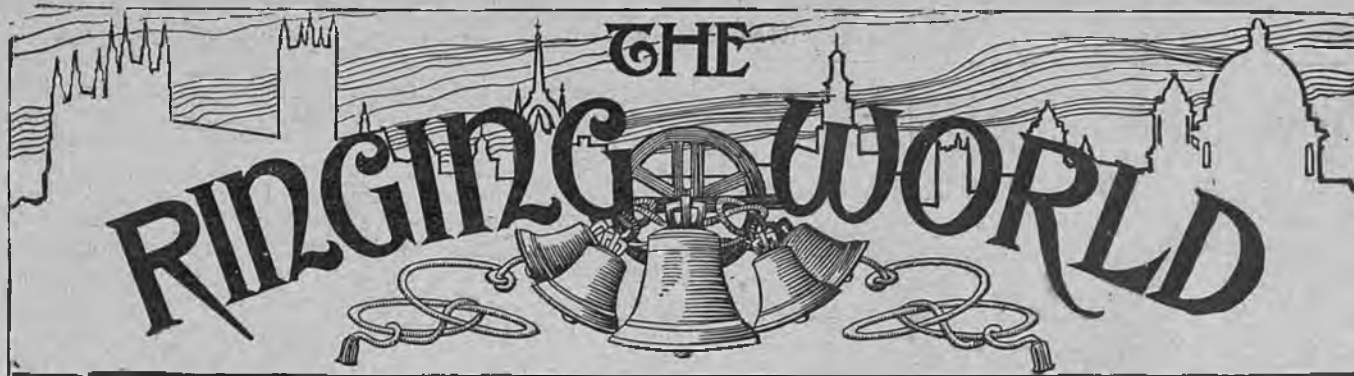




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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Mr. E. H. Lewis suggests that Col. Jerram should bring to England a team of Cornish ringers to show us change ringers how bells should be raised and ceased and rung in rounds. If the band does come they can be assured of a hearty welcome. The West Country round ringing is a direct survival of the very oldest form of ringing in this country, the first kind that distinguished English ringing from the merely promiscuous clashing of bells. It goes back at least to the time of Henry VIII., probably much earlier. In those days bells were hung with a stock and lever, or sometimes a half wheel. The sport consisted in raising the bells frame high, and then lowering them again. That was the sort of ringing done by the early societies and they had definite rules as to how it should be done. At the first pull the bells were 'swayed' but not struck, at the second pull all of them, from treble to tenor, had to strike. Failure to do this was reckoned a great fault and sometimes punished with a fine. On a light ring at the third pull all the bells had to strike both at hand and back. With heavier rings, the bells might be 'swayed' for two pulls without striking, and it was usual to strike them double at the fourth pull, but the rule that 'all the notes should strike round at one pull' still held whatever the weight of the tenor. If a bell was too heavy, or went too badly for one man to manage, as many more were put to it as the case required. The aim was to raise the bells as quickly as possible. Ringing was a sport for strong and lusty men, and was classed with 'manlie sports' like football and wrestling.

Shortly after 1600 changes were introduced, and in London and Oxford and Cambridge the intellectual appeal of change ringing quickly eclipsed the athletic appeal of raising and falling, and soon after 1660 the Londoners had forgotten how to raise and cease properly. Round about 1620 bells were being fitted with three-quarter wheels instead of half wheels, so that they could be rung higher, or as the phrase went, at a greater compass, and as soon as it was possible to ring them at a sett-pull (i.e., high enough to be held on the balance at hand) it was possible to develop changes. As yet there were no sallies, all the pulling was done from back, there was little control from handstroke, and the bells could not be rung high enough at back stroke to change there. It was not until after 1660 that whole wheels were fitted and then half pull ringing became possible. Stay and slider were not known until after Stedman wrote. Throughout all these years the round ringing of the West remained exactly the same thing. Though gradually improvements in bell hanging were introduced there, as elsewhere, there was

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no difference in the ringing. Unless I am much mistaken the genuine old West County ringer never rang Call Changes. Stoney had an entirely different genesis from round ringing. It is a degenerate survival of the old Plain Changes, the earliest form of 'scientific' ringing. Plain Changes were mathematically constructed and by no means easy to ring, but they were monotonous and were quickly abandoned in favour of Cross Peals, as our present form of change ringing was first called. I think I am right in saying that Stoney is a comparatively recent importation into Devon and Cornwall.

Among change ringers there is very little raising in peal, the first comers get the bells up so they may be ready as soon as a full band turns up. But it would be a mistake to suppose that there is no ceasing in peal. I know at least one tower where the bells are dropped every Sunday in a way which would not disgrace the Cornish men. Now service ringing has become the regular thing a good cease should be done by every band, for it is by no means a difficult art to acquire.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES 1 Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 8
SIDNEY T. HOLY 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	FRED HAWKES 10
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
FRANK LAWRENCE 6	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Stedman and first on 12 bells. First peal on the twelve bells. rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5339 CHANGES;

Contains 6th extent wrong in the Tittums and handstroke home position. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY M. WHITE Treble	FREDERICK BIRD 6
GEORGE GRAY 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE 7
*REGINALD HAYDEN 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 8
FREDERICK SPRINGHAM 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
STANLEY A. CARTER 5	*HENRY A. WACEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Caters. Central Council Collection, No. 53.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY Treble	*RICHARD F. ROE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 8
*KENNETH A. ROE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 9
E. HARRY STONELEY 5	†PERCY L. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal. † Completes the 'circle' of this tower to peals.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven-and-a-Quarter Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN A. BROWN Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5
*HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	WILLIAM SHERATON 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	THOMAS H. REEVES Tenor

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 42nd anniversary of the ringing of the 4th's first peal.

CHARLTON KINGS, CHELTENHAM.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE SIMMONS Treble	WILLIAM OAKLEY 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	JAMES J. CAWSON 6
WALTER YEEND 3	GEORGE KILMISTER 7
WALTER ROSE 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Walter Rose. First peal on the bells for 15 years.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Three Hours and one Minute

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN FEARNHEAD Treble	*WILLIAM BRAMMER 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	*ERNEST SEDDON 6
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 3	WILFRED MOSS 7
EDWARD F. MAWBY 4	CHARLES OLLIER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by C. OLLIER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. 100th peal for the association by the 7th ringer. Rung as a compliment to C. Ollier and H. Chapman, of Keystone (late of Pendleton) on their 71st birthday.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

KENNETH FORD Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT 5
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS 2	HARRY J. SANGER 6
DAVID MACKAY 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

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STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
*BURLY P. MORRIS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHRESMAN Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN WHEATON 2	HARRY SIMMONS 6
JAMES E. BAILEY 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
FRANK E. WALKER 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Elliott Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RICHARD SMITH Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
†KATHLEEN R. FLETCHER 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FRANK ROLLINGS Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 5
THOMAS LAW 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
JOHN A. GREEN 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

Arranged for Mr. A. Monk on attaining the age of 65. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Law and Miss L. Green, sister of the conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISSETT 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN BOTHAM 3	FRANK CORKE 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 4	WILFRED G. WILSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.

