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A NATIONAL GATHERING OF RINGERS

After the national gathering of ringers at Cambridge last December, when the bells of St. Benedict's Church were restored in memory of Fabian Stedman, it was suggested that efforts should be made to hold a meeting on similarly representative lines every year. The idea was one which appealed to many ringers, and if such a proposal could be carried out it would doubtless enjoy wide support. Social events are always readily backed up by ringers, as witness the numerous large gatherings which take place every year, when ringing is, in a sense, but a secondary consideration. The successful ' pilgrimage ' at Liverpool is the most recent example of the manner in which the fraternity of the belfry will rally to the call, if only the proceedings are attractive enough.

The organisation of a truly national event, however, involves many considerations if it is to survive as an annual affair. Obviously to give ringers in all parts of the country the opportunity of sharing in it from time to time, it would have to be a ' movable feast ' geographically. London naturally suggests itself as the centre if such a gathering were to have a fixed home, but there would be many advantages if the festival were moved from place to place. We commend to those who desire to see an annual national gathering of ringers established, the suggestion that it should be organised to take place in the same centre as the meeting of the Central Council and on the day before the Council meeting. The Whitsun holiday would enable many more ringers to attend than could do so on any ordinary working day, not even excepting Saturday; the rally would be held at a time of year when the journey would add to the pleasure of the occasion, and the nucleus of a representative gathering would be more or less assured by the personnel of the Council who would be present. Moreover, the itinerary followed by the Council would take the event in turn into all quarters of the country, while, once every three years, London would be the venue. Why should not a start be made next year, when the Council is due to meet in London? The ringing organisations which cover the London area have a fine opportunity if they would get together, appoint a representative committee and get down to the job! The attractions which London has to offer, coupled with facilities for ringing, a ringers' service, say, in St. Paul's Cathedral, and a huge social afterwards would, we believe, bring ringers to the Metropolis in hundreds, and create a new departure in the social development of the Exercise which could do nothing but good. In subsequent years the associations in whose area the Council meeting is to be held would probably be quite willing to undertake the organisation of the event.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE PEAL.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	Burton District	*Treble*
COLIN HARRISON ...	Loughborough District ...	2
ALFRED BALLARD ...	Hinckley District	3
ALBERT H. WARD ...	Derby District	4
CHARLES DRAPER ...	Derby District	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	Nottingham District ...	6
JACK BAILEY ...	Derby District	7
PERCIVAL PRICE ...	Nottingham District	8
ERNEST MORRIS ...	Leicester District	9
ARTHUR BRAINES ...	Derby District	*Tenor*

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., President 1886-1916

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS, Gen. Hon. Secretary.

Specially arranged and rung to mark the jubilee year of the association, which was formed in St. Andrew's Schools in 1882.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE	*Treble*	ARTHOR H. WHITE	6
HENRY C. WHITE	2	RICHARD G. RICE	7
*HUGH J. BALCOMBE	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	8
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ...	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ...	5	FRED WHITE...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. All the above are Sunday service ringers, except 3 and 7, who hail from Harwell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT HOWARD ...	*Treble*	*ARTHUR BYSOUTH	5
*HERBERT WHITBY	2	WILLIAM K. NORTH	6
†WILLIAM BYSOUTH	3	BARNARD PATMORE	7
SYDNEY CARTER...	4	ALBERT LAWRENCE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

UPTON-ST.-LEONARD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ...	*Treble*	HARRY NEWMAN	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	WILLIAM HARRIS...	6
TRAVERS PRITCHARD	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS CLISSOLD	4	GEORGE CONDICK... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS BALDWYN.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS LAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM PARKER...	5
ARTHUR ROBINSON	2	W. JACK DOVE	6
FRANK ROLLINGS...	3	CHARLES W. BIRD	7
TOM TEBBUTT	4	ALFRED MONK	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY C. WALTERS	*Treble*	*EDWARD ATKINSON	5
WILFRED APPLEGATE	2	CHARLES BROWN	6
VICTOR APPLEGATE	3	HARRY BROWN	7
FRED NEWTON	4	†JAMES LINDSAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ROBERT G. HOARE	*Treble*	DANIEL D. COOPER	5
HERBERT P. CLIFF	2	BERNARD H. WELLS	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	JOHN R. HUMPHREYS	7
RONALD H. DOVE	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

First peal by the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	6
KEITH HART	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	NELSON ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 26, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BRANTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PARKER	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
*HORACE H. HILLIER	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4	*WILLIAM H. BRANTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. G. D. Barnsley as Vicar of Wraysbury. The Vicar visited the belfry to thank the ringers after the peal.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MANSFIELD GINN	*Treble*	FRED C. GINN	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	2	RUPERT THODAY	6
ROBERT SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. GINN	7
GEORGE WHYBROW	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Ingle to Miss Gwendoline Thoday, sister of the ringer of the sixth. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

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HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM BLACKHURST	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
HIRAM MEAKIN	2	TOM WILDE	6
FRANK TWIGG	3	ALAN F. BAILEY	7
JOHN BRIERLEY	4	†HAROLD JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

WALTER THOMAS	*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
J. WILLIAM CLARKE	3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	JAMES MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in grateful memory of the life and work of Henry W. Wilde, who was called to rest on Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD HOLDEN	*Treble*	DAVID HINGLEY	5
ARTHUR HINGLEY	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
DENNIS HOLDEN	3	DANIEL T. MATKIN	7
WILLIAM FISHER	4	BERT HORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Baker, daughter of the ringer of the 6th. It was also the 85th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	*Treble*	FRED WATKINSON	5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	*ALFRED E. PARSONS	6
JOHN HOLMAN	3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES	7
FREDERICK CARDWELL	4	*FREDERICK E. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd (who is only 14 years of age) for the way he rang throughout the peal. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*RICHARD E. G. LUTON	*Treble*	GEORGE LANCASTER	5
ERNEST BISHOP	2	WALTER TRUEMAN	6
SIDNEY H. HOPPER	3	SIDNEY PALMER	7
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	4	CHARLES J. GARDINER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Swindon branch of the association, also as a farewell peal to Mr. Hopper, late secretary of the branch, who is leaving the district for Exmouth.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, October 5th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Abrams 1, S. Murphy 2, W. Seekings 3, M. Ginn 4, J. Granger (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MALGWICK	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	HERBERT F. HULL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung by special request to celebrate the Parish Church Pageant. Mr. Hull's first peal for 23 years.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	ALAN D. STEEL	7
THOMAS HURD	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH J. PRATT	*Treble*	*THOMAS COLLINS	5
WILLIAM H. JOINER	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
EDGAR G. SWIFT	3	FRANK CORK	7
PERCY E. JONES	4	WILLIAM HONER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

