from Grandsire to Cambridge during the afternoon and evening, and several young ringers obtained their first touches in various methods.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Grahame Clarke), no service was held.

A splendid tea was provided at the Star Inn. The Rev. F. N. Hope presided at the tea, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair.

Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingam, and Mr. Arthur Field, of Pevensey, were elected members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwarden for the use of the bells, etc.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.**BELLS NOW AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.**

At the end of last week St. Bene't's historic bells were lowered to the ground and were removed on Saturday to the Loughborough Foundry. Our photograph shows them outside the church just before they were loaded on to the waiting lorry.

At the Foundry the bells are to be sandblasted and cleaned, the rap notes corrected, new independent crown staples fitted, ball bearings and new clappers provided, and all the other fittings, including headstocks, replaced by new. The frame has also been dismantled, and will be reconstructed and strengthened.



THE BELLS OF ST. BENE'T'S OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

[Photo by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.]

Subscribers to the fund who have not yet forwarded their promised contributions are asked to do so without delay. They should be sent either to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The reopening of the bells and the celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman is tentatively fixed for Saturday, December 5th.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Rye, on Saturday, September 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Cyril Wenham to Miss Nellie Gain. Mrs. Pattenden 1, K. Pattenden 2, W. Button 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, C. W. Player 6, H. Wood (conductor) 7, C. Coleman 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th hail from Stone-in-Oxney, where the bridegroom is a member of the local band.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION.**THE BELLS OF WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.**

Last Sunday was a memorable day in the history of the parish of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, for during the morning service the ring of six bells was dedicated after complete restoration and the recasting of the 4th and 6th. For some time past it was known that the fittings of the bells were in a bad state, and this summer, through the generosity of a parishioner, Mr. C. A. Monkhouse, the work of rehanging was put in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Fortunately the old timber frame was in good condition, but, after removing the headstocks, the 4th and 6th were both found to be cracked in the crown. This necessitated recasting, and the whole ring was removed to the foundry so that the other four bells could be tuned. This additional expense was generously borne by the same gentleman.

A good congregation assembled in the fine old church for the morning service, which commenced with the processional hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' After the second lesson the clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, accompanied by the ringers (four of whom were choirmen), Mr. Churchwarden J. J. Warren, Mr. Cyril Johnston and Mr. W. J. Paice, hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The actual dedication ceremony was performed by the Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Mr. Johnston handed a rope to the churchwarden, asking him to accept the completed work, and Mr. Warren in turn passed the rope to the Master, and called upon him to dedicate the work to the glory of God. The Master then gathered all the ropes together, and in the sight of the whole congregation blessed the work 'in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' After the ringers' collects the ropes were placed in the hands of the Vicar, the Rev. F. D. Browne, with a solemn charge to keep the bells from all profane and unhallowed uses. The bells were then rung in rounds by the local ringers, and the great improvement in the tone of the ring was at once appreciated. The whole ceremony was most impressive, and must long remain in the minds of those who witnessed it. The service was then proceeded with, the Master giving a practical address, during which he touched upon the urgency and the nature of the work completed in their tower, the self-sacrificing task of the ringers in that parish and elsewhere, and appealed to young people to come forward and offer themselves as ringers, acquiring that love of bells and the art of changering which alone could make them proficient.

After the service, some short touches of Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Johnston and Mr. W. J. Paice.

The bells, which are now fitted with ball bearings and go perfectly, were originally cast in 1808 by T. Mears and Son. The tenor is 12 cwt. in F, and the total weight of the peal is 45 cwt. 18 lb.

STAVELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The Staveley company has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Alfred Markwell, which occurred on September 7th, after only three days' illness. He was at work on the 3rd, and, being a goods guard on the L.N.E.R., was getting ready for duty on the 4th when he had a seizure and lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never recovered. He passed away on the 7th, and was laid to rest on the 10th, several of his workmates and ringing friends being present at the funeral service.