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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Hon. Treasurer...	...Treble
JOHN CHARNOCK, Hon. Sec. Preston Branch	... 2
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Committee, Liverpool Branch	... 3
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Hon. Ringing Sec.	... 4
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON, Committee, Manchester Branch	... 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS, Committee, Blackburn Branch	... 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES, Committee, Preston Branch	... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY, Vice-President	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

All officials of the Lanes Association.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
*WILLIAM FLATT 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
*ROBERT BARBER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
*STANLEY COPLING 4	*GEORGE GOWER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT JEFF Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 5
*RICHARD BUSBY 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
JAMES T. TITT 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Mr. Kemball is from Saltburn-by-the-Sea, and Mr. Thomas from Bristol.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN G. NASH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF ELSTREE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER AVRE 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
*STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 100th peal. The first peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY CARNELL Treble	MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 4
WALTER RICH 2	REGINALD ASHPORTH 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the fallen.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one each of Single Court, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	*HORACE L. WAITE 4
*WILLIAM PUDDIFOOT 2	*ROBERT GEO. BRUCE 5
*EDWIN J. UPTON 3	FRANCIS TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the jubilee of the association.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Ipswich.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
PHILIP H. AVERY 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERIC A. STEVENSON Treble	*CHARLES W. GRIFFEN 4
*ARTHUR FREDERICK BOYCE 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in more than five methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

JACK ROY Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT 4
*EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER 2	*HARRY CHURCHILL 5
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal. Arranged for Messrs. Branchflower, father and son, members of the local band.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH FORD Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
DAVID MACKEY 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS MITCALF Treble	ERNEST SWAIN 4
GORDON WHITAM 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
NICHOLAS NEWBY 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 26 methods spliced into seven 720's, viz.: (1) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, and St. Werberg Delight, (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., and Willesden Delight, (3) Charlwood, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans, and Wragby Delight, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, and Norbury Treble Bob, (6) Capel, Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM GAVES Treble	WILFRID STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	*ALBERT V. REES 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in 26 methods. First peal on the bells, which were opened on November 5th.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY BAKER Treble	LOTHER J. HONES 4
LEWIS NEWMAN 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CHARLES H. SONE 3	TOM SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by T. SAUNDERS.

ABERGELE, NORTH WALES.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JACK DEAN Treble	GEORGE WILSON 4
*JOE GRIFFITHS 2	JAMES H. FULLER 5
*PETER EVANS 3	*NORMAN CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by J. H. FULLER.

* First peal and first attempt.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... Treble	EDWARD HALL 4
JOHN H. ELLIOTT 2	*LESLIE ASKEW 5
ROBERT CLARK 3	THOMAS W. DODD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

* First peal away from the treble.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

*H. GRUNDY Treble	F. BRYAN, Ravenhead ... 4
*A. WALLACE, Ravenhead ... 2	C. BLACKBURN, Sheet Works ... 5
*W. HESKETH, Homesales ... 3	N. HEAPS, Ravenhead ... Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COLESHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. Lambert 1, J. Fifield 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, R. Ingram 4, G. H. Williams 5, J. W. Reynolds 6, W. C. Rhodes 7, E. Hill 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At the Minster, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): R. Owen 1, C. P. Bradley 2, J. Constable 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, W. Middleton 6, A. E. Sellers 7, G. F. Williams 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, G. Daggitt 10.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Perry Barr, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. E. Terry (longest length of Triples) 1, F. Williams 2, R. C. Ingram 3, G. T. Mitchison 4, G. H. Williams 5, C. Davis 6, F. W. Richworth (conductor) 7, H. Cook 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On October 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters (G. Hayward's) in 50 mins.: F. Woodyatt 1, J. J. Jeffries 2, H. F. Martin 3, A. O. Lewis 4, B. F. Martin 5, H. Price (conductor) 6, W. Lewis 7, R. Lewis 8, F. Crump 9, G. Colley 10.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On October 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. E. Ottley 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, A. E. Williams 3, W. Malins (conductor) 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, E. Foster (Southwell) 6, J. Herbert 7, F. Hendy 8. Also in celebration of the birth of a grandson for the 7th ringer.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Jean M. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 1, M. J. Digby 2, J. E. Bailey 3, J. Wheaden 4, C. R. Pople 5, F. F. Walker (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, H. Hovord 7, H. Simmons 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, on October 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayer (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, G. White 3, F. R. Coles 4, C. W. Woolley 5, G. F. Hinton 6, F. Boreham 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, J. H. Freeborn 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—For evensong, 360 Bob Minor: A. H. S. Rainey 1, H. Smith 2, H. J. Ralph 3, P. N. G. Rainey 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, D. W. C. Chant 6. After service 720 of Doubles, being 360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob: *P. H. J. Chant 1, H. Smith 2, *I. Hunt 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, H. J. Ralph 5, D. W. C. Chant 6. * First 720 in two methods.

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BYGONE RINGERS AND THEIR HABITS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The correspondence on the habits of ringers in bygone days is very interesting. No doubt there have been dark spots in the Exercise in days past, but I would like to illustrate to the readers of 'The Ringing World' a somewhat different picture.

Over 50 years back there lived in the small village of Wilberton, Cambridgeshire, three brothers, James, Joseph and Henry Markwell, who rang for Sunday services at the village church for 50 years without a break. When they commenced ringing there were five bells, the treble being badly cracked, and the remaining four badly needed the bell hanger. These three men, with the help of two others, learned to ring by memory Bob and Stedman Doubles. Nearly 40 years ago another bell cracked while ringing out the old year, caused, it was said, by the severe frost during that season.

Change ringing, therefore, was at a standstill for a period of two years, awaiting the collection of funds for their restoration. In due course the two cracked bells were recast and a treble added to make a peal of six. Meanwhile, four sons of the three brothers (all quite young) were drafted into the company and began in real earnest to learn change ringing by the aid of Ropsight, by Mr. W. Snowden. These four sons brought up the number to seven, all the same name and related. With the help of Mr. A. Hazel and Mr. H. Sharp they could be seen in the belfry twice on Sunday calling the people to worship, and they were never known to have stayed away from a church service to which they had called others.

In about five years the whole band by constant practice had made rapid progress, and in the year 1896 rang 64 complete 720's in 12 methods, besides one 5,040 in six different methods.

ARTHUR MARKWELL.

Woburn Sands.

