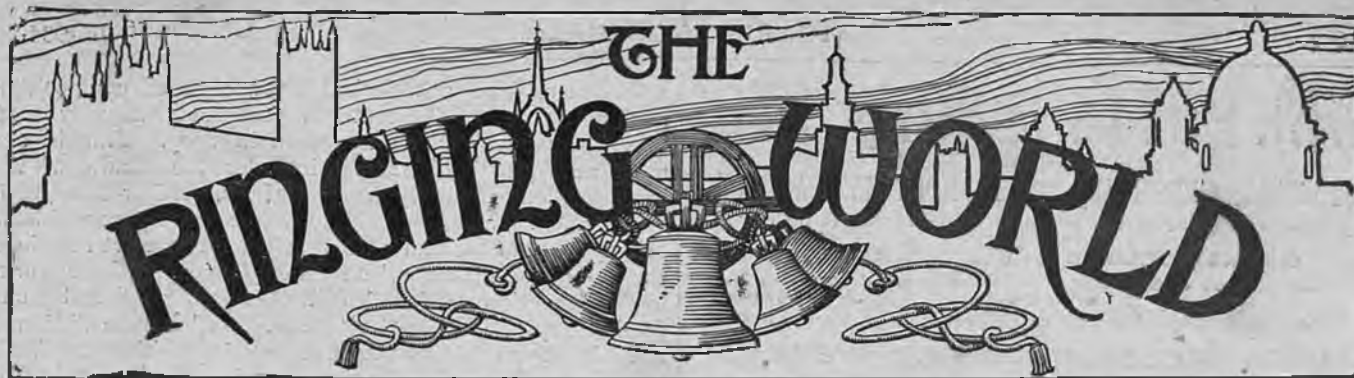




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NOTES BY THE WAY.

When we praise famous men and the fathers that begat us our thoughts turn naturally toward Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, for of all bygone ringers none has a greater claim on our gratitude than he, and the Yorkshire Association does well to honour his memory at their annual dinner. Snowdon died forty-nine years ago at the early age of 41 and after a brief and not particularly brilliant ringing career. He rang only 129 peals and none in a more complex method than Double Norwich. Yet he stamped his influence indelibly on the history of the Exercise; in his lifetime by his energetic personality, and for all time by his writing. He began to write for 'Church Bells' in 1872, and from then till his death his pen was busy and in articles in the 'Bell News' and 'Church Bells' he dealt with a great range of subjects relating to ringing. He lives for us and for posterity in the series of text books which began with Treble Bob published in 1878, and though I may not call him the greatest writer that the Exercise has produced, for that honour belongs to Fabian Stedman, he had no other superior. The Exercise has been well served by its writers. Beginning with the incomparable 'Tintinnalogia,' there is a series of books—the J.D. and C.M., the Clavis, Shipway, Hubbard and the rest—some of which are really good and none quite bad. Even Sottanstell's work has its merits. A book you cannot call it. It is a vast heap of undigested material which fills nearly a thousand closely printed pages, and from which a good book might be made.

All these were lineal descendants of Stedman's Campanalogia. Snowdon struck out a new line. He dealt with one method only at a time, giving its history and composition and doing what none since Stedman had been able to do, really explaining how to ring the method. As text books Snowdon's 'Rope-sight,' 'Double Norwich,' 'Standard Methods,' and the rest have never been surpassed. Sir Arthur Heywood's 'Duffield' is their equal, but consciously or unconsciously it was modelled on their plan. It deals with a method which has proved of little practical value, and consequently it has not had much influence.

Snowdon's plan was to publish his books first of all as articles in the 'Bell News,' and when he died a good deal of matter relating to Grandsire, Stedman and the Surprise Methods had appeared. His brother, William, carried on his work as editor with the help of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and together they, in 1888, issued 'Grandsire.' It was a happy combination, for William thoroughly understood and was loyal to Jasper's ideals;

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and Davies had a technical knowledge of composition such as neither of the brothers possessed. Equally good was 'Stedman,' which appeared in 1903. This is our most advanced book, for it includes the results of the investigations made by Earle Bulwer, Arthur Heywood, and Mr. W. H. Thompson into the very complex problems arising out of Stedman's Composition. There yet remained the 'Surprise Methods,' on which Jasper had been working at the time of his death. William published some preliminary articles in the 'Bell News,' but he died and the war came, and it was not until 1926 that the book appeared. Inevitably Davies was chosen to write it, but he had very little sympathy with his subject and the book did not reach the high standard of the earlier works. It is not fair to judge a man by his worst work, and as an authority on Triples composition Davies' position is secure.

Half a century has passed since Jasper Snowdon died, years which have seen greater advance than any other period in the history of the Exercise, and it is remarkable how very little his writings have become out of date. In ringing matters things change slowly, but they do change. These are not exactly the books that he would have written had he been alive to-day. Even his historical writing which might have seemed to be final needs some revision; where he deals with elementary matters he can hardly be bettered; but the more advanced chapters such as that on the In and Out of Course of the Changes could well be simplified. And that applies equally to the writings of all the other men included in this series. Is it too much to hope that some day another Jasper Snowdon will arise who with equal genius and success will rewrite these books from the present day standpoint and in the light of the greatly increased knowledge of recent years?

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. RHODES Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 6
FRANK G. BURLIGH 2	WILLIAM C. COOPER 7
FREDERICK HANDLEY 3	HENRY GOODMAN 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	HARRY HUBBLE 9
WILLIAM GREEN 5	GILBERT T. GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary of the above Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3
HENRY HODGETTS 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	FRANCIS KIRK 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stuart Fox, who was inducted to this living on the previous day.

BOLTON, LANCES.—On October 7th, at All Souls' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Pike 1, J. E. Markland 2, J. Helme 3, C. Pike 4, G. Brownlow 5, H. Johnson 6, J. Kay (conductor) 7, R. Holden 8.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

* EDWARD HOLT Treble	VICTOR G. H. HEMUS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER 6
ERNEST G. FLETCHER 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	KENNETH J. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. BEALE Treble	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5
PERCIVAL ALDHAM 2	ARTHUR ROWLEY 6
D. HAROLD ARGYLE 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
ERNEST STONE 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This composition in 18 parts is now rung for the first time.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
WALTER TYLER 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
JOHN FOSKETT 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment (October 9th) to the conductor.

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES ARTHUR Treble	† EDWARD J. WALKER 5
* WILLIAM A. TERRY 2	* FREDERICK A. RYE 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
HORACE WHITEHEAD 4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SILCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal to be rung in method, making 26th Surprise method rung in this tower by the local band.

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SALISBURY, WILTS

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH, Hon. Sec., North Dorset Branch Treble	
WILLIAM C. SHUTE, Ringing Master, North Dorset Branch ... 2	
CHARLES H. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec., Dorchester 3	
WILLIAM C. WEST, Hon. Sec., Devizes 4	
FRANK W. ROMAINE, Hon. Sec., Salisbury 5	
SIDNEY HILLIER, Ringing Master, Devizes 6	
FRANK GREEN, Hon. Assistant Guild Sec. 7	
* ARTHUR TAYLOR, Hon. Sec., Marlborough Branch Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. WEST.