Mr. Markwell was never a great peal ringer, only having rung one peal, but he was a most regular and consistent Sunday service ringer, and always ready on all occasions to 'do his bit' to keep the bells going. His pleasant face will be sadly missed, and his place will be hard to fill. Only the Sunday evening before his death he took part in the service ringing.

He joined the Staveley company at the outbreak of the Great War when the younger men of the company had to join up. Having years before been a six-bell ringer at Wilburton, he proved a valuable addition to the depleted company. He was also a chorister, having been a member of the Staveley Church choir over 20 years, and before that was a member of Bulwell and Stockport choirs. He was an ideal churchman. He loved his church and tried to serve her at all times. He ever did his duty to the best of his ability.

Mr. Markwell, who was 62 years of age, leaves to mourn their loss a widow and one son, to whom the deepest sympathy goes out. The son is following in his father's footsteps, being ringer, chorister and deputy organist at Staveley.

The deceased was a member of the Midland Counties Association and three other societies, and was Staveley's representative on the committee of the Sheffield District Society.

The bells were rung half-muffled after the funeral, also at both services the following Sunday. The ringing for the morning service consisted of 720 Bob Major, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung, followed by 'the whole pull and stand,' by the following members of the Staveley company, as a tribute to his memory: H. Stow 1, L. G. Palmer 2, W. T. Palmer 3, A. Steward 4, F. E. Parsons 5, N. C. Lewis 6, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 7, J. Knott 8.

SCOTLAND'S GREATEST RING. INVERARAY TOWER AND BELLS NEARING COMPLETION.

CAMPBELL CLANSMEN'S GENEROSITY.

The greatest ring of bells in the Highlands and the finest north of the English border has, within the last few days, found its permanent home in the new tower of the church of All Saints, Inveraray, Argyllshire. These bells, from the Loughborough Foundry, are a magnificent peal, with a tenor of $41\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in C. Their installation is almost entirely due to the interest and enthusiasm of His Grace the Duke of Argyll, whose ancestral home is Inveraray Castle. The scheme to provide a noble tower for the church and an equally



INVERARAY CHURCH TOWER FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

noble ring of bells was originally conceived before the outbreak of war in 1914, and gradually the bells were secured through the generosity of various donors, headed by the Duke, who gave the first seven bells. The eighth was given by his neighbour and vassal, Sir John Noble, Laird of Ardkinglass; the ninth by 80 of the Duke's friends and clansmen of the Campbell name, and the tenor (in honour of S. Molaise) by two Campbells. Gifts by many others provided the frame and fittings, and in November, 1920, the whole of the ten bells were cast.

At this time the tower was not even begun, so the bells were taken to Inveraray and erected in their frame in a temporary wooden 'Cloichtrach' (the Gaelic word for Bell House), and they have been chimed by means of a clavier, so that their glorious tones are already familiar over the countryside. The bells and their fittings cost over £24,000.

Having got the bells, the next effort was devoted to raising the massive tower. The first stage was up to the 73ft. level, where the bell frame was eventually to be placed. The walls of this portion are between 8 and 9 feet thick, and, internally, the tower is 22ft. 9in. square. This part of the building cost £9,750, and when it had been completed there was a pause of two years while further funds were raised, for another £8,000 was required to finish the structure. By this summer the walls were completed with fine strong battlements, the tops of which are 126ft. above the ground. A turret takes the stair up at one corner of the tower, and its top, capped by a pointed pignon, reaches a height of 138ft. The roof is of strong oak and lead. The floor of the ringing room is of oak, and there are two cement floors above it, forming a 'silence' chamber. The walls above the bells are 4ft. 6in. thick, and pierced by seven high sound windows, with fine stone tracery, such as is found in many Somerset towers. The ground floor, lit by big windows on the west and south sides, will some day be linked up to the church by an aisle—at present the tower is separated from the rest of the building. The ringing room has four windows, and the silence chamber four slits which display the thickness of the walls very well. The tower was built without any exterior scaffolding.