* First peal of Stedman.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

HARRY CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WALTER PERKINS	5
AMOS SMART	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
ROBERT G. BLACK	4	JAMES T. WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS	*Treble*	OWEN H. GILES	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	KEITH HART	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
ROBERT SWIFT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	2	LIONEL CLOUGH	6
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
JAMES A. MILNER	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HENRY J. WILKINSON	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
ROBERT G. HUNT	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	7
*FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN	4	EDWARD C. WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' The first peal of Triples on the bells. Rung for the eve of the dedication festival.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	*Treble*	ERNEST F. POPPY	5
WILLIAM STEGGALLS	2	*DAVID WHITING	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the fifth has by this peal 'completed the circle' on eight rings of eight.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HARRIS	*Treble*	JESSE GILLETT	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	JOHN W. DAVIS	6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS	3	EX.-SGT. J. WILLIAMS	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung to commemorate the diamond wedding of ex-Sergt. Williams and also as a birthday compliment on his 80th birthday.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALFRED COATES	*Treble*	JACK REED	5
CHARLES E. HOWROYD	2	*JOHN STOTT	6
*RICHARD DUFFIELD	3	†EDWARD HUDSON	7
JAMES METCALFE	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to the Very Rev. Charles Mansfield Owen, D.D., Dean of Ripon, patron of the association and of the living of Sharow, who attained the age of 80 years on Monday, October 24th, 1932.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	J. G. BURROWS	5
*E. ROBERTS	2	C. SMITH	6
*W. LUNN	3	*G. TOMLINSON	7
G. ELLIOTT	4	R. G. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by R. G. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells by Sunday service ringers. R. G. Lewis has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins., for the visit of the Bishop of Willesden: E. Lankester 1, H. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 3, Miss K. M. Bradford 4, J. H. Botham 5, E. H. Kilby 6, T. J. Lock 7, E. B. Hartley (first quarter-peal) 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*HENRY JARMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK HUNT	5
ALFRED KING	2	HARRY WOOD	6
†ARTHUR DAY	3	‡BEN JARMAN	7
ARTHUR J. SMITH	4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WARD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	3	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	4	ERNEST FITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells. Composition No. 144.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK	*Treble*	VICTOR A. JARRETT	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	7
WALTER BEAUMONT	4	FRANK BELSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. BELSEY.
First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung for the dedication festival.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

TOM PAGE	*Treble*	†HARRY PAGE	5
*ERNEST STITCH	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
*JOSEPH LOVETT	3	*ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
*HERBERT DAVIES	4	FREDERICK LASBURY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' This peal was arranged for the ringers of 2nd and 7th, who hail from Aberavon.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ARDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, City Delight, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS	*Treble*	SYDNEY CARTER	4
JEFFREY WILLIAMS	2	JOHN WELCH	5
ALBERT LAWRENCE	3	BARNARD PATMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

*ERNEST KIMM	*Treble*	ALBERT V. MIDDLEDITCH	4
WALTER LAYZELL	2	VICTOR E. WATERS	5
WILLIAM PRIME	3	FREDERICK J. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. LONG.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK SHUKER	*Treble*	PHILIP KELSALL	4
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE	5
THOMAS HURD	3	JAMES WALLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP KELSALL.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Hurd.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED J. BOYCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY HILLIER	4
GEORGE WINTER	2	VINCENT E. SWIFT	5
WILLIAM A. SWIFT	3	FRANK GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT E. SWIFT.
Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY MURPHY	*Treble*	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	4
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS	2	ARTHUR J. GINN	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	ERNEST WAKELING	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
First Surprise peal on the bells and by 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor. Mr. Abrams (local captain) has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Mr. and Mrs. W. Seekings kindly entertained the band after the peal.

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WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*M. BOYER	*Treble*	*A. JERVIS	4
*J. BOYER	2	F. BARNARD	5
W. C. SUTTON	3	*ALEX J. KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SUTTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Arranged for A. J. King, who met with a serious accident which deprived him of his eyesight. He is a regular ringer at the above church on Sundays.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY...	*Treble*	EDWARD ROBBINS	4
THOMAS BETTESON	2	HENRY W. TURTON	5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ...	3	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. Waugh) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST F. WHITE	*Treble*	D. M. FLOWER	4
E. C. MARLOW	2	E. F. MARLOW	5
N. KNEE	3	*W. AVERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. Rung as a jubilee celebration peal of the Salisbury Guild.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*THOMAS S. ASTBURY... ...	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	2	*NORMAN G. LEECH	5
*RICHARD T. HOLDING ..	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. The conductor's 160th peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. LASKEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	1-2	WALTER J. FORD	5-6
WILLIAM J. WASEY	3-4	HERBERT LASKEY	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

First 'double-handed' peal by ringers of 5-6 and 7-8.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE PARTITION OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Upper Beeding on Saturday, October 22nd, when approximately 30 members were present, representing Brighton (St. Peter's and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Upper Beeding, Lower Beeding, Crawley, Turner's Hill, Shoreham, Uckfield and Warnham.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon with one short pause to allow Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, to measure the bells, three of which are pre-Reformation. The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. E. Richards) conducted a short service in church, and in the course of his address touched on the message of church bells and bells as a means of conversion.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Mission Hall, after which followed the meeting, with the Vicar as chairman. Messrs. F. Howe (Shoreham) and George Searle (Upper Beeding) were elected members of the association, and the election of the following as non-resident life members was also confirmed: H. Dennis Ford (Sevenoaks), A. Relfe (Lamberhurst) and John W. Ward (Cambridge).

The next item was the election of an honorary secretary for the newly-formed Central South Division, whose duties will commence on January 1st, 1933.

Mr. J. M. Cripps, proposed by Mr. S. E. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. W. Mease, was unanimously elected to fill this office.

The general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) brought to the attention of the members the Ringers' Handbook by the Rev. E. S. and M. Powell, which he recommended as a very useful book for beginners. A copy was passed round and inspected by the members.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the trouble he had taken in making arrangements for the tea, for his address at the service and for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 7.45. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

DEATH OF ANOTHER WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to record that another Worcestershire stalwart has just passed away. Three well-known ringers from around Worcester had previously gone to their rest within the last twelve months, and on top of this comes the sad news of the death of yet another—John Worman, of Leigh Court. The deceased was 59 years old, and had lived for the last 40 years in the parish, where he was head ringer. His death took place suddenly while he was at work at Bromyard on Monday, October 17th. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, both for his services to the church in the tower and his genial character outside. His spirit would be a model and example to any young ringer of to-day. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only about nine, of which he conducted one, but he always gave a willing and helpful hand to beginners.

He was buried at Bransford Cemetery, adjoining Leigh, on Friday, October 21st. On the same evening a combined band of St. John's (Worcester) and Leigh ringers rang at the Parish Church a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Woodyatt 1, R. Rowe (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, T. W. Lewis 3, W. Banner 4, W. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. Deakin 6.

On Sunday morning ringers from Bromyard, Worcester, Leigh, etc., paid their last respect to a dear old friend by taking part in other muffled ringing and attending a memorial service, which was held in the Leigh Church. T. W. L.

SELLY OAK RINGER MARRIED.

An interesting and pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on October 15th, between Miss Janet McCallen Thornborn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thornborn, of Sanquhar, Scotland, and Mr. Kenneth W. Davis, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, of Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak. Mr. Leslie Barker, A.L.C.M., who presided at the organ, played appropriate music before and after the service.

The bride, attended by Miss Dora Davis (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Winnie Moy, was given away by Mr. F. L. C. Gibbs, a fellow-bellringer of the above Guild.

