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A CHALLENGE FROM TASMANIA.

One of the direct results of the visit of the English ringers to Australia was that a proposal to have merely a light chime of bells at the Tasmanian Cathedral at Hobart was changed into a decision to instal a heavier set of bells, with eight of them hung for ringing. But for the fortuitous arrival of the tourists, all chance of a ringing peal in the new tower now being built would have gone by, perhaps for ever. At the psychological moment, as it seemed, they came on the scene, and the weight of their advice turned the scale in favour of an octave hung for ringing supplemented by half tones to be used when tunes are chimed. Tasmania is about two-thirds the size of Ireland, and in all that great area there is at present only one ring of bells—at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart. What a great gain, therefore, will be even one more peal! This will be the first addition of a peal of bells in the island for nearly ninety years, but it might well be the forerunner of other rings if the bells, when installed, are rung as they should be rung. This is now the problem.

In another column we print a letter from the Rev. A. A. Bennett, of Hobart, suggesting that an instructor be sent out from this country, and if there is to be a band capable of doing any change ringing when the bells are opened it seems to be the only means of securing it. This appears to be a tremendously difficult undertaking, which, on the face of it, seems beyond the realms of practical politics. But is it? Mr. Bennett describes the need as a challenge to the ringers of the homeland, and his suggestion is that there might be someone with sufficient leisure and means to take on the task, with, perhaps, assistance from Tasmania and the Exercise in England. If by such a combination of circumstances and effort something of the kind could be done, it would be to the lasting credit of all who took a hand in it.

The ringers who made the journey to Australia last year will see the advantages of such a scheme, in carrying a stage further the work which they endeavoured to begin, but it may be difficult for the majority of ringers here in England to view it in the same light. There are many things that must, of course, be known and weighed before steps could be taken on the lines of Mr. Bennett's proposals. Unfortunately, the Central Council, which ought to take a hand in any scheme if it were launched, will not meet again for eight months, and the loss of so much time would be fatal to the end which the Tasmanian ringers have in view—a competent band for the opening of the Cathedral bells. Tasmania, it is true, is a long way away, but we believe that, to those who have been there—and their opinion ought to be worth something—

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there will appear nothing impracticable in Mr. Bennett's proposal, if the ringers of England would unite in helping forward a missionary effort of the truest kind. But first we must have a volunteer for this new mission field and must know the terms on which he would be prepared to go out. Fare paid and, if he has insufficient means to make his stay a holiday, an assured job in Tasmania might, perhaps, be an inducement to someone? On his side, of course, he must be a ringer with some qualifications as a teacher. Could a man be found willing to enter upon an interesting experience, we feel something might be done to answer the challenge.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	7
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	*JOHN LLOYD	8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
*KEITH SALTER	5	*JOHN SMITH	11
JOHN BASS	6	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Maximus. First of Maximus on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. C. H. Connolly and Miss E. E. Read, who were married in the Isle of Wight on the above date.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ...	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	ALFRED PARNELL	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
GEORGE LARGE	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal of Erin Caters for all excepting the ringer of the third. First peal of Erin Caters for the association. First peal of Erin Caters rung in Wales. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	STANLEY C. DAVIS	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	HARRY W. SMITH	6
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN	*Treble*	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	5
PETER CHARMAN	2	*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	6
*THOMAS ADAMS	3	JOHN COOK	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the Oxford Variation. 50th peal of Treble Bob by ringer of the treble. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 3rd.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Kathleen E. Fletcher	*Treble*	George Martin	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher	2	†William Henley	6
*Richard Smith	3	Wilfred Edwards	7
Jesse Harrison	4	Harry Wingrove	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. Wingrove.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 450th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Smith and Miss D. R. Fletcher.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 29, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Cassion,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Robert Matthews	*Treble*	Reginald C. H. Connolly	5
John Bass	2	Cyril Chambers	6
*John H. Pagett	3	Reginald Chance	7
Charles H. Woodberry	4	†Thomas Stride	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Matthews.
* First peal on eight bells. † First attempt for a peal. Arranged specially for Mr. R. O. H. Connolly, and also rung as a farewell to his fiancee, Miss E. E. Reed, who is leaving the district.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

Charles H. Sone	*Treble*	George Kenward	5
Tom Saunders	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Mrs. H. Baker	3	William Wenban	7
Harry Baker	4	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by W. Wenban.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*Frederick A. J. Steward	*Treble*	Francis Kirk	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Francis A. Smith	6
Gilbert E. Debenham	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Frederick W. Brinklow	4	William Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
* First peal and first attempt.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

Mrs. H. Baker	*Treble*	Harry Baker	5
C. H. Sone	2	William Wenban	6
Tom Saunders	3	Frederick White	7
Tom E. Sone	4	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom E. Sone.
Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Right Hon. the Lord Cornwallis, of Linton, who was interred in the churchyard on the same date.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Edward T. Griffen	*Treble*	George Preston	5
F. Frankland Rigby	2	William C. Shute	6
Percy W. Witham	3	Anthony V. Dent	7
Charles R. Forfitt	4	Arthur V. Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Frankland Rigby.
Rung as a farewell peal to Canon Marsh, Vicar of Bournemouth, Mrs. Marsh and Mr. A. V. Dent, who leave Bournemouth at the end of the month.

HARMSTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Wednesday, October 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Donovan R. White	5
John Waldron	2	Cecil J. Mayer	6
Kenneth W. Mayer	3	John A. Freeman	7
*Geoffrey M. Mayer	4	Harold Marcon	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Freeman.
* First peal in the method.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*George Procter	*Treble*	†Ernest Swain	5
Edwin Jennings	2	William S. Beasdale	6
Stanley Clifford	3	Richard Rainford	7
John Woods	4	Robert Holmes	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Jennings.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' This peal was rung on the 76th anniversary of the Cathedral, and is the first peal on these bells since October 4th, 1884.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Tom Saunders	*Treble*	Harry Baker	5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	Luther J. Honess	6
Charles H. Sone	3	*George Kenward	7
William Wenban	4	*Thomas E. Sone	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 25th peal together. The conductor's 150th peal (104 as conductor) of Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Alfred Meadowcroft	*Treble*	*William J. Barratt	5
Percy Green	2	Henry Shadrack	6
Sidney Taylor	3	George Green	7
Herbert Devonish	4	Harry Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Green.
* First peal.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD G. JENNEY	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	ALEX HUTCHISON	7
FRED W. HILL	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST F. BENNETT	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	5
EDWIN C. BIRKETT	2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First Surprise peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	6
SHELFORD SPARROW	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

ADDERBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

TIPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRANK G. BURLEIGH	*Treble*	*GEORGE HUGHES	5
ALFRED ROWLEY	2	*DENNIS HOLDEN	6
*FRED HANDLEY	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
*STANLEY MASON	4	*CYRIL WINWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.
* First peal in the method. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. G. Hughes for standing in at the last moment to make up the band after meeting short for Double Norwich.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST J. SOUTHWICK	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
BENJAMIN DALTON	2	ROBERT PICKERING	6
CHARLES R. COLLINS	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. PICKERING.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler, who celebrated their silver wedding on this date. Mr. Butler was unable to take part in the peal owing to illness. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Butler, his daughter, and Mr. Ben Dalton.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF HEREWARD TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES	*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	SAMUEL JONES	6
FRED HARTMAN	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JAMES MORGAN	4	EDWARD PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.
First peal in the method for all. First peal in the method for the Guild.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM TAYLOR	5
*THOMAS BARKER	2	ADAM BLOGG	6
FRED RIGBY	3	JOHN CHARNOCK	7
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY	4	ALFRED BLOGG	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 59). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the bells.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JACK FISHER	*Treble*	*FRANK RHODES	5
*FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	WALTER AINLEY	6
†CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	3	JOE C. MELLOR	7
HENRY H. SMITH	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by HENRY H. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 1st, 4th and 7th hail from Lindley, 6th from Elland, tenor from Liversedge, the rest belong to the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz: (1) Norfolk; (2) London and Wells; (3) Carlisle; (4) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (5) Beverley; (6) York; (7) Ipswich.
Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
CHARLES W. WOOD	2	HARRY GIBBARD	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD HELMES	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS	4
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	2	WILLIAM BISHOP	5
GEORGE WILKS	3	WILLIAM BEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.
This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Ernest T. Allaway, a member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. All those who took part are old ringers of Ruardean Parish Church.

LINCOLN, LINCS.—On Tuesday, September 23rd, at St. Botolph's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Percy Holmes 1, Robert Parker 2, John Freeman 3, Jack L. Millhouse 4, Kenneth W. Mayer 5, John Walden (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except conductor.

BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS	...Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN	4
GEORGE L. HALL	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
*MARTIN WALKER	3	GEORGE DOBBS	...Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY TURNER	...Treble	CHARLES HARRINGTON	4
LEWIS CAMP	2	EDWARD T. STITCH	5
*ROBERT HEAZEL	3	JOHN STITCH	...Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

MORETON.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAM LAW	...Treble	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	4
*SIDNEY KING	2	FREDERICK SEYMOUR	5
LEONARD CAMP	3	HENRY CAMP	...Tenor

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT SMITH	...Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBENS	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
FRANCIS W. GLEAVES	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Benedict's since 1907.

THORNER, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL	...Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	4
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	JOSEPH THACKRAY	5
FRANK ELLIS	3	DANIEL SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

UPPER SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

LESLIE V. PAGE	...Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
*WILLIAM COPEMAN	2	WILLIAM R. WEST	5
CHARLES COPEMAN	3	JOHN KING	...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on tower bells. First peal in three methods by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. First recorded peal on the bells.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, London and Cambridge, each called differently, with no 6-5's at back stroke. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES J. CHALWIN	...Treble	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	WILFRED EDWARDS	5
EDWARD C. AYRES	3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. REDRUP.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

FRANK C. TYSOE	...Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
DONALD COCKINGS	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW	3	HENRY STAPLETON	...Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*†JAMES A. GLASS	...Treble	†GORDON W. LIMMER	4
†JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 14)	2	WILLIAM WELLING	5
†GEORGE H. LIMMER	3	GEORGE GILBERT	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than three plain methods and members of St. Peter's Society, Burnham. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

SHERIFFHALES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS	...Treble	JOHN W. TRANTER	4
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	ALBERT WOODVINE	5
WALTER LAGO	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Specially arranged and rung at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles) to commemorate the wonderful record of Mr. John Lovekin, who has been 70 years a chorister, 60 years a ringer and 50 years parish clerk at this church. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*WALTER G. PAUL	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	*ARNOLD BRINTON	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt. A compliment to the general secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) on attaining his 70th birthday.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

MUSICAL TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

For those who are just starting out on the interesting stage of calling touches of Grandsire Triples, the basis of a number of musical touches for service and other occasions will be useful to know.

Something about the way to call Grandsire Triples has already been explained in this column, but as a 'refresher' we would remind the beginner in this field that when a bell is to be called 'Before,' it hunts down immediately in front of, that is 'before,' the treble, and the bob has to be called just as that bell begins its lead.

A bell that is to be called 'In' or 'into the hunt' will be found coursing down from behind with one other bell (the bell that is coming 'Before') between it and the treble.

If a bell has been called 'Before,' a bob the next lead brings it to the position known as 'Wrong' (6-7 down). If a bell has been called 'In,' its position at the next call, whenever it is made, is 'Out' (4-5 down).

In calling short touches, one aim should be to make them as 'musical' as possible, and among the most musical positions for the bells to be in are those in which the 6th is coursing the 4th, and/or the 7th coursing the 6th. These, of course, are the coursing orders in which they start, and, if the touch is not too long, 4-6 or 6-7 can be kept in position by the use of pairs of bobs, calling one or other of the bells into the hunt and out the next lead.

This calling divides the touch up into what are known as 'four lead courses,' that is to say the observation bell comes into its own position every fourth lead. Thus, if the 7th is called In and Out, it goes into the hunt the first lead, comes out at the second (both these are at bobs), is 6-7 down at the 3rd, and Home, or 6-7 up, at the 4th lead.

Similarly, if the 6th is called In and Out, it is 6-7 up at the first lead (without a bob), In at the 2nd and Out at the 3rd (both with bobs), and 6-7 down (its natural position, known as Wrong) at the fourth.

By calling either bell In and Out three times, a touch of 168 is produced, and 6 and 7 are in coursing order. By calling the 6th In and Out and the 7th In and Out, alternately three times, the touch is doubled in length (namely, 336). A large number of touches of that useful length, 504, can also be got by combinations of this calling of the 6th and 7th In and Out, but if you try to compile them yourself, a certain amount of care is needed to see that you do not get repetition.

Here are a few, in which we indicate the 7th In and Out by the figure 7, which stands for both bobs. Likewise the 6th In and Out is indicated by the figure 6. As an example, the 336 referred to above would be shown by 6.7.6.7.6.7. Here, then, are some 504's:—

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6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.7
6.6.7.7.6.7.6.7.7

You can prick out the course-ends in detail by using the following transpositions: The 7th In and Out produces a course-end 423567; the 6th In and Out produces 354267. Perhaps you would like to prick out others for yourself. If you do, remember this, you cannot, without repetition or the use of singles, have more than two consecutive courses with the same calling, or more than five in succession in which the 6 and 7 are used alternately.

One other thing, if you want to vary your music, you can get equally true touches, producing 4-6's instead of 6-7's, by substituting in the calling 4 for 6, and 6 for 7.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Central District was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Milton-next Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th, when about 40 members and friends attended. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Powell.

After the service an ample tea was provided by the kindness of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

At the meeting which followed, Mrs. Deal, the vice-president, took the chair.

Two new members were elected, namely, Mrs. H. J. Powell, Milton-next-Gravesend (hon. member), and Miss Jean Thompson (practising member).

It had been proposed that the next 'south of the river' meeting should be held at St. John's, Deptford, on December 14th, but as these bells are not available, the meeting will now be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich.