The bell frame rests on immense steel girders built into the walls and, like the bells which it carries, is a worthy specimen of Taylor craftsmanship.

The dedications, weights and diameters of the bells are as follows:—

Name of Saint.	Weight of bell. cwt. qr. lb.	Diameter of bell. ft. in.
1. S. Maluag	6 0 14	2 5
2. S. Columba	6 1 26	2 6½
3. S. Mund	7 1 6	2 9
4. S. Brendan	8 2 2	2 10
5. S. Maclrubha	10 1 5	3 1½
6. S. Blaane	13 0 8	3 5
7. Our Lady	17 0 22	3 9½
8. S. Murdouch	20 1 21	4 0
9. S. Brigid	28 3 0	4 6
10. S. Molaise	41 2 8	5 0½

Total weight, 159 cwt. 3 qr.

The dedications are to ancient Celtic saints 'who, in their earthly lives, founded Parish Churches, Chapels, or Monasteries, in the immediate neighbourhood, and planted the Rood of the Redeemer on many storm-sick headlands, or in smiling glens or in lonely forests, where in the sixth and seventh centuries they did great Wonders amongst the Children of the Gael for which they are kept in unfading remembrance.'

The following are the inscriptions and translations:—

1. SANCTE MALUAG ORA PRO NOBIS
(S. Maluag pray for us.)
2. SANCTE COLUMBA ORA PRO NOBIS
3. MUNDI PRO MERITIS MERIAMUR GAUDIA COELI
(By the merits of Mund may we merit the joys of Heaven.)
4. TERRAE VELIFICATE VIAS BRENDANE BEATAE TU
NOBIS PARITER PANDE SECUNDUS ITER
(O Brendan who didst sail to the Land of the Blest
Do thou, by thy favour, to us also open the pathway.)
5. PRO NOSTRIS ORES QUOTIES DABO PULSA SONORES
TE COLO TUQUE MEUM SANCTE MAELRUBHA DEUM
(Pray for our people. Everytime as I struck shall sound,
I honour thee, holy Maclrubha, as thou dost honour my God.)
6. SANCTE BLAANE ORA PRO NOBIS
7. STELLA MARIA MARIS SUCCURRE PISSIMA NOBIS
(O Mary Star of the Sea, Most pious assist us.)
8. SANCTE MURDOUCHE ORA PRO NOBIS
9. SANCTA BRIGIDA ORA PRO NOBIS
10. FERT LUCEM PRAE SE FERT ADOREMQUE
MOLAISE FLAMMA VELUT VENTO VOTIS ARDERE
MEMENTO VOTIS ARDE IGNIS PRO NOBIS SANCTE
BENIGNIS
(Molaise shows light and shows heat, as fire burns bright
with the wind, so mind that thou burn with prayers.
Burn with kindly prayers, for us, O Holy Fire.)

During the past few weeks the bells have been taken from the bell house and raised to their proper place in the new tower by Messrs. Taylor's bell hangers, and a few days since the last of them, the tenor, was hoisted in the presence of the Duke of Argyll, Lady Mary Carr-Glyn of Argyll, Lady Elspeth Campbell of Argyll and Dr. Campbell. Soon all the fittings will be complete, and the bells will then be used by means of the clavier. But £1,300 is still required before the great scheme is free of debt, and until that time the consecration and hallowing of both the bells and the tower by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles cannot take place.

The munificence of the Campbells—the clan of which the Duke of Argyll is chief—may be gauged from the fact that, apart from the bells, members in this country, the United States and the Dominions have contributed over £7,000 towards the tower alone. Inveraray tower and bells, begun from a desire to beautify and adorn the church, are now to serve another purpose. They form a memorial, and each bell is in memory of those who fell in the Great War or in former wars, who came from the parishes or glens where the saints named on the bells laboured, or to whom one of those parishes was dedicated.

THE IRISH TOUR.

BY W. H. F.

