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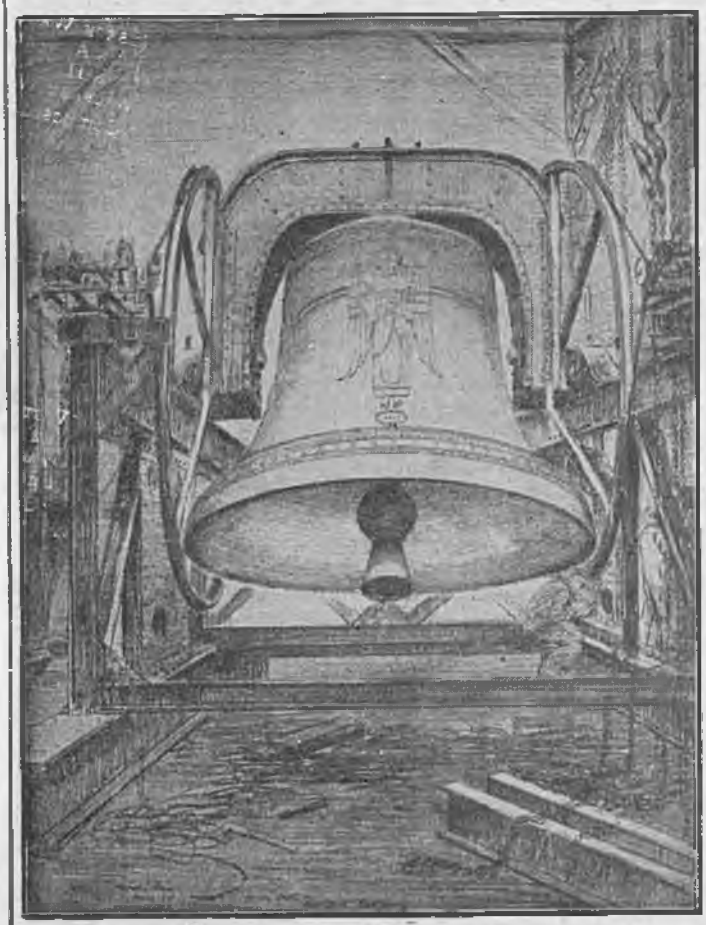

THE 18¼ TON RINGING BELL,
the Bourdon of the Carillon of 64 Bells, about to be installed at
RIVERSIDE CHURCH, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

THE PAINSWICK TABLET.

The last has probably not yet been heard of the Painswick performances—the false peal and the erecting of a tablet to commemorate it. Had the failure been left where it was, when the falseness of the peal was pointed out, the unfortunate fiasco would by this time have been well on the way, if not to entire oblivion, at any rate to the realm of those things which only historians would desire to disturb. The recent action of the Painswick Youths, in erecting a monument to their failure, call it 'glorious,' 'ghastly,' 'ignominious' or whatever adjective you please —and ringers have been pleased to call it many things— has, however, rekindled the flame of resentment which sprang up when an attempt was made to justify this 17,687 as a record length on twelve bells, despite the repetition of changes which occurred. The tablet might easily have been worded so that those who read it in future years would have known the exact facts, without any loss of admiration for the endurance of the men who, as far as the performance went, tried and failed through no fault of their own. As we pointed out when the inscription was first made public, the record, as it stands, will be open to misconception in generations to come, when those with first-hand knowledge have gone.

It is this which is likely to keep alive the feeling which is abroad in the Exercise, and which will eventually, we think, culminate in a public protest through the Central Council. That some ringers feel deeply about the placing of this tablet in the church is obvious from the resolution of the Suffolk Guild branches to their annual meeting. The form of the proposal, however, is most unusual. The removal from the Guild of any member who continues to approve of the words '17,867 changes' being on the tablet might prove difficult to carry out and still more difficult to justify. Without a referendum, one cannot see how it can be ascertained who approves and who does not. Moreover, would it be right to remove a man from the Suffolk Guild for his opinions on an act of the Painswick Youths? We could understand the Suffolk Guild, or any other association which desires to maintain the highest standard in ringing, registering a protest against a tablet thus worded being placed in a church tower, but beyond that it is difficult to see that they can wisely go. It is doubtful, however, whether anything that can now be done will undo what we consider was a misguided action on the part of the Painswick Youths. Most of those who provided the tablet were probably ignorant of the recognised canons of ringing, and we can only imagine that the ringers themselves were unaware of the wording that had been adopted until it was too late to alter it. We do not hear, however, that any one of them has raised his voice

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in protest. To erect a tablet at all was, in our view, a mistake; to let it remain without some addition which will make it clear that this was a false peal will give ground for the suspicion, already widely felt, that there is an intention that future generations shall look upon this as a record peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM J. WHITING	*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE	6
JOHN BEAMS	2	†ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
ARTHUR C. OTWAY	3	†WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ...	8
GEORGE MARRINER	4	†ALAN R. PINK	9
†GEORGE A. COOK	5	ALBERT HARMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALEXANDER EVANS ...	*Treble*	ALBERT L. GALE	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ...	7
EDWARD G. COWARD	3	HENRY PRING	8
THOMAS F. KING	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
WILLIAM KNIGHT	5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

A birthday compliment to H. Pring.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE WHITE	6
SIDNEY ELWICK	2	ALFRED E. OXLEY	7
ALBERT V. COATES	3	HARRY SHORT	8
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ...	4	JOHN W. WATERS	9
JOHN WALLER	5	RICHARD HANSELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. E. OXLEY.

First peal as conductor on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Hunter, a member of the Whitby company, and Miss E. Young, who were married at the above church on Tuesday, October 20th.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CHARLES TINDALE ...	*Treble*	THOMAS METCALFE	6
*SIDNEY ELWICK	2	*ALFRED E. OXLEY	7
*JOHN WALLER	3	*HARRY SHORT	8
*GEORGE WHITE	4	THOMAS LANCASTER	9
†JACK REED	5	WILLIAM A. BRECKON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method and first of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First in the method and first of Royal as conductor. First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, first on the bells and first for the association.

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HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Herbert Langdon ...	...*Treble*	Percy E. Clark	6
William S. Langdon ...	2	John H. B. Hesse	7
Harry R. Pasmore	3	William G. Whitehead ...	8
Raymond Overy	4	Alfred B. Peck	9
Charles S. Burden	5	Richard Hayes	...*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by H. Langdon.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Henry Abel Smith.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*Frank Lawrence ...	...*Treble*	Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson	6
*Sidney T. Holt	2	†Fred Hawkes	7
Frank E. Haynes	3	*William Ranford	8
†Joseph D. Johnson	4	†Cyril Tansell	9
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5	*Charles Camm	...*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Little Bob. First peal of Little Bob Royal on the bells and for the association. Rung for the festival of the 808th anniversary of the dedication of the Abbey.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Thomas Barker ...	...*Treble*	*Frederick G. Bradley ...	5
Hermon Nelson	2	Arthur Hartley	6
*Adam Blogg	3	†Edward Lawson	7
†John Charnock...	4	Alfred Blogg	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by E. Lawson.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First local peal of Oxford, all being Sunday service ringers. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Edith K. Fletcher ...	...*Treble*	Albert W. Coles	5
George R. Pye...	2	James Bennett	6
*Edwin H. Lewis	3	James Parker	7
Walter J. Bowden	4	George W. Fletcher	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Edith K. Fletcher.
* First peal in the method.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

James Armstrong ...	...*Treble*	Frederick Harwood ...	5
*Harold Clarke	2	†Frank Coupe	6
†John Singleton	3	Benjamin A. Knights ...	7
Thomas Calderbank ...	4	William Sharples ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by B. A. Knights.
* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. James Eccles, a life-long churchworker at the above church, who died at the age of 75 years.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. Ernest Procter ...	...*Treble*	Joseph Broadley	5
Samuel Ward	2	George Ambler	6
William Barton	3	*Sidney Keighley	7
*William Scrimshaw ...	4	John Ambler	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Broadley.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Anne,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt.

