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## BELL RESTORATION.

The proposed demolition of a number of churches in the City of London awoke a desire among ringers to save the towers and bells, if not the threatened buildings, and the Central Council at the Northampton meeting gave voice to the feeling which arose. In not all of these churches are the bells preserved in the best condition, and it is a matter of regret that similar neglect of the belfry is to be found in numerous other churches in the metropolis. This state of affairs is recalled by the letter of a correspondent who laments the condition of the bells of St. James', Bermondsey, which are now practically unringable. It is some years since these bells were pealable, and suggestions for their restoration seem to have fallen upon deaf ears. The case of Bermondsey has parallels in many places, and there is ample work for the bell-hanger, even in London. Although ringers rejoice to see the many restorations which are being carried out, it is regrettable that so many peals of bells remain the most neglected part of the churches in which they hang. The efforts of the ringing associations during the past thirty years have done a great deal to effect an improvement, but much might still to be done. One of the things which church authorities overlook is that bells, like any other machinery, get out of order by neglect; and there are few things in regard to which the old adage, 'a stitch in time saves nine,' is more applicable than to the preservation of bells.

In London there has been recent cause for gratification at the restoration of St. Clement Danes' bells, and the work at Westminster Abbey, where a peal in keeping with the dignity of the grand old church has been installed. But there are other churches, like Bermondsey, where it would be good to know something was being done to secure improvement. The great cost of present-day work is, of course, one deterring factor; but difficulties are only made to be overcome, and we should like to see some of the influential societies, which take London within their ambit, moving in the matter. Any step which adds another ringable peal of bells makes for the advance of the art, and is a valuable adjunct to the exercise. Sometimes the neglect of a belfry continues only for the want of a tactful appeal in the right quarter, for there are no church authorities who would deliberately desire to retain their bells in a state of dilapidation. If only the importance of giving the belfry proper attention were brought to their knowledge in the right way, it may be through the powers above, or through those who serve in more humble spheres, more might be done in many cases, although it is not to be denied there are still clergy who not only fail in their duty with regard to the belfry, but prefer the bells to remain silent.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.  
On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5147 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 1	Treble	HENRY SMITH ... .. 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2		REGINALD BROUGH ... .. 7
GLEM PEARCE ... .. 3		HENRY FUSSELL ... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4		FRANK COLE ... .. 9
EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. 5		RUPERT SHARPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

† HARRY M. KEBBY ... .. 1	Treble	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 6
* CHARLES WINNER ... .. 2		* SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 7
* WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3		HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 8
* FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4		GEORGE E. WILSON ... .. 9
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 5		WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

† First peal. \* First peal of Royal and first attempt. First peal as conductor in the method and first attempt. The ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and Tenor came from Kent (Rochester District), the remainder belong to the local company. The ringer of the treble was made a non-resident life member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 1	Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... .. 2		ALBERT ROUGHT ... .. 6
FREDK. KNIGHT ... .. 3		GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
BEN. S. THOMPSON ... .. 4		FREDK. H. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

This peal was rung as a birthday peal to Albert Rought on his 50th birthday. C. T. Coles' first peal of Oxford.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. 1	Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5
* FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2		CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 6
* GEORGE R. FINCH ... .. 3		CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4		FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. MOTTS.

\* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM NASH ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2		JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 3		GEORGE FLETCHER ... .. 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 4		JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## ERTH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 26, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*DONALD HARVEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. ILOTT ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
ARTHUR J. MORTON ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	ALBERT HILL ... .. 6
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all except Messrs. Jones and Page.  
First peal of Double Norwich ever rung in Worcester by a local band  
and the first peal in the method for the Cathedral Guild.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE  
AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HERBERT STOW ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 5
THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW ... 2	*WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 6
*ALFRED E. PARSONS ... .. 3	LEONARD W. JACQUES ... .. 7
*GEORGE HARDWICK ... .. 4	WILLIAM BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a son  
and heir to the ringer of the 3rd.

## LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5
THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... .. 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 6
ALLAN HICKTON ... .. 3	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 7
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 4	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar  
of Orston, Notts, and Miss Emmeline Bonser, of Hawksworth, the  
wedding having taken place at Hawksworth on August 25th.

## ST. LAURENCE, THANET.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS W. SCOTT ... Treble	†WILLIAM J. JARMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE ... .. 2	RICHARD E. WILSON ... .. 6
*FRANK H. GIBBS ... .. 3	†ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 7
*WILLIAM G. BIRCH ... .. 4	*JOHN JARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire  
Triples on the bells. Messrs. Wilson and Willshire hail from Birch-  
ington, the rest are local ringers. Great credit is due to the tenor  
man, who is 68 years of age, as previous to the peal an attempt lasted  
1½ hours when a shift course occurred.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	HARRY HARRINGTON ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	WILLIAM COLLINSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM STEED ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
GEORGE H. STONESTREET ... 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

## CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	ALFRED MEARS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 6
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 3	ANDREW MEARS ... .. 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	RICHARD STONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## ST. NEOT'S, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S.

Tenor 29 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb.

MISS FREDA HAWKSFORD ... Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ... .. 5
SAMUEL W. HAWKSFORD ... 2	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. 6
LOUIS J. FLINT ... .. 3	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ... .. 7
SYDNEY J. PECK ... .. 4	CHARLES L. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

First peal on the bells since their restoration.

## MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP AROHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt in F.

RICHARD T. HOLDING ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM D. WASE ... .. 2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 7
SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\* First peal of Kent. Mr. Wood joined the Salop Guild as a life  
member previous to starting the peal.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*DAN PHILLIPS ... .. Treble	REGINALD MARSHALL ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... .. 2	ARTHUR CHAPLIN ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
JOHN DALE ... .. 4	FREDERICK FREESTONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

\* First peal away from tenor. Messrs. Phillips and Pickett were  
elected members previous to starting. Rung, after meeting short for  
Treble Bob, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Thomas Daynes,  
mother of the conductor, who was 81 years of age on the above date.

LONDON. — On Sunday, July 18th for evening service, at St.  
Ann's, Highgate, N. a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Chapman  
1, R. E. Chappelle 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, F. G. Symonds 4. —  
Pryor 5, W. H. Pickett 6, R. Bevan 7, T. Bevan (first quarter-peal) 8. —  
On July 25th for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E.,  
1329 Stedman Caters: R. C. Chappelle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor)  
2, J. W. Chapman 3, E. J. King 4, W. H. Joiner 5, W. H. Pickett 6,  
J. Attwater 7, G. Card 8, H. J. Gummer 9, H. V. Young 10. Rung as  
a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

PERCY JONES ... .. Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5
ARCHIE MORRIS ... .. 2	FRANK BOUCHER ... .. 6
WILLIAM DARE ... .. 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 7
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 4	THOMAS LOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BOUCHER.

Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the third, and also as a birthday compliment to his wife. First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Sampson.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
* WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... .. 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, August 30, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. Treble	* CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 6
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 7
JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

\* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT ST. MARY'S, DEANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	FRED ABBOTT ... .. 5
* TITUS BARLOW, JUN. ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6
ROBERT ALLRED, SEN. ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. 7
* HAROLD ODDY ... .. 4	PETER CROOK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal in the method. G. Pincott's 100th peal.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church for service, on August 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: Miss G. Bateman 1 W. H. Russell 2, A. D. Barker 3, W. George Bedford (first in the method) 4, G. T. Leader 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, September 4, 1920, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HEWITT ... .. Treble	* GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 5
H. J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 6
JAMES WARD ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
JAMES HOUGHTON ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. This was W. Perkin's 100th peal on these bells. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Balcombe of Hertford.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

FRANT, SUSSEX.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 2 methods, one of Canterbury Pleasure, and 6 of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.

Supposed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard B. Lambert, who was elected a member before starting.

