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These famous bell-founding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

CHARLES T. COLES.

The report we publish to-day of the death of Mr. Charles Thomas Coles will be read with great regret in belfries all over the country, and in not a few there will be a feeling of deep personal loss. For Mr. Coles, during a long and active career, had gained a position in the Exercise which has seldom been equalled by any man. As a practical ringer he was generally recognised as belonging to the highest class, and his peal ringing record has been surpassed by very few. That in itself would have gained for him a name in the history of change ringing, but it by no means constitutes his chief claim to remembrance. He was one of those men who are the real leaders of the Exercise, and who by their work and devotion shape the destinies of ringing and make possible the achievements of others.

Yet he would not have claimed, nor will his friends need to claim for him, any outstanding brilliance as a ringer either in the practical art of the belfry, or in the knowledge of the science of composition. A first class ringer he was, with a wide and thorough knowledge of methods; a conductor fully equipped with all that is needed in actual ringing; and, though not a specialist, one sufficiently familiar with composition and the problems of the science of change ringing to understand and judge the questions that from time to time come up for debate. But it is not in connection with these things one thinks of him. There have been men far more brilliant than he, men who are associated with much more showy achievements. His merit was that, starting in quite a modest way, he devoted the energies and the abilities of a long life and career to the advancement and good of his fellow ringers. The late William Pye made a record unequalled as a peal ringer. For that he owed much to his own character and abilities, but he could not have done what he did, had not Mr. Coles been his mainstay and support. And what Tom Coles did for William Pye he did for many another and less prominent ringer. For years the Middlesex Association owed its success and prosperity mainly to the steady and unobtrusive work he did. He was eminently one of those most valuable men who have abilities, but—far more important still—have character; and it was because of his character that he has left his mark on the ringers of his generation.

To those who had been associated with him in his earlier and more restricted activities it seemed only
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natural that when he was elected to the Central Council he should be accepted without question as one of the influential members of that body, and in the end there was no man whom the members more honoured and respected or whose opinion carried more weight.

The life and work of men like Charles Thomas Coles are an example, an inspiration, and a challenge to the younger members of the Exercise. They have inherited the privileges they enjoy from their predecessors. It is not mainly by their own merits that they can now ring methods and peals once thought beyond a ringer's capacity. What the men who went before them have done for them they must do for the men who come after them, and the life and work of Tom Coles are an assurance that if they devote themselves to the service and interests of others they will get their full reward in the respect, honour, and friendship of their fellow men.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS M. TELFORD ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
*JOHN WALDEN ... 3	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 10
†DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 5	H. LESLIE PASK ... 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 6	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 100th peal together. † First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
*WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 7
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... Tenor

Composed by RD. F. DEAL.

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal on ten bells.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD Treble	*PHILIP JONES ... 6
CECIL CALCUTT ... 2	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 7
*GEORGE CARE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
*JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal on ten.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ERNEST FLETCHER ... Treble	ED. C. GOBEY ... 6
*JACK BAILEY ... 2	*ED. FRED GOBEY ... 7
*ALFRED MOULD ... 3	*GEO. WARRINGTON ... 8
*†WM. LANCASTER ... 4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 9
*JACK W. GLEW ... 5	WM. A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by ED. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. FRED GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET RASEN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. W. STOKES ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

FRED DUNKERLEY ... Treble	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 5
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	ALBERT FORD ... 6
FRANK RHODES ... 3	IVAN KAY ... 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	ROY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 5
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD GRANT ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
*ERNEST RAWSON ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
SYDNEY O. CHENEY ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
*MRS. A. J. B. WAYMAN ... 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN W. CARTER ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 7
JOHN G. AMES ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First tower-bell peal of Major 'inside.'

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS, BASFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
*MISS MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	GEORGE CREASEY ... 7
†RONALD FOWKES ... 4	†SYDNEY PINDER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Half-muffled for Miss K. B. Spencer.

