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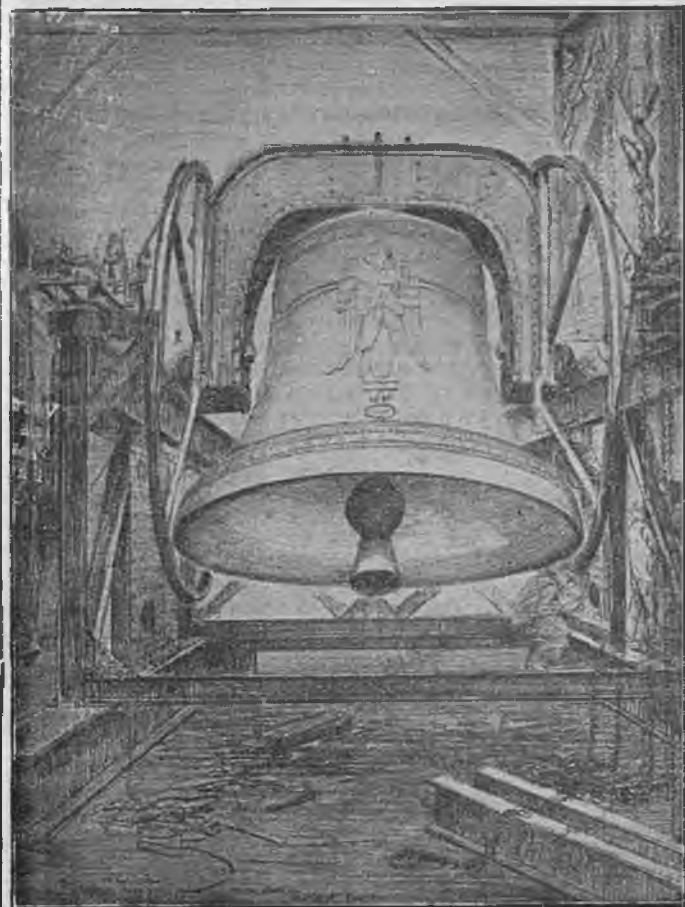
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FIFTY YEARS OF PEAL PROGRESS.

The jubilee celebrations of numerous ringing associations and guilds have been a reminder of the changes which have been effected in the last fifty years in our art and all that appertains to it, but nothing is more striking than the remarkable progress made in regard to peal ringing during the half century. The peals analysis for 1931 — compiled with stupendous labour by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council — which we publish this week, reveals the total of 2,082 peals rung in the twelve months, the greatest number ever recorded in one year, except in that phenomenal period, 1912 and 1913, which produced 2,329 and 2,358 peals respectively. We are getting back close to the peak figures of twenty years ago, and it is significant that it has taken so long to make up the leeway which resulted from the war. It is not our intention at this moment, however, to trace the recovery in peal ringing in the last twelve years or so. In this year of many 'jubilees' it is almost more interesting to carry the comparison back, as we are able to do for the first time, a full fifty years and note the progress that has been made over the fuller period.

In 1881 the total number of peals recorded was 156 — an average of exactly three a week. In 1931 the average weekly number was 40! The year 1881 was the first for which any details were compiled, but there are no analytical statistics available and one can only take a general survey of the performances. The performances consisted chiefly of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major, with an occasional peal of Caters or Royal and a still rarer peal of Stedman Triples or Cinques. Compare such a record with last year, with not only its huge aggregate of peals, but its vast variety. The peal ringers of fifty years ago may have known something of the complexity of the higher methods, but what knowledge they had gave them the impression that peals of the kind were almost unringable. Surprise ringing, even on eight bells, was all but a closed book to them; to-day it is common everyday practice all over the country. On eight, ten and twelve bells, 387 Surprise peals were rung last year — considerably more than twice the total number of all peals rung in 1881, when even Double Norwich was almost unheard of in peal ringing. Now one finds more peals of it rung than of the simpler Plain Bob. The occasional peal of Stedman half a century ago has developed into more than 300 in a year in these days, while peals on five and six bells have been developed to a remarkable extent — they have multiplied nearly a hundred times.

Let us not, however, despise the work which was done by the peal ringers of those days. They were laying a foundation from which we have reaped an advantage. The success of one band is the inspiration of another; and it was

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the records of the 156 peals in 1881 that encouraged ringers to do more and even greater things in 1882; just as to-day peal ringers strive to do better in one year than they did in the year before. The Treble Bob of 1881 was the root out of which sprang the tree of Surprise ringing in 1931, and the men of fifty years ago who made themselves proficient in those simpler methods are as much entitled to our respect and admiration as those who to-day, with greater knowledge to draw upon and greater facilities for practice, achieve triumphs in the higher realms of the art.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

J. MELLOR Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 7
S. MARSHALL 2	A. RIDYARD 8
*MISS M. E. THORP 3	*ROBERT GREENWOOD 9
J. CARTER 4	BENJAMIN THORP 10
WM. BRAMMER 5	TOM WILDE 11
*JOE LEES 6	HERBERT BARLOW Tenor

Composed by the late SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by B. THORP.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. Rung with muffled clappers in memory of the composer.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 6
FRANCIS KIRK 2	JOHN MALYAN 7
WILLIAM NASH 3	WALTER AYRE 8
*HAROLD V. FROST 4	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
FREDERICK J. SPICER 5	†JOHN DRYDEN Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by THOMAS J. HULL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. Rung for St. George's Day, also as a birthday compliment to J. Malyan.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE 6
WALTER PERKINS 2	JOHN R. MAIN 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	THOMAS K. HENSBER 8
THOMAS LAW 4	ROBERT G. BLACK 9
CHARLES W. BIRD 5	HENRY WILKINS Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
Rung in honour of St. George's Day, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	*HERBERT DEVENISH 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	JOHN WOOD 7
ARTHUR SALTMARSH 3	RICHARD C. CLARK 8
*ARTHUR O. HUME 4	LESLIE J. CLARK 9
*REGINALD THRIFT 5	*GEORGE COOPER Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.
* First peal on ten bells. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Chelmsford Cathedral.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALFRED COATES... ..Treble	†FREDERICK ROBSON 6
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
HAROLD ROBSON 3	*HENRY TAYLOR 8
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	ADAM DEAS... .. 9
†SIDNEY BREEZE... .. 5	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal of Caters. † First 'inside' in the method.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CHARLES WEBB 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 5	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. ...Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRSTreble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMBETreble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	*HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
HENRY E. COX 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by CHAS. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major with bob bell. Rung on the 38th anniversary of conductor's wedding.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

THOMAS METCALFETreble	SAMUEL YATES 5
MISS L. LANCASTER 2	JACK REED 6
*EDWARD BROWN... .. 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
GEORGE WORTHY 4	THOMAS LANCASTERTenor

Composed by W. ESTCOURT.