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

On Tuesday, August 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RICHARD KILBY ... .. Treble	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 4
CECIL RADDON ... .. 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the ringer of the treble. He has been connected with this tower for 48 years. It was arranged to start for Triples, but meeting short the peal had to result in the above.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

* PERCY E. CLARK ... .. Treble	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 4
† REUBEN COPELIN ... .. 2	FREDERICK HAYES ... .. 5
JOHN BURLIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods and first peal for 15 years. Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who was on holiday, from Ealing, this being the 15th anniversary of his wedding at the above church.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

* REGINALD H. PARKER ... .. Treble	REGINALD SCOTT ... .. 4
JOHN H. HAYNES ... .. 2	JOSEPH LORD ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss E. Bonser, of Hawksworth, and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, which took place at Hawksworth on Wednesday, August 25th.

ALVELEY, SALOP.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,  
Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. Treble	JOHN BASS ... .. 4
ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. T. MORRIS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

A. MORRIS ... .. 1-2	T. BERNARD ... .. 5-6
G. THOMPSON ... .. 3-4	T. TAYLOR ... .. 7-8

Conducted by MR. A. MORRIS.

Umpire: MR. C. HAWE. Witness: MRS. A. MORRIS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 5-6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... .. 7-8
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 9-10	

Composed by W. R. SMITH. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 24, 1920, in Two Hours and One Minute,  
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 Six-scores.

*WILLIAM R. NASH ... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3-4
*PERCY LANE ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR NASON.

\* First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor. First handbell peal ever rung in Ludlow, and first handbell peal of Doubles for the Guild.

ERPINGHAM NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES NEWLAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM ROUGHT ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT ... .. 3-4	CHARLES E. NEWLAND ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpires: Messrs. F. J. HOWCHIN and W. DUNCAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT CHURCH VIEW, WOODSTON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor, size 13½ in E flat.

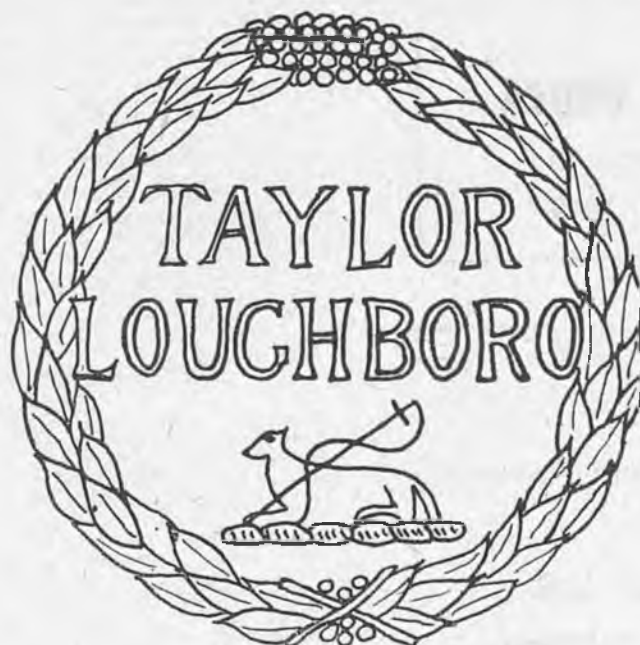
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. TEBBUTT.

Witnesses: MR. and MRS. HARE and MISS PARKINS.

\* First peal 'in hand.'



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## THE PRESERVATION OF CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much surprised to read the article in this week's 'Ringing World' by the Rev. E. Bankes James on 'The Preservation of Conductors,' for, were this principle accepted in general one is faced with a gloomy prospect in contemplating the position of the Exercise in the next generation. One question will suffice to explain my meaning: What happens to the Slopperton band when Old Bob makes the last long journey? Furthermore, it is a debatable point whether a bag of peals scored by one particular band and one particular conductor represent so much advancement to the art, except when other companies are fired with ambition by the example set; and, as sometimes happens, receive help from those who have fired that ambition.