George E. Fearn ...	...*Treble*	Frank E. Haynes	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	John A. Bragg	6
John Neal	3	Thomas H. Reeves	7
George F. Swann	4	*William H. Smith ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas H. Reeves.
* Proposed a member of the Guild before starting for the peal. First peal on the augmented ring.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

John Lloyd	...*Treble*	William B. Cartwright ...	5
Thomas Hemming	2	Samuel Grove	6
William Short	3	Hector G. Bird	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Robert Matthews ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by R. Matthews.
William B. Cartwright's 100th peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Christ Church, Ealing, Guild.)
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Leslie H. Wilson ...	...*Treble*	Ernest C. S. Turner ...	5
Evered J. Walsom	2	J. Armiger Trollope ...	6
John A. D. Webb	3	Wilfred G. Wilson	7
Percy E. Clark	4	Edward Harris	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, all being Sunday service ringers at St. Stephen's and Christ Church, Ealing.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Edward T. Hooper ...	...*Treble*	William H. Fussell ...	5
*Edward L. Hudson	2	†Alfred Bateman	6
William Henley	3	George Martin	7
Harry Wingrove	4	John H. Cropley ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Martin.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the annual dedication festival of this church, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, M.A., also for 'Ellinan Day' (1849), in memory of a former generous benefactor to the town and Parish Church of Slough.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES SAYER	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	CECIL BARRETT	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
*STANLEY COPLING	4	EDWIN GOATE	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ...	...*Treble*	DAVID G. TAYLOR	5
SYDNEY A. WYATT	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	6
*ERNEST J. BULL	3	PERCY MERSON	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	JOSEPH FOWLER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

* First peal and first attempt on eight bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JAMES ALBISON	...*Treble*	*HARRY CORSER	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	*ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	6
*ERNEST MOORES	3	*ABRAHAM BROMLEY	7
SYDNEY GOULDEN	4	WALTER E. HOWARTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by W. E. HOWARTH.

* First peal and first attempt.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Messrs. Clift and Popnell were proposed members of the association prior to the commencement of the peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK BELSEY	...*Treble*	ALAN BROMLEY	5
LEONARD A. TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER...	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT... ...	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...	...*Treble*	CECIL NICE	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	2	ROBERT SWIFT	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIE PROCTOR	5
ALBERT PICKLES	2	*TOM SMITH	6
*JOHN WINDLE	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
†CECIL DRAKE	4	*JOE GREENWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Bairstow and Miss N. Markham; also as a compliment to the Vicar of Northowram on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Wakefield Cathedral.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

GEORGE GRAY	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ...	6
FRANK E. DARBY	3	DANIEL COOPER	7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob Royal, Mr. J. Ladley kindly standing out.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. COLEY	5
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.	6
HARRY HOVERD	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the society and by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cullum, jun., and also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Steere.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	5
*DONALD G. CLIFT	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	CECIL NICE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BOLD STREET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt. in F.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES MARTIN	5
JAMES F. SMITH	2	LESTER L. GRAY...	6
JOHN BROWN...	3	EDWARD GAUNCE...	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

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

First Surprise peal on the bells, which have hung for a century in the first iron frame ever made.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, October 5th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, H. C. Reason 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, F. Ely 5, H. Symonds 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR	...Treble	*HERBERT TAYLOR	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON	2	JOHN H. PAULSON	5
*WILLIAM BLAGSHAW	3	BERNARD ALLSOP	7
EDWIN BLACKWELL	4	*ROBERT ALLSOP	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at Darley Dale except J. H. Paulson, who is from Matlock, and who rejoined the M.C.A. before the peal.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST YORK	...Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	5
*HARRY BUCKLER	2	†WALTER THOMAS	6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	3	ALFRED KING	7
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	4	JOHN THOMPSON	...Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung for Trafalgar Day (21st).

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, PIMLICO, S.W.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON	...Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5
HERBERT LANGDON	2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
PERCY E. CLARK	4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE	...Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This peal was arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, Somerset.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BRADBURY	...Treble	ARTHUR WILLIAMS	5
W. HAROLD JONES	2	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
FRED BIRRS	3	JOHN PERRY	7
*A. FREDERICK W. HARRIS	4	CHARLES J. BASTONE	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung for the dedication festival and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. F. Mitchell.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER W. WARWICK	...Treble	WILLIAM HIBBERT	5
*ERNEST WARWICK	2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6
ROBERT W. WARWICK	3	KINGSLEY N. BURT	7
EDWARD T. SNELLER	4	*HARRY BROWN	...Tenor

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, September 29th, in St. Martin's Cathedral belfry (on handbells), 1,260 Stedman Triples: William Willson 1-2, Harold J. Poole (conductor) 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Josiah Morris 7-8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEBBLE	...Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
*ROY A. WOODARD	2	GEORGE WILSON	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
*REGINALD C. KERSEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first peal ever rung by eight brothers.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JAMES MARSH	...Treble	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM SHARPLES	2	WILLIAM TAYLOR	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	JOHN THOMAS MILLER	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	...Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

The composition has the full combination of 4-5-6, in 5-6, and is the first produced with only two singles containing this number of changes.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART No 1. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK WILLS	...Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	2	†WILLIAM A. WILLS	6
*ERNIE HILL	3	WILLIAM H. HORNE	7
JOHN HOSGOOD	4	JOHN S. HARRIS	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ages of the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th are 16, 16 and 17 respectively. It was also the first peal for the new Exeter District Branch.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN	...Treble	WILLIAM T. BREESON	5
THOMAS ADAMS	2	JOHN COOK	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Abel Smith.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb. in C sharp.