Conducted by MISS LANCASTER.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. Miss Lancaster is believed to be the first lady to conduct a peal in Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. J. R. KINGTreble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
*WALTER LEACH... .. 2	JOSEPH BAILEY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NOBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM DICKINSONTreble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN 5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
FREDERICK J. MILNER 3	HAROLD WALKER 7
*FRANK BRADLEY 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...Tenor

Composed by F. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

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

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS-THE-AREOPAGITE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM HECTORTreble	COLIN HARRISON 5
C. ARTHUR MANNING 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
WILLIAM WILLSON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*PERCY RUSHTONTreble	TOM TIMPERLEY 5
JOHN POTTER 2	WILFRED J. MOSS 6
TOM JONES 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
ARNOLD FREARNHEAD 4	FRED COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to Leonard Brookes, a ringer of the local band and member of the Lanes Association; also for the birthday of the treble ringer's sister.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKETreble	HORACE M. DAY 5
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER 6
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES 3	JOHN MACHIN 7
JAMES OSBORN 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...Tenor

Composed by the late Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. W. LAKE
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' This method is now rung for the first time.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID R. JAMES Treble	WILLIAM HEATH 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Especially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also in honour of St. George's Day.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HAROLD F. MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 6
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	NOLAN F. GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now completed the circle of this tower.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ROYDON DAVIES Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	TONY PRICE 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Melville.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
GLYN SHAW 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
*ARTHUR ALFORD 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	*HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE BUTCHER Treble	STUART SANDFORD 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 2	JOHN BURLS 6
GEORGE POPPELL 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	*GEORGE ROBINSON 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON 6
*THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	FRED HODGSON 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and in the city of Leeds.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

A. G. W. MEASURES ... Treble	JAMES H. HAYWOOD 5
ALBERT COAD 2	CHARLES E. POULTNEY 6
EDWIN WILLIAMS 3	HARRY MORTIMORE 7
ALBERT FIRTH 4	TOM COOPER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by TOM COOPER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cooper, father of the conductor, also to commemorate the election of Alderman A. P. Aizlewood, J.P., and Councillor W. Brooke, J.P., as Feoffees of Rotherham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 7
JOHN S. MORTON 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. W. M. Browne, M.A. (Vicar of Erith), and Mrs. Browne.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*RAYMOND W. SEAR ... Treble	†HARRY F. MORRIS 5
ARTHUR CRANE 2	HARRY V. SEAR 6
WALTER SEAR 3	HARRY SEAR 7
JOSEPH MARKS 4	ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SEAR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. George's Day, and all are Sunday service ringers.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HUBERT JONES Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

Rung as a bi-centenary celebration of the casting of the bells (Rudhall, 1732), also in honour of St. George's Day, and as a birthday peal for the tenor ringer's eldest son.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. CYRIL SMITH Treble	WILLIAM WHITING 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and tenor, who hail from Rotherham, Yorks.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHEALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALWYN TAYLOR Treble	HAROLD HAMER 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JAMES SHAW 6
STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY ... 3	†THOMAS K. DRIVER 7
†RAYMOND JOHNSON 4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method away from treble. ‡ 50th peal. The quickest peal on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES, Committee Treble	
ALFRED BARNES, Auditor 2	
CHARLES SHARPLES, Committee 3	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Ringing Secretary 4	
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Central Council Rep. 5	
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Secretary 6	
WILLIAM HORAN, Treasurer 7	
PETER CROOK, Vice-President Tenor	

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

An 'officers' peal, rung at the president's church, on St. George's Day, and in honour of the Mayor, Councillor George Sykes, a former ringer at this church. First peal in the method on the bells. All are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Canon Elsee afterwards very kindly entertained the band to tea.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	HARRY TURNER 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	ROBERT HEAZEL 6
ALBERT RAINBIRD 3	ALBERT E. PRYKE 7
*BERTRAM C. HINES 4	CHARLES E. PRYKE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rainbird on the occasion of their silver wedding. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Thomas' Church.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
KEITH HART 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

YATELEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	GORDON WOOTTON 5
*MISS NANCIE DENYER ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	RAYMOND PHILPOIT 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	SIDNEY J. RIDDELL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	GEORGE JORDAN 5
GEORGE TALBOT 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	FREDERICK BIRD 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	JOHN PRIOR Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BIRD.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Arranged to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A. The ringers of the treble and 7th are from Bishop's Stortford, the rest are of the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

MANSFIELD GINN Treble	ROBERT THODAY 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	CHARLES ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

SAMUEL A. BAMFORD, R.M. Treble	R. THOMAS CLARK 4
ARTHUR LONG 2	LEWIS LADD 5
WILLIAM TERRY 3	CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Arranged to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the blockade of Zeebrugge by the Dover Patrol, and in honour of the treble ringer, who took part in the operations from H.M.S. 'Vindictive.'

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR WHITE Treble	†PERCY HILL 3
†WILLIAM HIGDON 2	†HARRY HAYNES 4

HARRY J. SANGER Tenor

Conducted by H. J. SANGER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt.
First peal as conductor and first on the bells.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*HARRY F. CARTER Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 4
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
*ALEC M. GENERY 3	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOE WALLIS, SEN. Treble	CHARLES KILICK 4
FRANCIS J. SANDERS 2	HUGH R. THORPE 5
JOE WALLIS, JUN. 3	BERNARD H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD H. WELLS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	ALBERT SCOTT 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JOHN ALLEN 3	CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kingstone, Violet, Duke of York, New London, Kent, and two 720's of Oxford.