The bridegroom, who belongs to the oldest family in Selly Oak, has long been associated with the work of the church, and is an ardent ringer at Selly Oak. The Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Steer) officiated at the ceremony in the presence of numerous friends and relatives.

As the happy couple left the church nurses from the Summer Hill District Nursing Association, to which the bride belonged, formed a guard of honour, whilst the bells rang out merrily, the ringers being H. Atkins 1, J. Boylin 2, A. Workman 3, Jack Atkins 4, H. Stanley 5, G. Fearn 6.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Davis were the recipients of many useful presents and telegrams of congratulations and good wishes.

At the reception Mrs. A. G. Myring acted as hostess. There were expressions of delight when it was found the wedding cake was adorned by a miniature octave of handbells in honour of the bridegroom's art.

The St. Mary's Guild hope in the immediate future to arrange a quarter-peal in honour of the event.

A RINGER FOR 70 YEARS.

Recently Mr. Walter Spiers, of Alresford, Hants, celebrated his 82nd birthday. He is still hale and hearty, can read without spectacles and do a full day's work.

Mr. Spiers has lived all his life in Alresford, and has been bell ringing ever since he was nine years old, so that he has been a ringer for over 70 years. He began at Old Alresford, when he had to stand on a little stool because he could not otherwise reach the ropes. He still rings at Old Alresford and is regularly in his place every Sunday. He is a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and in days gone by took part in several peals, but, he says, three hours at a stretch is now a bit too long for him.

DEATH OF FORMER LINCOLN GUILD SECRETARY.

On Wednesday, October 26th, at All Saints', Gainsborough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: F. S. W. Butler 1, Miss E. Marshall 2, Miss P. G. Baker 3, C. A. Hewitt 4, G. W. Creasey 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Morgan (conductor) 7, E. Halingwater 8.

This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Reginald Bond, Grayingham, who for four years was one of the assistant clergy at All Saints' Church. He was for a time secretary of the North Lincolnshire Association, and for a period, later on, held the same office for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

It was also rung as a tribute of sympathy to Mr. J. Dixon, a member of the local company, on the sad loss of his wife.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Thomas', Woolton Hill, on Sunday, September 18th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Disney, wife of Canon Disney, of The Grange, Woolton Hill, whose daughter was a member of the above tower before her marriage. The ringers were: J. Robbins 1, S. Bevan 2, J. Berry 3, T. Lock 4, J. Scott (conductor) 5, F. Palmer 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Knapp 1, Miss D. M. Honeywell 2, Miss I. D. Knapp 3, J. Berry 4, A. Challis 5, T. Bratchell 6, F. J. Knapp (conductor) 7, W. Buckland 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by all the band except the conductor.

VISIT TO CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 15th, six members of the North Staffs and District Association paid a visit to the beautiful church at Clive, where the six bells (tenor 25 cwt.) have recently been rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. At Market Drayton the party were joined by Messrs. W. Weatherby and W. J. Chester, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst having already gone on in advance to herald their approach and to get everything ready. On arriving at Clive, they were met by Mr. George Ruscoe, the genial leader at this tower, who extended a hearty welcome. The bells were raised in peal, after which 240 each of London, York and Cambridge were brought round by S. B. Bailey 1, W. Wheeldon 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. By this time several local men had turned up and were given a trial touch of Kent with a little prompting from the visitors. Oxford and Bob Minor followed, and the visitors rang a beautifully struck 240 of Wells Surprise as a closing touch, in view of the fact that they had 50 miles to travel before reaching home. After a splendid tea at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, Mr. George Pearson regaled the party with some of his colliery experiences, in which some well-known local worthies were involved. He kept to the humorous side of the stories and told them in his breezy and inimitable manner. It was really through the generosity of Mr. Pearson that this visit was made, and sincere thanks are tendered to him and to Mr. W. P. Deane, whose car also was at the service of the party. Thanks are also accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. George Ruscoe for his untiring efforts in making the visit so enjoyable. J. E. W.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Combe Martin, Devon, on Sunday, October 30th, for evensong at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1932 changes) in 1 hour 9 mins.: L. Rook 1, C. Rook 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, R. H. D. Gubb 4, T. Yeo 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. Longest length for ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and 6th.

RAPID PROGRESS.

At St. Mary's Church, Wroxham, on October 24th, the local band rang a date touch (1,932 changes) in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob: F. G. Boyce 1, E. A. Stevenson 2, V. M. Ormerod 3, C. W. Griffin 4, H. C. Read 5, G. Bailey (conductor) 6. At this time last year five of the band could only ring call changes.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A wonderful triumph over disability has been achieved by Mr. A. J. King, of Wrenbury, Cheshire. Deprived of his eyesight as the result of a serious accident, he has just rung his first peal. This was the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at his Parish Church, where he is a regular ringer on Sundays.

After a peal at Earls Colne, Essex, on Saturday—her sixth peal this year—Miss Hilda Snowden was presented with a gold wrist watch by members of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.

The 'Empire' peal, which was mentioned in our columns recently, is to be attempted next Empire Day, May 24th, at St. Clement Danes Church, London, by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford). Mr. W. R. Madgwick, of 14, Handel Street, London, W.C.1, would like to hear from any ringers who have resided overseas.

HUDSON'S COURSE-ENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was hoping to see, in one of your last issues, some amendment of a statement made by one of the speakers at the Yorkshire commemoration dinner. He is reported to have said that no peal of Stedman had ever been composed with course-ends that were not Hudson's particular rows. As it stands, this statement is so misleading that it ought to be corrected.

On page 120 of 'Stedman' there is a peal by Henry Cooper. As given, the composition is false, probably because the manuscript was indistinct. However, the course-ends give a true peal in two equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles, which, it may be safely said, no other course-ends will give. Further, the seventh is undisturbed throughout, which quality has never been obtained with Hudson's course-ends. Cooper's peal was rung 13 years before Hudson's discovery, and there is no relationship between the two sets of course-ends.

To come to more modern peals, there are many seven-part peals with never more than four calls together. Obviously a set of sixty courses can have no connection with these. Again, many peals of the late John Carter, J. O. Lancashire and other composers on the sixty course plan have quite different course-ends to Hudson's, and have qualities which are not obtainable with the latter.

No more is necessary to disprove the statement made.

In conclusion, I can speak with knowledge as to the value of the late William Hudson's discovery, and believe that all composers, since the first odd-bob peal was published, have used his course-ends as a proof scale.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MORE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Not being content with an extra-special jubilee annual meeting to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Midland Counties Association, that hard-working and indefatigable secretary for Derby District (Mr. George Freebrey) set about getting a record number of new honorary members to join. To show how he has interested certain gentlemen in the association's work, the results speak for themselves, for he has collected nearly 60. Thinking a special peal ought to be rung, he arranged for as representative a band as possible to meet at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on Saturday last, to attempt Stedman Caters. Owing to illness and other arrangements intervening, the vice-president and others invited could not attend, but the 'reserves' came up splendidly, and an excellently struck peal was successfully rung. It was fitting that the conductor should be the general hon. secretary, for the FIRST PEAL by the association was conducted by the then hon. secretary, the late Mr. H. C. Woodward. The conductor also chose to call the composition of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., who was for 30 years president of the association, and he selected the suitable number of 5,050 changes. Those who listened to the peal outside declared it as 'one of the best,' and the music, too, was very fine.