'England and Ireland, though the seas divide,
Are kissing each other at every tide.'

Who is for Ireland next year? was the question amongst the members of Mr. Williams' party touring North Wales in 1929, when several replied favourably, but the suggestion fell through, and it was Wales again for the 1930 outing. Once more the question was put, and with Mr. Lindoff's enticing 'blarney,' fresh from Dublin, this visit became an accomplished fact in 1931, and herewith are a few notes of the tour by special request. There are now quite a number of English ringers who have crossed the Channel in the past—notably the Pye brothers, 1909—who well know, by experience, the hearty welcome to be met with at the hands of our Hibernian brothers. To those who have never 'cuddled' an Irish Sally, I would mention a further inducement to go over. Good Dublin stout can be bought for sixpence a pint, when once you have made the heaving passage of Edwin Barnett's 'ditch.' I remember, after a visit in 1907, Tom Faulkner, of Barking, writing me in a very sad strain asking why we did not take him with us? I hope my readers will not trouble me with similar inquiries.

Our route was 'Go Great Western to Liverpool, then British and Irish Steam Packet to Dublin, at a cost of only 46s. return ticket, available for 16 days.' Messrs. Newton and Davis kindly dispatched our 'freight' from Liverpool landing stage at 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 5th, and Messrs. Lindoff and Murphy hauled it on to the Dublin North Wall with a hearty welcome at 3 a.m. on Sunday, the 6th, omitting the physical act of affection mentioned at the head of this article.

We had a most comfortable crossing. No one attempted to do an 'odd place last' in his neighbour's bunk. It is quite astonishing what a boat steward can do for a passenger when one has learnt his language; we even envied the Menin Gate travellers their seaworthiness when every man made a 'whole turn' in crossing the English Channel last August. The River Liffey looked its best, a bright sunrise, shining through the mist of morning, being reflected in the ripples on the water as we glided upstream from Dublin Bay. Numerous seagulls wheeling overhead seemed to be united in screaming to our party in Erse, 'Cead Mile Fáille.'

Named after King George V., the George housed us till Monday. This boarding house may well be termed the ringers' rest; its bed linen has sweetly covered the sleeping forms of a whole band of Georges—Messrs. Pye, Williams, Price, Newton, Dent, Fletcher and Martin—to say nothing about the Great George of Rugby—when they slept on Irish soil for the first time.

On Sunday, there was ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10.30 and 2.30. The visitors' book received new entries, and the Irish Association five new members, who were ably 'branded' by the president with the 'Shamrock' for life. It is worth the journey to be made a member of this society—you cannot be elected in England—and in the belfry was assembled a strong muster of local ringers who held the novices whilst the iron was heated. Among those present were Mr. M. J. Hogan (president), Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (ex-president), Messrs. J. A. Atkinson, W. H. Wilson (hon. secretary), Robt. Tait, T. MacMorrán, E. Lutman, G. G. Lindoff, J. W. Townley, A. L. Murray, E. George, G. Lindoff, and several others, including Mr. James Trappitt, of Beddington, in his 78th year, just out of hospital.

Touches of Caters and Cinques were rung, all the bells being brought into play at one time or another according to the particular 'set' we wished to hear. The conductor, like a magician, simply removed a rope to the background and brought forward another, and, 'heigh presto,' a new ring of bells was heard to suit the note of the tenor as required.

Here is a 'belfry' of all the belfries. I have not seen a better in England. Spacious, well fitted and furnished, ample windows and ventilation, good circle and draft of rope; its dark grey stone walls, relieved with white cement pointing, form an excellent background for the coloured sallies, and the plain oak peel boards that reveal the ringing progress of the St. Patrick's Guild for the past 30 years. Since Armistice Day a custom has been carefully maintained at this tower. All ex-Service ringers meet annually and ring an open peel at St. Patrick's, without notice or reminder, until they die out. There are nine—'lucky nine'—left to carry on for 1931.