JOHN MAJOR Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	*GEORGE CUTTS 5
DANIEL SMITH 3	*ERNEST CUTTS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours,
AT 'HARLESDOWN.'

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) 3-4
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...	5-6

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
The first peal of Surprise 'in hand' by the Guild and by all the band. This composition was rung 'in hand' for the first time.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A FORTHCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

The half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Wigan on Saturday. The Parish Church was the chief centre of interest before the service, an interesting feature of which was the good account the choir boys gave of themselves in the anthem and hymns. The Rector gave a kindly welcome to the association to his parish.

After service the ringers adjourned to Voce's Cafe near by, for tea, where thanks were offered to the Rector for the service and use of his bells, also to the Rectors and Vicars of the other towers placed at the disposal of the members, and to the Wigan branch secretary for his efforts to make the meeting a success.

Mr. C. I. Davies, Liverpool, reported he had received an encouraging response to his circular with reference to the proposed pilgrimage to Liverpool Cathedral, with a social gathering to follow, in October, but he is greedy for more support.

The President (Canon Elsee) mentioned the loss the association and the ringers of Britain had sustained by the death of Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton, who was the last of the old band of composers and conductors which belonged to that tower.

After tea, the members went out of town to Poolstock, Standish and Hindley to finish the evening ringing. The methods chiefly practised were Grandsire, Stedman, Rob Major and Double Norwich. Grandsire had the biggest 'shout.'

THE REDEDICATION OF STANDLAKE BELLS.

UNIQUE BELL FRAME.

There was an excellent gathering of ringers at Standlake, Oxon, on Saturday, April 23rd, when, as we have already recorded, the ring of six bells were rededicated by the Right Rev. E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford. The very interesting and well appointed church was crowded, and the service took the form of shortened evensong, which was conducted by the Rural Dean. The prayers ended, the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, choir and ringers proceeded to the belfry, where the dedication was performed. A plain course of Grandsire Doubles was then rung by a picked band of ringers as the procession returned to the chancel. In the course of his excellent sermon Bishop Shaw referred to the great loss the parish had sustained by the death of their Vicar on the eve of the proposed dedication of the bells a few months ago, and he paid a great tribute to the hard work he had done to get the restoration of the bells carried out. After the service a touch of 360 Bob Minor was rung as the congregation left the church by: R. White 1, F. E. Taylor 2, C. E. Wigg 3, P. Sharpe 4, S. Taylor 5, W. Simmonds (conductor) 6. The bells were afterwards kept going until a late hour by the numerous visiting ringers.

The bells are a pleasant ring of six (tenor approximately 11½ cwt. in F sharp). The tower is unique, being octagonal in shape and very small. The restoration work has been most excellently carried out by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, who has hung the bells in a cast-iron frame, with iron headstocks and ball bearings and all the latest improvements in bell hanging. The bell frame is very ingeniously arranged in three tiers, the fourth and fifth bells being at the bottom, the tenor and treble in the middle, and the second and third at the top. It is a fine piece of engineering, embodying all the traditional master craftsmanship of the White family. Despite the difficulties, there is an excellent circle, and the whole job is one of which the parish of Standlake may well be proud.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO DUFFIELD.

The village of Duffield, situated some five miles north of Derby, and for many years the country seat of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, was the place chosen for the first quarterly meeting of the Derby District. The church, which is situated on the outskirts of the village, contains a ring of ten bells, the walls of the well-kept belfry being almost covered with peal boards showing the activities of the late Sir Arthur and his talented hand of thirty years ago.

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and methods rung consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Duffield Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, and Bristol and London Surprise Major. Members and visitors to the number of about forty, and representing a dozen different towers, were present, and under the mastership of Mr. C. Draper opportunities to ring were given to everyone present.

At the business meeting Mr. H. Fletcher presided, and Mr. P. H. Tate was elected as Ringing Master for the next meeting, which will be held at Spondon.

Tea was provided at the Bridge Inn and was well attended, ringing and the beautiful weather giving keen appetites to all. The committee were highly gratified at the number present, especially the talented hand from Ripley, who helped so much to make the meeting successful.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Alton District have the privilege of an annual invitation to Froyle from Sir Hubert Miller, Bart., who is a life member of the Guild. This year the members were fortunate in having a fine day, which has not been the case hitherto, and a thoroughly enjoyable meeting was the result. The bells of St. Mary's Church were kept going during the afternoon, and after the Office had been conducted by the hon. secretary, the ringers walked across the park to the Shrubbery House, where they were entertained to tea. There were 24 present, including the chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres), the Master and Mrs. Williams, the Vicar of Froyle, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Read, ringers from Alton, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Froyle, Privett and Winchester.

On this occasion the business meeting is always reduced to a minimum to have more time to enjoy the garden, but a few items had to be attended to, which were soon disposed of—the meeting at Petersfield on May 21st, the next meeting fixed for Privett on June 25th, and the election of five new members.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of all to the host, who assured the members that they were always welcome, after which they spent a considerable time admiring the rock garden and the other beauties of the place, under the guidance of Sir Hubert and Mr. Gerald Robinson.

ZEEBRUGGE ANNIVERSARY.

A special service was held at St. Mary's Church, Dover, on April 23rd, in commemoration of the 14th anniversary of the blockade of Zeebrugge by the Dover Patrol. The Mayor and Corporation and also naval and military representatives, who included Sir Roger Keyes, who was in command of the blockade, attended. St. Mary's ringers rang before and after the service, and in the evening, in connection with St. George's Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: S. A. Wells 1, C. R. Millway 2, H. J. Saunders 3, J. Eagles 4, R. T. Clark 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardman 8.

DEATH OF A CROYDON RINGER.

On Monday evening, April 18th, at St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, in 53 mins., 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Walter Gammon. He was for 43 years a member of St. Peter's Society, and was a regular attendant at Sunday ringing. Those who took part in the quarter-peal were: J. Adcock 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, C. H. Kippin 3, W. Bullett 4, F. Larbey 5, F. Leeks 6, A. Clayton 7, D. Cooper 8, F. E. Darby 9, E. Denham 10.