I do not wish to detract from the merit of bands who hang together and make a big show; I raise my hat to merit wherever shown, but I wish to point out that really to benefit the art progress must not be accompanied by selfishness on the part of any individual or band, but must be instead accompanied with the policy of the 'open door,' and true spirit of brotherhood otherwise—but I think past history of noted bands itself gives the answer. On more than one occasion the death or removal of an 'indispensable' conductor has spelt ruination to the entire company, and the same remark applies to individual ringers. All the while one man is indispensable the existence of that company hangs by a thread, and surely the future of the Exercise is better served by a number of moderate men of average ability than by having to rely on a few super-men. Generally I notice such men can maintain their position without squeezing out those whose ambition may be as great without, perhaps, the same ability.—Yours faithfully,  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

Dear Sir,—The letter from W. M. H. in your issue of August 1919 raises points that should receive the careful and thoughtful consideration of responsible officials of a belfry and the Exercise in general. The letter from the Rev. E. Bankes James seems to be a plea for the retention of a 'One Man Band.' The illustration of 'Old Bob' is certainly convincing if not convincing; while the analogy to the poultry yard can hardly be classed as refined or complimentary. If 'Old Bob' had been denied opportunities in the initial stages, would he have proved a success? Again, if 'Bob' left, what would happen?—the band stranded for the want of a conductor owing to the folly of curbing the legitimate desires of others who were anxious to improve themselves in the work they had undertaken. Mr. James bemoans the loss of a peal with an imaginary chorus of wails from the disappointed band. But surely, as a clergyman, he does not think the scoring of 'a bag of peals' of more consequence than ringing for Divine service—peal ringing is, or should be of secondary consideration. Mr. James admits the hardship on budding conductors, but offers no remedy: on the contrary he rather suggests they are a hindrance, because 'Old Bob' suffers from want of practice. If I may introduce a rather personal element, the tower I belong to has at least six members who can and have conducted peals. While, in ringing for services, there are others, in addition, who call and conduct touches. This, I suggest, creates an enthusiasm that is all to the good, and brings out that esprit de corps so essential in towers. The 'One Man Band' has been the cause of a good deal of friction; besides the 'bottling up' of bands where the monopoly of conducting was secured by one person with the consequent lack of keenness by others. Again, interest is strengthened when after 'pricking out a touch' at home an opportunity is given to bring it to fruition in the tower. One hesitates to criticise an authority like the Rev. E. Bankes James, but this bugbear of the 'one and only' should be scotched. It is not in my opinion, conducive to the good of the Exercise to confine conducting to any one person. Even if a peal is lost occasionally, it is far better to suffer that, than to jeopardise the enthusiasm and the keenness that is created when frequent changes are made in conducting.  
High Wycombe. G. T.

ST. JAMES', BERMONDSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As an old parishioner of Bermondsey, and a ringer of many years at St. James' Church, Jamaica Road I have used my best endeavours to persuade the authorities of this church to get the bells a peal of 10, repaired. For many years now they have remained totally unringable, broken wheels, bent, and rusty iron stays; covered with pigeon refuse—quite a deplorable sight to witness in the house of God! But my efforts have been to no purpose.

If all the authorities adopted the same principle bell ringing would go by the board. In nine cases out of ten, the bells are rung gratuitously; therefore, it would be creditable to the 'powers that be' to keep them in a ringable condition.

Bell ringing is now taught to a young beginner, and not 'picked up' promiscuously as I have experienced. We all know it is a long and tedious art to learn. Careful coaching should be imparted to the aspirant, and opportunities held out for him or her to embrace—(pardon, Mr. Editor, I am writing figuratively, not filially)—so that the 'superiority' so often exhibited in the belfry would be entirely eradicated, as pointed out in your Editorial of August 27th.—Yours faithfully,  
Bermondsey.

CHAS. WHITECOMBE.