Members were reminded that the meeting north of the river will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 23rd.

The date fixed for the Corporate Communion is October 27th.

Mrs. Fletcher (the hon. general secretary) expressed the great pleasure of the members to have Mrs. Deal with them again after her serious illness.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and his service, to the organist, and to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell for her generosity in providing tea, not forgetting also Mr. Mitchell.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT LOUTH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Louth on Saturday, October 5th, and was fairly well attended by members and friends from Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Gainsborough, Grantham, Grimsby, Holton-le-Moor, Lea, Lincoln, Ulceby and Upton, in addition to local members and Mr. W. Bramwell, an honorary member, Cleethorpes.

There were also present Mr. R. Richardson (Guild Master), Mrs. R. Richardson and Miss Enid Richardson and Mr. George Ladd from the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

The bells were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. P. W. Humphrey), who gave the members a hearty welcome to Louth.

Thirty-six afterwards sat down to an excellent tea, and at the business meeting which followed, the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry presided. It was, he said, the first occasion he had acted as chairman since he was elected president of the branch. He thanked the members for their confidence and the honour they had conferred upon him. He would endeavour to do his best for the interests of the branch.

Apologies of absence were announced from Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary) and Mr. Edmund Dawber (Guild and Northern Branch treasurer).

It was decided to hold the 1936 half-yearly meeting at Heckington, the date fixed being October 3rd.

Mr. G. L. A. Lunn made reference to his proposition at the last annual meeting regarding a grant towards the restoration of the bells at Lea Church, and said that as the whole of the amount had now practically been raised, he wished to withdraw his proposition.—The President thanked Mr. Lunn and congratulated the Lea ringers on their success.

Mr. Richardson drew the attention of the members to an announcement in 'The Ringing World' respecting a second edition of 'A Great Adventure,' and advised all who were able to obtain a copy.

Mr. C. H. Baker referred to the sad loss which the North Notts Association has just sustained by the tragic death of its hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale), who received fatal injuries in a motor collision while returning home after attending the dedication service of the bells at Blyth Church three days previously.

The secretary was requested to write a letter of condolence to the relatives of the deceased, and the members stood in silence as a token of esteem and respect.

Votes of thanks were passed to the president, the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, the organist, the caterers, and Mr. A. E. Hoodless for making the arrangements.

This concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until 8 o'clock, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Barton-on Humber and brought a fairly large gathering together. Towers represented were Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby and the local members, and ringing friends from Sutton and Hull were also present. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

Service, held in St. Peter's Church, was conducted by the curate, who gave an interesting address. Mr. G. Moody presided at the organ.

A splendid tea was afterwards served to a party of 26. The Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Varah) presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry). Two new members (Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pool, of Ulceby) were elected. The collection, for the district bell fund, amounted to 7s. 7d.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the curate for conducting the service and the organist for his services, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting, to the caterers and those who had made arrangements.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association held their fourth annual dinner at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Worcester, on Saturday, September 28th, when a good number of ringers, including several who had been on the tour in Gloucestershire, were present.

The chair was taken by the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt.), supported by the Master (Mr. William Short), the Rev. G. W. Webb, Mr. J. R. Newman, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary), etc.

A good musical programme had been arranged, all the talent being drawn from members of the association. It included songs by Mr. W. C. Dowding, Mr. G. J. Hemming and Mrs. Ralph Harris, and a sketch by the well-known Johnson family, Mrs. J. D. and the Misses A. and F. Johnson, entitled 'Neighbours in Gooseberry Court.'

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, Mr. Newman proposed 'Church and State,' and said how pleased he was to see the Dean in the chair. The association wished him (the Dean) every success in his new work as the Dean of Worcester.—The Dean, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to be there, and to meet such an enthusiastic company of churchworkers. The Dean finished up a very breezy speech with the remark that it was through the Church that that gathering was able to be held, but it would be the State that would turn them out at 10 o'clock!

Mr. W. C. Dowding proposed 'The Worcestershire Association.' He said that in thinking of the association he was reminded of some words of Bishop Gore, late Bishop of Worcester, who said, 'Everyone who called himself a churchman must have some work to do.' There was no doubt, said the speaker, that the 'Worcesters' knew what their work was and did it well. Mr. Dowding paid tribute to a number of stalwarts both present and past, such as Mr. T. J. Salter, Albert Parsons, Bill Short, Bill Ranford and other members of what the speaker called 'the push bike family,' and to the work of Sid Holt and J. R. Newman.—Mr. J. D. Johnson replied, and pointed out a number of ways in which the work of the association could be carried on, especially in the training of young ringers.

Mr. R. G. Knowles proposed 'Kindred Associations,' and said how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Yorkshire Association who were present, Messrs. Albert Hughes, Edward Jenkins and Leslie Morris.—Mr. Hughes, in reply, thanked the association for the warm welcome which had been afforded to them, and said that when any of the members of the Worcestershire Association went to Yorkshire they would do their best to make their visit as pleasant.

After the toasts were over some community singing was indulged in under the able conductorship of Mr. John P. Fidler.

BIG SCHEME IN NOTTS VILLAGE.

TOWER AND BELLS RESTORED AT BLYTH.

As part of a big restoration scheme at Blyth, Notts, the tower of the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Martin has been extensively renovated and the bells restored. The completed work was dedicated on Wednesday week by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, who at the same service also dedicated a memorial window to the Rev. John Rudd, a former Vicar, his wife and their son.

The bells had been lying dormant for about four years, the greater part of the time in the works of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried out the work of recasting and rehanging them on a new frame. The church tower has been restored and the clock overhauled. The work has cost over £4,000.

Bellringers from a wide area, including Misterton, Mansfield, Treeton, Sheffield, Thorne, East Markham, Anston, Ordsall and East Retford, visited the belfry, and, after the service, took turns in ringing various methods. Many were the compliments that were passed on the excellence of the bells.

The service of rededication was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Kempe) in the presence of a large congregation, and among the many clergy present were the Ven. E. Hacking (Newark), who read the lesson, the Ven. W. J. Conybeare (Southwell) and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall).

HISTORIC PARISH.

The Bishop took as his text, 'Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' (Psalms xxix., 2). In the course of his address he said: 'The Parish Church of Blyth is historically and architecturally one of the finest in the county. It originally formed part of a Benedictine Priory, but while the monastic part, eastward, was destroyed, the present building was preserved as the nave, the aisle and the west tower served as the parish church.

'This afternoon I come with simple, frank and sincere words to congratulate the Vicar and the parish most heartily on the completion of what has been a costly work. From the time the Vicar came to this parish he had to face a very difficult task, a task which had to be faced, and which has cost a good deal more than was at first expected. But you set your faces to this task. You have set the diocese an example of determination and faith, and to-day, when you rededicate this tower and this window, it is with a real spirit of thanksgiving that we show our praise to Almighty God.'

The offertory for the Restoration Fund amounted to £47 16s. 4d. Following the service there was a parochial tea, and the celebrations were continued in the evening with a concert.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The close connection that has existed for many years between the Birmingham City Council and the St. Martin's Guild, by reason of the fact that Alderman J. S. Pritchett has long been Master of the Guild, has been strengthened by the recent election of Mr. A. Paddon Smith to the City Council.