PAINSWICK VETERANS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a veteran ringer who joined the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths in 1880, I have been interested in the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' re bygone ringers. Living close to Painswick Church as a boy, I knew well the Painswick veterans, viz., Estcourt, Morris, Savory, Birts and others, who made Painswick and its bells famous by their great prowess in campanology. I was always allowed to be present at practices and Sunday ringing, and dressed in their long black coats, cravats and top hats (they were a very highly respectable body of men who attended the church, and I was allowed to sit with them. Through the deaths of the veterans ringing fell to a low ebb. Several others started ringing in 1880, and we mastered Stedman Doubles. It was then and in the following years to gain experience that I visited many of the towers, viz., Gloucester Cathedral, Cirencester, Tewkesbury Abbey, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Upton, St. Leonards, Bisley, Prestbury, Charlton Kings, Stroud, etc., and found at all the towers visited highly respectable bands of ringers who were always willing to do everything they could to help me forward. I am sure that all of them realised the dignity of their office. In looking back I recall the names of the grand old veteran ringers not only in Gloucestershire but all over the country, who stuck to their task manfully and set such an excellent example for us to live up to.

WILLIAM HALE.

81, Tennyson Road, Cheltenham.

GOOD STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope leads one to think that striking is generally lower than what it used to be, and I am going to offer a suggestion to him and everyone who is as keen as he towards its betterment. I see that he mentions Yorkshire. (Thank you, Mr. Trollope, for Yorkshire.) You may ask why am I for Yorkshire? It is because I am a member of that part of the country where a pride is taken in good striking, and could Mr. Trollope or anyone else who is interested attend a contest at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, of the Halifax and District Association about midsummer (an advertisement will appear in the paper), they would appreciate every moment of listening.

May I suggest that ringers, whether in a strange tower or at home, open every obstacle between them and the bells and then listen. And when you have got the distinct changes off, be it Minor or Major, forget it, but keep it and listen again.

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland,

Greenfield, near Oldham.

A START WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS

The first monthly meeting in connection with the Axbridge Deanery Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held in the Parish Church, Bleadon, on Saturday. The following towers were represented: Worle, Weston-super-Mare, Congresbury, East Brent, Chilcompton, Chewton Mendip, Bath, Ilminster and Churchill.

ALL OPEN DAY AT PRESTON.

BIG COMPANY ENJOY THE AUGMENTED TEN.

The augmented ring at Preston Parish Church was rung for the first time on the evening of November 1st by the local band. The Vicar was present in the ringing chamber accompanied by two of the wardens, together with Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the firm of Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. W. Ratcliffe, the bell hanger who has carried out the work. After the ringing the Vicar congratulated the firm on the great improvement in tone, and Mr. Hughes briefly replied for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On November 10th an open day was held for visitors. The response was very gratifying, some 60 ringers turning up, and had a red-letter day. The Lanes Association was represented by the president (Canon H. J. Elsee) and the ringing secretary (Mr. A. Tomlinson). Also present were Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. B. Thorp (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. T. B. Worsley (Bolton), along with a good contingent from the Blackburn Branch, and practically most of the Preston Branch. The Vicar and curate, along with the local captain, appeared in the ringing chamber punctually at 2.30. Canon Wallis read the ringers' office and formally opened the proceedings. Three M.C.'s were appointed to take charge of the ringing, viz., Messrs. B. A. Knights, W. Sharples and E. R. Martin. This plan worked very well, and plenty of rounds and queens for beginners were mixed in with Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich and London Surprise Minor.

A short service was held at 5 p.m., at which Canon Elsee gave an address. After outlining the history of Preston bells, Canon Elsee urged all ringers to uphold the highest ideals in the performance of their sacred duties.

Tea was served in St. John's Mission Room close to the church. Accompanying the Vicar were three wardens, and after tea the Vicar gave the visitors a cordial welcome to Preston, and hoped their opinion of the bells would be favourable. Tracing the inception of the restoration scheme, the Vicar revealed his expert knowledge on tuning, and offered to talk or correspond with anyone present on the subject. Mr. W. Smirk (senior warden) also welcomed the visitors, and mentioned that he had been reading an old book which contained an account of prize ringing at Preston in 1815. (J. A. T. please note.) Mr. E. R. Martin (captain) also supplemented the welcome given, and contrasted the old lumpy-going eight with the augmented and beautiful ten.

Opportunity was taken to thank the Vicar and wardens for putting the restoration scheme into operation. Canon Elsee on behalf of the visitors thanked the Vicar and wardens for the splendid tea and welcome which had been accorded to everyone, and Mr. C. W. Eccles, J.P., supported Canon Elsee and expressed thanks to him for his splendid address. The tower was visited again and the bells rung until 8.15.

AN EXAMPLE FROM YORKSHIRE.

VISITING DAY AT THE BELFRY.

A fine spirit exists among the ringers of Ulverston, Yorks. When the bells were rebung they determined to attend to the steps which had been worn so badly through the ages as to be almost too difficult to climb. They chipped every one of them and concreted them to their original shape. They provided new linoleum for the belfry, creosoted the belfry frames and painted the belfry fittings. So much improved is the belfry that it can claim to be one of the best in the district.

When their task was completed they held a congregation's visiting night with a twofold purpose. Firstly, to do their bit towards the great effort for clearing the church's debt, and secondly to interest the people in their bells and change ringing.

Although only about 20 people could be accommodated in the ringing chamber at once, the full programme was carried out. The captain welcomed the visitors and then one of the ringers who had made a full model of a bell demonstrated this and also explained the church's history and ringing. The bells were raised in peal, a plain course rung, and then lowered, and so interesting was this that without exception everyone climbed the rickety wooden ladder to the bell chamber where the inscriptions on the bells were explained. This programme was carried out three times during the evening, and the collection towards the great effort realised £1 7s. 6d.

For years the bells in this quaint little town were rung only for services, and then the limit was the first dozen in Minor. In latter years a younger band have had the ropes and are making gradual but certain progress in spite of the difficulty that members are constantly leaving the town to take up work in other parts of the country.

Such is the enthusiasm of this young band, writes 'Interested,' that all will agree they deserve every encouragement in their effort to master Treble Bob, which they are just commencing.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—At the Church of All Saints, on October 28th (1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major): W. Southgate 1, M. Ling 2, W. Nevard 3, R. Mowforth 4, G. Jennings 5, E. Durrant 6, H. Wright 7, E. Davey (conductor) 8.

ARMISTICE RINGING.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil, 720 changes of Bob Minor: D. Reay 1, P. Wishart 2, G. Appleton 3, N. Fairman 4, T. Crowe 5, K. Arthur (conductor) 6.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. N. Lindon 1, Albert T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, W. C. Scrivens 3, W. H. Cox 4, John W. Mulcock 5, George H. Taylor 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. N. Wood 1, F. J. Green 2, H. Ridgway 3, A. J. Green 4, T. E. Roberts 5, G. Whitehead 6, J. A. Green (conductor) 7, H. Read 8.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—At St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Alf Coates 2, Sidney Woodhouse 3, Arthur West 4, A. W. Coates 5, Wm. Broadley 6, E. Burnett (conductor) 7, Joseph Farey 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Terry 1, A. Bashford 2, J. Judd 3, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 4, F. Jeal 5, R. V. Fuller 6, A. B. Peck 7, W. H. Pooley 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. E. Smith 1, T. Beaumont 2, E. Humphrey 3, S. T. Jarret 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, W. Collishaw 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitken 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. T. Eastbrook 1, H. Patrick 2, Miss D. J. Moir 3, A. S. Toseland 4, L. Toseland (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5.