* First peal. A compliment to the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards on completing 21 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
GWYN I. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM J. CROSS 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	WILLIAM J. THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the consecration of the present church.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	† ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
* GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
E. FREDERICK GOBEY 3	† EDWARD FOSTER 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal in method. † First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung as a third wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner. Also for the 15th birthday of Miss Betty Clayson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers, Northampton.

COLEMANS HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

* GEORGE WIGGINS ... Treble	* ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
† ALFRED L. RYMAN 2	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... 6
* HERBERT D. WHYTE 3	ALEC RICHARDSON 7
RICHARD D. DIVALL 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal away from treble. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Wiggins.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS ... Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, on the anniversary of their wedding and also as a compliment to Mr. S. E. Ricketts, of Yeovil, on the occasion of his wedding.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*ARTHUR E. WHITING ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
†JOHN P. FIDLER... .. 2	LIONEL CLOUGH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
HARRY LANGLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung with bells fully muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. James Fernley, who was laid to rest prior to the commencement of the peal.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 5
*REGINALD GRAINGER ... 2	†CHARLES W. BORTON ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	PERCY GREEN ... 7
AMBROSE MASON ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY THELWELL Treble	HARRY JARMAN ... 5
RICHARD T. EVANS ... 2	†JOHN BROUGH ... 6
HAROLD HUGHES ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
†ARTHUR JERVIS ... 4	†FRANK OLLIER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 6
LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Cambridge rung in Blackburn.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Contains 6th extent wrong, and 4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6th's in fourteen courses.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Treble	GEORGE GRAY ... 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2	STANLEY A. CARTER ... 6
*CYRIL A. HOUSE ... 3	JOSEPH LADLEY ... 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	ALBERT NASH ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	HAROLD KENT ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells and by the association. Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Handsworth on his appointment as Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

H. MARKWELL Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 5
F. WHITE 2	R. E. LAMBERT ... 6
R. T. LAMBERT ... 3	S. H. GREEN ... 7
H. HARRINGTON ... 4	*A. R. MILES ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
JAMES ROSE 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 3	*GEORGE MORE ... 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 4	HARRY D. LISTER ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JAMES WILTSHIRE Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... 5
ERNEST TRUMAN ... 2	HERBERT MARSH ... 6
THOMAS DAVISON ... 3	RAYMOND PEARCE ... 7
CHARLIE LOVELOCK ... 4	FRED LAMBETH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal. First peal in the method by local ringers. Bicentenary of these bells, cast by Rudhall.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

DAVID MACKAY Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... 4
FREDERICK TARGETT ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents with 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*CHARLES H. MOORE... ..Treble	*RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 5
*HENRY TOOKE 3	NOLAN GOLDENTenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Minor by W. J. Clover, who has now completed the quartette in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells, and the heaviest bells yet rung to a peal of Minor in the county.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

PERCY C. BONNETTTreble	HARRY TYSON 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	REGINALD WESTTenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Wells, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES STANWAYTreble	THOMAS HURD 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	CHARLES S. RYLES 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEYTenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. A. R. Smith to the Vicariate of Horton, the band wishing him a fruitful ministry.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEYTreble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOTT-WIGG ... 5
WILFRID EDWARDS 3	HARRY C. WINGROVETenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WINGROVE.

* First seven method peal. A peal of welcome to the new Rector, Rev. J. T. Evitt.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD BARKERTreble	CLAUDE COUSINS 4
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICETenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung with clappers muffled as a token of respect to Edith Blanche Price, wife of the late Rev. H. C. Price, and mother of the conductor, who was interred in this churchyard earlier in the day. A. Bacon's 150th peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On September 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, A. Dix 2, W. Paul 3, H. Long 4, R. Bell 5, S. Hoare 6, F. Crook 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTBERT,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR STEDMANTreble	W. H. CAMPBELL, SEN. ... 4
W. LANGHORN 2	*W. N. CAMPBELL, JDN. ... 5
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY 3	JAMES E. BURLSTenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to ringer of No. 5, who is leaving to join H.M. Navy.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Single Court Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. CROWE ...Treble	ARCHER T. LOWMAN 4
†JOHN W. ROSE 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
ROBERT H. HURST 3	HERBERT LOWMANTenor

Conducted by HERBERT LOWMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of esteem for the late Canon J. W. Townroe, for over 50 years Vicar of the above church, who was interred on October 8th, and Mr. W. A. Bettles, who was a ringer for 20 years, interred on October 17th.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. K. MACKINDERTreble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3
GEORGE JONES 2	HUGH MACKINDER 4
J. PAGE-WOOD 3	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

First peal for all except conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BIGBY, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD BOWNESSTreble	*LESLIE D. J. WHITEHEAD ... 4
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 5
WILLIAM MIDDLETON 3	GEORGE L. HALLTenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD MADNDTreble	DENIS R. MORRIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMMTenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

RHUDDLAN, NORTH WALES.—On October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: J. H. Fuller (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, P. Evans 3, J. Wilson 4, J. Wilson 5, F. Bailey 6. First quarter for ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. To make ringing possible the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 spent the afternoon cleaning and oiling the bells. Believed to be the first quarter of Doubles on the bells. The above ringers hail from Rhyll.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 20 lb.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS COLLINS... .. 4
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 5
* J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal on six bells.

MORETON CORBETT, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's in the Kent, and three 720's in the Oxford Variation, rung alternately, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT G. CLAY Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT 2	REGINALD R. POLE 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal of seven extents of Treble Bob Minor by all the hand and for the association. First peal as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb

HARRY JOHNSON Treble	CYRIL R. BORRELL 4
HARVEY E. BORRELL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE L. A. LUNN Treble	HAROLD DENMAN... .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	LEONARD PIERREPONT 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

EDWARD C. COOKE Treble	ALLEN MAURICE LOVELL ... 4
VINCENT R. OVENS 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	Cecil V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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ANOTHER STALWART 'PASSES ON.'

DEATH OF MR. JAMES FERNLEY.

Members of the Manchester District have lost a true ringer in every sense by the death of Mr. James Fernley, of 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Manchester, who died on October 18th, aged 65. The interment was at Norbury Church on October 20th.

A hatter by trade, Mr. Fernley was a respected employe of Messrs. Christy's, and had been in their employ for years. For a month or two he had been 'off colour,' and had been taking things easy, but no one realised the seriousness of his illness until a few days before his death. He never seemed to recover from his wife's death last year. His grief at her loss was very marked. She was a true ringer's wife, ever ready to give encouragement when disappointments had shaken him, ready to praise when he had accomplished his heart's desire, and ever ready to entertain his friends. Many a good time has been spent round their table by visiting ringers.