Mr. Smith, who was secretary of St. Martin's Guild for 20 years and is now a trustee and vice-president, accepted the unanimous invitation of the Conservative Association to be nominated to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a member for Sandwell Ward, and has been returned unopposed. His many friends will congratulate him on the distinction which he has gained in the municipal life of his city.

The first peal for more than 50 years was rung on Saturday on the bells of the R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster.

Owing to church restoration, ringing is suspended until further notice at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, Middlesex.

We publish a report elsewhere of a peal rung at Moreton. Unfortunately, the sender omitted his address, and he does not tell us at which of the four Moretons—Dorset, Essex, Shropshire or Cheshire—it was rung. It is a pity such essential details, to make the information complete, should be omitted.

The ring of six bells of St. Veep, near Lostwithiel, Cornwall, is to be rehung with new fittings in a new framework by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The peal of eight at Campsall, near Doncaster, Yorkshire, is being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Several reports are unavoidably held over.

Winter's coming. It is as well to be cosy in bed. This you can be with blankets bought from Mr. R. E. Maude, whose advertisement you will find in another column. And you will be buying from a ringer, too!

NORTH NOTTS SECRETARY'S DEATH.

MR. R. W. STOCKDALE'S FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

When returning from the opening of the bells at Blyth, Notts, on Wednesday of last week, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, of East Markham, hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, met with a fatal accident. He was riding a motor-cycle, with Miss Mary Billyard as pillion passenger, and on the Great North Road, near Barnby Moor, came into collision with a motor-lorry. He was removed to Retford Hospital, where he succumbed to his serious injuries on Friday.

Miss Billyard was also taken to hospital, but, happily, is recovering.

The funeral of Mr. Stockdale took place on Tuesday.

The meeting of the North Notts Association which was to have been held to morrow at Sutton-on-Trent has been cancelled.

Mr. Stockdale discharged his duties as hon. secretary most enthusiastically, and his death has caused a great loss to the association, among whose members he was held in high esteem.

REDHILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The St. John's Church Bellringers, Redhill, and the Surrey Association have sustained the loss through the death of one of their esteemed members in the person of Mr. Harry Goodwin, which occurred on Thursday, September 26th, after a long and painful illness.

The funeral took place on Monday, September 30th, when Mr. W. Claydon, hon. secretary of the Southern District, and Mr. Alfred Gear, foreman of St. John's Ringers, attended.

Mr. Goodwin was a very regular and conscientious Sunday service ringer, and as a mark of respect his brother ringers met in St. John's tower in the evening, when, with the bells half muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: A. W. Gear 1, A. J. Bull 2, R. Tuffin 3, A. Bashford 4, F. Jeal 5, A. Willett 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, C. Aldworth 8. A short touch of Grandsire Triples was also rung, with A. Gear and H. Noon, members of St. John's, standing in.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BARNES.

A very pleasant district meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, September 28th, about 25 members and friends attending from Banstead, Barnes, Benhilton, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon, Leatherhead, Leeds, Hampstead, Merton and Mitcham.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon in a variety of methods to suit all tastes. Tea was followed by a short business meeting, at which one new member was elected, and the members were reminded of the first annual dinner, to be held on October 12th at Croydon, and urged to support it.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hunt for having everything in readiness and making the association so welcome.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8.30 p.m. in a variety of methods up to Bristol Surprise Major.

The next meeting will be at Benhilton on Saturday, November 23rd.

CHISLEHURST'S NEW BELLS.

FINE OCTAVE IN A MODEL TOWER.

A large number of ringers gathered at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday, for the dedication of the new peal of eight bells at the Church of the Annunciation. The first bell of the ring, which now forms the fifth of the octave, was installed three years ago. The other seven, given by different donors this year, have been cast and hung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and with a tenor of 20 cwt. the bells form a very fine ring.

The Church of the Annunciation was built in 1870 by Canon F. H. Murray, Rector of Chislehurst from 1846 to 1902, and the tower was added in 1930 in memory of the founder. It is built on lines which are a model of bell tower construction, and which originated in this case from advice given by Canon G. F. Coleridge. There are no open windows on the bell level, and the sound finds its way out through louvres built into the roof. Constructed, like the church, of Kentish Rag, the battlemented tower is 90ft. high to the tops of the pinnacles and of ample proportions. Indeed, there would be room for twelve bells all on one level. The interior is brick lined, and the staircase follows Canon Coleridge's advice of being wide enough for the biggest ringer to mount without difficulty. Now that the bells are installed, all that remains to be done is to put a ceiling to the ringing room to moderate further the sound of the bells in the interests of the ringers. Outside the results achieved are excellent. In close proximity to the tower the sound has been admirably reduced so that there can be no discomfort to neighbours, but further away they can be heard with the charm that nearly everyone likes to associate with church bells.

When the tower was first completed a bell, the gift in 1932 of the late Mrs. Dobbing, and named 'Catharine' after her, was installed. The bells now added are as follow, and it is of more than passing interest to note that No. 2 was the gift of a single woman, who has earned her living all her life by her own work—a striking instance of sacrifice for the church made anonymously.

The treble, 'Fanny,' weighing 5¼ cwt. and striking the note E, was given by the Slade family.

No. 2, 'Peter,' weighing 5¾ cwt. and striking D sharp, was given anonymously.

No. 3, 'Frederick Bowater,' weighing 6½ cwt. and striking C sharp, was given by Lady Bowater.

No. 4, 'Rosemary,' weighing 8 cwt. and striking B, was given by the Misses Whyte.

No. 6, 'William,' weighing 11 cwt. and striking G sharp, was given by Mrs. Tylor.

No. 7, 'Samuel,' weighing 14½ cwt. and striking F sharp, was given anonymously.

The tenor, 'Frances,' weighing 20 cwt. and striking E, was given anonymously.

The service of dedication was attended by a large congregation, but it was a matter for regret, especially to the many ringers present, that Canon Coleridge, who was to have been the preacher, was unable to attend through illness. His place was taken by the Rev. H. T. Southgate, Rector of Greenwich. The service began with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' and prayers were offered for the Holy Catholic Church, the diocese and its Bishop, the parish, the donors of the bells, and 'for the souls of those departed this life in whose memory these gifts have been made.' The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis (vice-president of the Kent County Association), and the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' was sung.

The Rev. H. T. Southgate said, as Rector of a church which had a fine peal of bells, he knew full well what the bells might mean to the parish, and it was, therefore, a very happy day for them when the bells were set apart and dedicated.