### HAMPSHIRE CHURCH BELLS.

A small volume of some 116 pages has just been published by Messrs. Warren, of Winchester, on the church bells of Hampshire; and is a very valuable addition to the records of other church properties in the Winchester Diocese which have already appeared. We are indebted to the Rev. W. B. Colchester A.K.C., Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, and hon. treasurer of the Winchester Diocesan Guild for this addition to the county works on bells. The book gives a record of 1416 bells, but omits small bells in mission churches which are generally of no antiquarian interest. Out of this 1416, the Isle of Wight contains 119, and these latter are reported on separately from notes supplied by Dr. J. L. Whitehead. This leaves 1,297 in Hampshire, and of these 98 are mediæval. The earliest dated bell (A.D. 1555) was found at Penton Mewsey. An interesting list of the number of bells cast for the county in each decade commencing 1580-90 down to 1900, and onwards, reveals the revival or decline of bell foundry's operations—largely dependent upon the religious life of the county, and of the country generally. A bell foundry probably never existed in Hampshire, and though there are evident traces of the productions of itinerant foundries, the main supplies appear to have come in from the fraternity attached to Chertsey Abbey (Surrey), Salisbury and London. Mr. Colchester deals with these sources briefly and refers us to other County Histories of Church Bells for further details, i.e. 'Surrey' and 'Kent' by Stahlshmidt, 'Dorset' by Dr. Raven, the 'Wiltshire Record Society', 'Essex' by Deedes and Walters, 'Sussex' by Tyssen and Walters' 'Church Bells of England.' Considering the size of the volume we are provided with a large number of illustrations of founders' medallions, marks, stops, initials, friezes and type letterings. Every one of these, 124 in all have been accurately drawn from rubbings, casts or photographs by Mr. Colchester and reproduced by the lithograph process. No blocks have been borrowed from other publishers of similar works. It is here that this Hampshire bells record excels. On the other hand, in the list of bells with inscriptions (pages 66-116) we find no weights given, not even those of tenor bells, no measurements or notes, and no records from Edward VI. Commissioners Lists of Church Furniture. The dedications of the parish churches might have been included; and in one or two instances the spelling of doggerel verses on some bells has been corrected, instead of being reproduced as cast; for example, the tenor at Fareham, and the second line of the verse on the Hamble treble. However, it must be remembered that the author was pressed to publish much earlier than he intended, and he generously admits that the records cannot be absolutely complete, while the omissions we have referred to may be due to the enormous extra cost of printing. Messrs. Warren of Winchester are the publishers. C. E. M.

### A SUFFOLK EXCURSION.

The following touches were rung in the course of a Sunday excursion on August 22nd:—

**POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.**—For morning service, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Chas. Robinson (Hadleigh, Suffolk) (treble); Frederick Powell (Ipswich), 2nd; Thomas Reed (Hadleigh), 3rd; Albert Catterwell (Little Horkeley, Essex), 4th; Chas. J. Sedgely (Ipswich), 5th; Alfred Powell (Ipswich), conductor 6.

**STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.**—After Matins, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Robinson 1, F. Powell 2, A. Catterwell 3, T. Reed 4, C. J. Sedgely 5, A. Powell (conductor) 6. Weight of tenor 24 cwt. A very fine peal of six.

**NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.**—In the afternoon 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Robinson 1, F. Powell 2, C. J. Sedgely (conductor) 3, A. Catterwell 4, T. Reed 5, A. Powell 6. Also 360 of Double Court Bob Minor, conducted by C. J. Sedgely. Weight of tenor approximately 14 cwt.

**STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.**—For evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Powell 1, T. Reed 2, A. Powell 3, A. Catterwell 4, Sidney Featherstone (Stratford St. Mary) 5, C. J. Sedgely (conductor) 6. Weight of tenor 16½ cwt. Also 360 of Double Court Bob Minor.

### EARL SOHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

On Tuesday, August 17th, there passed away one of the oldest ringers of Earl Soham Suffolk in the person of George Bails. Deceased, who was 58 years of age, commenced ringing in 1877, at the early age of 15 years on the old ring of five at Earl Soham. Those were the days when ringers rang their 120's of Grandsire by heart, and any variation from the usual course would bring down severe censure on the head of the offender. Deceased was the last of the veterans of this band and up to the time of his death had taken part in seven peals, all of Minor for the Norwich Association, which he joined in 1899. The last time he rang was on Christmas Day, 1919.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and his usual remark before attempting a fresh method, 'Burr, I think I can ring it,' will be long remembered by all his fellow 'strings.'