BURFORD, OXON.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, T. Timms 2, W. Brunsdon 3, T. Bond 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Stratford 8.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Hubbard 1, G. T. H. Walker 2, T. H. Lewin 3, W. Foster 4, J. A. Talbot 5, C. Lowe 6, E. F. Payne (conductor) 7, W. Wright 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Aircraftsman R. G. Balchin 1, T. Attwell 2, G. Luff 3, R. T. Carpenter (first away from treble) 4, M. Smither 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Bartlett 8.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Talbot 1, D. Woodvine (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Buttery 3, N. Blocksidge 4, A. Woodvine (conductor) 5, J. L. M. Bray (first quarter-peal) 6.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Casswell 1, L. Parkin 2, S. Briggs 3, A. Stamp 4, N. Chaddock 5, G. Lee 6, H. Chaddock 7, C. Poulteney (first quarter-peal of Little Bob Major as conductor) 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): J. Spiller 1, E. Spiller 2, A. Gasson 3, W. Grice 4, G. Pound 5, L. Head (composer and conductor) 6, H. Travers 7, H. Coast 8, F. Leeson 9, H. Dunn 10. For morning service, 840 Stedman Triples: L. Head (conductor) 1, W. Grice 2, G. Pound 3, J. Spiller 4, H. Coast 5, F. Leeson 6, E. Spiller 7, C. Gorham 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Ward 1, R. A. Hickton 2, Miss S. B. Thompson 3, C. Geary 4, W. H. T. King (first quarter-peal) 5, Miss B. A. Varley (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Hutchinson 8.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): John Bull 1, James Cowley 2, Peter Shaw 3, George Saint 4, William Bagley 5, Samuel Cadwallender 6, James W. Hall (conductor) 7, Charles Ashurst 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. First quarter-peal 'inside' by the ringer of the third.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal in three methods, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob: F. Bodman 1, H. H. Tidy 2, E. E. Tidy 3, A. E. Rowe 4, L. A. Tidy 5, J. O. Weller (conductor) 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—At St. George's Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Ballard (first 720) 1, W. H. Lambert 2, A. Stevenson (first as conductor) 3, H. Pope (first 720) 4, G. Simms 5, J. Avery (first 720) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss G. Pack 1, Miss M. Pack 2, R. Charge 3, H. Franks 4, T. Bevan 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, B. Brown (first quarter) 8.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Salmon 1, W. Downes 2, F. Downes 3, A. E. Gwynne 4, G. H. Giblin 5, W. H. Williams (conductor) 6, W. H. Symonds 7, A. E. Hurcomb 8, H. J. Taylor 9, C. H. Sparkes 10. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

GORSEINON, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Catherine's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. M. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, R. Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, J. Hansen 5, W. T. Dobbins 6, W. Dobbins (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples by the same band (excepting the 5th, which was J. Williams, conductor).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Bray, of Lincoln, who has rung 100 peals, 50 being on handbells.

Mr. G. Lewis was the composer of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Sutton-on-Trent on November 10th; the conductor was Mr. A. Nash.

Next Tuesday Mr. James George, of 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham, will be 81 years of age. Since his 80th birthday Mr. George has taken part in 23 peals. Has any other veteran such a distinguished record between the ages of 80 and 81?

For bellringers' Sunday at Birstall, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by F. Graham 1, F. Sharm 2, G. Tillson 3, G. Walker 4, J. Udale 5, L. Whitehead 6, R. Barrow 7, A. Skinner 8.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft conducted five Stalybridge (Cheshire) ringers through their first 720—Plain Bob Minor—on November 15th. The ringers were: R. Rees 1, J. Parks 2, G. H. Shaw 3, S. Hodgson 4, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5, A. Roberts 6.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, who has been in the Middlesex Hospital, was removed to the Schiff Home of Recovery, Knowle Hill, Cobham, Surrey, last week. He will be convalescing there for a fortnight. We all wish Mr. Goodfellow a speedy recovery.

Another band that have surmounted their first obstacles is at North Mimms, Herts. On November 6th, six of the company rang their first quarter of Stedman Triples, viz., G. R. Spencer, B. Spencer, F. Currell, F. Nash, C. Nash and W. Tyler. The conductor was W. Nash, and A. W. Coles made up the eight.

Good progress is being made by the ringers at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. During October five of the band rang their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, viz., John N. Lindon, William H. Cox, J. W. Mulcock, George H. Taylor and James Bacon. We await their first peal with interest.

Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lloyds Bank House, Wincanton, will be extremely obliged to the ringer who borrowed a year or two ago two volumes, bound in green cloth, entitled, 'Ringers of the Ringing World,' if he will kindly return same as soon as possible. These books were made up with single pages taken from 'The Bellringer,' 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World.'

Will the conductor of the peal at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on November 17th, kindly forward his name so that the peal may be inserted? This peal was rung with bells half-muffled, in memory of Francis George Drake, member and son of the secretary of the Suffolk Guild, and also in memory of Mrs. Clark, the mother of Mr. C. Clark, a member of the band.

Mention was made in this column recently about the enthusiasm of ringers in North Kent at local practices. The finest practice outside London is that at Crayford, where Spliced Surprise in four methods is a regular feature, and it is very gratifying to see how happy those 'princes of the art' are in helping the young ones along all the evening, being more than content themselves with one touch of 'applied' to finish up with.

In the East Berks and South Bucks young conductors seem to be fairly abundant, as six very junior Cumberlands from the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, were successful on Saturday last in ringing a peal of Doubles at Hitchin, Bucks, Parish Church, the conducting being shared by the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5, none of whom are yet 15 years of age. The youngest has not even attained the age of 13. Average age of band is 14 years and seven months. Further particulars will be found next week of this performance.

Among our promising young ringers is Cyril E. Lanxon (aged 16), of Truro Cathedral, who, despite very limited opportunities which are to be had in Cornwall, has rung this year his first three eight-bell peals, viz., Grandsire Triples, Bob Major (first touch in the method) and Stedman Triples. In addition he has conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings) and has composed two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples. His enthusiasm should lead to more change ringing in 'the Delectable Duchy.'

Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, participated in a peal rung at Far Headingley, Leeds, as a compliment to his daughter, Miss I. H. Marshall, who is to be married at Calcutta on November 26th. The ringers tender their best wishes, and, in the words of our correspondent, 'hope the new venture will be as harmonious and successful as the ringing of this peal.' Would the conductor of this peal kindly forward his name and also the date of the peal so that the compliment might be published in the appropriate column?