**EWHRUST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.**

GEORGE L. GROVER ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
*HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Major on an inside bell.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.**

WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ALAN R. PINK.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;
H. EARLE BULWER'S No. 7.**

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDERICK S. ALMOND... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.**

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
HENRY FOOKE ... 3	CEDRIC CURSON ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.**

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.**

DONALD G. CLIFT ... <i>Treble</i>	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	DAVID MACKAY ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
FREDERICK A. TARGETT... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26½ cwt.**

MISS NORA M. BIBBY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. RANDLES ... 5
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MERTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

*On Mon., Jan. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*

**A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.**

*EDMUND W. GIBBONS... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM MASSEY ... 3
L. FRANK HOPGOOD ... 2	WILLIAM H. SEABROOK ... 4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Doubles by all.

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cam-
bridge, Primrose, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.**

ARTHUR YOUNG ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
JOHN R. KEMP ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.**

HUGH M. PAGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN E. CHICOTT ... 4
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 5
HORACE BELCHER ... 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. J. PAICE.

* First peal.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 25 cwt.**

FREDERICK LEECH ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	GEORGE BERRY ... 5
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	HARRY VICKERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Jan. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At Swan Street,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
RONALD SUCKLING ... 1-2 | THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
ALBERT CATERWELL ... 3-4 | *REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8**

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major in hand.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Jan. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At 117, WIDDINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 1-2 | *JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5-6
*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4 | †ERNEST SIBLEY ... 7-8**

*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 9-10
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Royal in hand. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in hand as conductor and for the Guild.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Jan. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | JOHN THOMAS ... 7-8**

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10
Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The second session of the nineteenth Council (49th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1946, in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Norwich (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor).

Notices of motions should be in the hands of the honorary secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees are now due.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Sec.

Next Sunday evening the bells of Bradford Cathedral will be broadcast at 7.45 p.m.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Cambridge at St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, on January 26th, was Thomas W. Hesketh, not George.

The 720 Bob Minor given in our last issue with J. J. Parker's name attached is false. Somebody has blundered badly and it may not have been Parker.

DEATH OF MR. ERNEST W. MARSH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest W. Marsh, of Plymouth, which occurred on January 23rd at the age of 63. Mr. Marsh joined the Devonshire Guild about 50 years ago, and, when the South-West Branch was formed, became its hon. secretary and treasurer, an office he held at his death. He was re-elected for the 26th consecutive time at the annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on January 19th. He was a member of many guilds and associations and had rung a number of peals, including 112 for the Devon Guild, 42 of them as conductor. The following were the first in Devon by resident members of the Guild: Grandsire Caters (his first peal) on November 9th, 1901, and Bob Royal on November 18th, 1903, both at Charles' Church; Kent Treble Bob Major on June 30th, 1909, at Emmanuel Church, and Grandsire Caters and Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on January 14th, 1905, and January 9th, 1926.

Over 20 ringers were among the large congregation at the funeral at Emmanuel Church on January 26th. The Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, and the Rev. F. W. Moore, chairman of the South-West Branch, assisted the Rev. L. Jones at the service. The tower bells were rung half-muffled, and handbells were rung over the open grave at Efford Cemetery by Messrs. T. G. Myers, W. Wonnacott, W. Lavers and G. Lavers. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the members of the South-West Branch.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES T. COLES.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles T. Coles, which occurred suddenly last Saturday. About six o'clock in the evening he complained of sharp pains and was induced to go to bed, where he passed away at 6.30. The cause was heart failure.

The funeral service will be to-morrow, Saturday, February 9th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, at 11.15 a.m., and the interment at Chingford Cemetery at 12 noon. There are frequent trains from Liverpool Street Station to Hoe Street, from which it is a short walk to the church. The bus to the cemetery is No. 38.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

February 4th, 1861. 10,032 Grandsire Major at Walsall.
1879. The Cambridge University Guild founded.
1928. At Nuneaton, the first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.
February 5th, 1869. Thomas Hurry died.
1931. C. D. P. Davies died.
February 6th, 1835. At St. Giles', Norwich, 5,376 Superlative Surprise Major. The second peal in the method.
February 7th, 1783. The bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, opened. Three peals rung—one by the Society of College Youths, one by the Society of Cumberland Youths, and one by the ancient Society of College Youths.
1801. At St. Mary Malfelon, Whitechapel, John Reeves called his variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples for the first time.
1925. Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's.
February 8th, 1889. At St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, the first peal of Forward Major.
February 9th, 1850. At Bethnal Green, the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in London.

THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a term used locally—and possibly elsewhere—to describe the effect produced by perfect ringing; this is, 'hearing the other peal of bells.'

I think this term goes just a bit further than 'settling down to a beat,' since it is possible to 'get a beat' on a peal of bells, but not hold it long enough to produce the effect of 'another peal of bells' ringing in harmony with the notes of the bells in the peal.

On peals with the old type tuning the 'other peal' effect is harder to produce than on peals with modern tuning, when the effect is more like an organ than another peal of bells. In either case the ringing has to be perfect and sustained.

May I suggest that 'hearing the other peal' is another way of describing the quality which marks perfection in ringing?

J. E. BAILEY.

20, Swaisland Road, Dartford, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EDMONTON.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, held at Edmonton on January 26th, was attended by upwards of 45 ringers.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. Knight, and at the business meeting the officers elected for the year were: Mr. A. Cutler, Ringing Master; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. E. H. Kilby, assistant secretary; and Mr. W. N. Genna, auditor. Messrs. E. M. Atkins, H. G. Hart and R. G. Spears were re-elected representatives on the Central Committee. The provisional elections of the Rev. P. Boulsover and Messrs. F. W. Brinklow and R. Suckling were ratified, and the following new members were admitted: Lt.-Col. J. S. Forsyth (honorary), Messrs. D. Neal (Upper Clapton), A. Wenban (Stanmore), A. Warren, A. Richardson and W. Harwin (Finchley), M. Penson (Southgate), R. J. Bootman (Enfield) and the Misses D. Watts and M. Lane (Kilburn).

The secretary reported that the district had lost two members through death, and two honorary, eight non-resident life and 23 ringing members had been elected. Twenty-one quarter-peals had been reported from eight towers, but that did not represent the full total. The statement of accounts showed a slightly increased balance in hand compared with the previous year.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT STREATHAM.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association, held at Streatham on January 26th, was attended by 65 members and friends. The bells of St. Leonard's and Immanuel Churches were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held at Immanuel, in the vestry of which the business meeting was held after tea.

Sixteen new members were elected, and the district officers were all re-elected except that Mr. F. E. Collins was appointed District Master in place of Mr. D. Cooper, who had been nominated as Master of the association. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Epsom on Easter Monday.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.HIST.S., F.R.G.S.

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'Bishop Hooper, in his 'Articles of Visitation,' inquired 'whether they ring or knoll the bells at the time of Communion, or between the Morning Prayer—which is commonly called Matins—and the Communion, as they were wont to ring out of Matins to Mass.' The object of this inquiry appears to have been to stay excessive ringing at that time, for the same Bishop in his Injunctions of 1551 ordered: ' . . . and in case there be any pause between the morning Prayer and the Communion, then to advertise and signify unto the people of the ministration of the Holy Sacrament, to toll one bell, such as the parish shall think most meet and convenient.'

This custom, so useful to invalids, has been followed at Brackley, Northants; Boreham and Pitsea, Essex; Uppingham in Rutland and elsewhere. At Worfield, Salop, thirty-two strokes were tolled for this purpose after Matins; and at Thurning, Hunts, thirty-three were similarly given. (The number of strokes has reference to the years of Our Lord's life on earth.) At Winterton, Lincs, the bell was rung after the sermon; and at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, the Sanctus was used. At other churches a bell was sometimes rung before the commencement of Divine Service when Holy Communion was to be administered. Thus at Lutterworth, Leics, the ancient Sanctus bell was then rung in lieu of the Sermon bell; at Uppingham the seventh bell was tolled instead of ringing the usual fifth or sixth; so, too, at the churches of All Saints, St. George, St. Michael and St. Mary, Stamford, a smaller bell was rung after chiming instead of the usual tenor.