The evening was spent at Bray, a fashionable seaside town twelve miles out, with a fine bay and esplanade, sheltered by Bray Head, which our tenor lad climbed on foot to balance the extra strain on his upper limbs. Touches for service were rung on the Taylor peel, the local company, some 24 strong, turning up to greet us. I may just mention that they are after the Irish shield for Sunday service ringing. Mr. J. B. Tough, the foreman, is keeping well, and the Rector, the Rev. Chancellor G. D. Scott, still doing duty after 38 years' residence. Alas, Bray and its Vicar sadly reminds me of another Bray and its late Vicar, in Berkshire, who was called from his life work at an early age only a year ago to the regret of all the neighbouring ringers.

Stormy August weather has not been confined to England. Just previous to our landing in Ireland, four inches of rain fell in two

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M.P. AND RINGERS.

A DEVON EXCURSION.

Members of the Exeter District of the Devon Guild and their wives mustered strongly on Saturday, September 12th, for a visit to Mamhead Park by invitation of Sir Robert Newman, M.P., who has a long honorary connection with the Guild. Eight societies were represented, and the company totalled between 60 and 70. Sir Robert received his guests with his customary cordiality, and with the assistance of his brother-in-law (Mr. F. R. Lumley) and the Rector of Mamhead (the Rev. W. Greener, hon. chaplain to the Forces) showed them over the gardens and grounds (which are famous for their cork, ilex and other trees) and the Parish Church (which is close to the Park and has memorials and gifts that are linked with the Newman family). The tower contains a ring of five bells, all cast by Thomas Bilbie, of Culmpton, in 1763. Three have inscriptions showing that James Davis and William Braddon were churchwardens at that time; another bears the name of 'The Honourable William Vaughan, Esq.,' and the remaining bell records the name of the founder. One bell was 'crazed' as long ago as 1884, and at the present time only chiming can be done. Several enthusiastic members of the party examined the bells and fittings, and by tapping the bells found they were of agreeable tone. Subsequently the visitors were taken to the clock tower (which commands some of the most charming views of the Exe Estuary and East Devon coast) and shown the gateway and castle keep (a copy of one in the northern part of the country). As the weather was breaking, tea was provided in the great corridor with its fine collection of statuary. Here handbells, available by the forethought of Mr. W. Howe (hon. secretary), were brought into use, and then the visitors were conducted over the house and shown some of its treasures, which include wonderful tapestries (representing Europe, Asia, Africa and America), Japanese art, Dresden china, and so on. The company grouped outside the entrance for photographing by Mr. H. V. Richards, and the opportunity was taken by Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman of the district) to tender to Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Lumley, and lady relatives the sincere thanks of the visitors for the kindness of the welcome, the hospitality and the courtesies extended in explaining features of the church and house. He remarked that every guest deeply appreciated the kindness of Sir Robert in extending an invitation to visit his beautiful home, and, in expressing a general hope that it might be repeated, suggested, amid much applause, that great pleasure would be felt if by that time Sir Robert had become Lord Mamhead.—Sir Robert, in reply, said he had happy recollections of gatherings of the Guild as a guest, and that it was a great pleasure to act as host on this occasion. He could not hazard any opinion about future events, but trusted that the ringers, having found their way to Mamhead now, would possibly be able to do so again.

From Mamhead one section proceeded to Kenton and Powderham, and another to Kenn and Exminster, where, by the kindness of the incumbents, they were able to have a pull on the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Peter's, Bramley, Leeds. About thirty-six ringers and friends partook of an excellent tea, which had been prepared in the school. The Vicar and churchwarden extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers, to which Mrs. Ryder, the vice-president of the district, suitably replied, according votes of thanks to all who had in any way helped to make the meeting such a success.

A choral service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar. After service the ladies held their meeting, at which two new members were elected—Miss Ashton, of Headingley, and Miss V. Holmes, of Dewsbury. Ringers attended from Essex, Rotherham, Rothwell, Bramley, Headingley, Armley, Bailey, Burnley, and Handsworth, Sheffield, and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on both tower and handbells.