ROLAND BIGGS	...Treble	HARRY WINGROVE	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A wedding peal for Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Henry Abel Smith, who were married at Balcombe, Sussex, the same day. First peal of Surprise on these bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the county. The band tender their thanks to the Rector and Mr. William Bunker, churchwarden, for placing the tower at their disposal for the afternoon.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church on October 8th, 720 of Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court Minor in 25 mins.: F. Lipscombe 1, J. H. Bluff 2, J. R. Nichols 3, G. Slaughter 4, W. Waldron 5, James Bluff (conductor) 6. First spliced 720 by all.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WELTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Charles B. Chester	...Treble	†P.S. Fred Bishop ...	... 4
*William N. Alcock ...	... 2	Arthur Baldwin ...	... 5
*Herbert Lowman ...	... 3	George W. Creasey	...Tenor

Conducted by G. W. Creasey.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. Rung for the harvest festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. T. Lowman, of St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*F. E. Sandford ...	...Treble	†T. E. Davies ...	... 4
S. A. Baker	... 2	†J. R. Rawlings...	... 5
I. J. Rawlings	... 3	W. E. Davies ...	...Tenor

Conducted by I. J. Rawlings.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Edward Hopkins ...	...Treble	Percy Amos	... — 3
John R. Nichols ...	... 2	John H. Bluff	... 4
Ronald Russell ...	...Tenor		

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells. Previous to ringing the peal the treble ringer had never rung more than 360 changes at one stretch.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Miss Evelyn Steel ...	...Treble	Pearl Inskip	... 4
Norman Inskip	... 2	Reginald West	... 5
Harry Tysoe	... 3	Charles Wm. Clarke	...Tenor

Conducted by C. W. Clarke.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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 18 cwt.

Arthur Keeble	...Treble	Harry D. Lister ...	... 4
George Pryke	... 2	Arthur Grimwood ...	... 5
Keith W. Whittell...	... 3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	...Tenor

Conducted by Garnham A. Blaxcell.

HOYLANDSWAINE.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

E. Brookes	...Treble	W. Steele	... 4
W. Dyson	... 2	H. Broadhead	... 5
R. Crossland	... 3	L. A. Field	...Tenor

Conducted by E. Brookes.

First peal and first attempt by all except the conductor

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

H. Jim Ralph	...Treble	Frank Price	... 4
*George H. Whitemore ...	2	William C. Shute ...	... 5
Wilfrid P. Lambert ...	3	Thomas J. Setter ...	...Tenor

Conducted by W. C. Shute.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were rehung and treble added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1926. Rung to commemorate the reopening of Eyke Church after restoration.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

Eric G. Bennett ...	...Treble	David Cracknell ...	... 4
Raymond Grant... ...	... 2	David Whiting	... 5
Keith W. Whittell... ...	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	...Tenor

Conducted by Garnham A. Blaxcell.

WOOD GREEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob rung alternately and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Arthur F. Warren ...	...Treble	John T. J. Roberts ...	... 4
Reginald T. Newman ...	2	*H. Noel Clark ...	... 5
William J. Norton	3	Frederick A. Barker	...Tenor

Conducted by F. A. Barker.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Henry Abel Smith, and also as a birthday compliment to W. J. Norton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Vine House,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Dr. Leonard H. Taylor ...	1-2	George W. Fletcher ...	5-6
Mrs. G. W. Fletcher ...	3-4	Edwin H. Lewis	7-8

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by E. H. Lewis.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

In St. Martin's Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

Harold J. Poole... ...	1-2	Ernest Morris	5-6
Geo. Stedman	3-4	William Willson ...	7-8
		*Frederick E. Wilson ...	9-10

Composed by Henry W. Haley. Conducted by Harold J. Poole

* First 'in hand' and first of Caters. Rung in honour of the marriage of Ruth, only daughter of Mr. H. T. Wilson, of Farnsfield, Notts, to J. Frederick Milner, of Southwell Cathedral Society. It was also the conductor's birthday.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE LAST SURVIVOR.

At St. George's Church, Dunster, Somerset, for morning service on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. T. Tudball 1, J. J. Hole 2, A. R. Tudball 3, H. W. Lloyd 4, T. Elliott 5, W. Dibble 6, W. W. Thorne (Guildford, Surrey, conductor) 7, W. Owen 8. W. W. Thorne is the only surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on these bells 48 years ago. The rest of the company are all Sunday service ringers at Dunster.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

FIRST MEETING AT BUCKFASTLEIGH.

A successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday last. The weather was beautiful, and a good muster of ringers was present from Exeter, Whimple, Sidmouth, Kenn, Littlehempston, Paignton, Cockington, Brixham, Clyst St. George, Plymouth, etc., as well as ringers from the locality. The bells of the Parish Church were raised soon after 2 o'clock, and a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung. A move was then made to Buckfast Abbey, where the Lord Abbot of Buckfast had kindly given permission for the use of the bells. Here rounds were rung on the back ten in order that all who wished to do so should have a pull. Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were then rung, and the bells were lowered and the visitors came to St. Luke's Church, where a hearty service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Horace Mylchreest). Some of the choirboys assisted, Mr. E. W. Penny (organist) was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman).

The Vicar gave an excellent address from the text, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands' (Psalm 19, verse 4). He mentioned the Stedman Tercentenary, which was being kept this year, and commemorated by the restoration of the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, where Fabian Stedman used to ring.

A collection was afterwards taken for the Branch Instruction Fund.

After the service the visitors adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where over 40 sat down to tea. The usual business meeting, which followed, was presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton.

The secretary explained why the meeting was being held at Buckfastleigh instead of Ashburton, which was originally chosen.

For the annual meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 23rd, St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, was selected.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, organist and choir for the welcome extended, and this was replied to by the Vicar, who remarked that it was the first time he had attended a Guild meeting. He said that it was the first orthodox meeting of ringers to be held at Buckfastleigh, and he hoped it would not be the last.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the Abbey bells, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett for making the arrangements.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, mentioning among them Mr. S. R. Roper, of Croydon.—Messrs. Roper, E. Shepherd (Exeter) and W. J. Rowland (churchwarden) suitably replied. This ended the business, and the party returned to the Parish Church.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

EASTERN MEMBERS SUPPORT RESOLUTION ON PAINSWICK 'PEAL.'

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Wilby on October 10th. This is a beautiful ring of eight bells, which go well, but owing to the noise in the ringing chamber, they are not very comfortable to ring, nor is it easy for 'scratch' bands to accomplish any touches on them. Perhaps for this reason the attendance, though representative, was not large.

It was decided to hold a meeting on November 28th at Woodbridge.

There was considerable discussion on the secretary's motion, which he brought forward here, in the east of the county; as he had previously done at the meeting at Cavendish, in the west. This stated that this meeting recommends the annual meeting to take steps to remove from the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words '17,687 changes,' being on the tablet lately fixed in Painswick Church.

Mr. Drake said that, in addition to the reasons he had already given, they should remember that the repetition of changes not only vitiated all that followed, but also affected the rows that had already been once rung, and which, thereby, became false when rung for a second time. These rows were then, not changes, but duplicates. It was the same in other performances, such as music or athletics, a defect at the end spoiled the whole. The object of guilds such as theirs was to keep up the standard in these matters. He himself would lose all interest in ringing if they were going to have two ideas of what were changes. He went further, and, as a churchman, he held that there ought not to be untrue statements put up in a house of God. He had taken part in services in Painswick Church in the past, and had hoped to do so again if he lived. But he did not wish to go into that church now as long as there was that untrue statement on its walls. He would avoid it, and he would avoid Gloucestershire.

All present supported the resolution with the exception of Mr. J. Langstroth, who said that the feat was a very fine one, that the ringers were entitled to a board, and that the Suffolk Guild ought not to interfere.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Marriot, for so generously giving the tea and for the use of the bells.