Through a motor-cycling accident, North Dorset's popular Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Shute, is at present lying in the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he is making good progress, and hopes to be ringing again before Christmas. Mr. Shute is the ideal voluntary instructor. He has travelled thousands of miles—four or five nights a week, summer and winter—to teach and help young and struggling bands of ringers. It is fairly safe to say that no man has done so much for change ringing in Dorset as Bill Shute.

MR. E. P. DUFFIELD'S UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

MASTER OF TWO SOCIETIES.

By his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths Mr. Edward P. Duffield has achieved a unique distinction. He holds the Mastership of two important societies at the same time. He was elected Master of the Essex Association, on the retirement of Mr. Charles H. Howard, last Whitsun, and his elevation to the chief office of the College Youths gives him a dual role never previously, we believe, held by one man.

Mr. E. P. Duffield was born at Tasburgh, Norfolk, on December 21st, 1898, and started learning to ring on the peal of five bells when about 10 years of age, under the tuition of Mr. Albert G. Warnes, and, later, under the late Mr. Philip Sadler, both of Norwich. His father, Mr. William L. Duffield, now of Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, and an uncle, the late Mr. Arthur E. Fuller, were both



MR. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Master of the Essex Association and the new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

enthusiastic ringers. Four brothers—Messrs. William C. (Buxton, Norfolk), James F. (Norwich), Harry T. S. (Tharston, Norfolk) and Dr. John R. (South Africa)—all took up ringing, with the result that father and five sons completed the band for a peal of Minor at Long Stratton, Norfolk, rung on December 27th, 1927.

Mr. 'Ted' Duffield's first eight-bell practice was obtained by visiting Pulham Market, some eight miles from Tasburgh, where, eventually, at the age of 13 years, his first peal was rung, viz., Bob Major, conducted by the well-known ringer, Mr. Fredk. R. Borrett, to whose perseverance Mr. Duffield owes a great deal for his early ringing progress.

He went in 1915 to reside at Sharnbrook, Beds, and eventually succeeded the Rev. A. Rust as hon. general secretary and treasurer of the Bedfordshire Association, which office he retained until just prior to taking up residence at Alton, Hants, in 1922. During his stay at Sharnbrook both the standard and the variety of the ringing advanced, and seven Surprise Minor methods were regu-

larly rung by the local band, whose first peal on the bells he conducted. Mr. Duffield married in 1920 Miss M. A. Willoughby, of Sharnbrook, herself something of a ringer, although she did not continue seriously with the art.

At Alton, Hants, Mr. Duffield had the privilege of conducting the first peal of Stedman Triples on St. Lawrence's bells to be rung by a resident band. He removed to Colchester in 1925, and, becoming associated with the band at St. Peter's Church, eventually conducted the first peal of Surprise Major (Superlative) ever rung by a resident Colchester company.

He was elected Divisional Master of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association in 1931 on the retirement from office of Mr. William J. Nevard, the well-known ringer of Great Beniley. On Whit Monday last Mr. Duffield was elected Master of the Essex Association in succession to Mr. Chas. H. Howard, who had held the post for as long as 25 years.

Shortly after the termination of the war, and, although having had no practice in Surprise methods, Mr. Duffield was invited in September, 1919, by Mr. William Pye to join a ringing week in Cheshire. This resulted, on the Monday, in ringing two first Surprise peals, both in the one day, viz., Bristol Surprise Major at Bunbury in the morning, followed by Superlative Surprise Major at Middlewich in the evening. On the day following he rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Tarporley and Cambridge Surprise Major two days later at Frodsham. Thus he had the unique experience of ringing his first four peals of Surprise in four different Major methods within the space of four days with scarcely any previous practice.

Mr. Duffield has many interesting peal performances to his credit. He rang Southwark Cathedral tenor to Stedman Cinques at the age of 20. He rang 11th in the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, a peal which occupied 1½ hours. He helped Mr. Wm. Pye to ring the Exeter Cathedral tenor to the only peal (Cambridge Maximus) in which she has been rung in changes. He also rang in the first and only peal at Buckfast Abbey. On three occasions he has rung in two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in one day, and on three occasions has taken part in three peals of Surprise Major in one day. He rang in three peals (one false) rung by officers after the Great War (in which he served for a short time in the Royal Air Force during the latter part of the war). In 1913 he was a member of bands which at that time were the youngest to have rung a peal both of Minor and Major. He conducted the first peal of Surprise Maximus rung in Ireland at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a peal which was preceded by an all-night journey from London to Dublin, and followed by an all-night return journey to London.

Mr. Duffield has rung just over 300 peals in about 220 different towers, including nearly 90 peals on 12 bells, about 60 of which were in Surprise Maximus methods, including every Surprise Maximus method in which a peal has yet been rung. He has also rung peals of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Maximus and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. His peals have been rung in every English county except Notts and Derbyshire, and included in the list of towers are more than 40 twelve-bell towers. In spite of his rather large proportion of 12-bell peals, Mr. Duffield has never lived within 18 miles of a 12-bell tower. The peals have been rung under the auspices of more than 30 different ringing societies.

In business life, Mr. Duffield, in common with several others of his family, is engaged in the flour milling industry. He is well known in many parts of the country by reason of his activities in connection with the sale of Vitbe flour, as used in the manufacture of the now well-known Vitbe bread.

THE BRIGHT FEATURE OF MANCHESTER MEETING.

TWO LEARNERS SCORE THEIR FIRST 720.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association at St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish, on Saturday was one of the poorest from point of view of numbers that the branch has held for some time. A service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Watson, who also gave an address, the music being provided by the deputy organist, Mr. English.

One bright feature of the day was the fact that two learners were enabled to score their first 720 of Plain Bob Minor, so let it not be said that nothing was accomplished. The remainder of the ringing time was spent with touches of Stedman and Double Norwich.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. C. Ollier, it was decided to hold the next quarter's meetings as follows: December 15th, Manchester Town Hall; January 19th, 1935, Manchester Cathedral; and February 16th, quarterly meeting at Stretford. Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for his address; to the organist, and the local ringers for their services closed the meeting.

It is to be sincerely hoped that meetings of the branch, and especially services, will in future be much better attended.

REV. ROBERT HERRICK'S CHURCH.

RESTORATION OF THE BELLS.

For several years the tower and bells at the church where Herrick the poet used to be Vicar, Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Devon, have been in a state of dilapidation. The bells were five in number, the treble having been recast by Warners, of London, in 1886, the second recast by Hamblyn, of Blackawton, in 1836, whilst the remaining three were cast in 1734, the tenor by Mudge and the other two by Pennington. Incidentally this year is the bicentenary of these three back bells.