BOB MAJOR RECORD.**PROPOSED LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.**

All being well, eight members of the Herts County Guild Association are hoping to attempt a peal of Bob Major (16,128 changes) on Whit Monday at Bennington, Herts, starting at 8 a.m. The present longest length in the method is 15,360, rung at Aston on October 1st, 1793.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**A SUGGESTION.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Guilds of ringers at Farnham (Surrey), Oakley (Hants) and of the Llandaff Association, having initiated Guild subscriptions to the above fund, create the suggestion that the Memorial Committee would very much appreciate a National Guild collection during Whitsuntide week. May I, therefore, on behalf of my committee, appeal to all tower secretaries to institute a collection at a service or practice during Whitsun week, and forward same to me. No matter how small the donation may be, it will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged by post. My committee are very grateful for the donations already received.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Sec., Davies Memorial Committee.

48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET.**

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, April 23rd, when, despite the weather, which was anything but pleasant, some 30 members and friends had the pleasure of ringing on the bells of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Ringing commenced with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples. Subsequently various methods were rung, including Cambridge and London Surprise. After tea, the business was transacted in the vestry. The usual routine items were soon disposed of, and a special resolution framed and carried with relation to the eventual destination of the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, the secretary being instructed to forward the motion to the Bishop of London.—A pleasant gathering dispersed about nine o'clock.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: P. Duncton 1, S. Sopp 2, M. Sopp 3, G. Sopp 4, P. Duncton (conductor) 5, M. Stenning 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Letters from A. A. Savage, Melbourne, Australia, and F. G. May, Durban, South Africa, have been received by the B.U.R.G. for Ringers' Directory, and they wish to be remembered by all friends in the mother country.

Mr. E. Weatherby, writing from Los Angeles, California, enclosing a donation to Rev. G. D. P. Davies Memorial, also sends kind remembrances.

Last week's leading article, 'A Census Wanted,' formed the subject of an informal but interesting discussion between the Vicar and ringers at Bourn after a peal on Saturday. Our correspondent expresses the opinion that it would be an advantage if there were more of these friendly chats between ringers and clergy.

The Archdeacon of Portsmouth (Ven. H. N. Rodgers) officiated at the service, and presided at the meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held at Havant on Saturday week. The Archdeacon entertained the ringers and gave them a very hearty welcome.

The Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will reach its 21st anniversary on December 2nd, and at the summer meeting in June the question of a suitable commemoration is to be discussed. The branch is to make a collection in each tower for the Davies Memorial Fund. Eight new members from Rodbourne Cheney have been admitted.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. George Miles, of Brentwood, who passed away on Thursday week. Mr. Miles was formerly hon. secretary of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and was always an enthusiastic ringer.

Mr. Charles Freeman, the oldest member of the Saffron Walden Society, has just passed away at the age of 87 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Saffron Walden 'Great Ringing Day' will be held on Saturday, June 25th.

The Mayor of Oxford and the other members of the City Council whose names were mentioned last week, with the exception of Alderman Brown, who has been a ringer for many years, have not yet become practical ringers. They, however, take a great interest in ringing and the Oxford Society, and some day—well, who knows?

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For the information of visitors to Plymouth, the following hotels have accommodation: 7s. 6d. bed and breakfast, Dingle's Hotel, Waverley Hotel and Liddicott's Hotel, all in Millbay Road.

I can arrange for a National bus direct from Plymouth to Kelly, if members will let me know of their intention to be present. They will be the guests of the Devonshire Guild. I want this information early in order to make sure of a bus.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. MARSH.

13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

TUESDAY.—Bells of the Dockyard Church available 6-7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.—Tour of the Dockyard, 10 a.m.

RAILWAY FARES.

Owing to the poor response to my advertisement of February 26th, negotiations for cheap facilities have been abandoned.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

Hon. Secretary.

Ringings on Whit Sunday at Truro Cathedral, 9 to 10 a.m., 5.15 to 6.15 p.m.—A. S. Roberts, 3, Lemon Villas, Truro.

THE REMOVAL OF BELLS. A MANCHESTER EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of April 22nd you discuss the future of a peal of bells at present hanging in St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, London. I am glad to note that the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have already taken steps to ensure the bells being preserved locally. At the same time, I would like to make known the experience we had in Manchester in similar circumstances. In 1928, St. John's, Deansgate, came under the axe of a Commission set up for the purpose of joining redundant parishes, and the parish was united with that of St. Matthew. St. Matthew's Church possessed a tower which, in the opinion of Mr. Harry Chapman, then bell adviser of the Lancashire Association, would carry St. John's bells. After his report was presented, the ringers began to set about a scheme to raise funds for the removal of the bells, but before we had started we were informed that the bells were to go to Eccles, which was some five or six miles away. This was surprising, as Eccles already had a peal of bells. Our protests were of no avail, and subsequently St. John's bells were installed at Eccles, after treatment by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. What happened to Eccles bells I have never been able to find out, but the fact remains that Manchester was the poorer by the loss of one peal of bells.—Yours truly,

R. LONGDEN.

Moss Side, Manchester.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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TOTALS

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h=Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Pudsey Surprise.

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k—Lincolnshire Surprise.