His ringing career started with the installation of the bells of the Church of St. George, Heavily, the first band having been recruited from the employes of Christy's. Soon he threw in his lot with his brothers at Norbury, where a number of young fellows of a Sunday School class had replaced a band of 'the old school.' In course of time they joined the Chester Guild, where they mastered change ringing. Then Jim Wilde took them in hand; the material was there and the instructor made good use of it. The effects of that tuition are still bearing fruit, thanks to the good use Jim Fernley made of his knowledge. His conducting of the 'thirty-five method peal' at Norbury, the ringing of the 'thirty-eight method peal' at Knutsford by his pupils a year or so ago, convey more than an eloquent passage, and he was ever proud to say 'Norbury's a nursery for ringers.' Let us hope that will continue, for I know he will wish for no finer tribute.

THE FUNERAL.

With that simple yet impressive accompaniment of fully muffled bells and handbells, the remains of the late Mr. Fernley were laid to rest in Norbury Churchyard on October 20th. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, assisted by the Rev. L. Wood (curate), with Mr. L. J. S. Lowe at the organ. In addition to the family mourners, many ringers, representing about eleven neighbouring towers, were present.

As the cortege proceeded to the graveside, rounds were rung slowly on the muffled tower bells, and at the conclusion of the committal prayers, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the graveside by: A. Barnes 1-2, H. Jackson 3-4, A. Bailey 5-6, P. Laffin 7-8. This was followed by a few touches on the tower bells, and later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. During the course of his sermon, on Sunday, the Vicar made a simple but touching reference to the deceased ringer. JOHN P. FIDLER.

THE REV. A. T. BEESTON MEMORIAL.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has decided to erect a tablet in St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, to the memory of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston. A committee has been formed to carry out the scheme, and it has been decided to issue an appeal for subscriptions to all members of the Guild, and to the ringing fraternity in general.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston was a member of the Central Council from 1911 to 1926 and an hon. member from 1927 to 1929, and during that time did very valuable work for the ringing Exercise, being a member of the Records and Analysis Committees of the Council. For sixteen years he was general secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and remained a treasurer for a further nine years, when in 1932 failing health compelled him to relinquish the office. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Stockport Branch of the Guild from 1907 until 1924, when he resigned his office as secretary, but remained treasurer until 1928, in which year he became chairman of the branch, and this office he still held at the time of his death in June of last year.

All subscriptions and donations will be gratefully acknowledged on behalf of the Guild by the secretary to the Memorial Committee, Mr. Arthur Whiting, 26, Church Street, Marple, Cheshire.

A NEW BAND FOR WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Nine members of the Curdridge band were elected members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District at Curdridge on October 20th. Members attended from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Havant, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Soberton and Mr. J. Thomas (Edmonton).

The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. A. H. Starey officiated. Tea was served in the Reading Room, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Havant on April 27th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Curdridge for officiating at the service, also to the organist, Mrs. Stone for catering, and the local ringers. The Vicar suitably responded.

After the meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

LEWISHAM RINGERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual district meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on October 13th. Touches in all the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening at the service. The Rector (Rev. W. F. Lead-bitter) gave an interesting address. The presence of the choir and organist was much appreciated.

Some forty members were entertained at the Rectory to tea. At the meeting one lady was elected a member, and the election of two members previous to peal attempts was ratified. A report of the year's activities was read by the secretary and adopted. The Rector, who presided, congratulated the association on earning such a list of achievements, qualifying his praise with regret for two blemishes mentioned in the paper, viz., the difficulty in collecting subscriptions and the evidence of incompatibility of temper engendered by that strange mixture of co-operation and competition necessary to keep bodies such as theirs alive. Mr. A. Hill was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Smith on the general committee, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., ringing member.

Erith was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the hon. general secretary, a welcome visitor, reported the successful completion of the Barnett memorial scheme. Thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, his address and generous hospitality; to the organist and choir for their services; and to the ladies who had made tea such a pleasant meal.

After handbell ringing, the company returned to the tower, where further ringing (in which the Rector took a rope) until 9 p.m. brought the end of a very successful meeting.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild held a successful quarterly meeting at Beddington on October 13th. Sixteen members attended in addition to many other ringing friends. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, and then followed the tea and meeting. In the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Barker presided. Two ringing members and one life member were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmonton, and also to hold a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Wednesday, November 7th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to Mr. and Mrs. Kippin who had made all arrangements.

The ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by ten members of the Guild.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BANBURY BRANCH'S FINE NEIGHBOURLY SPIRIT.**

Wardington, the most northerly tower in the branch, was the venue selected for the autumn meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on October 20th. It was a pity that the date had been fixed before that of the ceremony at St. Anne's, Caversham, in memory of the late Master of the Guild.

The service was conducted by Rev. F. D. Briscoe, of Wardington, who also preached an inspiring sermon. The congregation had no organist, but all sang lustily, and although the official starter began the wrong hymn once, there was no opposition, and all followed eventually.

A company of 35 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed, a second subscription of £2 2s. was voted to Rousham, whose bells have recently been rehung. Such good progress has been made with the ringing there that it was agreed to encourage them as far as possible. This place was chosen for the next meeting. A collection was made among those present towards the cost of the restoration of King's Sutton bells. This tower is in the Peterborough deanery and not attached to a diocesan guild. £340 is required towards restoring the ring of eight. The neighbourly spirit prevailing among those at the meeting produced £1 5s.

After the usual vote of thanks, this invigorating and inspiring afternoon closed with a further visit to the belfry, where one or two had their first touch of Minor, and other beginners were piloted through Grandsire.

L. J. M.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**PENDING RETIREMENT OF HON. SECRETARY.**

Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, sprang a surprise at the quarterly meeting at Rumney, on October 20th, when he announced that at the annual meeting on Boxing Day he would not be available for re-election. He considered that after 31 years' service the time had arrived for the appointment of a younger man.

The meeting was exceedingly well attended, the bells a delightful ring of six by Taylor, being made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. M. Davies), assisted by the Vicar and curate of Machen, both of whom are ringers. After a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Church authorities, the business meeting was held. The Vicar presided and welcomed the members to Rumney. Among the various items dealt with were restorations and augmentations, instructors' reports and new members. Votes of thanks to all who contributed to such an enjoyable meeting concluded the business.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ronald Bowness, who rang his first peal in three methods at Bigby, Lincs, on Saturday, is 14 years of age.

Mr. H. Hovard registered his 200th peal on October 13th at Northfleet. The peal was recorded in our last issue.

Whatever the state of ringing in other parts of the country enthusiasm runs high in North Kent as is shown by the fact that there were 25 at the practice at Dartford on October 18th.

Mr. G. A. Blaxcell cycled 35 miles each way to take part in a peal of Norwich Court Bob Major at Wymondham, Norfolk, on October 20th. The Exercise is proud of its cyclists.

With a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Henley, Suffolk, on October 20th, Mr. W. G. Rumsey completed the circle in the tower.

Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kingston Magna Rectory, Dorset, has completed 21 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The congratulatory peal of Grandsire Triples at Salisbury on Saturday was rung by officials of the Guild.