Mr. Freebrey has not yet finished 'celebrating,' for the next item will be a lantern lecture in the Cathedral Schools on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., when the general hon. secretary will give 'The Founder's Art—Famous Bells of the World,' and mention the work of the association. The president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, will preside, and it is proposed to invite ladies and gentlemen from the various parishes to attend. It is hoped all Derby and district ringers possible will be present—and bring their friends—for they will see and hear some interesting things.

ST. DUNSTAN'S 'FISH' FESTIVAL.

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, London, there is annually held a thanksgiving for the harvest of the sea, when the decorations of the church consist of offerings of fish. Last Sunday, for this special festival, 1,248 London Surprise Major was rung on the bells by J. G. A. Prior 1, W. H. Theobold 2, E. W. Furbank 3, A. Clayton 4, J. Marks 5, G. H. Cross (conductor) 6, G. R. Gammon 7, E. D. Smith 8. Also 224 Superlative and 224 Cambridge, in which Mrs. G. H. Cross, T. H. Taffender and W. Grainger took part.

THE LATE MR. HENRY W. WILDE.

HIS INTEREST IN MINOR RINGING.

The news of the death of Mr. Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford, Cheshire, which we briefly recorded last week, has been received with widespread regret throughout the Exercise, and particularly by his friends in the Chester Diocesan Guild and on the Central Council. Mr. Wilde, who was born on February 11th, 1869, passed away in Chester Royal Infirmary on Tuesday of last week. He had been operated on on the preceding Friday, and showed signs of making a satisfactory recovery when he unexpectedly collapsed. His death brings a great loss to the Exercise, for he was an active, although unassuming, worker in many ways.

In his young days Mr. Wilde was apprenticed at the Stanton Ironworks, and later went to Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield. He began his ringing career at Sandiacre, and here, after much struggling practice, scored his first 720—Grandsire Minor—and some time afterwards—on May 25th, 1889—his first peal, which was in two methods, Grandsire and Bob Minor.

In 1895 the late Duke of Westminster, who was much interested in the light railway on Sir Arthur's estate, decided to erect a similar railway on the Eaton estate. It was built under Sir Arthur's direction and Mr. Wilde was sent to superintend the work. The railway connects Eaton Hall and the various estate departments with the G.W.R. main London line some few miles away. On the completion of the work in 1897 Mr. Wilde was appointed engineer of the railway, a post which he held until his death. Many of his ringing friends will remember with interest the trip which he was able to arrange—by kind permission of the Duke—on the occasion of the Central Council meeting at Chester in 1925, and which, together with the visit to Eaton Hall itself, was one of the episodes which helped to make that meeting the success it was.

THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

On settling down at Eaton, Mr. Wilde threw himself into local ringing activities, and joined the band at Pulford, where ringing was then in a flourishing state. Meanwhile a new church was being built at Eccleston, and when ringing on this fine eight commenced in 1907, he became captain of the newly-formed band, and rang his first peal there—Oxford Bob Triples—on January 4th, 1908. Since that time he had acted as host to hundreds of ringers who have visited this beautiful church with its equally beautiful bells.

AN ABLE RINGER AND COMPOSER.

To few men is given his ability as a ringer and conductor, while his compositions, most of which were of characteristic merit, made his name known throughout the country. Hosts of his fellow-ringers who have had the privilege of meeting him at ringers' gatherings will recall with feeling his delightful ringing in methods easy and difficult and on bells large and small. Those, too, who have known him, not only in the tower, but as a correspondent in ringing matters, will testify to his keen mental outlook and his ability to see matters in their correct perspective.

He was a valued member of the Central Council, for which body he did a great amount of quiet, unostentatious work, particularly in the proving of peals for the 'Collection.'

By his death the Chester Diocesan Guild loses one of its most talented and active members. He seldom failed to be present at the Chester branch meetings, where he was equally willing and ready to stand in either for some advanced method or for rounds and call changes for the beginners, with whom he always showed great patience. Indeed, his genial disposition and unassuming manner made him a popular figure wherever he went.

Although a gifted ringer on eight, ten and twelve bells, he had a soft place in his heart for Minor. With scarcely a break for the past ten years he and a small band of fellow-ringers from the Chester branch of the Chester Guild have met every Tuesday for Minor ringing. The task on hand at present is the ringing of at least one extent of all the Surprise Minor methods in the Central Council's 'Collection,' a task in which he was intensely interested. It is sad to record that only three of those methods remained to be rung when he was called so suddenly to his rest. He rang and conducted his last 720—of Hanley Surprise—at Aldford on Tuesday, October 11th, the evening before he entered hospital. He was in good spirits that evening and parted with a cheerful 'good night' and hopes for a speedy return.

To these few of his most intimate ringing friends the news of his death seemed almost unbelievable, and it was with heavy hearts that they met on Saturday evening at Eccleston to ring a muffled peal for one whose memory will always be green, not only to themselves, but to hundreds of ringers throughout the land. It is gratifying to reflect that the peal was one which 'Harry' himself would have enjoyed—well struck and without a hitch all through. He rang his last peal—his 295th—on these same bells on July 14th last, when he called Grandsire and New Grandsire Spliced, the latter a method which, at the time, was thought not to have been rung before and was named by him 'Grandam.' Subsequently, however, it proved to have been rung some considerable time previously.

A VARIETY OF PEALS.

The variety of Mr. Wilde's peals, of which he had conducted a considerable number, showed his enterprise in the practical application of the art in which he was so much interested. Altogether his peals numbered 295, and were made up as follows:—

Maximus:	
Plain Bob	1
Kent	4
Cambridge	1
Cinques:	
Grandsire	1
Stedman	1
Royal:	
Plain Bob	1
Kent	5
Kent and Oxford (Spliced)	1
Little Albion	1
Cambridge	3
New Cambridge	1
Caters:	
Grandsire	3
Stedman	3
Major:	
Plain Bob	19
Canterbury	1
Double Bob	1
Bristol	3
Yorkshire	1
Rutland	1
Belgrave	1
St. Clement's	1
Oxford Bob	1
Double Oxford	3
Double Norwich	36
Duffield	3
Kent Treble Bob	40
Oxford Treble Bob	3
Major (cont.):	
Kent and Oxford (S.)	4
Little Bob	2
Albion	2
Little Albion	2
Superlative	17
Cambridge	26
London	12
New Cambridge	1
Triples:	
Grandsire	32
Double Grandsire	1
Grandsire and New Grandsire (S.)	1
Union	2
Plain Bob	1
Oxford Bob	4
Double Oxford	2
St. Clement's	1
Stedman	16
Minor.	
1 Method	1
2 Methods	4
3 Methods	2
4 Methods	11
5 Methods	1
7 Methods	8
10 Methods	1
Doubles	1
Total	295

Beside his ringing activities, Mr. Wilde was greatly interested in things musical. He had a pleasing tenor voice, and immediately on receiving his appointment at Eaton he joined the choir of the private chapel at the hall, which was at that time the centre of local musical activities. When this choir was disbanded in 1900 he became a member of the choir at Pulford Church and later at Eccleston, where he was also a sidesman and a member of the Church Council. He carried his musical abilities into the belfry, for he hated bad striking and was frequently heard to say that, for service ringing at least, call changes well struck were far better than Cambridge or London badly struck. He was also a member of the Chester Natural Science Society, an active society founded by Charles Kingsley.