Notice was given of a guild practice meeting, to be held monthly at Ufford, the first being on October 24th. This was duly held last Saturday, and was very successful. A number of those learning new methods attended from Woodbridge and other towers, and made much more progress than they would have done at home.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Miss Kathleen Annie Hughes, eldest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, celebrates her 'coming of age' to-day. To-morrow a peal in honour of the event is to be attempted at Stepney, and in this the young lady's father and grandfather will take part.

Several well-known composers have endeavoured to get a peal of Double Norwich Major with all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 in a length less than 5,376 with only two singles. Among them were Mr. Arthur Knights, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. George Lewis and the late Mr. Arthur Craven, but it baffled them all.

The 'plum' has fallen to one of our younger composers. As the result of a talk between Mr. Knights and Mr. C. W. Roberts at Sheffield during the northern tour, the latter has got a peal with these properties in 5,152, and it was called last Saturday by Mr. B. A. Knights at Penwortham.

The service ringers at Leesfield Parish Church, Lancs, have rung their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major together at their first attempt, and the performance included five 'first peals.' The peal was rung at Marsden, Yorkshire, and they wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Marsden ringers for having everything in readiness for them.

One hundred and twenty years ago to-day the first double-handed handbell peal was rung. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield.

Exactly a hundred years ago next Sunday a peal of 6,160 Double Norwich Major (the longest in the method up to that time) was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

Next Thursday is the 110th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative, rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Bob Major at Hethersett on October 15th was George H. Moore.

The peal of Minor at Burton-in-Lonsdale on October 17th was rung for the Lancashire Association, and not the Yorkshire Association.

It is interesting to recall that it is just 20 years since the famous band of Bailey brothers rang their peal of Bob Major at Leiston. The anniversary was commemorated by a peal at Leiston on Saturday, but only three of the brothers took part, James M., Ernest S. and Charles F.

The other brothers in the original band were Allan F. (now doing much handbell peal ringing at Stockport), Frederick W., Leonard P., Norman R. and Edgar H.

It has been found necessary to cancel the Hertford County Association meeting, which was to have been held at King's Walden to-morrow.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

As we go to press we learn with much regret of the death, which took place on Tuesday last, of Mr. James E. Groves, of 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Mr. Groves, who was 63 years of age, had been in ill-health for some time, and his death removes one of the best-known figures in Midland ringing circles.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to Mrs. Groves, the widow, in her bereavement.

THE REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

OPERATION AFTER AN ACCIDENT.

We are glad to report that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who has been under treatment at Wallasey Cottage Hospital, Cheshire, is progressing most favourably.

Mr. Edwards visited the Vicar of St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Oct. 10th, to preach, as he usually does, at the meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild. Unfortunately, he had a fall at the swimming baths and damaged an arm. Nevertheless, despite physical disability, with his arm in a red silk sling and obviously no little pain, he preached the sermon, which was founded on Stedman's principle, and afterwards attended the tea and meeting, where he was given a very warm reception.

As the result of the accident, however, he contracted some virulent germ, and blood poisoning set in. He was removed to hospital, where it was found necessary to open his arm, and it was then ascertained that he had also chipped off a piece of bone at the elbow point.

His many friends will be glad to learn of his improvement.

A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Saffron Walden Society records contain the names of several well-known and noted ringers.

One of its present members, who is also well-known to the Exercise, has recently accomplished rather a unique performance by composing and conducting peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus within about two months.

It would be interesting to know if any member of the Exercise has previously accomplished such a performance.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

PROGRESS OF THE RESTORATION WORK.

Excellent progress has been made with the work of restoration in connection with the bells and tower of St. Bene't's, Cambridge. Since the bells were removed, the builder, Mr. Sinfield, has constructed the reinforced concrete corbel course right round the interior of the tower, and, thanks to the special brand of quick-drying cement which has been used and which was the generous gift of the Tunnel Cement Co., Ltd., it was possible to begin the re-erection of the bell frame last Monday.

The old cage, originally built before Stedman's days, was in wonderful preservation, and only one or two members have had to be replaced. It is to be carried on new main oak beams of large section, and the work on these foundations has been completed.

The bells will return to Cambridge next week. They have been provided by Messrs. Taylor and Co. with entirely new fittings, and a limited amount of tuning has been done to bring the strike notes into proper relation.

Preparations are being made for the reopening of the bells and the celebration of the tercentenary on Saturday, December 5th, and next week we hope to give preliminary details of the programme.

Those who have not yet forwarded their promised contributions to the fund should do so without delay. They can be sent to—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey,

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

FIVE BELLS AND FIVE METHODS.

THE 'GUILD SPIRIT' IN MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The Rev. L. Bartlett, chairman of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, having left the district at the beginning of the year, and the hon. secretary (Mr. Cyril Hussey) having removed from Aldbourne, with eight bells, to Grafton, with none, the Marlborough Branch has been working for the past year under difficulties. But although the attendance at meetings has not been all that can be desired, the real 'Guild spirit' is only dormant, not dead. It awoke and blossomed at Chisledon on Saturday last. The hon. secretary was present and members from Aldbourne and Ogbourne, also Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch) and Mr. Winter (from St. John's, Devizes), together with the local ringers. What the company lacked in numbers they made up for in energy and determination. Grandsire Doubles, the usual fare provided at five-bell towers, was soon disposed of, and Bob Doubles followed. Then Stedman was proposed. After the first attempt someone humorously suggested it reminded him of the efforts to 'fire' the bells for the King's birthday. Someone else said, 'Never mind, we will try a touch for every member of the Royal family until one is brought round.' The Prince of Wales did it! God bless the Prince of Wales. By this time everyone was keen to try something never attempted before. Tea, however, became a necessity before further efforts. There being no 'Trocadero' or 'Lyons' or even 'A.B.C.' in Chisledon, the local band very kindly distributed the visitors among their respective homes and dispensed hospitality. Heartfelt thanks by the visitors for this kindness.

After tea the Vicar came to the belfry and gave the visitors a welcome. Bob Doubles were rung, and then the adventurous spirits, after a brief theory lecture by a local expert, went for a 120 of Canterbury Doubles, which was successfully brought round. Another member of the company then explained St. Dunstan's Doubles, and, after a trip or two, this also was brought to a successful conclusion. How many more five-bell methods would have been rung it is impossible to say if the time to cease ringing had not arrived. One thing is certain—every member that attended that meeting was given the opportunity to learn something new, and, what is more important still, 'took it.' And that is how successful meetings are made. If one may judge from the farewells, all enjoyed themselves and hope to meet again.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

The October quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, the following towers being represented: Allesley, Bulkington, Lillington, Nuneaton, Stoke and Warwick, together with members of the local band. There was ringing on the light peal of eight at George Eliot's 'Shepperton' Church from about 3 to 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the president of the Guild (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'We love the place, O God' and 'Saviour again to Thy dear Name we raise,' were sung. The address was homely yet encouraging, and was much appreciated by those who heard it. Mr. H. Argyle, one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, read the lesson, and Mr. N. Dodds officiated at the organ. Tea in the school followed, and 30 members and friends sat down.