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days, and it rained for 42 hours continually. Much damage was done to houses in and near Dublin, and the Lord Mayor's Fund to relieve distress is now nearing the £1,000 mark. It was very doubtful whether we could get to Bray by train, Ballisbridge, crossing the river Dodder, being half demolished, and heavy lattice girders torn from the buttresses. A single track relief line rigged up showed the 'directors' of our party what an Irish 'gang' can do in a very short time. Whilst writing on the weather, it is well to be able to state that our stay of a week was one long spell of sunshine, excepting a few hours on Friday night, and we saw everything with those 'violet coloured eyes and dark sweeping eyelashes' that spell beauty for the colleen as well as her admirers.

In Ireland there are very few 'pussyfoots.' The Irish Free State can offer England a lesson on licensing laws. Our humble Sunday needs were met by special permit from the chief constable, and how we fared at the O'Connell Statue is the private concern of Mr. Murphy. Certainly the sparkling mineral waters matched the wonderful array of jewellery that surrounded our kind host.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANDOVER DISTRICT ORGANISES COMBINED PRACTICES.**

The Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild decided, at the quarterly meeting on Saturday week at Abbott's Ann, to divide the district into three areas for the purpose of organising combined practices. In the course of an interesting discussion two points were emphasised, namely, the necessity of instructors and the desirability of experienced ringers visiting towers in their area, especially where there is a young band. The hope was expressed that the second point particularly would be taken to heart by the older and more experienced members of the Guild. The charge was levelled that many were unwilling to visit strange towers, more especially those with only five bells, and it was pointed out that visits to other bellfries increased a ringer's experience, whatever number of bells he was used to ringing, while those who had only five bells to ring often needed more encouragement. To visit and help them made them feel that they were members of a Guild and not isolated units left to get on as best they could. The Guild would like to see every tower possess six bells at least, and it was urged that ringers should do their best to foster the idea, as it was felt that where the ringers themselves were keen, the parishioners would back them up.

As a result of the discussion combined practice areas were arranged as follows: Whitechurch area: St. Mary Bourne, Laverstoke, Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. Andover area: Over Wallop, Nether Wallop, Abbott's Ann, Wherwell, Tangle, Thruxton and Ampford. Highclere area: East Woodhay, Woolton Hill, Burchclere, Newtown and Sydington. The instructors appointed were: Whitechurch area, Mr. F. Cluett; Andover area, Mr. O. Smart, sen.; and Highclere area, Mr. H. Knapp. The first practices will be at Whitechurch on October 10th, Andover November 7th, Highclere December 5th, all at 5.30, and it is hoped that all who can will attend. The instructors will do all they can to help towers in their respective areas when asked, and it is felt that if the plan is well backed up, great improvement in ringing in the district will result.

The meeting at which these arrangements were made was attended by nearly thirty ringers from Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Andover, Abbott's Ann, Highclere, Newtown, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, Wootton, Whitechurch and Winchester. Service was conducted by the hon. secretary (Rev. F. S. H. Marle), and tea in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting, at which, in the absence of the Vicar, Mrs. Steedman took the chair.

Abbott's Ann tower was affiliated as from January 1st, 1922, and the following members of the tower elected: Messrs. E. W. Chaplin, R. H. Annetts, S. Fry, D. Oram and H. H. Warwick. Miss Cross, Miss Roxburgh and Mr. F. Cluett, of Whitechurch, were also elected members of the Guild.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
TOWCESTER BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on Saturday at Cold Higham. Ringers were present from most of the towers in the branch with a few visitors. The branch's form of service was used, with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' sung to the original tune. Tea was partaken of in the Rectory, and thanks are due to the energetic secretary (Rev. R. Howes) and his helpers. The ringing was very encouraging. Several Minor methods were rung for the first time, and several ringers had their first attempt at Stedman. Methods included Grandsire, Bob, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LADY'S FIRST QUARTER AS CONDUCTOR.