At morning service at Eccleston on Sunday the Rector spoke in touching terms of his unfailing devotion to his church and parish and his ringing craft. On all sides it is felt that his passing will leave a gap which cannot be filled.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise goes out to his widow and family in their great sorrow.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Wilde, which took place at Eccleston on Friday, was attended by many of his colleagues from the Eaton Hall Estate and residents of the district, as well as ringers from neighbouring towers. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. J. Okell), and the interment followed in the churchyard. The choir was in attendance, and Mr. A. H. Robinson, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O. (organist to the Duke of Westminster), was at the organ. He played suitable music, including Chopin's 'Funeral March,' as the cortege left the church. The hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung, and Psalm 23 chanted.

The principal mourners included Mrs. Wilde (widow), Mr. Walter Wilde and Mr. Francis Wilde (sons), Mrs. Walter Wilde (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilde (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Lowe (sister-in-law), Mrs. Goring (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Myles.

The ringers present included Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. H. A. Heywood (vice-chairman of Chester Branch of the Chester Guild), Messrs. J. Morgan, W. Bibby, R. Sperring, J. Swindley, W. Morgan, G. Jones, W. Thomas, S. Jones, H. Thomas, W. Hopwood, J. Allman, E. Hughes, E. Salisbury and A. Jones.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. A. Richards (Farndon), Mr. J. W. Clark (Chester) and Mr. Geo. R. Newton (Liverpool).

There were many wreaths, including those from heads of departments on the estate: his workmates; Belgrave Yard; president and fellow-members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers; Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers; his ringing friends; organist and fellow-members of the choir of the Church of St. Mary, Eccleston; bellringers, St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool.

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local company in rounds and call changes, and the ringing later included 447 Grandsire Triples: W. Bibby 1, George Jones 2, W. Morgan 3, J. Morgan 4, J. Swindley 5, H. Thomas 6, E. H. Lewis 7, J. Allman 8.

On Saturday a half-muffled peal was rung at Eccleston.

ECCLESTON CHURCH, CHESHIRE,
where the late Mr. Wilde was captain of the ringers. The church was opened on Ascension Day, 1906. The fine peal of eight bells, with tenor of 26¾ cwt. in D, were opened in 1907.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD.

In the course of evening service on Sunday at Haslemere, Surrey, Parish Church, the Rector dedicated a handsome oak peal board commemorating a peal of Stedman Caters (10,025 changes) rung on the bells on February 28th, 1931, in 6 hours and 32 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The board is of polished oak, beautifully carved, and is the work and gift of Mr. R. Hayes, the lettering, in gold, being given by Major Hesse, both of whom took part in the peal.

Eight of the band who rang in the long peal were present at the dedication, and prior to the service rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 minutes with the assistance of Mr. R. Philpott and Mr. P. Bowden: R. Hayes 1, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 2, R. Overy 3, W. J. Robinson 4, C. E. Smith 5, F. Bowden 6, M. Smither 7, R. Philpott 8, Major J. H. B. Hesse 9, A. J. Bartlett 10.

The peal was and still is the longest peal on the bells and for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the board, which is placed in a prominent position in the belfry, is a very worthy record of the performance.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,312 BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M	W	H	One lead each of
46532	1	1	2	L C L B
52364	1	1	2	L C L B
34625	1	1	2	L C L B
52643	1	1	1	L C L
45623		1		B C L
24653		1		L C B
56342	1	1		B B C R
45362		1		L C L
36452		1	1	R C L

Repeat last four courses four times, omit last bob of all for 56423, then repeat the whole.

Contains 1,216 of Bristol, 1,856 of London, 640 of Rutland, 1,600 of Cambridge. Superlative may be rung for Cambridge. London may be rung for Rutland. Thus the peal may be rung in three, four or five methods.

For 5120 finish one part as follows:—

24653

36452 M H B B C L

A FRENCH BELL FOUNDRY.

ELABORATE WORK.

The foundry of C. and F. Paccard was established at Annecy-le-Vieux, High Savoy, in 1796, and has to its credit the largest bells in France. In addition, carillons and chimes have been supplied to almost every country in the world.

The works are situated amongst magnificent scenery on the shores of the Lake of Annecy, and consist of a group of six buildings, the woodworking shop in the centre being surmounted with a carillon of 36 bells, worked from a piano-type clavier in the loft. On the north side of this is a small casting house with an oil-fired furnace for the making of clock bells, while the main foundry, with its wood burning furnaces, takes up the central position. The other buildings consist of various polishing shops, the wax carving shed and forges.

The most striking feature is the splendid finish which is put on the bells. Without exception they are cast with cannons, carefully proportioned with reference to the size of the bell, and are usually moulded elaborately in the form of allegorical animals. The outer surface of the bells round the crown and mouth is encircled with bands of bas relief involving the rose and cross of Savoy and the arms of the city of Annecy. In the space between is put the lengthy inscription, the name of the bell, and the founders' mark. When taken from the moulds the bells are sandblasted, filed all over by hand and finally polished with pumice stone. Consequently they present a most attractive appearance. Possibly the care exercised at this stage is owing to the fact that in France the hanging of a new peal is made the occasion for a general holiday, and the bells are taken in procession garlanded with flowers, consecrated by the Bishop, and named by their appointed godparents.

As an example of a typical inscription, that of the tenor of the peal of four, shortly to be installed at the Church of Villemoble, Paris, will be of interest:—

The 23rd October, 1932.

Under the Pontificat of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI., His Excellency Monseignor Eugene Crepin, Bishop of Trailles, auxiliary of His Eminence Cardinal Jean Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, consecrated me at the same time as my three other sisters to the service of God. I have as my godfather M. Henri Jouisseaume, Mayor of Villemoble, and as my godmother Mme. Jouisseaume, who have named me Marie-Terese-Blanche.

The Rector, Alcide Deschamps, placed me in this tower.

Weight, 25 cwt.

Although there is no change ringing on the Continent, the fittings of the bells are quite as up to date as those of any English peal. The familiar stays and sliders are, of course, absent, but iron headstocks, ball bearings and sometimes iron frames are quite usual. Owing to the retention of the cannons the headstocks are arched to the form of a semicircle in order that the heavy bells may be tucked up for ease in chiming. A shaped oak block is fitted under the headstock, and the cannons are bolted against it.

Where a chime of three or four bells are supplied, they are cast to the notes of a perfect chord, so that they may be swung clashing without dissonance. As a rule a heavy bell swings up to the horizontal, but the light ones are sent up 45 degrees or so further than this. Very often an automatic device is fitted, known as the 'Auto-Sonneur,' which starts by means of a switch in the tower. There are no blocked-up louvres in France; the more noise that comes out the better everyone is pleased, and in some cases the bells actually swing out of the openings and may be clearly seen in the street below.