In another column we record the death and passing of Mr. James Fernley, whose pioneer ringing and work at Norbury for over 40 years has been of great value to the Chester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Fernley rang in all 123 peals, the last being on April 28th, on the occasion of the wedding of his youngest son, James.

Readers who desire more information about East Bergholt bells will find an interesting article in the September issue of the 'Diocesan Magazine' for the county of Suffolk, and also on page 578 of Mr. Ernest Morris' work, 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' Mr. Morris gives illustrations and also details of the 120 changes rung on the bells referred to by Mr. Keeble.

Mr. W. Latter has relinquished the hon. secretaryship of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association after 40 years' devoted service. His service is believed to constitute a record in the annals of the Exercise. We regret to learn that Mr. Latter has gone into hospital and will probably have to undergo an operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

More golden wedding happiness. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Monk, of 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon, who celebrated the happy event on Sunday, October 14th. Similar good wishes from the Editor to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warnett, whose anniversary was on October 9th. Mr. Warnett is captain of the St. Mary's, Lewisham band, and he conducted a complimentary peal on October 18th.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION AT LEWISHAM.

There are not many ringers who can claim to have called the Original to celebrate their own golden wedding, but such was the case at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on October 18th, when Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., the popular leader of the band, called John Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Warnett, who is well known in ringing, particularly in Kent and South London, was married at St. John's Church, Erith, on October 9th, 1884. He has been a ringer at St. Mary's, Lewisham, for 44 years, and the respected captain and leader of the local band for 38 years. The peal, recorded elsewhere, was specially arranged by the band as a fitting compliment to their leader, who was told that 'he must call the Original,' and right well he did it, in his usual masterly style. It was excellently rung and most ably conducted. Anyone who has called this composition knows full well that it is a fair test of the memory, even to a much younger person. Two of this particular band have done so, one of them on several occasions.

Included in the peal also were Mr. Harry Warnett, jun., his son, who has been a ringer at St. Mary's for 34 years, having joined the band at the age of 12, and Mr. C. H. Walker, a member of the band for 44 years and local secretary for 35 years. Another member of the S.S.D.S. also benefited on this occasion to the extent of one 'date.'

After the peal the band adjourned for a pleasant hour or so 'across the road,' where Mr. Warnett received both hearty and sincere congratulations from one and all, and it was requested that the same be conveyed to Mrs. Warnett, with best wishes for many happy (golden wedding) returns. J. B.

CENTENARY PEAL AT CHRISTLETON.

A peal board in the tower of Christleton Church, Cheshire; recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1834, regained some of its former interest when a centenary peal was rung in the same tower on October 1st. The Christleton band of 100 years ago were considerably advanced for the times, and the peal was by way of being a local record, as the wording of the board shows.

—CHRISTLETON COLLEGE YOUTHS.

OCTOBER 1st, 1834.

Rung in this tower in 3 hours 38 minutes, a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Major, containing 6,720 changes, being the greatest number in this much-admired system ever rung in this county. The peal was composed by J. Reeves and performed by: Thomas Mayers treble, J. Venables 2, Geo. Mayers 3, Wm. Lunt 4, John Lamb 5, Wm. Mayers 6, Joseph Mayers 7, Samuel Cross tenor. Conducted by T. Mayers. J. Mayers, J. Dodd, Churchwardens; Rev. G. Lloyd, Rector; Rev. E. Evans, Curate.

THE SNOWDON DINNER.

SEVEN ASSOCIATIONS JOIN IN A BIG TRIBUTE.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' GREETINGS.

One of the great occasions in the calendar of the Exercise is the annual Snowdon dinner. This anniversary at Leeds on Saturday was largely attended. Seven associations were among the guests, and greetings and good wishes came from the Australian tourists.

The day's proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters on the fine ten in the neighbouring tower of Bradford Cathedral, but this was lost after two hours' good ringing. In Leeds the hum of great bells filled the air, as a large gathering of ringers tried the magnificent new ring of twelve at the Parish Church in a variety of methods. The towers of Headingley and Far Hendingley were also made good use of.

Some 140 guests attended the dinner at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, at which the president of the Yorkshire Association presided. Prominent among the visitors were Canon H. J. Elsec, Canon Solloway, Mr. H. Bacon Smith, Dr. A. C. Tysoe, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Mr. T. Maude, Mr. J. Austin, Mr. C. F. Johnston, the Rev. R. J. Wood and the Rev. P. Thorman.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Canon H. J. Elsec proposed the toast of the evening, 'The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He said it was a great honour for the president of the Lancashire Association to be invited by the Yorkshire Association to undertake the toast and called to mind again all the great work for ringing that was achieved by Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. He brought the greetings of all Lancashire to that gathering.

YORKSHIRE'S WEALTH OF CHURCHES.

Yorkshire, he continued, was fortunate in its wealth of great and fine churches, and the many magnificent rings of bells within its borders. Lancashire had little to commend it in that way, but as a county they were very proud of the 15,000 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and for the will that had brought laurels to the Lancashire Association by its past and present composers. Incidentally, Yorkshire had to come to Lancashire for its new Archbishop. Jasper Snowdon began a great revival in change ringing by the publication of his books, and these were largely instrumental in bringing in a better class of man to the science, and in raising the status of ringers in the Church.

The toast was followed by a plain course of Grandsire Cinques, rung by six members of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. H. B. Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' said the bells supplied the link of the Church with the outside world in proclaiming their message from various towers. The bells expressed the feelings of the nation in any great crisis, and the ringers had a high calling in the part they were privileged to play. He urged all to consider the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe to me, if I preach not the Gospel.' Mr. Smith also paid a tribute to the self-denial of ringers, and mentioned that by the knowledge that they were calling others to devotion to God their lives should be made better and higher.

Canon Solloway, Vicar of Selby, responded, and expressed the hope that the high calling of ringers would have an ennobling influence on their lives.

Mr. C. F. Johnston proposed the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and paid a warm tribute to the work of the association and its hospitality to visitors.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' pointing out that visitors from seven associations were present, and the Rev. R. J. Wood replied on behalf of the visitors.

During the evening a letter was read from Miss Snowdon, expressing the deep interest that she and her mother (Mrs. William Snowdon) took in the proceedings, and though increasing years prevented Mrs. Snowdon from being with them, their interest would always be with the Yorkshire Association. The president was requested, and agreed, to send the greetings of the assembled guests to Mrs. and Miss Snowdon.

A radio telegraphic message was also received from the Australian touring ringers on the ss. 'Barrabool,' and a reply was also sent to this cheery greeting.

Several visitors stayed overnight and rang in the various towers the following day, thus ending one of the most enjoyable of the Snowdon dinners.

DEATH OF MR. C. HILLS.

Sussex ringers have sustained another loss by the passing of Mr. C. Hills, of Angmering, on October 15th, at the age of 76. Since 1881 he had been ringing at Angmering, and he had been a member of the Sussex Association since it was established 50 years ago. Through failing health Mr. Hills was unable to take his place in the belfry last Christmas, thus robbing him of a record of 50 years' ringing without a break.