At St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, on Saturday, September 19th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Rabbitts 1, A. Cutmore 2, M. N. Haines 3, W. Daniell 4, Miss K. Bradford (conductor) 5, E. Goater 6, C. W. Pipe 7, P. E. Hawthorne 8. Miss Bradford's first quarter-peal as conductor. It was rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to Mr. Edward A. Morris, captain of the local band, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major.

A QUERY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On perusing the columns of 'The Ringing World' for September 18th I read an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples having been rung at Thatcham, Berks, on Saturday, September 12th. When reading the 'Reading Mercury' and Oxford Gazette' for September 19th I found the same peal reported as a peal of Stedman Triples under Thatcham news. Which is correct?

If our official organ, 'The Ringing World,' is correct, the latter report may be very misleading to many ringers, as the 'Reading Mercury' is widely read in Berks, Bucks, Hants, Oxon, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex and Wilts.

Thanking you for finding space for this, yours etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

[We think our report is probably the correct one. The composition was given as 'Holt's Ten Part.'—Ed., 'R.W.']

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—On September 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Dawson 1, G. Green (conductor) 2, A. Bartholomew 3, Miss W. Linn 4, P. Felton 5, H. Pennack 6, Dr. Spencer Phillips 7, P. Green 8.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Simons 1, G. Marlborough 2, J. C. Jackson 3, J. E. Rootes 4, C. Cook 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, A. Deamer 7, T. Norris 8. Rung for harvest festival, and also as a farewell to Mr. J. C. Jackson, who is shortly leaving the district.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 20th, for evensong, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): E. J. Cole (first in the method) 1, H. H. Fearn 2, R. F. Deal (London) 3, G. E. Lurge 4, G. E. Fearn 5, O. G. Norman 6, J. Neal 7, A. E. Norman (conductor) 8.

BOOTLE, LANCs.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evensong, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob) in 40 mins.: *W. Cleator 1, D. Parry 2, *L. Corteen 3, J. Brown 4, *Jas. McKee 5, John McKee (longest touch as conductor) 6. *Longest touch. Credit is due to the treble man, whose longest length previously was 120 changes.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: *E. Saunders 1, W. Birtwhistle (conductor) 2, *A. Platt 3, J. Langstroth 4, J. Jones 5, Dr. Wales 6, L. French 7, W. Bradley 8. *First quarter-peal. Arranged for Mr. J. Langstroth, who was on a visit to his native village.

LUTON, BEDS.—On September 13th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, John Davies 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Shane 8. Arranged for Mr. John Davies, of Cardiff, on a visit to his old tower after 20 years, also the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. King.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. H. King 1, George Thurgood 2, E. A. Hall 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. Bowden 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 47 mins.: C. Walklate 1, F. Kirk 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, J. Blow 4, F. Kirk, jun., 5, H. D. Bickick 6, F. W. Allen 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on August 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Boote 1, H. Hill 2, J. Round 3, A. Prestidge, jun., 4, T. A. Townsend 5, A. Round 6, A. Prestidge, sen. (conductor) 7, Hy. Hubball 8. All the ringers are regular members of St. Andrew's company.

DEATH OF OLD WALSALL RINGER.

With the passing of Frank Hallsworth, whose death occurred on September 10th at the age of 79 years, Walsall has lost its oldest ringer. He became a member of St. Matthew's band in 1870, and in 1887 succeeded his father, Mr. William Hallsworth, as steeplekeeper, and held that position for about 40 years, when he retired owing to increasing infirmity. His last peal, one of Stedman Caters, was rung on his birthday in 1913. He was one of the two honorary life members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

He leaves three sons and one daughter, the eldest son, Major W. Hallsworth, who is in India, being a ringer. The interment at Queen Street Cemetery, where his wife was buried 40 years ago, was preceded by a service in St. Matthew's Church. As a last tribute a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted by the local band, but it unfortunately came to grief shortly after half-way.