It is a speciality of the Paccard firm that they will guarantee bells cast perfectly in tune, and, otherwise than polished, untouched from the mould. The bells for Villemoble were tested with the tuning forks in the writer's presence, and gave perfect response to the five tones.

Lastly, a word on some of the interesting bells cast at the foundry. Foremost is 'La Savoyarde,' hung at the Church of Sacre Cœur, Paris, so named owing to the fact that it was a gift to the church from the ladies of Savoy. The largest bell in France, it measures 9ft. 6in. in diameter, and weighs, without fittings, 19.8 tons. Not far behind is 'Jeanne d'Arc,' bourdon at Rouen Cathedral, 18.6 tons. This bell was cast on July 18th, 1914, and was rung in the foundry, where it was left during the war, for the first time to celebrate the Armistice.

In England there are eight Paccard bells at the Catholic Church at Leigh-on-Sea, tenor 20 cwt., installed in 1926, and four at St. Leonards, Sussex. America has bought several carillons, while India and China possess one or two chimes from this firm.

In conclusion the writer would like to thank MM. Paccard for their kind hospitality during his stay in Annecy, and for the generous manner in which he was given every access to the works.

S. E. A.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

A joint practice was held at Portmadoc on October 29th, when members attended from Bangor and Portmadoc. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung for the benefit of the young ringers who have recently joined the respective towers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Crayford on Saturday, October 29th, and, despite inclement weather, was well attended by ringers from Chislehurst, Beckenham, Dartford, Deptford, Erith, West Wickham, Woolwich, Greenwich and Swanscombe. The bells were kept in use throughout the afternoon and evening, touches being accomplished in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise.

Service, at which the association form was used, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews), who gave an extremely interesting address, in the course of which he paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett.

Later the members visited the new Church Hall, there to partake of tea, provided in generous measure and attractive manner by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council, the secretary of which (Mr. P. Russell) occupied the head of the table.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Russell presiding. The chairman extended a hearty welcome to the ringers to Crayford and their new hall. He then paid a brief but sincere tribute to the late Mr. E. Barnett, and the meeting passed a vote of condolence with the relatives, showing its respect for his memory by standing in silent meditation for a short time.

The election of Mr. J. W. Ward, previous to a peal at Crayford, was ratified. A report of the past year's work was presented by the district secretary and adopted.

All the retiring holders of office in the district were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Hill, hon. district secretary; Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Smith, district representatives; and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Ringing Master.

Mr. F. A. Coley (Erith) said that as the next annual general meeting of the association was due to be held in the Lewisham district, and the Vicar of Christ Church, Erith, had extended an invitation to hold this meeting at Christ Church, he proposed that the district representatives bring this invitation to the attention of the association committee and endeavour to secure its acceptance.—This was carried.

After some discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting (in January) at Woolwich if possible, with Greenwich as second choice if Woolwich was not available.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address; to the Parochial Church Council for their generous hospitality; to the organist and organ blower for their services; to the ladies for their help at tea, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting.—This was carried with applause.

After the chairman had briefly responded, the tower was revisited for further ringing, 9 o'clock bringing the conclusion of a very successful and enjoyable function and the prospect of a very uncomfortable journey home. Jupiter Pluvius received no vote of thanks!

DEATH OF AN OXTON RINGER.

The death occurred on Sunday, October 23rd, of Mr. William Hughes, a much respected member and captain of the band of ringers connected with St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, Birkenhead, Cheshire. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, had been ill for a few weeks. Mr. Hughes was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and one of the oldest members of the Oxton band of ringers, having rung there since the bells were placed in the tower in 1895, with the exception of a period of six years, when his occupation of a gardener took him away from the district into North Wales. When he came back again into the neighbourhood he returned to the tower and bells that he loved so well. He was not a great peal ringer, but was always regular and punctual in his attendance for Sunday service ringing. His cheery smile and jovial manner will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers at Oxton. He had rung five peals, a peal of Minor at Woodchurch, three peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major on Oxton bells. He rang in the first peal which was rung at Oxton on February 2nd, 1901—a peal of Grandsire Triples—and also in the first peal of Bob Major at Oxton on September 14th, 1912. His last peal was one of Grandsire Triples on July 19th, 1919, at Oxton, which was rung on the occasion of the peace celebrations after the Great War.

He was laid to rest in Woodchurch Churchyard on October 26th within the sound of the bells on which he received his first instruction in the art of ringing. The first portion of the service was held at St. Saviour's, Oxton, the Vicar of Oxton (the Rev. Canon J. B. Sayer, M.A., R.D.) officiating, assisted by the Rev. T. E. Edmond, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Birkenhead. The cortege then proceeded to Woodchurch, where the service at the graveside was taken by Canon Sayer.

There were many floral tributes, including one from his fellow-ringers at Oxton, and several of the members of the band followed him to his last resting place. He leaves in bereavement a wife and son, to whom his fellow-ringers tender their deepest sympathy.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled, but, unfortunately, it came to grief. As time would not allow another start being made, owing to a service, touches of 630 and 112 Grandsire Triples were rung by R. Edgar 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. O. Wharton 3, J. L. Grant 4, G. R. Edwards 5, R. G. Edwards 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8.

'THE END.'

A SUGGESTED NEW TERM.

In instructing beginners it will usually be found that they respond very much more readily to the warning, 'Go down to Lead,' than to 'Go up Behind.' The reason is that the learner's first reaction to the latter phrase is to ask himself, 'Behind whom?' He then remembers that 'behind' means the last column of written rows. He has, however, to manage his bell, which is not so instinctive a matter as with those more expert. The result often is that whereas he was probably already one place behind where he ought to be, by the time he has really taken in the meaning of the instruction, he has lost another place, and the ringing is in hopeless confusion.

It would, therefore, help considerably in getting beginners to become expert if a better term could be used, and one which conveys its meaning as quickly, and as unmistakably, as the word 'Lead' does.

One needs a term which uses the same word as a verb and a noun. 'Last' is available, but it is already in use in perpendicular descriptions. One speaks, for instance, of the 'last blow in thirds.' In fact, this word is already so overworked that one might say that a bell rang last its last blow. Therefore, it would never do to be able to add a third 'last.'

'Back' also would not do. It might be confused with back stroke. A ringer who found that the beginner was trying to dodge the wrong way with him could no longer say, 'Follow me at back' if the dodge was in the middle.

As 'rear' is the correlative of 'lead,' one would like to employ that word. But as the verb is used in a different sense from the noun, one has to use the phrase, 'to bring up the rear' instead, and that makes it useless for our purpose.

The only word left, as far as I see, is 'end.' This seems to be just what we need. It is just as clear and as concise to say, 'Go up to end,' as to say, 'Go down to lead.' 'To end' is as expressive as 'to lead.' It is quite clear what a 'whole' or 'full end' means, or a 'half' or 'snapping end.' It is just as good horizontally, where it means the end of a row, as it is vertically, where it means the end of hunting up.