At the funeral on October 18th wreaths were sent from the Angmering band and another from his brother ringers of the Sussex Association.

THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S MEMORIAL.

OXFORD GUILD AT QUEEN ANNE'S SCHOOL.

The service in the Chapel of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, on October 20th, will not readily be forgotten by those who were present, numbering upwards of 150 members and friends. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge officiated. After singing the hymns, 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'The Church's one Foundation,' the Rev. Master said: I am giving you just a short talk, knowing that this is a service of thanksgiving. The Guild memorial tablet in the cloisters at Oxford is a very fitting thing, but this extension, making the chapel, where our late beloved Master worked so devotedly, a thing of beauty, makes us all feel proud to know that our little has been added to the sum needed to defray the cost of the new aisle, which the late chaplain had so hoped to get done in his lifetime.

The hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' followed. The visitors were then shown over the chapel, and all were very pleased with the tablet erected on the south-west wall, inscribed:—

'To the Glory of God and in Memory of Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn, Priest and Chaplain of this School, 1910-33. This chapel was enlarged by the staff and scholars of the school (past and present) and friends, and by members of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers," of which he was Master for 23 years.'

Tea was laid in the Palmer Hall, Reading, and 100 members sat down. Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Reading Branch for their hospitality and arrangements. The Chairman of the branch suitably replied, and in the evening the bells of St. Laurence's, Reading, and St. Peter's, Caversham, were kept going in various methods until train and bus time caused a parting of the ways.

A NEW BEDFORDSHIRE EIGHT.

The Bishop of St. Albans dedicated on Sunday evening two new treble bells at Bromham, Bedfordshire. The old peal of six have been overhauled, and the new peal of eight, the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are in first-class ringing order. The two new bells are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. Skinner, of Bromham Hall, and have been added as memorials. No. 1 is inscribed:—

'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.'

Robert Skinner, in Memoriam.

Matris Bessie Skinner,

D.D., 1934.

Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

2nd bell:—

'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.'

Stella Margaret Skinner, in Memoriam.

Matris Harriett Caroline Elizabeth Dillon,

D.D., 1934.

Clamor meus ad te veniat.

Immediately after the prayer of dedication, the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, and after the ceremony, while the congregation was dispersing, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round as follows: H. L. Harlow 1, C. Mortimer 2, F. Mortimer 3, F. C. Tysoe (conductor) 4, L. Williams 5, S. Foskett 6, A. Everest 7, P. Inskip 8.

Among those present were Miss E. Steel, Mr. F. Wilford (Ringing Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. Shepherd (Swin-don), Mr. Sharman (Cogenhoe), and Mr. C. W. Clarke. Expressions of admiration were heard on all sides respecting the peal, and the 'go' is perfect. A meeting has been arranged for Nov. 3rd, when all are invited to come over and try them. The weight of the tenor is 22 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

DEVON GUILD AT BRIXHAM.

There was a representative gathering of ringers present for the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild at Brixham. Ringers were present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Sidmouth, Kenn, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Cockington, Paignton, and Milverton, as well as the local ringers. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

A service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. J. S. Morris), assisted by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. V. Cox). The Vicar gave an excellent address, basing his remarks on the text, 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

Tea was served in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Brixham for the use of his bells, for conducting the service, and for his address. Thanks were also passed to the organist, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor, for carrying out the tea arrangements. Wolborough, Newton Abbot, was chosen for the annual meeting, which will take place in January.

The question of transferring Dawlish and Teignmouth to the Exeter Branch was discussed, and after various opinions had been expressed it was decided to adjourn the matter until the annual meeting. The election of seven new life members, who were proposed during a ringing tour in mid-Devon in August last, was confirmed. The visitors afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing.

BELLRINGERS OF 60 YEARS AGO.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY'S OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in your 'leader' in 'The Ringing World' such a virulent attack on bellringers of sixty years ago. In my opinion it is an unwarranted slander on good ringers who have passed on, and on some who are still living. If belfries were filthy holes, where were the church officials or the incumbents to allow such a state of affairs? and as for ringers being a drunken and disorderly lot, I do not believe it; such a slanderous statement should never have been made.

I am 56 years of age. My father, Josiah Wathen, was conductor at Tewkesbury Abbey for 50 years, and I never heard him say anything of the kind. He it was who formed a band of change ringers at Tewkesbury with the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies about 1868, and persevered through difficulties, eventually producing a good band, who rang Union, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and I understood from him that he called the first 1,008 of Double Norwich Major ever rung in the county of Gloucester. I well remember the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies visiting us at the water works at Tewkesbury when I was very small. He was heart and soul with my father in the art. I also remember Mr. Coleridge (now Canon) visiting us too. As I said before, it was with difficulty that my father succeeded as far as he did owing to departures and other reasons. I rang with the band at the Abbey from 1898 to 1912, at varying intervals, but during that time the band was depleted so that there was little chance of advancing. I now ring here with the Stowmarket band, and the oldest ringers here do not remember such bad times as you quote.

I have the minutes of Tewkesbury Abbey Society when first formed, and the rules then were much the same as are general now. I have also the handbells on which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies first practised ringing with my father. I might also say that my father spent a lot of time in coaching young beginners, but they would not give the time and patience necessary to become efficient. Please pardon me, but I felt quite hurt when I read the particular paragraph to which I have referred, as that was the period in which my father was giving his all to further the art of change ringing. In 1890 my father was presented with a clock by the ringers, Vicar and churchwardens of Bushley, as a small token of esteem for the pains he took to instruct a band of six-bell ringers there. I remember one of them was 70 at that time, and they could all ring several Minor methods.

60, Union Street, Stowmarket.

WM. E. WATHEN.

Of course, there were very many exceptions, and I fully believe all that Mr. Wathen says of his father; but it is true that as a class the old ringers were a drunken and disorderly lot. The evidence I have collected for the history of ringing I am trying to write leaves no doubt about it. Here are a few quotations from contemporary men who must be accepted as authorities. They were all lovers of bells and true friends of the Exercise.

S. Beaufray in 'The Ringers' True Guide,' published in 1804, and reprinted 1857: 'They generally go to the ale house and spend the money they receive in waste. Quarrelling frequently abounds among them and intoxication often ensues.'

A Cantab in 'The Ecclesiologist': 'It is hopeless to attempt to disassociate the two ideas of ringing and drunkenness—the church steeple and the tap room.'

Rev. Walter Blount in 'Use and Abuse of Church Bells,' 1846: 'Belfries are left in a state of filthy dilapidation, and very frequently the drinking places of the most profane and profligate persons in the parish, who ring the bells for their amusement amid oaths and obscenity.'

'Quarterly Review,' 1854: 'Bellringers as a class have always had the credit, or discredit, rather, of being a disorderly set.'

Rev. C. W. Lukis in 'An Account of Church Bells,' 1857: 'Why should [belfries] be left to the sole occupation of unclean birds and profane and irreverent ringers?' 'The ringers—generally the most unruly set of men in the parish.'