In June, 1929, it was deemed advisable to discontinue all ringing, as it was considered too dangerous, and a fund was opened for their restoration, whilst Lady Yarde-Buller promised to give a new treble bell to increase them to six in memory of her husband, Sir Henry Yarde-Buller, who was buried in Dean Prior Churchyard in 1928. Thanks to the interest and energy of the present Vicar and other friends, the fund has grown, and among the generous contributors were Miss Violet E. Willis who gave £130, Lord Churston £100, and the Vicar, Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller £25. Mr. J. H. Thorpe's recent appeal also brought many contributions from abroad.

This summer it was found that enough funds were available to put the work in hand, and the Parochial Church Council decided to place the work of the restoration of the bells in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It was afterwards found with dismay that the roof on the top of the tower was in a state of decay, and after a further appeal by the Vicar and Churchwardens sufficient money was obtained to renovate the tower. Messrs. Jackson and Son, of Buckfastleigh, were responsible for carrying out this work, which consisted of a new roof for the tower covered with lead on the top, a new floor under the bells, a new second floor, and the ringers' gallery. Whilst the bells were at the Foundry the old second was recast and the remainder retuned, and the whole peal, with the addition of the new treble bell, has been rehung on heavy rolled steel girders with all the latest modern fittings, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work in their customary efficient manner.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, when there was a very large and representative congregation present, and about 80 ringers came from Swindon, Exeter, Sidmouth, Buckfastleigh, Ashburton, Dartington, Staverton, Holne, Rattery, Plymouth, and Lanhedroch, Bodmin, and Brixham. The Bishop of Exeter performed the dedication ceremony. The Vicar of Dean Prior (Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller) intoned the service. During the singing of the first hymn the Bishop and his chaplain and the Vicar and Churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the bells and afterwards set the tenor bell in motion. Immediately following this, rounds were rung by Messrs. A. L. Bennett, E. Hoare, G. E. Stone, W. J. R. Boyer, F. J. Emmett and B. Hest. After further prayers and a hymn, the Bishop addressed the congregation, and congratulated the parish on rehanging their bells in that ancient tower. During the last hymn a collection was taken for the tower and bell fund, there being £67 left to raise, and the collection amounted to just over £70, so that the scheme is free of debt.

After the service the bells were utilised by the Devon Guild of Ringers, and the following members rang a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor: Messrs. W. G. Hiscott 1, W. J. Rundle 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, T. G. Myers 4, E. W. Marsh 5, G. H. Myers 6. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were also rung, whilst call changes were rung by the less experienced visitors. Everyone was highly delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be heartily congratulated on doing an excellent job. It was a red-letter day in the history of Dean Prior, and thanks are due to those who were responsible for carrying out the arrangements for the day.

RIPPINGALE BELLS FUND COMPETITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We are sure that many of your readers will be interested to know how we progressed with our effort for the restoration of our bells. About 25 per cent. of those appealed to answered, and in addition to a number of small but generous contributions we received most kind and encouraging letters. May we thank those who helped us in such a brotherly spirit, and so encouraged us to go forward. We are more than grateful to the winner, the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Bramford Speke Vicarage, Exeter, for most generously returning the prize to our fund. His kindness is very greatly appreciated. Whilst we did not receive nearly enough to carry on with the work, yet the amount received is most helpful. We would also thank the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for his helpfulness.

With fraternal greetings to all our ringing brethren.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Rector.
C. CHALLAND, Captain.
S. LAXTON, Secretary
C. PICKERING, Vice-Captain

PRESERVATION OF PEAL BOARDS.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S RESOLUTION.

The suggestion of Mr. R. Whittington at the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Womersley, on November 17th, although raised under the heading of 'Any other business,' is one that should figure prominently on the agenda of all ringing meetings in the near future (verb sap). Evidently inspired by a recent article in 'The Ringing World,' it was to the effect that the Guild should prepare a schedule of all peal boards and other boards containing matters of interest to ringers in its area, and that it should take such steps as may be necessary to preserve these boards. Mr. Whittington expressed the hope that, not only would such a record be kept by the Guild, but that it would be required very soon as part of a national collection. The members present pledged themselves to support a resolution to deal with the matter at the annual meeting of the Guild.

The Guild's proposed Benevolent Fund and the badge for members were also informally discussed at this meeting, over which the District Ringing Master presided, and, although the Executive Committee's proposal to raise a benevolent fund without increasing the annual subscription seemed to find general favour, its efforts to provide a cheap membership badge did not. Most of the members present were of opinion that if a badge were adopted it should be of a better quality than the specimens which had been considered by the committee. From the point of view of attendance the meeting was a little more heartening to the district officers than some have been in the past.

The following officers were duly nominated for office in 1935: District Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith; secretary, Mr. G. Grover; auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden; hon. member on executive committee, Mr. S. Marshall, of Puttenham; and for two ringing members on that committee, Capt. H. J. Cann and Messrs. S. Elton, S. Petter, R. Whittington and W. R. Melville. The last-mentioned nominations will necessitate a ballot at the annual meeting.

The usual form of service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Brown at Womersley, and the bells at that church (tenor 18 cwt.) and at the neighbouring church at Bramley (tenor 8 cwt.)—both peals of six within hearing of each other and forming a striking contrast in tone and weight—were in demand during the afternoon and evening. Some good touches were rung at both churches, but some of the striking it must be admitted was like the attendance of district members, distinctly patchy.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Sidney Carnell.	Garnston, Notts.
William Puddifoot.	Apsley End, Herts.
Edwin J. Upton.	Apsley End, Herts.
Horace L. Waite.	Apsley End, Herts.
Robert G. Bruce.	Apsley End, Herts.
Richard Smith.	West Wycombe, Bucks.
Frank Branchflower.	Ash Priors, Somerset.
Jack Dean.	Abergele, North Wales.
Joe Griffiths.	Abergele, North Wales.
Peter Evans.	Abergele, North Wales.
Norman Clarke.	Abergele, North Wales.
George Simmons.	Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.
W. Hesketh.	St. Helens, Lancs.
H. Grundy.	St. Helens, Lancs.
A. Wallace.	St. Helens, Lancs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGING.

The bells of St. Michael, Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and are now in excellent going order. On November 15th 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first on the bells, was rung by: Thomas Dyer 1, Fredk. Townsend 2, Walter Yeend 3, Harold Holford 4, William Dyer 5, John F. Ballinger (conductor) 6.

On Saturday, by the kind invitation of the Rev. N. E. Hope, Vicar of Shedworth, Glos, who is a very keen ringer, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at the Church of St. Andrew: William Townsend 1, Rev. N. E. Hope 2, Walter Yeend 3, Walter Rose 4, George Kilminster 5, John F. Ballinger (conductor) 6. The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

THE LATE MR. ALBERT WRIGHT.