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NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hill Farrance (6 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Milfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Penn on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinhoe on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Good bus service every twenty minutes from Sheffield to Deepcar on Stockbridge. As the financial year of the association ends September 30th, will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Puddletown and West Lulworth) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at West Hendred, on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. J. Antrobus). All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 54th annual festival of this association will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. A meeting of the committee will be held at the Three Tuns Hotel at noon, and dinner at 2 p.m. in the same hotel, at a charge of 2s. 6d. to members and 3s. to non-members. Festival service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. The bells of St. Oswald's (6) and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available for ringers after 12 noon, and the Cathedral (8) at 12.30 and 5 p.m. Chester-le-Street bells (8) will also be available after 6.30 p.m.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 26th. The following towers, by kind permission, will be open from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.: Town Hall, Manchester; St. Thomas, Pendleton; St. John, Miles Platting. The Feoffees of Chetham's Hospital have given permission for a party to be shown through. Meet at the gates at 2 p.m. Charge, 1s. each. 3.30 p.m.: Service in the Cathedral. Preacher: The Ven. N. L. Aspinwall, M.A., Archdeacon of Manchester. 5 p.m.: Tea at the Mitre Hotel, at 1s. 9d. each. 6 p.m.: Meeting in the Schoolroom, Chetham's Hospital.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Oct. 1st and 29th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's 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.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 26th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. John's, Hillingdon, October 31st.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 30th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. at both churches, St. Mary's and St. John's. Tea will be served at St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. (kindly given by Col. Nash). Ringers' service at St. John's to follow. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Please make an effort to come and make a record meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 30th.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at Sowerby, near Halifax, on Saturday, October 3rd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who send word not later than Monday, September 28th, 1s. 6d. each, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shrivenham on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45. Those requiring tea notify T. Dike, High Street, Shrivenham, by October 1st.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 5. Kindly notify the secretary if you intend to be present at tea.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Winhill on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, October 1st? — A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corby on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. You are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend.—H. Baxter, Braddon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Twynning, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify secretary by Wednesday, Sept. 30th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 30th?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Cavendish, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6), rehung by Taylors, available from 3; also Glemsford (6). Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me by Oct. 1st for tea.—H. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the New Inn 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Oct. 3rd. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, for all members notifying me on or before Sept. 30th.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, at 4.30, in the Church Hall, followed by short business meeting. Twyford bells available after the meeting.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells, Holy Trinity (8) and Christ Church (8), ready 3 p.m. Guild service at Holy Trinity 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—Ring of 6 bells restored by Taylor's, of Loughborough. Ringers' Festival, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Church Room. Application for tea tickets, 1s, to reach Mr. Tom Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, by first post Thursday, Oct. 1st.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Ford End on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will all those who will be present at the tea please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 30th? — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—Dedication by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander of the two new trebles by Taylors to complete the octave, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Wilby (8) Oct. 10th. Tea, 9d. each, at 4.30, at the School. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting in Church Hall. Tea, 1s. per head, only to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, not later than Oct. 8th. Friends from neighbouring societies most welcome. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells of St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Messrs. Griffiths, Mercer's Row, at 5 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mr. R. G. Black, General Sec., on the occasion of his recent marriage.—F. Wilford, Master.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The F. A. Milne memorial will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of Mrs. Rowland, daughter of the late F. A. Milne, in the Salisbury Hotel at 5 p.m., but only to those who advise me by October 6th. A meeting of the North and East District will be held after tea. Bells available during the afternoon from 3 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Joint Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — The next meeting will be held at Tring on Oct. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Wood), followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th? — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. will be made, should reach Mr. L. W. G. Morris, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 20th. An endeavour will be made to make peal arrangements for those who so desire on the Saturday morning, if sufficient applications are received.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District. — The next meeting to be held at Guildford has been unavoidably postponed until Saturday, Oct. 24th. Please reserve the date. Full particulars later. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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