1-1 College Single, 1 Reward Bob.

m—Gainsborough Little Bob.

n—Little Canterbury

o-Little Erith Bob.

p-St. Clement's Bor

5—Plain Bob

r—Erin.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Associations.	MINOR										Total.	DOUBLES.							Total.	Grand Total of Peals.	
	Number of Methods.											Number of Methods.									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	to 21	1		2	3	4	to 7						
Barnsley and Dist	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5			
Bath and Wells	16	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	19	6	1	—	—	—	26	48			
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	2	4	—	—	13	—	25	2	2	1	—	—	—	5	30			
Chester Diocesan	4	1	4	2	1	—	—	2	2b	16	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	20			
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	9			
Dur. and Newc.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4			
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	4c	—	—	5	11			
Ely Diocesan	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	18	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	21			
Essex	5	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	17	—	1	1	1f	—	—	3	20			
Glos. & Bristol	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	—	1g	—	—	10	12			
Guildford Dio.	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4			
Hereford Dio.	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	16	1	—	5h	—	—	22	27			
Hertford County	1	1	1	2	2	1	13	—	—	24	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	26			
Kent County	8	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	13			
Ladies' Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Lancashire	8	2	3	1	—	—	—	2	—	16	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	16			
Lincoln Diocesan	7	—	3	2	7	1	10	4c	—	34	8	1	—	—	—	—	9	43			
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	5			
Middlesex County	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4			
Midland Counties	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	—	—	1i	—	—	8	15			
North Notts.	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4			
North Staffs.	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6			
Norwich Diocesan	8	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8			
Oxford Diocesan	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	10	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	16			
Oxford Univ. Soc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Peterborough Dio.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	11	14	10	2	2j	—	—	28	30			
St. Martin's Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Salisbury Dio.	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	7	1	—	—	—	—	8	20			
Shropshire	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2			
Stafford Arch.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	4			
Soc. R. Cumb. Y.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Suffolk Guild.	3	—	—	1	6	6	2	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18			
Surrey	1	1	5	—	—	—	1	1	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9			
Sussex County	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	5			
Swansea and Brecon	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3			
Tauro Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Warwickshire	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Winc'r. & P'm'h.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	1	—	—	—	8	9			
Worcestershire	6	1	1	1	—	—	—	11	1d	23	16	1	2	—	—	—	19	42			
Yorkshire	4	—	4	—	1	1	6	—	1a	17	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	19			
Unaffiliated Soc.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	5			
Non-Association	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	3			
TOTAL	149	20	36	24	26	7	85	6	355	143	31	8	14	196	551						

(a) 10,800. (b) one in 14 and one in 17 methods. (c) one in 8, two in 9, and one in 21 methods. (d) one in 14 methods. (e) two in 5 and two in 6 methods. (f) one in 5 methods. (g) one in 6 methods. (h) one in 5, one in 6, and three in 7 methods. (i) one in 7 methods. (j) two in 4 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	MAXIMUS		CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	MAJOR	TRIPLES	MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTAL							
	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob															
	Sp. Plain & Lit. Bob.	Stedman	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Little and Spliced	Stedman	Grandsire	D'ble Norwich C.B.	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Gainsbo' L. B. & Sp.	Stedman	Grandsire	1 Method	7 Methods	1 Method	
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	1c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cambridge Univ.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Chester Diocesan	1	1	—	—	2	6a	1	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	16
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	6
Essex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	7
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Hertford County	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4
Kent Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	1d	—	1	—	4	2e	—	—	—	16
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Stafford Arch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	3b	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Unaffiliated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
TOTAL	1	3	1	4	10	10	2	9	2	2	7	25	2	1	4	9	96

(a) Includes three Kent, two Oxford, one Spliced. (b) Includes two Kent, one Oxford. (c) Little Bob. (d) Spliced Plain and Little Bob. (e) One Gainsborough Little Bob and one Spliced Gainsborough Little Bob and Plain Bob.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Again we have to report an increase in peal ringing, this year's figure exceeding the total for 1930 by 68 peals.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1931.		1930.	
	Tower.	Hand.	Tower.	Hand.
Maximus	15	5	25	—
Cinques	39	4	30	4
Royal	65	22	57	13
Caters	111	17	100	10
Major	791	37	733	42
Triples	414	5	450	7
Minor	355	10	360	8
Doubles	196	2	162	13
Total	1,986	96	1,917	97

TOWER BELLS.—There is a considerable decrease in the peals of Maximus, being 7 less of Surprise and 6 less of Treble Bob. Three peals of Plain Bob were rung this year, but none in 1930. Stedman Cinques have increased by 14 and Grandsire decreased by 5. Surprise Royal remain the same; Treble Bob Royal have decreased by 2, and other Royal methods increased by 10. In Caters, Stedman have increased by 14 and Grandsire decreased by 3.

In Major methods there has been an increase of 33 in Surprise, 21 of which are London. Double Norwich have increased by 2, Treble Bob by 10, Plain Bob by 7, and other Plain methods by 6. Triples show a decrease of 36. Stedman have increased by 56 (due to the number of peals rung for the Stedman Tercentenary). Grandsire have decreased by 90, and other Plain methods by 2. Minor peals are 5 less and Doubles 34 more.

HANDBELLS.—There is a decrease of one in handbell peals. Peals of Maximus, Royal, Caters and Minor have increased, and Major, Triples and Doubles decreased.

NEW METHODS.—Irechester Surprise Major, Camdon Surprise Major, and Double Biddulph Surprise Minor have been rung for the first time.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Kent County Association have rung the greatest number of peals, viz., 147, followed by the Lancashire Association with 128, the Yorkshire Association with 116, the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 111, and the Midland Counties with 100. Twenty-seven societies show an increase, the most noticeable being the Yorkshire Association with 53, the Hertford County with 24, the Worcester and Districts with 23, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 20. Nineteen societies show a decrease, the greatest being the Chester Guild with 42 less, and the Stafford Archdeaconry 25.

GENERALLY.—Long lengths rung during the year are as follows:—

11,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

10,800 Surprise Minor in 15 methods by the Yorkshire Association.

10,025 Stedman Caters by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

6,720 Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Sussex County Association.

Notable performances include Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods by the Middlesex County Association, Spliced Surprise Royal in three methods by the Middlesex County Association, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus 'in hand' by the Hertford County Association. Three handbell peals were rung on the Continent on the occasion of the ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate. A non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Lancashire Association, one of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and a handbell peal of Bob Royal by the Yorkshire Association.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1931 and 1930:—

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
January	183	129	July	115	117
February	151	171	August	177	192
March	124	144	September	197	154
April	148	133	October	216	177
May	208	193	November	213	237
June	135	147	December	215	220

This year's analysis of the footnotes shows an increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The number is 612, as against 595 in 1930. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method or method on a different number of bells is 1,303, also an increase. Ringers of their first peal inside number 78, away from the tenor 17, in the method inside 110, Maximus 2, Royal 36, Caters 14, Major 70, Triples 13, Minor 91, Doubles 40, on twelve bells 43, on ten

FAMOUS NORWICH PEAL REHUNG.