Other means of giving warning of the approaching Celebration were adopted elsewhere—thus at Eye and Staverton, Northants, a bell was rung at 9 and 10 respectively; and until recently, the custom at Horn-castle was to ring the fifth bell at 6 o'clock on the preceding evening. A bell was sometimes rung at the conclusion of a midday Celebration, as at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks (where the Sanctus bell was used); Spalding, Lincs; Culworth, Northants; and Barcheston, War-wicks.

This is hardly to be distinguished from the following usage. The Sunday midday peals are most perplexing. Some of them are probably post-Reformation uses, the bell or bells being rung merely to give notice that there will be an afternoon or evening service. In the days of pluralist rectors and vicars, it must have often been necessary to ring a bell early in the morning to give notice of a morning service; or at or about midday to give notice of afternoon or evening service, and such peals are still rung at some places. It is possible, however, that the Sunday midday peals may be the survival of the 'knolling of the Aves' which were ordered to be discontinued by the Injunctions of 1538. Shaxton, Bishop of Sarum, in that year, said 'that the bell called the Pardon or Ave bells which of long tyme hathe been used to be tolled three tymes after and before Divine Service, be not hereafter, in any part of my diocese, any more tollyd.' The saying of the Aves was between the tolling: among the Articles of Enquiry in 1547 was one whether the knolling at the Aves be used? The ringing or tolling of a bell or bells before the chiming commences for divine service in many parishes may be, and probably

is—as well as the ringing at the close of the service—a continuation of this knolling of the Aves.

Whatever the original ritual, it was turned to baser usage. At Louth it was called the 'leaving off bell' and was supposed to warn servants that their mistress was leaving church, and that it was not safe to stand gossiping in the streets. At Watford a bell used to be rung after morning service 'to give notice to gentlemen's servants to get their masters' carriages ready.' At some places, as at Leighton Buzzard; Mistley, Essex; Llany Clodwell, Salop; and Barston and Kineton, Warwicks, it was called the 'Pudding bell,' because cooks took advantage of it to dish up the Sunday dinner in readiness for the return of the family from morning service. At Tingrith, Beds, it was rung immediately after morning service and called the 'Potato bell' because, on hearing it, the cook puts the potatoes in the pot for boiling. At Tingewick, Bucks, it was rung at 2.30 and called the 'Oven bell'; at Aston Abbots, in the same county, it was called the 'Dinner bell,' as also at St. Peter's, Bedford, where the treble was rung for five minutes, followed by the third or fourth for a similar period. In some Lincolnshire parishes a bell was rung at 4 p.m. to give notice of evening service, and similarly at 5 p.m. at South Kelsey, while at Swingshead one bell was rung at 4 p.m. and two at 5 p.m. At Tanworth, Warwicks, where the Sunday uses were formerly as complete as at Edenbridge in Kent, a bell was rung at 5 and 6; and at Haseley, in the same county, one was rung after Evensong.

Sir Walter Scott thus refers to the Evening or Vesper Bells in 'The Grey Brother':—

'And the Convent bell did Vespers tell,

Newbottle's oaks among,

And mingled with the solemn knell,

Our Lady's evening song:

The heavy knell, the choir's faint swell,

Came slowly down the wind,

And on the pilgrim's ear they fell

As his wanted path he did find.'

Again in the 'Songs of the White Lady of Avenel':—

'I see the Abbey, both turret and tower,

It is all astir for the Vesper hour;

The Monks for the chapel are leaving each cell,

But where's Father Philip,—should toll the bell?'

Longfellow, in 'Birds of Passage,' refers to bells at Matins:—

'Grey mists were rolling, rising, vanishing,

The woodlands glistened with their jewelled crowns,

Far off the mellow bells begin to ring

For Matins in the half-wakened towns.'