Having spoken of the origin, uses and history of bells, the preacher said that always in their religious use there was one dominant note and purpose—that of summoning people to worship. There was a lesson to be learned from the bells. A good bell had only one note called the 'constant,' and those who were gathered there that day prayed that that one note might be the summons to prayer and praise of faithful Christians. Let them all take heed and respond to that note. He appealed for greater fellowship in public worship, for he felt there was a great lack of it to-day. The sound of the bells, he said, was a call to fellowship, not only of the faithful, but of all those in whom the Spirit of God was working, although they might still be outside the Church fellowship.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon S. E. B. Serle), who conducted the service, then ascended the tower, accompanied by a selected band of ringers representing the Kent Association, and asked the Lord's blessing on each of the bells separately. As the blessing was invoked, each was struck three times. The bells were then dedicated, and afterwards, having been pulled up, were rung to a bobbed course of Stedman Triples by E. Barnett 1, W. Smith 2, F. M. Mitchell 3, A. J. Hill 4, E. H. Lewis 5, W. J. Jefferies 6, T. Groombridge, sen. 7, T. Groombridge, jun. 8.

During the singing of the concluding hymn, 'In remembrance of past worshippers,' a collection was taken towards the cost of the bell frame.

After the service, ringers, who numbered nearly a hundred, tried out the bells in a variety of short touches, and found that both in

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JOHN LOVEKIN JUBILEE SERVICES.

GREAT GATHERING IN SHROPSHIRE VILLAGE.

Message from the King.

The celebration of John Lovekin's wonderful record of service to his parish of Sheriffhales, Shropshire, took place last week, and, after a peal in his honour on Saturday (recorded elsewhere), culminated in a great service of thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lovekin's services to the Parish Church have included 70 years as a chorister, 60 years as a bellringer and 50 years as parish clerk. In all these offices he has shown wonderful loyalty and devotion, and it is proposed to do something in the church, as we indicated last week, suitably to commemorate his work. Ringers who would like to contribute can send their donations to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles).

Sunday's celebrations began at 7 a.m., when the parish bellringers rang out a merry peal, calling the congregation together for the corporate Holy Communion and breakfast at 8 a.m. Nearly 70 communicants attended, and all joined after the Choral Eucharist at breakfast in the Church Hall. At the breakfast congratulatory messages were read, including a telegram from His Majesty the King and a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire (the Earl of Powis).

The message from His Majesty, sent to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles), was as follows: 'The King sincerely thanks you for your loyal message on behalf of Shropshire Bellringers' Association, who are to-day celebrating the remarkable record of services of John Lovekin. (Signed) Private Secretary.'

Earl Powis wrote to the Vicar: 'I have read with interest of the long and devoted services rendered by Mr. John Lovekin to the church and his fellow-parishioners at St. Mary's, Sheriffhales. Please convey my congratulations to him and give my best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lovekin for a peaceful and happy evening to their long life.'

The Bishop of Stafford preached the occasional sermon in the afternoon, and the special order of service was conducted by the Vicar. Before the National Anthem at the beginning of the service, the Vicar read the King's telegram from the altar steps.

The church, which had been beautifully decorated, was packed to overflowing, and the various public bodies, by their presence, testified to the worth and affection in which John Lovekin is held. The Shifnal Rural District Council, Oakengates Rural District Council, Shropshire Bellringers' Association, several branches of the Friendly Societies of Oddfellows, the British Legion and so forth soon filled the church, and the large choir, headed by the crossbearer in scarlet cassock and cotta, all tended towards a magnificent service. About 40 members of the Male Voice Choir from Donnington Wood were also present and rendered a beautiful programme of sacred music after the close of the service.

The Bishop of Stafford's address was suitable and appropriate, and was based on St. Paul's words, 'And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus' (Col. iii., 17).

The keynote of the service was thanksgiving to God for the life's services of John Lovekin, and before the Blessing by the Bishop, the vast congregation concluded a memorable occasion and a milestone in the history of the parish with the Te Deum. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. Stanier 1-2, W. Lago 3-4, W. Saunders 5-6, A. Pritchard 7-8.

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'go' and tone the new peal fully upheld the reputation of the Loughborough Foundry, which was represented at the ceremony by Mr. R. H. Dove, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. E. Denison Taylor.

The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, who welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their attendance. It was a great satisfaction, he said, that the tower was provided with what he thought was a very good peal of bells—although he did not make them himself (laughter)—and he hoped they would go on ringing in that parish for centuries to come. He mentioned that he learned to ring a bell when he was at St. Luke's, Chelsea, and he found, three years ago, when the single bell was installed, that what little he learned then he had not forgotten. He set to work to raise the bell with some little trepidation, and he felt very glad when he got the bell up without damage to the stay (laughter and applause).

Mr. E. H. Lewis said the thanks, they would all agree, should be on the side of the ringers (applause). They thanked Canon Serle for the opportunity he had given them of taking part in that festival and for his kind hospitality. They all agreed that he had got a very fine peal of bells, and the way in which the sound had been modified was very satisfactory indeed (applause). There was no overpowering noise in the immediate neighbourhood of the tower, and the bells sounded better and better in volume the further they got away from them. That was just the method of hanging bells which some of them had been recommending for years.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., said when Canon Serle came to the parish there was only the stump of the tower built. The war interrupted efforts to get it completed, but afterwards the Vicar got the tower finished and now he had got a peal of bells. They would all congratulate him upon the energy he had shown and the success of his efforts (applause).

It now remains to raise a band of ringers, and this, it is hoped, will be done at once, with Mr. Groombridge as instructor.

PONTEFRACT BELLS CENTENARY.

CELEBRATION IN YORKSHIRE TOWN.

Pontefract has just celebrated the centenary of its bells, which were opened on September 29th, 1835. They were originally cast by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford, who in 1920 at Loughborough recast the peal and added two trebles, the work being carried out by the people of Pontefract as a corporate gift of thanksgiving for peace, in memory of past benefactors and as part of the memorial to the men of the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the war. The old fourth bell recorded in its inscription that 'James Rhodes raised this peal by subscription. In exchange for the old with the additional weight 8 cwt. of metal.' As sixth of the present peal it is inscribed, 'James Rhodes raised this peal by subscription, 1835. Mrs. John George Lyon gave £500 towards the cost of recasting this peal in memory of her husband, John George Lyon, 1920.'

Formerly the third bore the lines:—

In alleluias loud we sing
In Pomfret's Tower, to God our King.
Immortalise, in merry peal,
Our patron Rhodes, his name is zeal.

The last line was changed on the recasting to 'Return of peace and patron's zeal.'

A quaint couplet, reproduced on the present 8th, is:—

Long may our benefactors live to know
What pranks we play our gratitude to show.

THE COMMEMORATION.

The centenary of the bells was commemorated by a peal (already recorded) on September 28th, in the services on the following day, and on Monday, September 30th, by a dinner, presided over by the Vicar, and attended by, among others, the Mayor and Mayoress of Pontefract and Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association).

Following the loyal toast, a silent toast was offered to 'Mr. James Rhodes and Past Benefactors.'