To the memory of the late Mr. Albert Wright, a muffled touch of 504 Grandsire Caters was rung at the Parish Church, Stroud, on November 9th, by: C. Gardiner (conductor) 1, J. W. Jones 2, A. Hannis 3, P. Ponting 4, F. Ponting 5, H. Fussell 6, H. Newman 7, C. Dyson 8, W. Dean 9, A. Hanks 10.

At the Parish Church, Minchinhampton, on November 10th, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), preceded by the whole pull and stand: F. Canter 1, H. Phelps 2, P. Ponting 3, F. Simmonds (conductor) 4, F. Ponting 5, E. Bailey 6.

FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES AT FAMOUS ABBEY.



By the ringing of a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Tewkesbury, on Saturday, the first peal on 12 bells was rung in this ancient Abbey. Mr. John Austin conducted the peal.

A DORSET RESTORATION.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A YOUNG BAND.

During the past two or three years a really praiseworthy effort has been made by the people of Corscombe, Dorset, led by their Rector, the Rev. A. N. C. Storrs, to raise some £300 for the restoration of their beautiful bells, and November 9th was a proud day for the village when the Lord Bishop of Salisbury came down to dedicate the work. Notwithstanding the awkward hour of 5 p.m., a large congregation assembled, including ringers and clergy from Buckland Newton, Evershot, South Perrott, Halstock, Kington Magna, Beaminster and Lyme Regis. The Bishop, in his sermon, warmly congratulated the Rector and his people on their zeal and its fine reward, and had a special word of encouragement for the local ringers, who are a young band of the keenest type, anxious for instruction in method ringing. He visited the belfry himself after the service and watched the locals at the ropes.

The bells are a fine six, with a 17 cwt. tenor. They have been entirely rehung on ball bearings and retuned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the firm being represented at the opening by Mr. Fidler. All who rang them were delighted in the excellent running and tone of the bells, the visitors contributing touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor in the way of demonstration. The West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild look to this tower and its enthusiastic band in the hope that they will soon be affiliated and eventually become a useful ally to the progress of change ringing.

Last Saturday the first peal was attempted on the bells by a West Dorset band from Evershot and Lyme Regis, but unfortunately it failed after two hours' excellent ringing. However, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round, these being the first on the bells, by the following: H. D. W. Bishop 1, H. Smith 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. Price 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6. The band, together with the local ringers, were afterwards most kindly entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Storrs.

THREE GENERATIONS RINGING TOGETHER.

Suffolk seems to be a favoured county for three generations ringing together. In response to the question asked last week, Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, Eye, Suffolk, writes: 'There was rung at Grundisburgh a peal of Bob Major by three generations of Tilletts (Ipswich), three generations of Clarks (Grundisburgh) and two generations of Symonds. In addition the Suffolk Guild boasts of three generations of Symonds (Lavenham) and three generations of Filbys (Wingfield) as members, so there is a possibility of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich by the four three generations.'

Mr. G. E. Symonds, Ipswich, writes: On November 16th, 1932, Miss Phyllis Tillet, aged 13, with her father and grandfather, rang a peal of seven 720's of Bob Minor at Rushmere, near Ipswich, also these same three rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on March 4th, 1933, Miss Tillet (aged 14) ringing the treble.

A SUFFOLK VETERAN LAID TO REST.

On Saturday evening a muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Bramfield, as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. John Punchard, who was laid to rest that afternoon, in the presence of many ringing friends and others. The handbells were rung over his grave with rounds on eight, and a course of Grandsire Doubles, by four members of the Suffolk Guild, Halesworth District: W. Kemp (Wissett) 1-2, H. Jillings (Heveningham) 3-4, F. C. Lambert (district secretary) 5-6, R. Gardiner 7-8.

Mr. Punchard was 86 years of age, and had been connected with Bramfield tower for over 70 years. He was also a life member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and had rung numerous peals on five and six bells, his last being in 1926, when he rang Bramfield tenor bell for upwards of three hours in his usual vigorous style to a well-struck peal of Doubles. Mr. Punchard was well known in East Suffolk, and had walked hundreds of miles in the pursuit of his favourite art.

THE LATE MR. JAMES FERNLEY.

We have received the following record of peals rung by the late Mr. James Fernley, sen.:-

		Rung.	Conducted.
Minor in 1 method	...	1	—
" 4 methods	...	3	1
" 5 "	...	2	—
" 6 "	...	1	—
" 7 "	...	31	26
" 8 "	...	2	2
" 9 "	...	1	—
" 11 "	...	1	—
" 14 "	...	2	1
" 15 "	...	1	—
" 16 "	...	1	—
" 17 "	...	2	1
" 18 "	...	2	2
" 19 "	...	2	1
" 21 "	...	2	1
" 24 "	...	1	1
" 25 "	...	1	—
" 29 "	...	1	1
" 30 "	...	1	1
" 35 "	...	1	1
Stedman Triples	...	2	—
Grandsire Triples	...	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	8	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	2	—
Bob Major	...	3	—
Forward Major	...	2	—
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major (Spliced)	...	2	2
Clarendon Surprise Major	...	2	1
London Surprise Major	...	3	—
Bristol Surprise Major	...	9	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	7	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	2	—
Superlative Surprise Major	...	3	—
Pudsey Surprise Major	...	2	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	...	1	—
Rutland Surprise Major	...	1	—
Cambridge and Rutland Surprise Major (Spliced)	...	1	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	8	—
Grandsire Caters	...	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	1	—
		122	45

ELSTREE SURPRISE MAJOR.

Composed by Mr. H. G. Cashmore and rung at the Church of St. James, Bushey, on November 17th.

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26348175	24536	—	—
23641857	52436	—	—
32468175	64523	—	—
23486715	58423	—	—
32847651	45623	—	—
38274615	36524	—	—
83276451	53462	—	—
82367541	43265	—	—
28365714	52364	—	—
23856741	35264	—	—
32587614	23564	—	—
23578164	62534	—	—
32751846	36245	x	—
37258164	23645	—	—
73521846	64235	—	—
37512486	64352	x	—
73154268	34256	—	—
73512486	24653	—	—
37152846	38452	—	—
31758264	35426	x	—
13572846	23456	—	—
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TRAINING OF YOUNG RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read from time to time in 'The Ringing World' how many ringers, having made a beginning eventually fall away, and are not seen in the tower any more.

In my opinion one of the first things a would-be 'change ringer' is daunted by is that he is not taught to count his place. Week after week he is told to 'follow' such and such a man, thus making it very difficult to learn how to ring. If someone stood by him and counted his place for him he would soon start to count his own. This was so in my case till a kind friend told me how to count my place. He said, 'It is like going up and down a staircase.' This helped me considerably.

Secondly, good men are often lost through poor attendance at practices. Many ringers come late, and the beginner has to 'hang about' doing nothing because only the 'faithful few' are there, and not sufficient ringers to do anything till time has passed, and only a very hurried practice ensues with no satisfaction and no joy. Therefore the 'would-be' makes up his mind it is not worth the effort and gives ringing the 'go by'.