Before the business meeting began, the Vicar rose to say that he had a very pleasant duty to perform. He asked the members present to cast their minds back to the beginning of August, when their secretary (Mrs. Beamish) was Miss D. E. Lewis. He spoke of the esteem in which she was held by all the members of the Guild, of the work she had done as hon. secretary, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Beamish long life and happiness. He asked her to accept with the best wishes of the Guild an oak hat rack, on which was a silver plate inscribed: 'Presented to Miss E. Lewis by the Warwickshire Guild of Bellringers on the occasion of her marriage, August 3rd, 1931'; also a copy of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris.

Mrs. Beamish thanked the members for their handsome gifts, and said that it had always been a pleasure to work for the Guild.—Mr. A. H. Beamish also thanked the members for their generosity to his wife, saying that whatever she undertook she did thoroughly and in no slip-shod fashion.

The business meeting followed this pleasant episode, the Vicar taking the chair. It was explained that the meeting was originally fixed for Warwick, but owing to the presentation to the hon. secretary, it was decided, in the meantime, to hold it at Chilvers Coton, Mrs. Beamish's home tower, as being most appropriate. Therefore, the January quarterly meeting would be held at Warwick, and the November monthly meeting at Bulkington. The December meeting was dispensed with owing to the proximity to Christmas.

Three new members were elected from Arley.

Mr. O. J. Hunt, the auditor, having left the district, Mr. H. Argyle (Nuneaton) was elected to fill the vacancy for the current year.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies.

Handbell ringing was then indulged in, Messrs. Perrens, Pervin, Hooton and Whitehead ringing a course of Double Norwich, while Mr. H. Argyle joined them for Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. Other members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until about 8.30. The majority of the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening up to London and Bristol Surprise, including also some Spliced London and Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION IN GUILDFORD.

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association made a friendly invasion of the centre of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when a meeting was held at the ten-bell tower of S. Nicolas', Guildford. There were members and visitors from Beddington, Benhilton, Buckland, two Croydon towers, Twickenham, Aldershot, Cathedral and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Dorking and Woking. Among the party were five young ringers, of both sexes, from St. Peter's, Croydon. They form part of an enthusiastic little company of beginners, whose ages range from 12 to 19 years, and are being taught by Mr. T. Mills. Although they began only a few months ago, some of them rang Grandsire Triples at the meeting. The ringing also included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and London Surprise Major.

The short service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Tappenden (curate), who, although not a ringer, gave a striking address upon the words, 'My voice is to the sons of men.'

Tea at Ayers' Cafe was followed by a short business meeting, at which the belfry election of Mr. D. Vincent (Sunderland) was ratified, and Roy Simmonds and Harry Simmonds were elected ringing members of St. Peter's, Croydon.

It was necessary to alter the previously arranged date for the next meeting, which is to be held at Benhilton, and December 12th was fixed after a close vote.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. W. Tappenden for the service and address, to the organist, to Mr. C. Hazelden and the S. Nicolas' band for the arrangements made, and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for presiding at the meeting. The Chairman said he welcomed the Surrey Association to Guildford, in the very heart of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, because he felt that this friendly interchange of visits would cement the good feeling which already existed between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild.

AN OLD BRISTOL RING.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S.

In the church books of the parish of St. Michael, Bristol (City), is the following entry:—

May 30th, 1739.—At a Parish Meeting it was decided and agreed that the Churchwarden should provide and put up six new bells and frame in the Tower, making the old bell go as far towards it as it will with new frame, wheels and everything necessary. The Churchwarden to be reimbursed by a Church rate.

And thus it came about that William Evans, of Chepstow, who ten years earlier had recast 'Grandison,' Exeter Cathedral's tenor, was entrusted with the making a new ring of six for Bristol, and installed the bells that hang in St. Michael's tower to this day. They are inscribed as follows:—

Treble (3¼ cwt.).—James Kellson, Parish Clerk. W. E.
2nd.—Francis Pitts, Thomas Wellington, Gents. W. E.



TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

3rd.—Wm. Whitton, Thomas Jones, Thomas Practt. W. E.
4th.—Percival Thomas, Percivall J. Dolman, W. Oliver. W. E.
5th.—John Hale, Churchwarden; Gilbert Cobb, Thomas Gibbs, Gents. W. E.

Tenor (13¼ cwt.).—My sound to Church the living bring, and for the dead I always ring. Rev. Samuel Jocham, Rector. W. E. William Evans cast us all, 1739.

Early in the 18th century the east end of the church was destroyed by fire, but the west end was saved, and thus the tower and bells were not damaged.

The first peal of Minor in the city was rung in this tower on December 17th, 1898, and Mr. John Burford, now of St. Stephen's, is the only active member left of the peal ringing band.

Many prominent ringers have learnt their early ringing here, including the Thomas family, Stephen, William, George (in Canada) and John (now of Edmonton). In 1907 the Treble Bob methods, mostly the Delights, were extensively practised, and it is believed that this is the only instance in Bristol where Delight methods have been rung.

BURG.

17,687 CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—By using the word 'expel,' Mr. Coles has put quite a new meaning to the Suffolk Guild proposals. No one has ever suggested such a course of action. I certainly should not be in favour of any expulsion, either by a guild or by the Central Council. Our resolution, if passed, will be made quite effective without anything unpleasant.

Why was the Painswick peal false? For this reason and no other: 17,687 rows were rung, and they were not all changes. Over 16,000 changes were rung and some of the rest were duplicates. Apparently some people do not at present know the difference between changes and duplicates. (I am not, of course, referring to Mr. Coles here.) Well, they must learn the difference. If not, we will not have them in our Guild; nor, for the matter of that, will anyone call them change ringers. Does Mr. Coles suggest that there is anyone who cannot learn this difference? If not, there will be no one to 'expel.'

There are two other points. If we are agreed, we might perhaps induce the authorities to alter the word 'changes' to 'rows.' This would not be misleading, and would give due honour to those who did actually perform a wonderful feat, even if not a successful one. The present board is only a cause of amusement. This is the last thing we wish, when we think of those who rang. But if we are not agreed that the words '17,687 changes' are untrue, we can do nothing.

The other point is that the Suffolk Guild, unlike other guilds, has nothing in its rules to say that members must be change ringers. As far as I know, no round ringers have ever joined. But it is advisable that we should show our disapproval of these words being on a board; or we shall not be in a position to object if some members wished to put up a board recording, say, 5,000 changes, when we knew that only 4,000 changes and 500 duplicates had been rung.

HERBERT DRAKE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT STREATHAM.

The October meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at Streatham on October 17th, and brought together a goodly number of members and friends, who spent a pleasant afternoon and evening practising their noble art at the two Streatham towers. At 3 o'clock the early birds opened the proceedings at St. Leonard's, which has a good peal of eight, with tenor of about 14 cwt., which are very pleasing to the ear, and, thanks to Mr. J. Chapman (steeplekeeper), go like the proverbial tops. Conditions in the belfry have been greatly improved by the recent addition of an intermediate floor, which successfully eliminates noise. Touches in various methods were rung till 5.30, when an adjournment was made for tea and meeting.