Rev. Robert Walker in a lecture delivered at a clerical meeting in 1859 (the MS. is in the British Museum): 'Most clergymen have been accustomed to regard ringing as the lowest and most debased and debasing form of amusement. They associate it with the idea of sottishness and uproarious revelry and ribald profaneness, and, finally, turnings-out of the public-house at the closing time to remain in the gutter perhaps half the night.'

'It is now an antiquated and generally received idea that sots, drunkards, rogues and ringers are mutually convertible expressions.' 'Ringers are generally from the very lowest orders. Generally speaking, they are very unsteady men in every way.'

Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in 'Practical Remarks,' 1859: 'The practice in a country belfry had better be passed over in silence, for such things as I remember would hardly be tolerated in a village ale-house.' 'It was a well-known fact that as a body a more drunken set of fellows could not be found.' 'Perhaps no one thing has been the source of such constant trouble and annoyance to the clergyman as the belfry and the ringers. I have heard of clergymen who even refused to accept a living where there was a peal of bells. And one

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POLICE DEFY SUPERSTITION.

SUCCESSFUL PEAL AT LEICESTER.

As we recorded last week a band of police officers met at Leicester on October 13th and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. No heed was paid on this occasion to the horrors and fears of the 'Unlucky Thirteen,' for it was arranged on the 13th day of the month, and, furthermore, thirteen members of the Guild met for the peal. Even on the way to the belfry two ladders were leaning against buildings (across the footway), but there was 'no dodging the column.' With heads erect and chests out in true pouter pigeon style, the straight course continued 'underneath the arches.'

It was truly a mixed band, and, seeing that seven of those who took part rang their first peal of Stedman Cinques, the band are to be congratulated on the achievement. On behalf of the remaining five members of the band it is requested that any bouquets from the 'Encourage the Learners' brigade should be addressed to 'Askem and Helpem,' Encouragement Purveyors, London, Birmingham, Manchester, High Wycombe and Leicester.

The thanks of the band are due to Sergeant Jenney, of Leicester, who very willingly offered to stand as reserve for any last-minute emergency and, incidentally, to allow a younger member at Leicester to ring. This indeed shows fine spirit and considerably helps to lessen the many difficulties of those responsible for the arrangements. Surely Sergeant Jenney's action reflects great credit on the drillings he has received from Leicester's famous 'Sergeant Major,' alias 'Freddie,' of Dextrous Variation fame, who will accept nothing false except from the dentist.

After the peal, a social evening was held, and the party was joined by some of Leicester's notables. The programme included tunes and change ringing on the handbells, and songs by ex-Sergt. Dowding, Mr. Josiah Morris, members of the Leicester C.I.D., and two unexpected but very welcome visitors from Grimsby, including our old friend, Mr. Harold Rushby. The night owls of the party made for the station just after midnight, and concluded the day with a course of Stedman Triples at 12.50 a.m. on the railway platform.

The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Rev. Parsons, Vicar of St. Margaret's for the use of the bells and for his interest and welcome, and also Mr. Josiah Morris for having everything ready at the church.

TREATMENT OF JUVENILE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 5th, dealing with paid instructors, I fully agree with your concluding paragraph. I personally disagree with your statement that the success of a band depends mostly on the learners who are willing to become ringers but are not prepared to give the time and trouble necessary to learn. If a young learner has the idea of taking a place among the regular ringers after three or four visits to the belfry, it is without a doubt the fault of the instructor.

In regard to beginners, I give them all to understand that before they can become proficient it means a lot of study and thinking out, as I tell them that even the best ringers have always to keep learning. But I find that the majority, once they can handle a bell, will progress and stick to it providing (this is where the snag comes which disheartens youngsters) that after being able to manage a bell they should be encouraged to ring rounds, call changes or hunting up and down at every opportunity.

In my own tower I have had many cross words with members who I considered did not give the youngsters a chance to get on, often refusing to ring if the boys rang. I remember well one Sunday, when our conductor was trying to make up a band for Grandsire Caters, and I asked that one of the young boys should ring the treble. One of the old members said at once if the boy was included he would refuse. So the conductor, very much to his regret, had to leave the boy out. That same night I took the boy up to a London church, where he rang the treble to Grandsire Caters, the quarter-peal just being missed two leads from home through no fault of the boy, all the band being surprised, I think, at the way he rang.

Now there are four of the boys full members of the tower, as well as members of the county association, and they are helping to bring along some more learners in the tower. No, sir, providing that youngsters are treated by methods of 1934, not methods of 1834, bellringing will appeal to them more than ever owing to the higher standing of our art.—Yours faithfully,

17, Midhurst Avenue, Croydon.

H. E. WILLS.

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of those who have, said, on learning the number of bells in the tower, 'Then certain it is that there are as many drunkards in the village.' 'That man is a ringer' is quite enough in some places to intimate that he is an idle sottish character.'

Need I quote any more? Surely here is enough to show the greatness of the reform movement of the last half-century or so, the work of a few devoted men who loved bells and ringing and, as I said, had patience and faith in the ringers, too, and saw the good that was there as well as the evil. For the above is not everything that can be said about the old ringers; and there are many things in this world much worse than taking too much to drink.—J. A. TROLLOPE.

FORTY YEARS A SECRETARY.



Top row (left to right): H. Markwell, F. M. Mitchell (hon. general secretary), T. Saunders, T. Groombridge, H. Ford. Centre (standing): E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council), W. Latter (hon. district secretary). Bottom (left to right): G. Edwards, A. Richardson, Canon H. Masters, Miss G. Collison.

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TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S PRESENTATION TO MR. W. LATTER.
The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Speldhurst on October 6th was an historic occasion, as it marked the conclusion of 40 years' service by Mr. W. Latter as hon. secretary of the district. A large number of ringers were present.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by Canon H. Masters, and an original and interesting address was given by Rev. J. Smith, of Groombridge.

Tea was served at the George and Dragon Hotel, and the principal guests were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary of the association), Mr. F. White (Cranbrook), Canon H. Masters (Speldhurst), and Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne). The oldest member present was Mr. W. Lambert, of Benenden, who at the age of 79 years is still an active ringer. Four lady ringers were also present—Mrs. Pankhurst (Leigh), Mrs. Richardson (Tunbridge Wells), Miss W. Turley (Speldhurst), and Miss G. Collison (Tunbridge Wells).

The business meeting followed, preceded by a well-struck course of Bob Major on handbells by Messrs. S. H. Green, T. Groombridge, E. H. Lewis and E. J. Beer. Canon Masters presided, and extended to the district a hearty welcome to Speldhurst.