I have been ringing for three years, and can manage about six methods. To attain this I have had to leave my books till next day, and I know there are others in the same boat. We all, more or less, leave something undone. Well then, let's 'get down to it'; have a good start, a full-time practice, a full-time ringing Sunday; in fact, a 'long pull and a good pull.' Just to close, may I tender my undying gratitude to those who have and do help me in my sometimes patience-trying efforts to become 'a change ringer'?

Buntingford, Herts.

F. J. SPARKES.

PRESENTATION TO NORTHFLEET SECRETARY.

Mr. Carrott who, in July, resigned the secretaryship of St. Botolph's, Northfleet, on leaving the district, after 15 years' service in this position, was recently presented with a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved. Mr. G. Lingham, one of the oldest members of the band, made the presentation, and spoke of the amount of work done by Mr. Carrott, especially during the raising of funds for the renovation of the old six bells and the addition of two new bells as a war memorial in 1920.

Mr. Carrott, in thanking the ringers for their token of appreciation, said all he had done for the belfry in the past he had done because his whole interest was in the Northfleet bells, and he hoped the present band would 'pull' together and 'always keep the bells going.'

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TRAGIC DEATH OF DERBY RINGER.**ELECTROCUTED WHILE AT WORK.**

The ringers of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby, are mourning the tragic death of Mr. William Samuel Horace Hall, who was electrocuted on November 13th while following his employment in the winding department at Messrs. Haslem and Newton, Ltd. First aid was immediately applied, and for a few minutes there were hopes that Mr. Hall would be restored to consciousness, as his pulse began to beat, but afterwards it stopped.

Mr. Hall, who was 34 years of age, was a keen and respected member of the Cathedral Church Sunday service bellringers, and will be greatly missed by his many ringing friends. Although a member of the Midland Counties Association, he had not rung a full peal, which was his great ambition, as his heart and soul were in campanology. He was also a sidesman at the Cathedral Church.

Another interest of Mr. Hall was the Scout movement, he being scoutmaster of the St. Alkmund's Troop, Derby. He was also a member of the Derbyshire Conservative Club, a former chairman of the Castle Ward branch of the Junior Imperial League, a student at the Derby Technical College, and an associate member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The funeral service took place at the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. The officiating clergy at the service were the Provost, the Very Rev. H. Ham, the Rev. J. S. Wilding (Vicar of St. Alkmund's), and the Rev. Desmond R. Pocock (chaplain at the Cathedral). During the service the hymns, 'For ever with the Lord' and 'Abide with me,' were sung. The interment took place at the Nottingham Road Cemetery. There were many floral tributes, including one from the Cathedral Sunday service ringers, and in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with 9.8.10 covering by local and other ringers who had come to pay their last respect to a most loyal friend, but was unfortunately lost in the last two courses.

The sympathy of many ringers is extended to his mother, Mrs. Hall.

J. P.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION AT APSLEY.

A very interesting meeting was held at Hemel Hempstead on November 10th, members and friends attending from Apsley, Berkhamstead, Northchurch, Tring, King's Langley, Redbourn, Harpenden, St. Albans, Watford, Linslade and the local tower. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the ringing consisting of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, St. Clement's, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Woods (curate), and the Vicar gave a very able and appropriate address for Armistice Day. Tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the St. Mary's Hall. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, one new probationer, from St. Albans, was elected, and Apsley was selected for the next meeting. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, etc., the curate and the organist was accorded with acclamation. Handbell ringing followed, after which the company adjourned to the tower for ringing until 8.30 p.m., the last touch being half-muffled.

INFORMATION WANTED!

I shall be glad if anyone can give me particulars of the performance of the first peal of Double Court Bob Triples.—J. Armiger Trollope (for Methods Committee), 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.5.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 29th, *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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available from 7 to 9 p.m.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stratton Strawless and Buxton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Buxton, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Members accepting invitation to tea must notify Mr. W. C. Duffield, Roller Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., at 5 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, usual terms. All members and friends welcomed. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 3. Tea 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum rs. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 6d. and meeting at 5 p.m.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

KENTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Good meeting requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Salehurst. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting at Hitchin will be held on Nov. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church House (adjoining the church). A card, if you require tea, would be a great help for catering.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. —A special meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Institute and meeting to follow. Special method: Cambridge. For tea notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. You will be missed if you are not there.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members and friends are invited to tea by our chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon F. W. Sears). Will all those expecting to be present please advise me by Nov. 27th?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Rd., Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Constitutional Club.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at ALDERSHOT. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting (nominations for 1935) in the Parish Hall. All ringers and their friends invited. Plenty of ringing and entertainment. Come and enjoy yourselves.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual social will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Oswaldtwistle. Tea and social 1s. 3d. each. Will all those intending to be present please send in names to Mr. F. Shaw, 15, White Ash Lane, Oswaldtwistle, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Social commences at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Address by the president (Rev. E. V. Cox). Tea, free to members, at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 26th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. —The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, certain.—E. Stich, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting at Fulbourn on Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch. —A joint meeting with Peterborough Branch will be held at Elton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know by Nov. 28th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1st. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woughton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. A good attendance desired. All ringing friends welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

COLYTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 25½ cwt.), restored, and No. 2 bell, recast by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Hon. the Rev. F. L. Courtenay, M.A., of Honiton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Ringing by the Honiton Deanery Guild.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 28th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bushey, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6. Usual business after. Tower open till 8.30. Coaches and buses stop opposite church. Cheap fares by road and rail.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, December 1st (not November 24th as advertised in last issue). Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m. The ring of 5 has been rehung and a new treble added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, at White Lion, at 1s. a head, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Malvern Link. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m., at the Dining Rooms, with business meeting to follow. Service 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 5th.—Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Tywnning, near Tewkesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Business meetings after tea.—F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. from 3 p.m. Ringers proficient in Stedman are asked to assist those who are not, and those who are not are asked to come and try it. We hope to ring other methods, too, so please come in parties.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., at the King's Arms. P.R.H.A. to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service afterwards. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, Dec. 6th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by invitation of the secretary, and a p.c. by Thursday, Dec. 6th, will be appreciated. Buses leave North Bridge bus stand 15 minutes past the hour and run each half-hour direct to the church.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—It is hoped to held the next meeting at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Details next week.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Dec. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73 Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—TAKE CARE OF YOUR PENCE and you will soon save enough to purchase a ticket for the Annual Dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1935. Details later, but BOOK the date NOW.

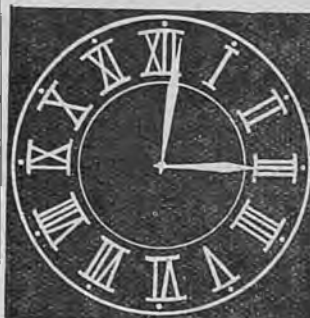
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