Scott, in 'Norman the Forester's Song,' thus refers to it:—

'The monk must arise when Matins ring,

The Abbot may sleep to their chime;

But the Yeoman must start when the bugles sing

'Tis time, my hearts, 'tis time.'

For the week-day services seldom more than one bell was rung, and in small parishes often tolled by the parson himself. Moreover, such uses are obviously modern. It is worth noticing, however, that at Pitsea, Essex, the day of the month was tolled after chiming for service; and at Shenley, Bucks, the same after Matins. At Cudworth, Warwicks, thirty-three strokes were rung before the daily service, with reference to the years of Our Lord's earthly life. (To be continued.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT FARNHAM.**

At the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Farnham on January 26th, members attended from Frensham, Dorking, Aldershot, Farnham, Amesbury (Wilts), Seale, Farnborough, Bentley, Clandon, Pirbright, Bagshot, Yorktown and Shepton Mallet.

A short choral service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), and Mr. G. C. Macklin was at the organ. In the course of an address the Rector stressed the importance of sincerity in all the work done for the Church of God, whether as sidesman, chorister or bellringer. A ringer who only rang the bells because of the fascination of change ringing was of no value to the witness which those bells rang forth to the world around.

Tea was at the Temple Lounge, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. J. Corbett took the chair. Mention was made of Mr. George Upshall, of Farnham, and Mrs. J. Amos, of Farnborough, who had passed away during the year.

The balance sheet showed receipts of £27 19s. 5d., including a balance brought forward of £13 6s. 11d., and expenditure £16 7s. 7d., leaving a balance of £16 11s. 10d. to start the year. The district officers elected were Mr. R. Hasted, Ringing Master; Mr. C. W. Denyer, hon. secretary, and Messrs. W. A. Dollimore, T. Upshall and W. Viggers, executive committee representatives. The Guild officers were re-nominated, viz., Mr. A. Harman, Master; Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary; Mr. J. Corbett, hon. treasurer; and Mr. R. Hasted, hon. auditor.

Mr. Viggers reported that 11 peals were rung in the district during the year. Six were rung at Aldershot, three at Farnham and two at Yorktown. The peal of Stedman at Farnham on September 26th was rung half-muffled for Mr. George Upshall, who was for 41 years a ringer at the Parish Church. Three district meetings had been held, at Bentley, Bagshot and Seale, and a joint meeting with the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild at Upton Grey. Mr. Viggers appealed to all ringers to attend to their striking and thus ensure better music of the bells.

It was decided to hold meetings in 1946 at Farnborough (6 bells), Frensham (6), Yorktown (8) and Aldershot (8), the latter in conjunction with the Winchester Guild. New members elected were the Rev. H. E. Paterson and Mr. A. Hunt (Yorktown), Mr. J. King (Farnborough), Mr. P. Collins and Mrs. C. W. Denyer (Aldershot).

A proposition by Mr. Viggers that incumbents of churches affiliated to the Guild should be hon. members without payment of subscription was carried and will be submitted to the Guild annual meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT GRAVESEND.**

A meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association at Gravesend on January 26th was attended by 60 members and friends.

After service and tea in the Church House, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. M. Mitchell. Nine new members were elected and three elections ratified. Monthly practices for eight-bell methods were discussed and it was decided to hold them on the last Saturdays of each month. Northfleet was chosen for the February practice and Rainham for March, at times to be advertised later.

The secretary drew the younger ringers' attention to 'The Ringing World,' and urged those not already taking the journal to give it a trial, as he felt sure they would find it very interesting and helpful.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Upchurch in April.

MEETING AT LEIGH.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Leigh on February 2nd was attended by 30 members from Brasted, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Westerham, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, East Peckham, Hawkhurst, Brenchley, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Avlesford, Wrotham, Hereford and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Sealey, and tea was at the Bat and Ball. Twenty-three new members were elected. Brenchley was selected for the next meeting to be held in April, and Benenden for the first Saturday in June. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

The restoration of the Salford Priors bells referred to in our issue of February 1st was the first complete restoration of a peal since the war. The bells were not only recast, but rehung entirely in a new frame with modern fittings.