Canon Marshall proposed 'The Pontefract Bell Ringers.' He spoke of a long knowledge of Pontefract ringers, and paid tribute to the late Mr. William Pearson—'one of my earliest friends in bellringing, a great supporter of the Yorkshire Association; a man who gave of his best; one of sterling character, and very lovable nature' (applause). Canon Marshall described the present Pontefract ringers as one of the best companies in the great Yorkshire Association (applause), known throughout the county not only for their keen interest in the art, and their loyalty to the association, but also for that great virtue, the gift of hospitality, which was a type of unselfishness. Those 'good men and true' of Pontefract were playing no small part in fostering what was a very distinctive English art, for change ringing was almost unknown in any foreign country. It began here in the 17th century, and had now become a part of our national life (applause).

Mr. J. H. Lenton, who responded to the toast, said it was an extremely loyal team in Pontefract. He recalled the history of the Pontefract Parish Church bells, and said they had always played their part in the life of the town and the country. Many names of those who took part in the ringing for the 1887 Jubilee of Queen Victoria were still familiar, and they were known for their devotion and their punctuality. Discipline was stern in those days, and fines were imposed on delinquents.

OLD RINGERS' LONG SERVICE.

Mr. Lenton spoke in warm terms of the late Mr. John Carter and Mr. W. Pearson, and said their enthusiasm was maintained to-day, and the ten bells were rung regularly. He mentioned with pride that Mr. Arthur Walker had 42 years' service and had taken part in 95 peals (applause); and also spoke of the service and sustained enthusiasm of Mr. T. Holder, Mr. H. C. Walters and Mr. A. T. Strangward, and of the happy associations with the All Saints' bellringers. The chairman took a keen interest in the ringers, and they thanked him for his support. Mr. Lenton recalled some of the special events for which bells were rung in Pontefract before the founding of the peal in 1835, and said they were proud to be able to look back on 100 years of bellringing, which was no small achievement. Throughout the century the bells had played an important part in national and civic life, and the ringers of 1935 would continue, by their devotion to duty and their interest in the art, to uphold the traditions of the past (applause).

The Chairman, in proposing 'The Mayor and Visitors,' said Mr. Lenton had indicated how closely the bells had been bound up with the civic life of the town, and the presence of the civic head made one more link between the Church and the civic life. The year had been one of celebrations and happy memories, and not the least happy for churchpeople, and he hoped for others, would be the present centenary gathering (applause).

The Mayor, in his reply, said the bells of the Parish Church made a distinct contribution to the life of the town. It was essentially English to hear the bells calling to worship and remembrance—remembrance of spiritual things without which we could not really live. Often he had been brought into contact with things unseen by the sound of church bells. The silent toast made a deep impression on him; it was right that they should remember the many acts of

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RINGING IN TASMANIA.

A PLEA FOR AN INSTRUCTOR.

The letter which follows has been received from the Rev. A. A. Bennett, vicar of St. George's Church, Hobart, Tasmania, formerly hon. secretary of the Gloucester District of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. His suggestion that a capable ringing instructor should be found and sent out to Hobart, where a new peal of bells is shortly to be installed in St. David's Cathedral, is one which invites serious consideration.

Sir,—It is with much gratification that we are able to report that the Dean and Chapter of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, have been persuaded to change their minds and instal a peal of bells instead of a carillon in the new tower which is now being erected.

So far, so good, but the question now is, how are they going to be rung? For some time change ringing has been a lost art in Tasmania, and although there is a good peal of eight bells in Holy Trinity tower, all that can be done is a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, committed to memory, and there is no prospect of being able to get further without some very practical help.

I think this constitutes a challenge to the ringing fraternity in the old country. I wonder if it would be possible to find some capable instructor, who has the time and means at his disposal, to enable him to come and give Tasmania again the art of campanology? It would be a great achievement for which Tasmania would be permanently grateful. Here are two splendid peals of bells, and young men desirous of being trained and no one to train them. If finance was an obstacle, perhaps a fund could be opened, both in England and Tasmania, to cover the fare. I am sure Tasmania would respond.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

St. George's Rectory, Hobart.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOOKING FEE SUSPENDED.

The 58th annual festival of this association was held at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. For the third time the dinner and annual meeting were held in the evening, instead of in the afternoon, and resulted in a greatly increased attendance.

The festival service, by kind permission of the Dean, was held in the choir of the Cathedral, about 70 members being present. Canon F. H. Jackson, Rector of Chester-le-Street, who, we regret to say, is resigning the living owing to failing health, gave a very thoughtful and eloquent address on the text, 'Teach us to pray,' and he was heartily thanked at the subsequent meeting.

Dinner followed at the Royal County Hotel. The president (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead), wearing his new badge of office, presided, supported by, among others, Canon Stephenson, of Gateshead, and Mr. Edward Hudson, of the Yorkshire Association.

The business meeting followed. Canon Stephenson and Mr. Hudson were heartily welcomed, and both responded in humorous vein.

It was decided to hold the pre-Lent meeting at Gosforth, the pre-Whitsun meeting at Darlington, and the summer meeting at Staindrop, the next annual meeting being held at Newcastle as usual.

The secretary (Mr. G .S. Taylor) presented his annual report, which was considered very satisfactory. Only 23 peals had been rung during the year, as against 32 last year, but this was counterbalanced by a great increase in the number of 'first pealers,' viz., 21, as against seven last year.

The treasurer's statement, submitted by Mr. J. W. Parker, showed a balance of £63 6s. 1d., including £11 for peal booking fees. Some discussion took place as to this latter item, and it was decided to suspend the fee (3d. per member per peal) for the present year.

The certificates for Sunday service ringing were presented by Mr. William Story, J.P., of Newcastle, to Christ Church, North Shields, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland (8-12 bell towers), and to Holy Trinity, Darlington, and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, for five and six-bell towers.

Mr. John Anderson, Newcastle, proposed, and Mr. William Sheraton Houghton, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their services during the past year, and this was passed with acclamation.

The president, secretary and treasurer were re-elected, Mr. R. S. Anderson was elected vice-president and Mr. J. H. Clifton secretary of the Northern District, Mr. F. Sheraton and Mr. J. A. Brown for the Western District, Mr. R. L. Patterson and Mr. F. Robson for the Eastern District, and Messrs. S. Bryant and R. Jeff for the Southern District. Mr. W. Sheraton was elected Wednesday Guild secretary.

A proposed alteration of rules to appoint vice-presidents for the Wednesday Guild and the West Tyne District was considered, and it was eventually decided to appoint a sub-committee to revise the whole of the rules and report at the next annual meeting.

During the evening the Newcastle Cathedral Quartette Party rendered a programme of quartettes, duets and solos, which did much to contribute to the success of the festival.

RINGING TOUR IN WILTS AND DORSET.

ELEVEN PEALS IN FOURTEEN ATTEMPTS.

Ringing tours are very popular nowadays, and it is difficult to avoid some overlapping (or might we say laminating?). This particular tour followed immediately upon a similar ringing holiday in Dorset and Somerset, and it was not surprising that one or two towers were visited by both bands. September 14th had been chosen for the first peal of the tour; it was also the day of the Australian tourists' anniversary dinner, so that two of the party, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, were unable to make the journey to Devizes until the next day. Bill Brown also was not free until the 15th, so that there was no question of who would, or would not, stand in the first peal—all were required.