On the day of his funeral half-muffled touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court Bob Minor were rung by Messrs. L. C. and G. A. Wightman, C. Woodcock, H. Hall, R. Abbott, W. Miller, junr., S. Rogers, E. Jenkins and W. G. Crickmer (conductor).

### DEVON BELL RESTORATIONS.

The fine peal of 14 bells at St. Mary's Abbey, Buckfast, Devon, are now being restored in massive oak frames, with all new fittings, including patent adjustable bearings by the well-known firm, Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford. The largest bell when hung will be two tons in weight. The bells are to be erected in the new tower.

Messrs. Aggett hope to complete this year the restoration of the bells of Botus Fleming (Cornwall), a peal of six in massive iron frames, and new fittings; also Landulph (6), Cornwall; St. Budeaux (6), Poughill and Rockbeare.

### RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

#### PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN RUTLAND FIGURE.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Richard Westbrook Baker, of Langham, Rutland, who passed away suddenly, on August 22nd while in bed. Deceased, who was 56 years of age, and of independent means, was a bachelor, and lived alone in one of his own houses. On Sunday, the 22nd ult., he failed to keep an appointment, and on entry being made to his house it was found that he had died in his bed. Deceased was highly esteemed in Rutland and was vice-chairman of the Oakham Board of Guardians and Rural District Council. At the inquest, which was held, the coroner recorded a verdict of 'death from natural causes.' The deceased was formerly a member of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, and served in the South African war.

Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Belton, writes:—The death of Mr. R. W. Baker, of Langham Rutland, will be severely felt by many in the Oakham area, but by ringers especially, as he was one of the pioneers and great personalities of the art locally, and always did his best to encourage good ringing, whether it be on five, six or eight bells. He could not often be persuaded to take a 'changing bell' on eight, but he was always willing to—as he termed it—'play the accompaniment'—this is, ring the tenor to Grandsire or Stedman Triples, and he did it right well, too striking the heaviest bells with machine-like precision. The writer well remembers one of his achievements at Colston Bassett (one of the most beautiful peals in the country). The band consisted of two pairs of brothers, a father and son, and two oddments from Rutland. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with that accomplished ringer, the late Mr. A. P. Wakley, Burton-on-Trent conducting, and Mr. Baker on the tenor. When the peal (3,040 changes) had been in progress some two hours, it was noticed Mr. Baker was in great distress, with quite a pool of perspiration on the floor in front of him, that had dropped off his forehead, so the conductor asked him to hold on a few more minutes and he would call the bells round, which he did successfully, but, of course the peal was lost, as only about two-thirds of it had been completed. The bell was tried by other members of the band at the cessation of peal attempt, and the wonder was how Mr. Baker had stood it so long. It was found on examination the bell (23 cwt.) was binding on the sledge. Deceased was a member of the Midland Counties Association, and a vice-president of the Framland Society. His jovial personality endeared him to all, and he will be greatly missed by others besides his ringing colleagues.

At the funeral, the Rev. J. G. Pattison (Vicar) and Mr. Jackson (Belton) and Mr. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray) represented the Midland Counties Association, the Framland Society and Belton St. Peter's Guild. Before and after the funeral the bells were rung muffled.

### NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Saxmundham on Saturday last to consider the holding of quarterly meetings, and to elect a district secretary in place of Mr. Fenton Thompson, who has resigned on account of age.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services and on the proposition of Mr. F. Watling, seconded by Mr. C. Samson, Mr. George Wilson was unanimously elected hon. district secretary.—It was decided that the next meeting be held at Rendham, the secretary to arrange date.—The meeting also passed a resolution approving of the raising of the subscription to 2s. per annum.

Between thirty and forty members were present from Halesworth, Henham, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham. The bells of the Parish Church, also those of Kelsale and Benhall were placed at the disposal of the members during the day when touches in the various standard methods were rung.

**STOKE POGES.**—On Sunday, July 18th, at St. Giles' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. C. Mayne 1, Gladys E. Bateman 2, A. B. Barker (conductor) 3, W. H. Fussell 4, W. Henley 5, W. Welling 6. First 720 Cambridge on the bells.

**SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On August 5th, 1920 Bob Minor, in 1 hour and 9 mins.: H. Wood 1, Geo. Wood 2, C. Briggs 3, H. Webb 4, J. Clarke 5, H. Briggs (conductor) 6.

**NEWMARKET.**—On Sunday August 8th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 1920 Bob Major in 1 hour 10 mins.: T. Taylor 1, R. Lathbury 2, S. Forward 3, Dick Fordham 4, R. Sharpe 5, P. Fordham 6, H. Stannard 7, P. Pinder (conductor) 8.

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**DEATH OF MR. J. BLACKBURN.****RINGING CONTESTS RECALLED.**

By the death of Mr. John Blackburn, of 4, Cullingworth Street, Staincliffe, Batley, at the age of 73 years another of the old band of Dewsbury handbell ringers has passed away. He was a member for a good many years, and assisted in winning the first prize at the Belle Vue contest on four occasions. He was also a well-known change ringer, being a member of the Batley Carr Parish Church band for upwards of twenty years. He took part in many change ringing contests. He was one of the band who won the Heavy Woolen District Challenge Cup the first time on six bells at Sandal on September 8th, 1894, the ringers being J. H. Scott, S. Mitchell, George Crawshaw, J. Blackburn, George H. Simon, and Joe Ruddleston. He also was one of the band which was successful at Tong a few years later, while at Batley Carr Church belfry on January 25th, 1890, he took part in a 5040 of Minor in fourteen different methods. He was also a member of the Batley Parish Church band for about ten years, and during this period he was one of the company to win the Halifax District Challenge Cup at Mytholmroyd, also coming second a year later at Tong. His ringing career finished at the end of 1914. Some of his old colleagues paid their last respects at the interment at Batley Cemetery.

**WYMONDHAM RINGING MASTER'S DEATH.**

For many years the Ringing Master of the Wymondham company, Mr. John Wyner, has passed away, and on Saturday, after the funeral, a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in his memory, preceded by 288 Stedman Triples, in which Mr. A. G. Warnes took part.

The memory of 'Jack' will long remain with those who knew him well and shared his friendship, and his early decease is greatly deplored.

**WOKINGHAM RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death took place at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on Wednesday of last week of Mr. Samuel Price, for many years 'foreman' at All Saints' Church, Wokingham, and a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The deceased was 64 years of age.

He was interred at Wokingham on Saturday last.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Northern District was held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, August 21st, about 30 members putting in an appearance. Good use was made of this very fine old peal of bells, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Suppletive Surprise.

At the business meeting held in the tower, presided over by the District Master one new member was elected, viz.: Mr. Albert D. Oulim, of Reading. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the victor for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Barnett for having everything in readiness.

After the meeting, further touches were brought round, and concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

**PUBLICATIONS.**

'AMONG THE BELLS.'—THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I. to XX. complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

Read 'FORTY AND TWO MONTHS,' by Rev. F. L. Edwards (secretary of Salisbury Guild), the much discussed prophecy explained: its recent fulfilment demonstrated. Eightpence, post free, from Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**HILLINGDON.**—On Sunday, August 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Peddle 1, F. E. Jones 2, Gladys E. Bateman 3, C. G. Mayne 4, E. Hancock 5, A. D. Barker 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, R. Carter 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—Ely Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Hammond (conductor) 1, H. Smith 2, P. Levitt 3, J. Chinery 4, H. R. Moore 5, F. Hunt (Luton) 6, R. S. Long 7, H. Lomax 8.