These having been conducted in the Master's usual prompt and businesslike style, and votes of thanks having been accorded to the incumbents and steeplekeepers, the company 'shifted course,' and duly arrived at the Church of the Immanuel, where hang an eight by Warner (and quite good, too) of about 18 cwt., where several more friends assembled, including a well-known founder and his good lady, and ringing was carried on till 8.30. Everyone agreed the time had been well spent. Some of the places represented were Hounslow, Twickenham, Beckenham, Croydon, Thames Ditton and the North District.

5,120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356				1
56423		—	2	
53624	2			1
56234			1	2
32654			2	2
43526		—	2	2
45236			1	2
32546			2	2
62345		—	1	
65243		—	1	1
42563			2	2
64523	1	—	2	
63425	2			1
64235			1	2
32465			2	2
65324		—	2	
23456	1		1	

In this composition the 2nd and tenor never dodge together in 7-8.

Rung at St. James', Milnrow, Lancs, Saturday, January 24th, 1931, conducted by William Horan.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Tuesday, 15th September, for practice at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Trinles: H. Ferguson 1, T. H. Taffender (London, conductor) 2, H. Gibson 3, H. Hills (Duffield) 4, W. H. Barker 5, T. Lancaster (Middlesbrough) 6, H. Barton 7, F. Davidson 8.

OVER'S OCTAVE.

NEW BELLS DEDICATED AT CAMBRIDGESHIRE CHURCH.

The dedication of new trebles to complete the octave at Over, Cambs, took place on Saturday, October 24th. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Price, D.D., Archdeacon of Ely, performed the ceremony, which aroused great interest. The Bishop was attended by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Weston), the Rev. A. C. Hair (Willingham and Rural Dean), the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Dersingham and former Vicar of Over), the Rev. F. Ingle (Rampton), the Rev. B. H. Tyrrwhitt-Drake (Wallington, King's Lynn, general secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), the Rev. E. G. A. Gardener (Fen Drayton), the Rev. A. F. Royston (Lolworth), the Rev. Canon Woodard (Sutton, Isle of Ely), the Rev. C. E. O. Finch and the Rev. F. G. Cooksey (Swavesey). The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' and the dedicatory prayers followed. While the Bishop, clergy and choir proceeded to the chancel, rounds were rung by C. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, G. Whybrow 3, M. Ginn 4, F. Warrington 5, F. C. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, R. Smith 8.

The Bishop's address was based on the words, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it unto the Lord,' and was appreciated by all.

The towers represented at the service were Trumpington, Sawston, Somersham, St. Neots, Chatteris, Cambridge, Newton, Dry Drayton, Fulbourn and Melbourn. The collection, for the bell fund, taken by five local ringers, Messrs. A. J. Ginn (captain), F. Warrington (vice-captain), F. Ginn (treasurer), C. Robinson and R. Thoday, during the singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' amounted to £4 7s. 3d.

After the taking of group photographs, the opening touch was rung by C. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, M. Ginn 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, F. C. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Over 100 sat down to tea in the school close by, after which the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Weston) thanked all who had travelled so far, some from spots that he thought were 'off the map.'—The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Dersingham, Norfolk) replied, saying how pleased he was to be with them, for, if there was a village he loved, Over was that one. He thought the Vicar had overlooked the fact they were well on the map; they had the King next door (laughter).

The Rev. B. H. Tyrrwhitt-Drake associated himself with the previous speakers.

Mr. A. J. Ginn spoke on behalf of the ringers and heartily welcomed all to the tea. They were, he said, particularly glad to see the visiting ringers.

Mr. F. Warrington seconded Mr. Ginn's remarks, and appealed to all ringers to make an effort to stop to the services they rang for, except under special circumstances. Church bells, he added, were God's instruments of music, and ringers loved bells; therefore, they should love the service of those bells. He also spoke of the perfect splice of the new trebles put in by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, everyone agreeing it was a splendid piece of work.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who represented the firm, said he was pleased to have been entrusted with this work, as he and the Vicar were associated in London. He also stated how fortunate Over was to have 17 ringers. He hoped they would carry on the good work.

Mr. Radcliffe, of Mears and Stainbank, was present, and he was congratulated on the hanging of the bells.

A word of praise for the ladies must not be forgotten. Ringers' wives and friends provided a tea such 'as mother used to do.'

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—A.M.D.G., 1931. A thankoffering from F. G. Weston, M.A., Vicar. Ringing melody to the Lord.

2nd.—Laus Deo. In memory of Horace Bernard Woolley, M.A., Vicar of Long Stanton, 1905-1929. A ringers' friend. F. G. Weston, M.A., Vicar; H. Edwards, H. Asplin, Churchwardens. Given by Ingle Robinson, younger son of Ingle Robinson, clerk of this church, 1839-1883, and the united efforts of Over ringers.

For evening service on Sunday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), first on the bells as an octave: C. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, M. Ginn 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, F. C. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. All are members of the local company.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH.

A successful joint meeting of the Ely and Norwich Associations was held at Terrington St. Clement's on Saturday, October 10th, when members were present from Watlington, Elm, Shouldham, King's Lynn, Dersingham, Gaywood, Surfleet, Fakenham, Fleet, North Walsham, Wisbech, Harlow, Downham and a muster of the local band. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Boxley), who gave the ringers an appropriate address.

Tea was afterwards provided in the Boys' School by Mrs. A. A. Boxley.

At a business meeting, which followed, the Vicar presided and was elected an honorary member of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whittlesey.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea table.

METHODS SIMPLY EXPLAINED.

A POPULAR BOOK.

A new edition of 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples Simply Explained' (the seventh thousand) has just been printed. It is an excellent little book and has proved of great help to beginners. There are some improvements in the arrangement of the new edition, figures illustrating various points being put alongside the explanations.

For the most part, the directions for ringing are quite simple and easily understandable. There is, however, one point in which we think the authors (F. H. Roe and M. Broome) might make an alteration in future editions. The sections are headed respectively 'Grandsire Doubles (6 bells)' and 'Grandsire Triples (8 bells).' It might save confusion on the part of those who begin their study of change ringing through this book if it were explained that if six or eight bells are used in this method, the tenor is always behind and takes no part in the method, also that six bells are not essential for the ringing of Doubles, which can quite well be rung on five.

If there is one other suggestion that we would make it is that the explanation of the work at a bob in Triples might be further simplified. As it stands at present it might prove too great a tax on the memory of some beginners. But these are small things. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the fact that the book has run through six editions is ample testimony to the useful purpose which it is serving. Coupled with this it is published at the modest price of 6½d. post free. An advertisement in our notice columns gives information as to the address from which it can be obtained.

A DIAMOND WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, celebrated their golden wedding recently, when they were the recipients of many congratulations. Mr. Briggs is 81 years of age and his wife is two years older. They have brought up a family of eight children, four of whom are now alive. For over 65 years Mr. Briggs was a bellringer at Stoney Stanton Church, and at one time his seven sons used to ring with him. Among his proudest possessions is a Bible given him on the occasion of his golden wedding and a book, entitled 'The Fireside,' presented to him in recognition of his services as a bellringer at the village church.