The arrival at Bishop's Cannings by the London contingent was heralded by the pulling up of the bells by James H. Shepherd, who had already measured the tenor and decided that the given weight of this bell was correct. The bells at this fine old church are a very good octave by Rudhall, and the peal of Superlative rung upon them was much enjoyed.

Sunday morning was very wet, and the cars were got out to take the party to Southbroom, only ten minutes' walk. Here, with Mr. A. Weeks, some Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and a 360 Double Court were rung. Afterwards, at St. John's, Devizes, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, and some Grandsire Triples with the local ringers, was the order.

By lunch time the rest of the party had arrived, and in the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Major was rung at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, upon a light musical eight by Gillett and Johnston. Trowbridge was reached in time to ring for evensong, Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques being the methods.

On Monday, September 16th, the really serious part of the tour was commenced, two peal attempts each day being on the programme for the rest of the week. Wootton Bassett was reached before 10 o'clock, and the party introduced themselves to Mr. L. A. Wilson, the captain of the local ringers. The bells are a mixed peal, Nos. 4, 7 and 8 having been cast in 1633, and the rest by Warners in 1890. They are a really musical peal, and go excellently. They were rehung in 1930 by the Croydon firm, in plain bearings. A mishap in an attempt for a peal of London Surprise occurred after 1½ hours' good ringing. The party left, disappointed, but with an invitation from Mr. Wilson to come again.

In the evening a good peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Melksham, on a very fine eight by Taylors, hung in 1924. Here Mr. W. C. West, hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild, courteously received the party, and Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, made one of the band.

A MORNING WITH SAM.

Next day, Tuesday, Trowbridge was visited. Mr. Sam Hector had all ready, and joined the tourists in a very good peal of Cambridge Royal. After this peal, and lunch, the White Swan was visited and Sam's health was drunk. Perhaps it was as well that there was another peal to ring during the afternoon, or Sam might have got rid of his stock at no profit to himself. At any rate, all the party hope to pay Trowbridge another visit in the near future.

At St. Michael's, Mere, a peal of Superlative was rung on a nice-toned, but rather heavy going, octave. The Rector welcomed the tourists, and stayed in the tower during the first half-hour of the peal.

It had been arranged to visit Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity, on Wednesday, the 18th, but illness caused the cancellation of this fixture and another visit was paid to Wootton Bassett. Bristol Surprise was the method chosen, and this time the band had the satisfaction of completing the peal. At St. Mary's, Calne, where there is a mixed eight with a 26 cwt. tenor, a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung. These bells go exceedingly well. They were rehung in 1928 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Swindon was visited on Thursday. At Christ Church, on a very fine ring of ten by Taylor, 1924, a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. In the afternoon, Stratton St. Margaret's was visited. This was the lightest job of the tour, the tenor being just over 8 cwt. The seventh is by E. Neale, of Burford, dated 1669; the tenor by C. and G. Mears, 1816; the third and fourth by Mears and Stainbank, 1909; and the other four by the latter firm in 1931, when the whole peal was rehung. The second failure of the week was recorded here, London being lost after nearly two hours' ringing.

An early return to the hotel gave an opportunity for some handbell ringing, Mr. Sidney Hillier and Mr. Alec Weeks being guests.

AN UNLUCKY TOWER.

Friday, September 20th, was a busy day. A 60 mile run to Beaminster, then on to Bridport, and a return journey of 65 miles, did not leave a great deal of time for anything beyond two peal attempts. The Beaminster bells were cast by Bilby in 1765, outside the church, and are a maiden peal. They are known as 'Bilby's masterpiece.' The Dorset and Somerset tourists had visited this church only the previous week, and apparently did not enjoy the best of luck. However that may be, their ringing had greatly impressed the local people who heard it, and who described it as magnificent. A veil might be drawn over the attempt of Friday, the 20th. Cambridge Major was lost in the third course, and, time being short, Stedman Triples was substituted. Just over half-way, however, too many

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WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, September 28th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Richard J. Warrilow to Miss Ruth Jones, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Stafford: H. Bayley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, H. F. Evans 3, G. Booth 4, A. E. Garbett 5, F. T. Hayle 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, E. Vaughan 8.

Mr. R. Warrilow is the son of Mr. J. Warrilow, head ringer of St. Mary's Church, and has himself been a ringer at this church for some years.

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successive quick bells ended what might have been a well-struck peal. Mr. F. Bugler, of Beaminster, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, both met the party, and were as much disappointed as anybody at the lack of success of either band of visiting ringers.

However, there is no time for vain regrets on a ringing tour, and a move was quickly made to Bridport. Here the party was met by the Mayor of Bridport (Mr. W. B. Northover), who is a ringer. The bells at Bridport, originally placed in the tower by Warners in 1887, were recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1924. They are hung in two tiers in an iron frame. They are a fine toned ring with a tenor of 21¾ cwt. The tourists of the previous week had, it was said, rung a very good peal of Bristol Surprise on these bells. The present ringers were satisfied with Superlative, in which method a good peal was rung. Bill Brown called this peal, making the sixth conductor of the week.

Saturday, September 21st, was the concluding day of the tour. At the eleventh hour it was found possible to attempt a peal at St. John's, Devizes, at which several of the party had been most desirous of ringing. A very good peal of London Surprise was rung, with the Master of the College Youths conducting. In the afternoon Bristol was successfully accomplished at St. Mark's, Swindon, on a light ring of eight. Six of these bells were cast by Llewellyn and James in 1903, and the two trebles by Mears and Stainbank in 1927. The ringing of this peal brought the tour to an end. Eleven peals out of 14 attempts had been rung, which was considered a pretty fair result.

The arranging of the tour was done by Mr. Sidney Hillier, of Devizes, to whom the best thanks of the tourists, and a few cigarettes to remember them by, were given. Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, very kindly assisted by fixing up the peals at Beaminster and Bridport; whilst Mr. W. B. Kynaston did similar good service by arranging peals in the Swindon district. To these gentlemen, and to the various towerkeepers, the whole of the party tender their most sincere thanks. The headquarters for the week were at the Black Swan Hotel, Devizes, which can safely be recommended to any ringers for comfort and good service.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE DISCUSS 'SPLICING.'

The second quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, September 28th, and, as Newark bells were not available, West Hallam was visited. The bells (eight) were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The committee met during the afternoon, and, arising out of their discussions, the matter of the prolonged silence of Chesterfield bells was brought forward. Eventually it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the general hon. secretary to get into touch with the Vicar of Chesterfield and endeavour to arrange a meeting of a small sub-committee with the authorities to see if it is not possible to restore the bells to their former ringing condition. Chesterfield was at one time a most active centre of the M.C.A., and, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Knights and other stalwarts, a very high efficiency was maintained for many years.

The controversial subject of 'spliced' compositions was discussed at length, and it was thought this matter could be settled quite agreeably to all concerned if the title of the performance clearly stated Spliced Treble Bob, Spliced Surprise or Spliced Major, followed (as is most usual) by the sub title, 'consisting of —— (name of methods or variations).' A footnote added might state how many changes from method to method took place. There need be no question of superiority of the performance, if this is done, and the complexity or otherwise of the composition would be quite clear to everyone.