**NOTICES.**

**INCREASED POSTAL RATES.**—Owing to the increase in the postal rates the charge for 'The Ringing World' sent by post will, in future, be 3s. per quarter; 12s. per annum.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley, on Saturday, 11th Sept. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thurcaston (8 bells), on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec., 4, Berners St., Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 1920. Bells ready at 3.30 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Business very important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**OLDHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—J. Schofield, Hon. Sec., 12, Kersley Street, Oldham.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Thetford District.—A meeting will be held at Thetford on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at 2s. each. All ringers are welcome.—T. Fitzjohn, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A summer outing has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 11th. Towers open for ringing: Slough, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Curfew Tower, Windsor, 4.5 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Windsor Parish Church 6.30-7.45 p.m.—A. D. Parker, Stoke Green, near Slough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available 3.15. Guild service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Mrs. C. Hazelden, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Vicar of Cookham has kindly opened his tower, the church, and the King's Hall for the use of members and friends on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Invitation tea at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present will send word to the Foreman, Mr. J. T. Fowler, Nightingale, Cookham, near Maidenhead.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Tong on Saturday, Sept. 11th. The bells of the Parish Church (6) and St. Paul's, Drighlington, will be available. Members are hereby reminded that subscription of 1s. 6d. for the current year

must be paid prior to Sept. 30th if their peals are to be printed in the forthcoming report.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec. pro tem., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Sept. 16th and 30th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 14th; and \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 18. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Motor leaves Basingstoke Station at 2.50, returning conveniently for all trains. Reduced fares to all members informing me a week beforehand. Re-opening of bells. — C. D. P. Davies, Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society) (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Conisbrough on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided (1s. each) to those who notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, North Cliffe Road, Conisbrough, near Rotherham, not later than Sept. 15th.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to the Secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, 18th. Bells, 8 (tenor 23 cwt.), have been placed at the disposal of the ringers by the kind permission of Archdeacon Lindsey. Tea at Wilson's Cafe, 1/- each. Those intending to be present please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, 14th. All friends and ringers kindly invited.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8), also Hilton and Puddletown (6), from 2 p.m. Guild service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Ringing at St. Mark's (near the station) from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. The bells of St. Andrew's and St. Michael's will also be open for use during the evening. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 13th? All ringers

welcome.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea at Glass's Restaurant at 4 p.m., business meeting to follow. Service at 5.30.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be arranged by Mr. A. Knights, 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield, for those who advise him by the 15th. General meeting to follow. Committee meeting 4 o'clock, at place to be notified in belfry. Will District Hon. Secs. please meet me 3.45 at committee room?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A District meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea will be obtainable, but cannot be guaranteed unless notification is sent me by Wednesday, Sept. 15th.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting Saturday, Sept. 18th. Tuxford bells (6) available from 2 till 8.30. Tea to members 2/- per head, non-members 2/9, at Mrs. Rushby's, Market Place, Tuxford, for all those who notify Mr. R. Weeds, 35, Newcastle Street, Tuxford, Newark, not later than Sept. 15th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 4 to 9. All ringers welcome.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Gt. Waldingfield, 3½ miles east of Sudbury, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready 2.40. Tea 4.30, 1/6 per head, those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 11th.—A. Symonds, District Sec., Lavenham.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Welden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Yeovil on Sept. 18th. Service 4.45. Tea at Dade's Restaurant at 5.30.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 278, High Street, Dunstable.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Northfleet, where the old six have recently been rehung and two new trebles added, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available at 3. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Please notify me on or before Sept. 17th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Boughton Monchelsea on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 at the Vicarage, business meeting after. Service at 6 p.m. All intending to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st.—Stephen Hazzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided free to those members whose subscriptions are paid for current year; non-members and friends at 2/6 per head. Will those desiring tea please let Mr. F. S. Butler, 6, Spital Terrace, know on or before Monday, Sept. 20th, as only those doing so can be provided for?—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**UPTON-CUM-CHALVEY.**—On Sunday, August 1st, at St. Mary's. 1260 Stedman Triples: Gladys E. Buteman 1, W. H. Fussell 2, A. Barker 3, W. G. Bedford 4, G. T. Leader 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8. First quarter of Stedman by ringer 4th.

**WIGSTON.**—At All Saints' Church, on August 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (muffled), in 46 mins., as a token of respect to the wife of Mr. W. H. Sharpe; T. Humberstone 1, A. H. Bell 2, A. Roe 3, J. E. Clarke 4, W. H. Humberstone (conductor) 5, E. Jelly 6, H. Brown 7, J. Carter 8. Mr. Sharpe was for some years churchwarden at the above church.

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