CANONS PRESERVED ON ANCIENT BELLS.

There was a crowded church at St. Giles', Norwich, on Friday evening, April 22nd, when the bells, rehung in a new frame with new fittings, were rededicated by the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, M.A., Archdeacon of Norwich and president of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Among the ringers present were the Misses H. W. Bill, A. Cushing, M. Robertson, G. Tunnadine and Messrs. A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary of the association), W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield, and representatives from neighbouring towers. Mr. Bert Newson, himself a Norfolk man, was in charge of the work, while Mr. Ronald H. Dove represented the founders at the dedication in the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. F. Johnston. These received the congratulations of everyone present on the excellence of the 'go' and the successful rehanging of the former 'pans.' Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have more than justified the confidence placed in them by the authorities.

For the purpose of the service, rounds were rung for about three minutes by Messrs. F. H. Knights, G. Howchin, F. Howchin, G. Mayers, N. Golden, W. E. Bason and G. Bailey, and this company rang at the conclusion of the service a touch of 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Those who had heard the peal before being sent to Croydon for 'rejuvenation' were agreeably surprised at the transformation, which, while possessing power, are quiet to stand under. It is a pity the new teak frame, a fine piece of craftsmanship, could not have



ST. GILES' CHURCH, NORWICH.

been erected in the churchyard for the public to see before it went into the tower, but the church authorities were anxious to have their bells rung at the earliest possible moment.

The history of these bells is well known, and the following particulars may be of interest:—

- 1.—Treble.—F. Tho: Newman Made Me. 1738. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
- 2.—E. Tho: Newman Made Me. 1738. 4 cwt. 18 lb.
- 3.—D. No inscription. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
- 4.—C. Anno Domini, 1593. W.B. 5 cwt. 18 lb.
- 5.—B flut. Huc in Conclau Gabriel nuc Pange Suaue 6 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
- 6.—A. Missus Vero Pie Gabriel fert Leta Maria. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
- 7.—G. Celi Regina Lauguentibus Sit Medicina. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
- 8.—Tenor.—F. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1869. 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

The total weight of the peal is thus 57 cwt. 23 lb., while there is also a clock bell, 24½ in. in diameter, and weighing approximately 3 cwt. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are, incidentally, attending to the clock.

The bells have been retuned and rehung with new fittings throughout, including iron headstocks and ball bearings, in a new teak frame. Five of the bells are pre-Reformation workmanship, and the canons have been retained by fitting to these bells Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's patent canon-retaining headstocks. The peal in the new frame was on view at the 'All-England' ringers' meeting at Croydon on April 2nd.

Norfolk has now a fine addition to her rings of eight. It is hoped these bells may be heard often, and an attempt is to be made to provide a band of Sunday service ringers.

DEATH OF MR. E. G. BUESDEN.

A TALENTED RINGER.

The passing of Edwin G. Buesden, conductor of the Cathedral band at Canterbury, in the prime of life, came as a shock to his many ringing friends in Kent. His affliction had been borne in silence for many years. Little did we, who had rung with him and admired him, know until he was gone that the end was so near, and that Thursday, April 28th, 1932, would see us gathered together to take part in the last sad rites inside the beautiful old-world church, and afterwards in the churchyard of St. Stephen's on the outskirts of the cathedral city, close to the sound of the bells he loved and so often had rung. It was some solace to know our departed friend is resting in such a peaceful, hallowed acre, as yet unspoiled by atrocities in cement and beaver board.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who, in spite of advanced years, walked the whole distance both ways from and to the Cathedral precincts. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., was present at the organ.

Besides the bereaved family, many other parishioners of St. Stephen's attended the service, as did his fellow-ringers of the Cathedral and other ringing friends from Dover, Tunstall, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney and Sturry. Included amongst the wreaths was one from the Cathedral ringers, and one from Mr. H. Parkes.

A guard of honour was sent from deceased's old regiment of Royal Engineers, in which he served as sergeant instructor during 1914-18.

The bells of St. Stephen's were rung half-muffled to touches of Stedman Triples after the interment, and in the evening the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled to his memory. Personally I would have wished the great bell should have been tolled in memory of one of the greatest ringers the Cathedral company has ever seen.

How many peals Ted Buesden had rung I cannot say, as he did not talk or brag of his accomplishments, but he has called Stedman Triples all round the octave, his favourite being 'Pilstow's Transposition.' He called the writer's first of Stedman Caters from the tenor at the Cathedral on the old ten, and when the two trebles were added he called the first peal on the 12—Stedman Cinques, his first of Cinques, along with ten other firsts. It was Ted's peal from first to last, and one often wonders what he would have done had he been ringing in the vicinity of London. But his was a quiet, unassuming nature, content to ring and conduct peals with lesser lights, although he was master of nearly any method and a first-class striker and conductor.

His death has left a vacant place in the hearts of many old friends, including C. W. P.

At Canterbury Cathedral, on Thursday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes), with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. G. Buesden, for many years a member of the company: G. G. Jenkins 1, F. R. Weller 2, W. E. Pitman 3, P. J. Paine 4, J. W. Unwin 5, E. H. Spice 6, F. A. Fairheard 7, F. G. Brett (conductor) 8, H. Parkes 9, G. Simpson 10.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on Friday evening, April 29th, at St. Mary's, Dover, the bells being half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin G. Buesden, of the Canterbury Cathedral Society: G. Eagles 1, H. J. Saunders 2, J. Eagles 3, R. T. Clark 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner 7, C. Hardiman 8. Ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 7 took part in Mr. Buesden's last peal which he conducted at Folkestone on February 2nd.

DEATH OF MR. B. H. WILKINSON, OF BUSHEY.