A record of part of the service, described by Mr. Eric Sanders, and the ringing of the bells was broadcast in the Midland Regional programme on Wednesday evening, January 30th.

DEATH OF PTE. R. GOODMAN.

News has been received that Private R. Goodman, of the R.A.S.C., died on October 21st, 1943, when a prisoner in Japanese hands. He went to Singapore in March, 1941, and was reported a prisoner in October, 1942. He was a member of the band at St. Thomas', Dudley, and had rung about fourteen peals.

NOTICES.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 4.45, at the Duke's Head.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 6 p.m. Bells 3.30. Tea 5.15. — G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual, East Grinstead, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Annual general, Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business and handbell contest in Church Hall 6 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Annual, St. James, Teignmouth (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Parish Hall, 5 p.m. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121).

SUSSEX ASSN. — Eastern Division. — Annual, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. — John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice, Hurst, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — E. L. Hairs.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.15 p.m. Business meeting to elect new district secretary 4.30 p.m. Teashops near. — C. W. Pipe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Parish Church, Northfield, Saturday, Feb. 9th. — T. H. Reeves.

ACLE, NORFOLK. — Dedication of recast bells, Sunday, Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing after service. — J. E. H. Williams.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Practice, St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 6.45-8. Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. — A. B. Peck.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District. — Annual Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service at S. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and business S. Nicolas' Parish Hall. Names by Feb. 11th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Leicester District. — Wigston Magna, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 13th. — W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

KENT ASSN. — Canterbury District. — Throwley, Feb. 16th. Special bus leaves Court Street, Faversham, 2.35 p.m. Names for seats to me before Feb. 11th. Cups of tea provided; bring food. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

NORWICH ASSN. — East Norfolk Branch. — Annual, Blofield (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 12th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — South and West District. — Annual, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. No tea. Committee 5.30 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Both in Vicarage Room. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13 (Perival 5320).

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Burton and District. — Measham (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea 4.45; bring food. — J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

ESSEX ASSN.—South Western Division.—Woodford, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Feb. 13th.—Mrs. J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec., 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Blaydon Parish Church (6), Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Audlem (6 bells), Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. No tea.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSN. and DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. (Chesterfield Branch). — Clay Cross, Feb. 16th. Names to J. W. Grice, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, 13th.—J. W. England, Sam Scattergood.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Allesley (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. W. Taylor, Paybody Cottage, Allesley, Coventry, by Feb. 13th.—W. A. Stote.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District. — Annual, Eynesbury, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea. Cafes open St. Neots.—H. J. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Luton District.—Tilsworth (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bring food. Cups of tea. Note address of district hon. sec.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Longcot (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Farlington.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual, Ross (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.30. Names by Feb. 14th to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Hinckley District. — Earl Shilton, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Schools 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics.—W. A. Wood.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Sacred Trinity, Salford, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. — F. Reynolds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery.—Nailsea, Feb. 16th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

LANCS. ASSN.—Rossendale Branch. — Helmshore (8), Saturday, February 16th, 3 p.m. Business in tower 6 p.m. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District. — Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Names to R. Mount, Waltham.—J. H. Cook.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Lubenham, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 20th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, Leicester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. and SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Sutton-on-Trent, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Maximum attendance essential. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. W. Vessey; 19, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by Feb. 20th.—H. Denman and T. Groombridge, jun.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual, Hersham (8) (not Walton), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Nominations for several officers. Names for tea to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by Feb. 20th.—F. E. Hawthorne.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District. — Heanor (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Business in belfry 5 p.m. Tea shops near.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, Saturday, March 2nd, 6 p.m. Tickets to fully-paid-up ringing members, 3s.; to other members and friends, 7s. 6d. Early application with remittance is necessary as number is strictly limited. St. Martin's (12), St. Philip's (10), and St. Chad's R.C. (8), from 3.30 to 5 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Broadclyst, March 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon by Feb. 25th.

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