Mr. Briggs is keenly interested in music, and in his younger days was a singer of great ability, and for many years was a chorister. The choruses from 'The Messiah' and other great works he still knows thoroughly. Although he had no schooling whatever, he reads and writes with ease, and to him the greatest of all books is the Bible.

On Saturday, October 17th, the following met for a peal of Cambridge Surprise, but unfortunately lost it after 2 hours, viz.: C. Henry Webb (Croft), Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary, M.C.A.), the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A. (Rector of Stanton), William Willson (vice-president, M.C.A.), John Oldham (Loughborough Bell Foundry), Thomas W. Chapman (Nuneaton), Percy Harrison and Fred H. Dexter (of Leicester Cathedral).

After ringing the church bells, the party repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs to congratulate them and to cheer them with handbell selections. Tunes were played by Messrs. Webb, Morris and Harrison, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. The veteran 'Grandsire' Briggs then rang 7-8 in Triples and 9-10 in Caters after the manner born of long practice, and piloted them through faultlessly, despite the fact that he has not rung for several years. His son, Charles, who is now in charge of Stanton belfry, also took part, and an enjoyable evening was spent, the whole party retiring well pleased and wishing 'God-speed' to the veteran Darby and Joan. May they yet live long to enjoy the quiet peace and tranquillity of the evening of life.

Mr. Briggs is one of the best-known ringers of the Hinckley district of the M.C.A., and has rung over 30 peals in all the standard methods.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very happy gathering was the verdict on the meeting of the Eastern Division held at the quiet old-world village of Hunsdon, which lies in a very pretty part of Hertfordshire, only 20 miles from the Metropolis. Yet one might fancy it a hundred miles off, for Hunsdon still retains its quietude, except that a few buses find their way here. These conveyances, however, helped the enjoyment of the meeting by bringing along a few ringers. A very bright service was held, the hymns, psalm and canticles being accompanied by the organist, and a short address given by the new Rector. Tea and business meeting followed, and during the afternoon and evening good practice was gained. Twenty-five attended, and all enjoyed themselves during the lovely autumn afternoon.

A CHANGE OVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find that Canterbury Surprise and Alnwick Surprise are changed over in the new edition of the Central Council 'Collection.' Which is correct? I find Canterbury is a very old method, why, therefore, has the change been made? Is it an error or is there some reason for it?—Yours faithfully,

JAMES MORGAN.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, and was fairly well attended by members from Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Lincoln, Misterton, Nettleham, Scotter, Scunthorpe, Springthorpe, Ulceby and Willingham, in addition to the local company. Messrs. J. Flint and J. Moss (Bolsover), J. H. Brothwell (Treeton) and H. Haigh (Worksop) were welcome visitors. The ring of eight bells was well utilised during the afternoon and evening.

Service, consisting of the Guild office, was conducted by the Vicar, and a most appropriate address was given by the Rev. R. Bond, of Grayingham. Mr. Alan Stephenson presided at the organ and a number of the choirboys assisted in the singing.

Afterwards 39 members and friends sat down to a substantial tea at the Sun Hotel.

Mr. P. F. Linley (president) took the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Bond and members of the committee.

Canon Round-Turner having to leave early, a vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells, the service and for his presence. In response, he gave a very hearty welcome to the branch, also some useful advice in regard to instructing ringers, at the same time stating that he wished a more simplified book could be published on the subject.

It was agreed that the set of Central Council's publications which Mr. George Chester had obtained should be retained by the branch, thus enabling those members desirous of purchasing them the opportunity of doing so through him.

Ewerby was fixed as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the members expressing their wish that it should be held not later than the last Saturday in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher for his useful and instructive address, and the Rev. R. Bond, in responding, stated that although in accordance with his doctor's instructions he was compelled to give up ringing, yet it still had a warm place in his heart.

Reference was made to the loss which the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. F. A. Holden, the members standing in silence as a tribute of respect.

Votes of thanks were passed to the organist and choirboys, the caterers for the splendid tea provided, and Mr. Linley for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Bristol, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, also rounds for the benefit of learners.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting of the Leicester District was held at King's Norton and Gaulby on Saturday. The bells were raised about 3.30 and kept going in various methods. Tea was partaken of in the Village Institute by 21 members, and thanks are due to Mrs. Patrick for her arrangements.

After tea suggestions were asked for the programme of the jubilee of the M.C.A. at Derby on Easter Monday next.

It was proposed that a lunch and dinner should be held, with the committee meeting before lunch and general meeting after; also, if competition ringing takes place, as suggested at the last general meeting, that the other towers in the town be open as well, otherwise the members were not in favour of competition ringing. Further, it was suggested that a short service be held in the Cathedral, followed by the dinner, and afterwards a concert, with singing and handbell ringing, etc. These proposals were, of course, only suggestions to next general meeting at Beeston in January.

The tower was again visited afterwards, but a political meeting in the Institute at 7 p.m. unfortunately put an end to ringing in this tower. Permission was, however, granted to ring at the next village of Gaulby, where good use was made of the bells until just after 8 p.m., despite the fact that the 'go' of them is 'rather rough.'

Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells of the two towers, and thanks are also due to Mr. Ernest A. Marsh for conveying the members to King's Norton and Gaulby. Without this help the meeting would have been an absolute failure, as the towers are situated in an out-of-the-way spot.

LONG COMRADESHIP IN THE BELFRY.

Thirty-five years ago on Thursday, October 15th, a team of six bellringers was formed in the parish of Marnhull, Dorset (the 'Marlot' of Hardy), and they have rung together ever since. Their average age is 63. On Thursday night they rang together in memory of their long comradeship of the belfry, and their captain, who, on the 25th anniversary, gave them each a little silver bell medal to wear, is now giving them each a walking stick to help their willing older steps towards the belfry door.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT BISHOP'S WALTHAM.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday last, when the fine weather attracted a large number of ringers from Bishop's Waltham, Gosport, Lymington, North Stoneham, Overton, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Southampton, Swanmore, Ryde, Titchfield, Twyford, Wickham and members of the local band.

The two peals of six at Swanmore and Bishop's Waltham were available during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage. At the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. H. Stubbs), Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

An excellent tea was served in the Elms Hut, which was followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary) and others. The Rector was elected an honorary member and A. Garrett (Petersfield) a ringing member.

A vote of congratulation to the Master and Mrs. Williams on celebrating their golden wedding was passed with acclamation.

A sadder note was struck when the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. H. Barton on the loss of his wife recently.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Fareham on January 23rd, or, failing this, at Alverstoke.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and also the Vicar of Swanmore for the use of their respective towers, and also to the organist for his services.—In reply, the Rector said how delighted he was to be there on that occasion, and hoped the members would partake of his hospitality during the coming year.

A further visit was made to the towers at the conclusion of the meeting, the methods practised being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire, Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

THE ISLAND BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Island Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Ryde, on Saturday, October 17th. Ringers attended from Brading, Chale, Godshill, Gosport (Holy Trinity), Newport, Carisbrooke, Portsmouth Cathedral and Ryde. The visitors included Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (chairman of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and Mr. J. Thomas, of Edmonton. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon G. A. Johnstone, M.A.), who based his address to the members on 'Fellowship.' Mr. O. E. Weare presided at the organ.