The death has occurred at Bushey, Herts, of Mr. Basil H. Wilkinson, a member of the St. Peter's band, and of the Hertford County Association. Mr. Wilkinson, who was a solicitor, died at the age of 66 years after a brief illness. He was buried on April 28th, and in the evening the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Bushey Heath, with the bells half-muffled: W. J. Simons (conductor) 1, T. Norris 2, J. E. Rootes 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, C. Cook 5, E. P. Ashby 6, A. Dearmer 7, H. Cockram 8.

For service ringing on Sunday morning the bells were again rung half-muffled by the local band.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—(Continued from page 306.) 334, royal birthdays 9, weddings (including golden and silver) 75, church festivals and dedications 33, Armistice Day 21, welcome and farewell peals 39. In addition, 72 peals were rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

In conclusion, we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 59,302:—

1881	...	156	1919	...	1,048
1888	...	1,002	1921	...	1,632
1905	...	1,519	1930	...	2,014
1913	...	2,358	1931	...	2,082
1917 (war year)	...	130			

Signed,

EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
CHAS. DEAN.
GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. INCREASED STABILITY.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bramley Parish Church on Saturday, April 30th, when 32 ringers and friends had tea, and other ringers arriving later increased the attendance to over 50. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Hurley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Edinburgh, Holbeck, Headingley St. Michael's, Headingley, St. Chad's, Huddersfield, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schools, with the President in the chair. Four new members were elected—Messrs. W. Waterhouse and R. Greaves, of Bramley, J. Marshall, of Edinburgh, and A. Firth, of Rotherham.

The secretary's report showed an increase in membership, also that 17 members owed one year's subscriptions, 28 members had lapsed, and one member died (Miss Leach, of Bramley). The balance sheet was worthy of comparison with previous years, and showed increases in receipts and gross total. This continued advance in the stability of the society was praiseworthy, especially when one remembered the heavy expenses of the society during the past year or two, and the effort made in supporting appeals, such as the Stedman Memorial.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnston to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools, and to the local company and the ladies for kindly providing tea and making other arrangements.—Mr. H. Grimwood seconded, and Mr. Frank Jackson replied.

The next meeting is due to be held at Guiseley.

After the general meeting a committee meeting was held, when the main business was the list of towers to be visited this year. Owing to the increased membership and the number of towers affiliated, the allocation was found to be a very difficult matter, and all members and towers are asked to attend the next meeting and support the committee in a scheme at present under consideration.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at St. Margaret's, Ditchling, on Saturday, April 23rd, and was attended by approximately 40 members from Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas) and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crawley, Cuckfield, Ditchling, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Scaford, Southover (Lewes), Shoreham, Turners Hill and Uckfield, also a visitor from Horley, Surrey.

The tower was open at 2.30, and there was ringing in various methods up to London Surprise Major. The service followed, when the Vicar, Rev. C. P. Williams, gave an interesting address.

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea in the Church Room, the Vicar kindly presided. The following new members were elected: A. Absalom (Bolney), A. Statham (St. Nicholas, Brighton), J. Malins (Cuckfield) and J. Jennings (Hurstpierpoint). The election of Tony Price, of Kingston, as non-resident life member was confirmed.

The divisional secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone, informed the meeting that he was not standing for re-election. He had held the office for 20 years.

Attempts on the part of the members to persuade him to continue for another year met with no success, and eventually Mr. Stone proposed Mr. R. V. Swift (Crawley) as his successor. This was supported by Mr. R. V. Johnson and carried unanimously by the meeting.

Messrs. G. Apps and J. Wren were re-elected on the committee, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong was elected in place of Mr. J. A. Hart.

The Committee of Advice were re-elected en bloc.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

Ringing was then continued till 8.30, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

YORKSHIRE'S OLDEST LADY RINGER.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH BREARLEY.

The death has occurred at Lyndene, Deepcar, near Sheffield, of Mrs. Elizabeth Brearley, widow of the late Mr. David Brearley, himself one of the pioneers of the Yorkshire Association. The deceased lady joined the association in 1895, and, although only a handbell ringer, she took the keenest interest in bells and bellringing, and 30 years ago cycled hundreds of miles with her late husband in pursuit of the art. She came of a family of bellringers, her father, Mr. William Lockwood, being one of the first ringers at Bradfield more than 70 years ago. Her husband, sons and grandson have followed, or are following on, and hope to keep campanology in the family for many years to come.

Sheffield ringers, and particularly the older generation, will remember what an interest Mrs. Brearley took in ringing, and what happy times have been spent together with her and her late husband. Mrs. Brearley was with the party who rang the first peal in the Isle of Man just 50 years ago.

MIDDLESBROUGH LADY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Friends of Miss Laura Lancaster, of Middlesbrough, will be pleased to read the announcement that she has conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.



MISS LAURA LANCASTER.

The peal was accomplished at the first attempt, and a wonderfully good peal it was, too. The older hands vow that the calling was perfect, and the ringing was a treat to listen to. This all reflects credit on Miss Lancaster, as every ringer will agree that when a band has confidence in their conductor there is a greater chance of scoring a good peal than when they are not too sure of the capabilities of the one in charge.

It will be noticed that Miss Lancaster conducted the peal from a non-observation bell, which makes the achievement all the more laudable. It is believed that she is the first lady to conduct a peal in either of the counties of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire, and it would be interesting to have it placed on record whether this claim is correct or not.

At any rate, whether she is the first or not, she has proved herself a good conductor, and all her friends (and they are very many) look forward to hearing of her conducting further peals.

Miss Lancaster began ringing in 1925 at the age of 18, and made such excellent progress that she scored her first peal in the same year, ringing the 3rd to a peal of Bob Major. She comes of a ringing family. Her father is vice-captain of Middlesbrough tower, and her grandfather, in his day, was a prominent ringer at Tadcaster.

WELL-KNOWN SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Youngs, of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, who died on Monday, April 25th. He had been captain of the local band for 40 years, and for the same length of time had been the respected foreman on the Thornham Hall Estates.