What do your readers think of this? Has anyone a better suggestion to make? One great advantage is that its use would be quite voluntary. Those who wish to go on using 'behind' in its present meaning could continue to do so. There would be nothing to prevent them, and their intention would be as clear as it is now. On the other hand, those who object to making a preposition do the work of a noun, or to using two or more words instead of a single verb, would have a term which would enable them to be more concise as well as more precise in their instructions. If this use became general, the present use would die a natural and unlamented death. Is it not worth trying?

Employing the word to signify the end column would not be likely to confuse it with a term meaning the end row. For this we have already the expression, 'That is all.' I notice, however, that Mr. and Mrs. Powell in their 'Ringers' Handbook' tell us to say, 'This is all' when the treble reaches the second place. It is certainly much more sensible to give this call with the usual two rows notice than to call it out belatedly when the work it should precede is over, or nearly so.

HERBERT DRAKE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting was held on the extreme limits of the society's territorial boundary, when a visit was paid to the neighbouring city of Bradford. Ringing at the Cathedral commenced about 3.30 p.m. The day was one of the worst possible on which to travel, but a promising 'turn up' was recorded before tea, and other ringers came after the tea interval, when members were present from Armley, Burley, Birstall, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Michael's and Headingley St. Chad's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Holbeck, Queensbury, Northowram, Rothwell, Rotherham, Shipley, Lightcliffe and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with Mr. T. Strangeway as chairman owing to the unavoidable absence of the president.

The secretary announced the death of Mr. George Hunt, of Horbury. Mr. Hunt was, in his day, a famous handbell ringer, and was one of the band who toured America some years ago.—All the members present stood in silent tribute to his memory.

Ten new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. J. Hardcastle, George Titterington, H. C. Buckley, A. Gill, Ed. Wheater, J. H. Mawson, J. W. Cundall, of the Cathedral company; J. Lawson, of Lightcliffe; T. Kendall, of Shipley; and E. Jenkins, unattached.

The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on November 26th, and all members are requested to note that the business meeting will be held immediately after tea and in the same building.

The very best thanks of the society were accorded the Bishop of Bradford and his churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. C. Lawson.—Mr. J. Broadley replied on behalf of the Bradford Cathedral company.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Alas, I am all undone. I am unmasked, and by Mr. George L. Joyce, of Leytonstone. I thought that I had made it clear to the meanest intellect, but obviously I did not. I apologise. Still, I believe that the average ringer can read between the lines, and knows that 'A Peal' of 5,040 Minor or Doubles is a courtesy title only. Older ringers can remember that all such were designated 'Performances,' and were printed as such in the 'Bell News' and other publications. The fact remains. Your correspondent's hilarity would fall flat if only he had the courage to give the whole sentence after 'backstroke change' which supplies the answer. Will some friend in his vicinity please tell him that there are famous methods rung daily where the bob is NOT made at the backstroke. He admits to spending many months wrestling with the differences of 'Lead-end' and 'Lead-head.' I don't doubt it for a moment. Here is another puzzle for him to study. The Cambridge Minor was published in the Lincoln Guild report with a dividing line between the hand and backstrokes of the last treble leads, thus showing that the handstroke was the last change. Many ringers and writers have said and written that you cannot have 'rounds' both at the beginning and end (nor any other row for that matter). Both Mr. C. T. Coles—and myself—have said it.

Here is the puzzle: If rounds is the FIRST row, to what peal does the FINAL row of rounds belong? I want no equivocation. To the ringer, rows and changes mean the same thing in practice. Possibly Mr. G. L. Joyce can solve this in a moment. I may say at once that I cannot do so. W. WILLSON.

'TOO RIDICULOUS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyce appears to be in a very flippant mood, but as he evidently does not understand why, and for what reason the question was asked, he would be well advised to leave the answer to those best qualified to give it.

The question he asked in May, 1929, is really too ridiculous, but if he wants an answer I would refer him to page 95 of the book of Minor methods.—Faithfully yours, C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

THE COMPOSER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Dear Sir,—No one seems to come to the point raised in your leader, entitled 'Forward or backwards,' so may I give my opinion? As a one time member of an enterprising Minor band, I would say there were signs of going forward if only these composers would give the Minor men the right stuff instead of freaks.

I would like to state the case for the Rev. Bankes James' composition of Cambridge. It came to us at a time when we were looking for something we had not got, a peal which did not offend 'Snowball,' by producing 6-5's at back-stroke, and so it was rung by us, after ascertaining that each 720 was true. Now, thanks to the 'Mad Hatter's' tables, we get eight 720's which eliminate the 6-5's and all end with rounds in the old way, but there are many methods which will not produce enough such 720's for a band to ring a peal in that manner, and there lies the composer's opportunity to produce, where possible, enough 720's for a peal if required. I think most of us are enlightened enough to realise that a 720 can be true even if it does not end with rounds, and I think that a Central Council rule to the effect that 'All PEALS of Minor shall start from, and end with, rounds, and shall consist of at least seven 720's each true in themselves,' would be sufficient to wipe out the unwanted and give us something that can be rung with a feeling of safety. A. H. SMITH.

Leatherhead.

IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.

Dear Sir,—As a much Minor ringer, I feel it a duty to support Mr. Severn in his remark that 'the calling of Mr. Turner's peal will not test the ability of present-day conductors.' What I think would be more to the point is it would tax the bob callers. Anyone with a few minutes to spare can easily split Mr. Turner's peal in parts and the rest is easy. The Rev. Bankes James' peal is in a different category.

The definition of a peal as I read it is that it begins FROM rounds and finishes WITH rounds, or 123456. If ringing is to keep its proper prestige, let us keep (or try to) the old adage, 'Ring out the false, ring in truth.' If a good peal is rung, whose credit is it as regards the calling? It makes not an iota of difference to the band where the bobs are called. I congratulate all our best conductors on calling difficult peals; for my part, I try to find the easy ones in fairness to our many triers. They want the peal, not the calling.

Over, Cambs. F. WARRINGTON.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SEDBERGH.—For divine service on October 23rd, 1,280 changes Superlative Surprise Major: E. Jennings 1, J. E. Pennington 2, J. P. Fidler 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, H. Haresnape 6, J. W. Pennington 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett 2, W. C. Wakley 3, C. F. Austin 4, A. J. Grant 5, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, A. L. Pope 8.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the risk of further boring some of your more easily bored readers, I again refer to this subject. Mr. E. Morris must accept my word that I have no wish to introduce Midland Counties Association performances, except that they vividly illustrate Mr. Willson's extraordinary attitude. I am quite aware that that association has now entirely banned Spliced and Mixed Minor and Doubles, but the ban is not retrospective, and whilst a large number of peals which Mr. Willson describes as 'rot and rubbish,' and in his latest epistle as 'trash,' remain on his association's records, he has no right to complain of what other societies ring. His remarks, too, about the peal-hog conductor with a weak hand and a clock are in very bad taste. Is he referring to the conductors of the above mentioned peals?