The hon. secretary, in his report, stated that there were 19 bands in union in the district, with 167 practising members. During the year 24 new members were elected. There was a balance of £17

5s. 6d. Mr. W. Latter then announced his intention of relinquishing the post of hon. secretary after 40 years in office. There were many expressions of regret, and on the motion of Mr. G. Edwards, seconded by Mr. T. Saunders, Mr. Alec Richardson was appointed his successor. In expressing his thanks for his election, Mr. Richardson said it had always been his ambition to hold office in the association so that he could really do something, but he had a difficult task to follow Mr. Latter. Messrs. G. Edwards and E. Everest were elected district representatives on the Central Committee, Mr. Everest being elected in the place of Mr. H. Markwell.

At the close of the meeting Mr. E. H. Lewis, on behalf of the members of the district, presented Mr. Latter with a copy of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' by E. Morris, and a cheque for £12. Mr. Lewis said they all appreciated the work done by Mr. Latter and such men as he, but he felt that there were not enough young people taking up ringing. So many drifted off to other attractions without realising what there was behind ringing. Mr. Latter thanked the members for their gift and appreciation, and recalled that 20 years ago he was presented with a clock in recognition of 20 years' service. He also congratulated the district on their choice of his successor, who is a good ringer and conductor, and a strong advocate of Sunday service ringing.

Mr. G. Edwards called on the company to rise and say 'Thank you, Mr. Latter,' in appreciation of his long and devoted service to the Exercise and the Tonbridge District in particular.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On October 14th, at the Church of St. Matthew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Adams (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, W. Curson 6, G. W. Clayfield (conductor) 7, W. Bosworth 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

GOSPEL OAK, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Martin's Church, on October 7th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, W. J. Harwin (first 720) 2, R. Newman 3, J. Payton 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, F. Bonfield 6.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On October 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Arthur Holden (first 720) 1, A. Roberts 2, W. Faulkner 3, W. James 4, E. Matthews 5, W. Holden (conductor) 6.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ethel Pearce (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Loynes 2, E. Holder 3, D. Kinchin 4, F. Kinchin 5, F. Fairfax 6, F. Tuffley (conductor) 1, L. Kinchin 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by a local company.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Paul 1, S. Hoare (conductor) 2, W. Norris 3, R. King (first in method) 4, F. Bullock 5, A. Dix 6, H. Cashmore 7, R. Bell 8. Rung also as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Jones, who is still an active service ringer at Watford.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Chesterman 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, J. Ballard 3, F. Munday (first 'inside') 4, C. W. Munday 5, E. Austin 6, G. Cooper (first in the method) 7, H. Wooding 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on October 7th, prior to morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. T. Clarke 1, D. H. Sheldon 2, A. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. G. Coles 5, W. A. Sivier 6, A. J. Wyatt 7, S. A. Wyatt (conductor) 8. Prior to evening service a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): W. T. Clarke 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, S. A. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, W. A. Sivier 6, A. J. Wyatt 7, S. G. Coles (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

ALLIANCE MINOR.

There are very few novelties to be had in six-bell ringing nowadays, but the peal rung at Lamberhurst on October 6th breaks fresh ground. It was a further adaptation of the plan of splicing Alliance and Little Methods which is explained at length in the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.' The following are the methods that were rung:—

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BASTOW LITTLE COURT.

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CAVERSHAM S VETERAN BAND.

For long partnerships, the record of six members of the Caversham band is outstanding in the Exercise.

In 1883 Ernest Menday and George Essex joined the band, followed in 1884 by Joseph Hands and Henry Simmonds. These four ringers completed 50 years together early this year. The other two members are E. W. Menday (1891) and A. D. Cullum (1895). All six are still members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, and ring regularly each Sunday together with the exception of the brothers Menday, who only resigned from the Sunday service band at Easter this year. Henry Simmonds was made steeplekeeper in September, 1883, and still holds that position, an entirely voluntary one, having now completed 51 years' service. The 'Bell News' of 1891 speaks of him as 'Prince of steeplekeepers.' The truth of that lies in the bells' condition today. They have not been in the bell hangers' hands since 1891, when they were rehung and the trebles added.

The following verse, from the pen of Canon Coleridge, himself an old member of the band, appeared in the Parish Magazine when Mr. Simmonds completed his jubilee as steeplekeeper:—

'For fifty years the faithful Henry trod
The parish highways to the House of God.
Both church and churchyard know the Verger's feet,
While hands are skilled on rope and organ seat.
Blacklead and grease make bells a joy to ring,
But elbow grease, broom, duster—'where they sing.'
Long life to Henry! May his praises sound
In grateful hearts to Heaven's remotest bound.'

As a young ringer I can only say, 'All honour the old brigade.
May their service be an inspiration to us younger ones for many a year to come.
G. W. S.

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STEDMAN'S BELLS.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—Mr. Powys' argument in defence of old principles in bell hanging is hardly in keeping with the objects for which his society stands, namely, the protection of ancient buildings. Has Mr. Powys ever paused to realise the amount of strain which was placed upon many of our towers by the old methods of bell hanging, and how this has been reduced by the more modern ones? Boston Stump, for instance! For the sake of sentiment, is Mr. Powys still going to argue in favour of 'old principles'? I would like to refer him to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, 1930, headed 'Common sense before sentiment'—a good tonic for Mr. Powys! One can appreciate his society's efforts to preserve and protect our ancient buildings, but I fail to see how he can parallel an unmovable structure with a movable one! There is beauty in much of our church architecture, and I agree with him that this should be protected; but I am 'hanged' if I can see what there is beautiful in a wood headstock or the canons of a bell, and what there is to be gained in protecting them! When new fittings have to take the place of old ones, I see no sense in refitting on the old principle, while there are others more lasting, more economic, and place less strain on the walls of a tower.

RINGER.

ELY ASSOCIATION VISIT FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Little Shelford on October 20th. Members came from Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newton, Over, Stapleford, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band, who displayed great keenness.

The Rev. E. H. Berwick, Rector, conducted service and gave an inspiring address. The singing at the service was very good, thanks to the kindness of the choir. Tea was served at the Prince Regent Inn. Mr. Cook, District Ringing Master, thanked the Rector, the choir, and the organist. This was seconded by Mr. Webb. The progress and enthusiasm of the local band is a very encouraging sign, and they were able to get some good practice during the afternoon and evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On September 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): J. B. Hall (conductor) 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Pryke 4, H. Hollocks 5, F. Day 6. First quarter-peal by the Preston band as a whole.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On October 7th, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. E. T. Pauley 1, C. H. Smart 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, E. T. J. Field 4, D. W. C. Gant 5, W. J. Gosney 6. Arranged for the Rev. C. A. Phillips, secretary of the Wimborne Branch, who was preaching.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. K. Markwick 1, E. Murrell 2, R. Allen 3, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 4, B. J. E. White 5, S. F. Stonard 6, G. T. Moody 7, E. S. Owen 8. Rung to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the Rev. W. P. Bestey as Rector.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): A. Lawrence 1, F. S. Wilson 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Badger 4, H. W. Bishop 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, E. Bishop 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, A. W. Harrington 10. Arranged for Mr. Wilson, of Wincanton.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: R. Smith (first quarter of Major) 1, K. E. Fletcher 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, W. Henley 4, W. Edwards 5, W. H. Fletcher 6, T. Price 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8.