He had rung 136 peals, chiefly on the bells of his parish church. A performance he was justly proud of was ringing the 2nd to a 10,000 in 14 Treble Bob methods in 1912. Through his instrumentality, a marble tablet was erected in the tower, with a photo of the band, recording the performance. For some years he had been parish clerk, and since learning to ring had charge of the bells, which have had a great number of peals rung on them, and still go well, showing the care he bestowed on them. Owing to heart trouble, he had not done any ringing for two years, but his interest in ringing matters was just as keen, and his kindly welcome and genial smile will never be forgotten by those who knew him. He was a man with many friends and no enemies.

His funeral took place on Thursday and was attended by a number of parishioners and ringers from several parishes, who rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells round the grave, and touches with half-muffled clappers on the tower bells. In the evening an excellently-struck peal was completed by a representative band.

CHOIR BOYS AS RECRUITS FOR BELFRY.

A well-attended meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Yorktown on Saturday, April 23rd. As usual ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service at half-past four was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. T. Wailman). The organist and choirboys were present and led the singing. Tea was served in the Parish Room, a company of over 40 sitting down. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when several new ringing and honorary members were elected.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to the choirboys, Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, stressed the importance of getting these lads to take up ringing when their voices 'break,' and thus keep them from leaving the church completely, and at the same time bringing the ringing band up to strength.

Votes of thanks were also accorded the Vicar, the organist, the organ blower, the local band of ringers, and the ladies who prepared such an excellent tea.

Ringing was afterwards continued until 9 p.m., thus bringing an enjoyable afternoon to an end.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at 'St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th and 26th, 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 17th (8 p.m.) and on Sunday, May 22nd, at 5.30; all the others at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, May 7th. Bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30, and tea at Mrs. Brown's Central Café, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. By train to Winston Station; buses leave Darlington Market Place every 60 minutes after 12, and Bishop Auckland at 12.35 and every 60 minutes. — Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every ½ hour, and from Goole every ¼ hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea will greatly assist me by sending their names early. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3.30. Preacher: The Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: St. Thomas (8), 11 a.m. to 12, 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Martin's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Tisbury, Winterslow (6), all 10 to 11.45 a.m., 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. —F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Heston (St. Leonard's) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Bells (6) of Norwood Green also available from 3 to 5. All ringers welcome. (Note—a postcard costs a penny!) —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Association will be held at Elveden, nr. Thetford, on May 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall (1/- each). Those who require tea please notify Mr. W. A. Bowers, 3, London Road, Elveden, nr. Thetford, by May 6th.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. —A meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Kirkby (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5, followed by ringing at Peckleton (6 bells) until 8.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the branch will take place at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for, and a hearty invitation to all ringers is extended.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. —A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Withington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by Rector at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chudleigh on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington (6 bells), on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30. Guild service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 1.55 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Every-one welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, May 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting at Horwich has been postponed until May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Epping on Wednesday, May 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Arrangements will be made for service and tea.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Wednesday, May 11th, 7 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Miller) to follow. For tea please notify Mr. F. S. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool, by Wednesday, May 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall St., Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) on Saturday, May 14th. Towers open at 2.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at St. Marie's at 6 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 2 p.m. These bells have just been overhauled by Mears & Stainbank, and are now believed to be the best six in the district, the 'go' being excellent. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. E. Cutts, 379, Milnthorpe Green, Wakefield, by Wednesday, May 11th? All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify me not later than May 11th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Re-opening of Westerleigh bells (6). This will take place on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 6.30 p.m. Rededication and address by the Bishop of Malmesbury. Special bus accommodation for Bristol ringers will be arranged. Those wishing to attend please let us know not later than Wednesday, May 11th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol; Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me, or Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, by May 11th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, May 11th?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m., also Quidenham. Business meeting after tea, 5.15. Please notify intention of being present.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 33rd annual meeting will be held at Elton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Ringing on Whit Sunday at 1.15 and 4.30 p.m. Visitors invited.—T. Laver, Heavitree, Exeter.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, May 16th. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day; also Ormesby (8, tenor 18 cwt.); Stockton-on-Tees (10, tenor 27 cwt.). Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner will be provided at the Star and Garter Hotel, Marton Road, Middlesbrough, at 1 p.m.: members 2/-, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 12th. Will all ringing friends please note change of address?—T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in the Cathedral at 12. Dinner at the Booth Hall Hotel at 1 p.m., 2/6, 1/6 to members obtaining tickets beforehand. Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12 and 3-8.30; Cathedral (10) 5-8.30.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at 11.30 a.m. Lunch (members 2/-), to be followed by the annual meeting, at the County Hotel, Rainsford, Essex, at 12.30. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous to Tuesday, May 10th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from noon; also Wenhamston (6), Wissett (6), and Chediston (6) all day. Tea at Took's Restaurant at 5, 1/- each, for all sending word by May 13th to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bideford on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting at Bromley's Restaurant at 1.15. Towers open: Bideford (8), Northam (8), Appledore (8). Central Council members invited as members of the Guild.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 16th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing from 2 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. A special service will be held in St. Peter's Church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose). A meat tea will be provided at the Parish Hall, adjoining the Church, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2/6 each (1/3 to members). Members must notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, May 11th, if they desire tea.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting in Church Room. Tea provided at Majestic Cafe. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Central Committee will meet in St. Giles' Buildings at 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon in St. Giles' Church. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Lunch tickets can be had on application (with 2/6 remittance) up to Tuesday, May 10th, from Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or from the General Secretary. Bells available 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8) from 3 p.m. onwards; St. Giles' 5 to 6; St. Edmund's 6 to 7; Duston (6) from 4 to 6. Frequent bus service to Duston from Horse Shoe Street and St. Andrew's Road.—R. G. Black, General Secretary, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shalford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1/- per head) followed by business meeting at the Brickmakers' Arms after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 17th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea

please notify Mr. W. G. Gray, 34, Merton Road, Wandsworth, S.W. 18, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. All are welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A special general meeting will be held in Croydon on Saturday, June 11th. Please reserve the date.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

ST. THOMAS', PENDLETON.—For anything in connection with these bells, please communicate with Mr. R. Johnson, 12, Broad Street, Pendleton, Manchester.

BIRTH.

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