So Mr. Willson is of the opinion that there is no such thing as 'A Peal' of 5,040 Doubles (or Minor). I do not think he will get many five and six bell ringers to agree with him—but therein lies the root of his objection to the splicing of Doubles and Minor compositions. When he recognises, as most ringers do, 42 six-scores of Doubles, or seven 720's of Minor, as ONE PEAL, he will be well on the way towards recognising Mr. Turner's Oxford Treble Bob Minor as well (Treble Bob included).

Mr. Willson is unkind enough to let Mr. Severn down completely. Mr. Severn, having rung part of Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor in a peal, wishes to count the initial rounds to enable him to term each 720 as complete. Mr. Willson will not have this at any price, and puts up quite a good case for not doing so. The truth is, of course, that this peal consists of two round blocks of 2,160 changes each, and one 720, and no amount of arguing about counting the initial row 123456 as part of the first 720 will bring the bells round at the 720th change to make that 720 COMPLETE.

Mr. Severn must, therefore, admit that when he rang the peal of Cambridge Minor at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928, consisting of one round block of 2,160 and four separate 'true and complete' 720's, he rang a peal which contained mixed 720's, to which he now takes a decided objection. If he insists that the Bankes James peal consists of separate 720's, with rounds at the beginning, I will put this point to him. The end of his third 720 was 132465 at handstroke; he then had 123456 at backstroke, and from there rang four separate 720's, each starting FROM and ending WITH rounds, thus making 5,041 changes in all, including rounds eight times. I anticipate him saying that each of these last four 720's also had rounds at the beginning and not at the end, and ask him, 'How can your 720's be complete if they do not come back to where they started from, and how can your peal be complete if it does not END WITH ROUNDS?' I cannot follow Mr. Severn's so-called 720's of Treble Bob. As shown they appear to be false, and not 720's. In any case, they do not appear to be difficult to call, and since 5-6 no turn up the wrong way, I fail to see why they are brought in in comparison to Mr. Turner's peal.—Yours faithfully, C. T. COLES.

P.S.—In some associations' rules one often finds the words, '5,040 true and complete changes.' Can anyone inform me what is a 'true and complete change'?

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HUNT.

HORBURY RINGER WHO TOURED AMERICA.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Hunt, of Horbury, Wakefield, who passed away at the age of 62 years on Thursday, Oct. 27th.

For many years the deceased was a member of St. Peter's Church choir, first as a boy and then as an adult alto singer. He started his career as a ringer in the year 1889, and was actively engaged in the art until about 18 months ago. He had taken part in many notable peals. He was also an active and clever tune ringer, being for many years a ringing member of the Horbury handbell ringers, and on two occasions accompanied them on tour in America. The entertainment given by this company was much appreciated, as the ringing was augmented by a clever vocal quartette, in which deceased sang the alto parts.

The funeral took place at Horbury on Saturday, October 29th. Canon Hill officiated and about 30 ringers were present, representing Wakefield, Ossett, Sandal, Royston, Barnsley, Wath-in-Dearn and Horbury. Deceased's brother ringers acted as bearers and took part in the ringing of handbells by the graveside. After the funeral a touch of 756 Stedman Triples was rung with bells deeply muffled at St. Peter's Church.

On Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, in memory of Mr. Hunt, 2,016 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. Pickles 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Dransfield 3, E. Pickles 4, J. Milner 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thicket 7, G. Goldstraw 8.

STANMORE.—On the occasion of a special service held at St. John's Church by the Bishop of Willesden on Thursday, October 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Elsie K. Fulton 1, G. R. Goodship 2, Miss Freda Clayton (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 3, R. Wilkinson 4, G. Cheshire 5, J. Rootes 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes 8.

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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.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. All who desire to be associated with the memorial, whether members of the Lincoln Guild or not, are invited to send their contributions, either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing 2.30 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th (elections), Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.); the others 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which officers for ensuing year are elected.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6). Tea will be free. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Walsham-le-Willows on Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, at the Blue Boar (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kendal Parish Church on Nov. 5th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, not later than Nov. 4th.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech. — The next meeting will be held at March, Cambs., on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by special meeting in All Saints' Schools at 6 p.m. The Rector of Wigan (Canon C. C. Thicknesse) will preside. I appeal to all ringers of the branch to attend this meeting, especially the service.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Clipston on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. —G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 4.45, followed immediately by usual business meeting. Buses leave Boston Post Office for Freiston at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6.30 p.m. and leave Freiston at 6.11 p.m., 6.56 p.m., 8.56 p.m., 10.26 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. each, to all who notify Mr. Jas. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, by Nov. 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WOOLWICH, LONDON. — The peal, restored and rehung by Taylors, will be open for ringing on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (free) to all who notify me before last post Tuesday, Nov. 8th. All ringers welcome.—Cyril E. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 61, Church Street, Woolwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 9th, to enable me to make the necessary arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, 9th. All are specially invited.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stapleford, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this little lot, which consist of three new trebles and the three old ones all rehung in an iron frame for eight. Will those who intend coming please let me know by first post on the 12th, so that tea can be arranged? Plenty of buses. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 12th. 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, Nov. 10th, for tea. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory (by kind invitation of Canon Sawyer) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All members and friends cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available. Service in All Saints'. Tea and business after. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and any non-members will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The bells of St. John's (8) available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity (6) from 6 p.m. Ringers meet St. John's. Tea, at 5 p.m., to those who notify me by Nov. 10th.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, before Nov. 10th?—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 8th? Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Finedon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Numbers for tea by Nov. 9th, please. Note alteration of place. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall, Warwick Road, at 5.30. Further ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. I should be glad if outstanding subscriptions could be paid now.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

BUSHEY.—Meet at Bushey for a pleasant ring and tea on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Institute 6. Ringing after till 8.45. Cheap tickets by rail from Broad Street, Euston, or Charing Cross, or by coach from Oxford Circus.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Wednesday, November 16th. Bells available 3.30 till 9. Service at 5.15 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. J. House, 10, Fairley, Cheshunt, Herts.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts Dis. Sec., Little Munden; G. Dent, Essex Dis. Sec., Harlow Common.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, November 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Visitors please notify by Wednesday, November 16th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Wandsworth. Holy Trinity 3.30 prompt. Tea, Church Hall (both West Hill) 5.15. Meeting 6. All Saints' 6.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea before 17th. Buses 85 and 93. Near L.C.C. trams, ½ mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — JOINT MEETING at West Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service (4.30) and tea at West Clandon. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 15th. Nominations for district officers 1933 must be made for Guildford District at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Loughborough, Saturday, Nov. 19, joint meeting of Lincoln and Northern Districts. Foundry open to visitors during the afternoon. The Foundry Campanile and bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, by Nov. 17th. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Will all who require same kindly advise me? Further ringing after tea, also at Willesden, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed, with a special invitation to S. and W. District members. Nearest stations, Kilburn Park (Und.) and Kilburn High Road (L.M.S.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by 22nd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major for the harvest festival: W. Jones 1, J. C. Pollard 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, W. A. Breckon 4, S. Yates 5, T. Lancaster 6, W. Ellerington 7, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 8. The 4th ringer hails from Whitby, and this was his first touch in the method. The remainder are all Sunday service ringers.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On October 2nd, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. G. Bunch 1, S. J. Riddell 2, A. T. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, G. C. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, F. Bunch 8.

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