Tea was afterwards served at the Welby Institute, and at the business meeting following it was resolved to hold a combined practice meeting at Brading on Saturday, November 28th, and the annual meeting at Newport on Saturday, January 30th.

Messrs. W. Salisbury and Legg, of Brading, were elected ringing members of the Guild.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

A PENDLETON CENTENARY.

St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester on October 7th, 1831. At that time it had only one bell. In 1844 seven more were added by Mears, and these did duty until 1906, when the present ring were put in by Taylor and Co. There have been upwards of 100 peals rung on them since, and in honour of the centenary another was attempted, but was lost just past the half-way. A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire on the 9th and a quarter-peal of Stedman after the attempt for the peal on the 10th, those taking part in the ringing being: E. Moores, S. Greenhalgh, W. J. Howard, W. Edwards, R. Johnson, W. H. Shuker, H. Hollingworth, H. Greenhalgh, W. E. Clark, J. Potter and A. E. Wreaks. All these are Sunday service ringers with the exception of Mr. J. Potter, Walkden, who kindly came to conduct the peal, and Mr. A. E. Wreaks, Paisley, who learnt his ringing at Pendleton in the seventies, and who came down from Scotland specially to be associated with the centenary ringing, which was carried forward to four services on the Sunday. Mr. H. Greenhalgh conducted all the quarter-peals.

WEDDING BELLS AT BUSHEY HEATH.

On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Peter's Church, Bushey Heath, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: W. J. Simons 1, G. A. Hughes 2, E. Ashby 3, J. E. Rootes 4, T. Norris 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, A. Deamer 7, H. C. Corkram 8, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Charles Cook to Miss Hilda Olive Langley, which took place that day. Mr. Cook is a member of the band at St. Peter's, and the ringers wish the bride and bridegroom many years of health and happiness together.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On October 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: J. A. Green (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, A. N. Wood 2, T. Roberts 3, H. Ridgeway 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

DARLINGTON.—For evensong, on Sunday, October 25th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: *J. Farey 1, A. Coates 2, *S. Woodhouse 3, A. W. Coates 4, J. Trappit (Croydon) 5, W. Broadley 6, W. Dowson 7, H. Taylor (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells since renovation by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *A. H. Lambert 1, C. Dale 2, E. A. Morris 3, G. H. Williams 4, J. Bayliss (conductor) 5, W. C. Rhodes 6, J. Fifield 7, *E. H. Hill 8. * First quarter-peal.

UXBRIDGE.—On October 18th, at the Church of St. Andrew, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. Lucas 1, W. Henley 2, E. Hancox 3, R. Warnett 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, P. E. Jones 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—For evening service, October 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. A. Newman 1, G. Bell 2, W. Eldridge 3, T. Saunders 4, L. A. Newman 5, A. P. Cannon (first touch of Kent as conductor) 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on October 11th for harvest festival and to commemorate the peal by all Ilsley men rung on October 11th, 1930, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: W. Warwick 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, E. Sneller 4, K. Burt (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. Hibbert 6, W. Hibbert, sen., 7, J. Field 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,280) London Surprise Major: W. H. Fussell 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, W. Henley 3, G. Gilbert 4, L. Stilwell 5, C. C. Mayne 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, H. Wingrove 8. First quarter of London by L. Stilwell and on the bells.

GODALMING, SURREY.—After service, on Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pamment 1, Mrs. C. Hazelden 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, G. Tomsett 5, C. E. Smith (conductor) 6, C. Hazelden 7, A. J. Bartlett 8. Rung for the harvest festival. First quarter-peal on the bells since they were rehung.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—For harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday, September 27th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evensong at the harvest festival: F. Chambers 1, N. Brown (Poolstock, Wigan, first quarter-peal) 2, W. Miller 3, N. Kenyon 4, T. Chambers 5, F. Bradley 6, A. Tomlinson 7, J. Sanderson 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, and was well attended, ringers being present from Beckenham, Bromley, Crayford, Chislehurst, Dartford, Erith, Eltham, Greenwich, Hayes, Lewisham, Seal and Woolwich. Ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches in all the standard methods. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an interesting address. The presence of the organist and choir was greatly appreciated.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church Hall, there to partake of high tea, generously provided by the churchwarden, the Vicar occupying the head of the table. Immediately tea was over the company was entertained with a touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells by Messrs. H. Audsley, R. Brett-Smith, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, jun., and T. Groombridge, sen.

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

Two ringers were elected members of the association, and the elections of six members previous to peals were confirmed.

The following officers were re-elected: District secretary, Mr. A. Hill; representatives on General Committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, jun., and W. Smith; District Ringing Master, Mr. T. Groombridge.

Christ Church, Erith, was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 30th.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and his address and for presiding at the meeting; to the organist and choir for their services; to Mr. H. V. Game (churchwarden) for his generous hospitality; to the ladies for their help at tea; and to Mr. W. J. Jeffries (captain of St. John's ringers) for the arrangement of such an enjoyable meeting. This was seconded by W. Smith and carried with applause.—Mr. Game responded.

The Vicar pronounced the Blessing and declared the meeting closed.

The members then found their way back to the tower, and further ringing brought a successful gathering to an end.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Burden, Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street. Southwark Cathedral from 1.30 to 2.50. Brahms' 'Requiem' at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock; preacher, Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea at 4.30. Gentlemen heartily invited. —Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3.15.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at Ten Bells 4.45, 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. A good opportunity for ten-bell practice.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (9d.) and business meeting in the Parish Hall. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Market Drayton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting at 4.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (1s. each).—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. Good bus service. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this new ring of six.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

NORTH HERTS.—The meeting at King's Walden arranged for to-morrow, October 31st, is cancelled.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the City Church of All Saints, Oxford, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth to-morrow, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

EXBOURNE, DEVON.—The ring of six bells, restored and augmented by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 31st, at 3 p.m.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—The restored ring of five bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be reopened at the evening service (6.30 p.m.) on Sunday next, November 1st.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at Hallow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, November 4th. Buses run from Worcester every half-hour.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on November 7th. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Business includes nomination of officers for next year. Mr. F. Woodiss is arranging the tea. Members please send their numbers to him at 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, before November 5th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than November 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, November 7th. Six bells. Tea to those who notify Mr. E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, by the 4th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A special meeting of the above will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of the peal of ten at St. Oswald's Church. These bells have been restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. A special service will be held in church at 3.30 p.m., and bells will be available immediately afterwards. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street. Notice to Mr. Rosson, 6, Water Street, by November 4th. All ringers are welcome at this meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossen's on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please try and attend. A hearty welcome to visitors. I should be glad if members with subscriptions outstanding would let me have them.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Bedford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches of the above Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, November 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Dujon's Cafe. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries by Wednesday, November 4th?—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebroke Rectory, Peterborough; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, November 7th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Those coming to tea please let me know by November 4th.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham, Saturday, November 7th, at 3.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Breaston (6 bells) on Saturday, November 7th, from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and ring your Minor methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23 Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, November 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards (all ringers welcome). Intending visitors please notify me by Thursday, November 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. It is most essential that all ringers intending to be present and requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday morning, the 11th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 18th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

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