SUTTON, SURREY.—On October 14th, at All Saints' Church, Benhilton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Randall 1, E. Enticknap 2, H. Smardou 3, G. Rayner 4, G. Chiverton 5, W. G. Smith 6, H. Good (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BUCKDEN, HUNTS.—On October 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. D. Mann 1, T. H. Stanyon 2, J. E. Papworth 3, W. Cornell 4, F. W. Lack (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and believed to be the first on the bells, which until they were rehung in 1930 had not been rung since 1863.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—At the conclusion of the Furness and Lake District Branch annual meeting, 1,284 Bob Major: J. Hughes (longest length) 1, W. T. Clark 2, E. Jennings (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, N. Newby 5, A. Stedman 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, J. E. Burles 8. The ringers 'stood to' and the conductor was given the figures of the touch verbally. He called it without faltering.

SOFTON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, for the wedding of Mr. W. R. Mortimore and Miss Irene White, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, A. Gooding 2, A. G. Betts 3, J. Dunster 4, W. Seldon 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Recks (conductor) 7, J. Knight 8.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4, followed by tea and business.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral bells available after 6 p.m. St. Alphege and St. Stephen's at 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner and Social, Oct. 27th. — Tickets now available, 4s. each, apply W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, or D. Brown, 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16. Early application essential to facilitate arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon as follows:—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (train, bus and tram services from Manchester); Manchester Cathedral (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Manchester Town Hall (10), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Lloyd Street entrance); Sacred Trinity Church, Salford (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. John's, Miles Platting (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m. Conducted tour of Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance) at 3 p.m. Conducted walks arranged at Town Hall if required, with a visit to the Chief Fire Station. Dinner at Victoria Hotel, opposite Cathedral and Exchange Railway Station, 6 p.m. prompt. Good and full social programme, with talented artistes. Extension till 11 p.m. Full day guaranteed. Come and see what happens when Manchester entertains.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells (8) of St. Gregory's will be available from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter's (8 bells) 4.30 to 5.30 and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.30 at the Black Boy Hotel, Market Hill.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A district meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Potte's Café, High Street, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Min-gay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A meeting will be held at Netley on Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—An extra meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Oct. 27th. for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1s. No rail allowance to this meeting. — S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worle, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Kindly notify.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Enfield, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Edmonton bells from 6.30 to 8 p.m. All ringing friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 3.15 p.m. An invitation is extended to all members of the Guild.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion, 5 p.m. A peal of handbells also available. A 'jubilee' meeting, please.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moor-mead Close, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. J. Carter, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BRIXTON, DEVON.—Bells restored and new treble added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 13 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Bishop of Exeter on Monday, Oct. 29th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 30th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on Nov. 1st, 15th, 29th, St. Andrew's on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th (election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) **AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—A joint meeting will be held at Braughing on Wednesday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Tea and service. Come in good numbers to this old-world village.—W. H. Lawrence and H. A. Wacey, Dis. Secs.

KINGSBRIDGE, S. DEVON.—The ring of 8 bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Totnes on Thursday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—All members are notified that practices have been arranged at Shoreditch on alternate Thursdays from 6.30 till 8 p.m. from Nov. 1st. Will members please make an effort to attend?—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, not later than Oct. 31st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the churchwardens, in Church Hall, The Steyne, at 5.30. Don't forget that 1934 subscription, will you?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Oct. 31st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallasey (St. Hilary's) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea before Nov. 1st.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Branston (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 31st, please.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8), just restored by Taylor's, ready from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5, but please notify.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Everleigh on Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea 4.30. Ringing friends especially welcome, but please send me a card not later than Wednesday, Oct. 31st.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.—Ringers' Day, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. New ring of 8 by Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Tea will be provided free of charge to those notifying Mr. H. Booth, Weetwood, Dunforth Road, Holmfirth, by Tuesday, Oct. 30th.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, by Oct. 30th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea, in Schoolroom, at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A quiet time for ringers is to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Addresses will be given at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. Conference at 5.30, followed by service at 6 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Wednesday, Oct. 31st. All ringers invited. Conductor: Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth.—A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. and tea at Anchorage, adjoining church, at 5 p.m. Postcards for tea to Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead, by Nov. 1st certain. Please rally and make a good start for winter.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glenton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.—Two trebles added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 6½ cwt.) and new frame and fittings for peal supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-West District).—A joint mid-week meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Manor Arms 5.45 p.m. The bells at Immanuel Church also available after tea. All ringers are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Miss E. E. Hardcastle, 23, Dafforne Road, S.W.17, by Monday, Nov. 5th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will rededicate the bells on Friday, Nov. 9th, at 5 p.m. The ring of 6 bells have been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied at a charge of 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Birchall, Preston Road, Standish, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Will all towers please make a note of the date.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. 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. You can make it a good meeting if you come. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MR. H. W. BADGER, of 12, Queen's Road, Thame, Oxon, would be pleased to know of any ringers who are bank clerks, with the object of attempting a peal at some future date, preferably a Bank Holiday.

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LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on October 20th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Marsh 1, T. G. Horridge 2, G. R. Newton 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Ridyard 5, J. Meldrum 6, L. L. Gray 7, E. Caunce 8.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,280 Bob Major by the following: R. Burgess 1, P. Chapman 2, N. Knee (Warminster) 3, P. Harding (N. Bradley) 4, F. Brown 5, T. B. Holway (conductor) 6, R. Newton 7, F. Penn 8.

BRANSTON, LINCOLN.—On October 13th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob (1,260 changes): H. Pearson 1, P. Webb 2, J. Dixon 3, E. Webb 4, H. Carter 5, M. Billings (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Guild).

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's Church: F. Corke (conductor) 1, P. E. Jones 2, E. Hancox 3, R. Warnett 4, C. E. Nicholls 5, S. W. Childs 6, R. Carter 7, E. Preston 8.—On October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's Church: B. Fuller 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, A. Bray (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, F. W. Baldwin 6, C. E. Nicholls 7, S. W. Childs 8.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.—After the annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, on Saturday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung by: *J. Hughes 1, W. T. Clark 2, C. Jennings (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, N. M. C. Newby 5, A. Stedman 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, J. E. Burles 8. * Longest length and first attempt.

SPRINGFIELD.—On Sunday morning, for service, a quarter-peal of Minor in 43 mins., consisting of 720 Kent, 360 Oxford, and 180 Plain Bob: J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, F. Brinklow 3, J. Longley 4, M. Windley 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Watford, and was married at All Saints' Church 16 years ago.

LATE NOTICE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upwell (Norfolk) on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

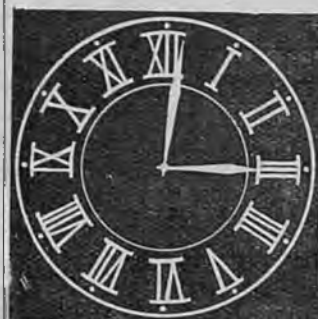
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