It was welcome and most gratifying news to note that the bells of Melbourne, Derbyshire, would be restored at the expense of benefactors of its namesake city of Australia, and it is a matter of deepest satisfaction to all members of the M.C.A.

A short service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Shercliff), and thoroughly appreciated. Tea was served in the schools, and between 30 and 40 sat down. At the general meeting which followed, the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) was in the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) and the general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris). The president gave a review of the past quarter's work, remarking that the peal performances were not quite up to the average on tower bells, and that Leicester seemed to be the only branch scoring handbell peals. The general hon. secretary has had another work accepted, and this will be published at the end of October, under the title 'Legends o' the Bells,' and comprises traditions, legends, folk-tales and other lore, centred around the bells of all nations. The author had an 'advance' copy, which is splendidly bound and produced in a most artistic style. He trusted that all members of the Exercise would give it the support it deserved.

The names of new members proposed since the last meeting, viz., six ringing, two rejoining, three life, six honorary, were read and unanimously accepted.

The next general quarterly meeting will be in January, 1936, at the two Wigstons, Magna and South, both within easy distance of Leicester.

This concluding the business, the company adjourned to the tower for further ringing and elsewhere for a convivial.

GLAMORGANSHIRE OCTAVE RESTORED.

COWBRIDGE BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The rededication of the bells at Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, took place on Tuesday, October 1st, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Frederick Hood, M.A., Principal of Pusey House, Oxford (acting as the Bishop's deputy). The service was attended by a crowded congregation, including a number of ringers from various parts of the diocese. Following the dedicatory prayers, the local ringers rang rounds for a few moments—the bells being heard for the first time after four years' silence.

At the conclusion of the lengthy service, the bells were at the disposal of the diocesan ringers, the opening touch being Stedman Triples, which was excellently struck. All visiting ringers were given an opportunity to ring, and amongst those present was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild.

The bells are all by Evans, of Chepstow, and are wonderfully improved by the retuning. Everything is new, excepting the bells. The frame is a metal one. Everyone was delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, the work having been done by John Taylor and Co. in a splendid manner.

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goodwill and generosity of those who had gone before. A record had been made of them, and the centenary gathering should also be placed on record, so the future generations might be inspired and encouraged by the devotion to duty of the Pontefract bellringers of 1935 (applause).

An enjoyable musical programme was given. The items included 'four-in-hand' ringing by Messrs. A. E. West and D. M. Sharp (Sutton-on-Hull), selections on the handbells by Messrs. H. Brown, W. Applegate, J. H. Lenton, V. Applegate, H. C. Walters, W. Tate and C. Brown. The Parish Church Choir Octet contributed excellent part songs; and Mr. T. Chambers, of Castleford, was the humorist. Mrs. F. A. Chapple acted as accompanist.

NOTICES.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Owing to the death of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale) the meeting at Sutton-on-Trent to-morrow (Saturday), has been cancelled.—C. R. Smith, Hon. Assistant Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th and 31st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th (nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting will be held at Stowting (bells recently augmented to six) for the purpose of electing the local ringers members of the association, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford 2.25 p.m., or Hythe 1.15 and 3.35 p.m.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar and churchwardens. Please support the organisers by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — Meeting at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting. It will greatly assist if those coming for tea will drop me a card.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon (opposite 'The Greyhound'), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Reception 6 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Bells of the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) are available from 3.30 to 5.45. Please bring your wives and friends. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ladies' Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in St. Andrew's Hall and social evening from 7.30. Ringing: St. Andrew's (8) 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7.30, St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3.15 to 4.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (Middlesex Association), 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. —Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) in the Institute. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, provided by the association. Bells at East Farleigh (6) will be available after the meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., in addition to All Saints'.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeign will be held at St. James' Church (8), Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The St. James' Society extend a very hearty invitation to ringers *and their friends* to the service at 4 p.m. and to tea after the service. Roll up and make this meeting a success. — Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cowfold (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Rd., East Grinstead.

TOTNES, DEVON.—The peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), No. 2 bell recast and the eight bells rehung on ball bearings, by Gillett & Johnston, Ltd., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Cartmel on Oct. 12th. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 p.m. Visitors desired.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tarvin on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Those expecting to be present for tea are requested to give at least three days' notice.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Paulton on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—First meeting of Term, Oct. 15th, 8.30 p.m. Any men coming up, who are ringers, will be welcomed. Special attention is given to teaching beginners. For any further information apply to the secretary, the Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Mid-week meeting, Oct. 16th.—A joint meeting with the Essex Association will be held at Baldock on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Allnut's Café, High Street, Baldock. Please do your best to make the meeting a success.—Geo. Dent and Don. Mears, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Quarterly meeting at Leyton, Oct. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Numbers for tea by Oct. 15th, and oblige.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells will be available. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is imperative that those intending to be present notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed and the more the merrier. — J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Hunkley Mount Road, Bury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bleadon on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Poplar on Sat., Oct. 19th.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A presentation is to be made to Mr. F. Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, after tea. St. Giles' (10) and the Holy Sepulchre (8) from 3 to 4.30, St. Peter's (8) from 6 to 8. Tea will be provided at the County Café, Mercer's Row, at 4.45, 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 15th. A postcard will do. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 16th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE. — His Grace the Archbishop of York will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 5 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Worcester will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Vicar's Room, at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow. It is most important that those who require tea should notify by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, Mr. H. E. Dannett, The Rockeries, Barrow-on-Humber. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. — H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Peal of six available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, Lincs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—As Warwick bells are not available, the last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells, rings of 8 and 5, ready at 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the White Heather Café at 5 p.m. A special meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Oct. 26th, as a farewell to Rev. Stanley Morris. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, to be followed by short service in church. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The bells of St. Mary (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, please notify not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Worsley on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Dedication of new ring of ten bells. Service at 5 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, by Thursday, 16th inst. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Perrott, near Crewkerne, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Norton Parish Church bells, having been recently augmented from six to eight bells, a meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held there on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells open from 3 p.m. (service at 5 p.m. if convenient). Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. per head. Bus from Worcester Street 2.40 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than 16th inst. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Gloucester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Those wanting tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Catherington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) (recently restored by Taylor and Co.) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Farmer Inn. All requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, Oct. 17th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Wardington (6) also available after tea. Good bus service from Banbury. Please notify if requiring tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available from 1.45 p.m.; also Buckfastleigh (8) from 6.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me not later than first post Tuesday morning, Oct. 15th. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

ENNISKILLEN, IRELAND. — The Lord Bishop of Clogher will dedicate the bells on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

EDINBURGH, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL. — Reopening of the bells on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Phythian-Adams, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Carlisle Cathedral and Hon. Chaplain to the King. Ring of ten restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Opening and rededication of the new peal, restored by Gillett & Johnston, Ltd., will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Further details next week. — A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 298th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 5th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, 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, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. French, Rector of Stepney.

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