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THE LATE MR. A. T. KING.

The Exercise is greatly poorer to-day by the death of Mr. Arthur T. King, whose passing it was our melancholy duty to record last week. The measure of his service to ringing is not to be gauged by what he did in the public eye; his greatest work was achieved unseen, but the results of his ungrudging labours have left a permanent mark in the progress of the Exercise. Mr. King came more or less casually into ringing, and office was thrust upon him when he did not seek it; but, once he plunged into the work, his characteristic energy carried him forward, and with him the association with which he was linked. The path was not a smooth one; the amalgamation of the two Middlesex Associations was not an easy task; and outside the ranks of these organisations his aspirations were in some quarters somewhat misunderstood. Yet he held on his way, and the strength of the present Middlesex Association is a monument to his initiative, determination and tact. Even those who found themselves in opposition to him in years gone by cannot but admit that his services to ringing have been immense, for unquestionably his efforts led to a considerable increase in ringing activity in and around the Metropolis, where the competition of the new society stirred the older organisations into more strenuous movement. It was one of Mr. King's earnest desires to see the Metropolitan societies intermixing in friendly rivalry, with a spirit of goodwill existing between them all, and he lived to see this hope advanced a long step towards realisation.

In his service to the Central Council, Mr. King probably gave more time than any other member, for upon him fell a large share of the work of the Peals Analysis Committee, of which he was chairman. This work went on from week to week ceaselessly, and, characteristic of the man, at the time of his death the statistics were completed up to date. Mr. King took an immense interest in this analysis, upon which he had laboured for many years, and in this connection his services will be greatly missed, for it will be hard to find a successor with the time and ability to devote to it. In the counsels of the central organisation Mr. King's opinions were valued. With a wide outlook, a keen intellect, and a broad mind, he used to speak with weight, and, if he differed in opinion from other members, his tact always enabled him to do it in a spirit which could leave no offence. In the fulness of years he has now been called to his rest, but he is one of a type of men all too rare in the Exercise, whose place both in his own association and in ringing generally it will be difficult to fill. His life was one of service; his death leaves us still with an example which all may emulate.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY OF ST. LAWRENCE, HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST BRETT 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	† JAMES BULLOCK 8
FRANCIS E. DAWE 3	JAMES GEORGE 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	GEORGE A. CARD 10
ERNEST J. KING 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER 11
* JEFFREY R. GAMMON 6	† WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* First peal on 12 tower bells and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' on 12 bells and first attempt. ‡ First peal on 12 bells and first attempt.

TEN BELL PEAL.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
JOHN OLDEHAM 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
FRYCE TAYLOR 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal on the bells since augmentation. First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

ASA WILD <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL HOLT 5
FRANK LAWTON 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 4	CHARLES PLATT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES PLATT.

Taken from W. Harrison's peal of 10,176 changes. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Thorp.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HUTTON 5
WALTER V. WEBB 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
G. FREDERICK JAMES 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WILLIAM G. DAVIS 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

First peal on the bells since October, 1913.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* EDWIN D. BAKER <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED PYE 5
* ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	ALFRED TARBUN, JUN. 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WESLEY WATSON 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 6th and 8th belong to the local company, the rest to Romford.

PERRY BAR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
JONATHAN PRESTON 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

* First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENKROFT 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	FRED PAGE 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	ALLEN BAILEY 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

The peal is taken out of 18,240 Treble Bob Major. The conductor's 450th peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH Treble	FRANK SHAW... .. 5
*MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL... .. 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. 7
JAMES SHAW 4	WILLIAM RILEY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung by the local company. * First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.	Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
HERBERT JONES Treble	ALFRED E. WAITE 5
JOSEPH A. WAITE 2	ALFRED A. WAITE 6
GEORGE A. SMITH 3	ARTHUR G. WAITE 7
FRANCIS T. WAITE 4	ARTHUR G. WAITE Tenor

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. H. V. Paton.

LONDON, N.E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	WILLIAM J. KEMP 6
CHARLES A. GRAY 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE B. LUCAS 4	STANLEY H. R. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Arthur T. King, I.S.O. (President of the above Association), who was interred at Stevenage the same day. R.I.P.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM W. FOX Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
CHARLES H. WALKER... .. 4	HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
PRYCE TAYLOR 2	ERNEST W. LESLIE 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	J. WILLIAM SMITH 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
WILLIAM SMITH 3	*JAMES F. GEORGE 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	*JAMES F. GEORGE 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	PRYCE TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.

The two peals above were arranged for Messrs. Gobey and George, of Ilkeston.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

EDWARD HORTIN Treble	SAMUEL H. COLEY 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
JOHN PERRY 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
DAVID APPLEBY 4	ARTHUR E. REED... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hortin, to whom, with Mrs. Hortin, the band are indebted for hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble	THOS. H. CHAPPELL 5
ALFRED H. WATSON 2	WM. J. G. BROWN 6
LESLEY C. WIGHTMAN 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 4	HARRY HALL... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

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UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*FRANK L. FISHER 2	*CHARLES E. FISHER 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	LEONARD P. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRED S. PRICE Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM A. JANES 6
WM. CLIFFORD, SEN. 3	†FRED BLOOD 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of the conductor's elder daughter, Nelly, and as a birthday compliment to five of the band and two other Beeston ringers, all of whom were born in April.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7
CHARLES WALTHMAN 4	*BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by B. W. WITCHELL.

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	FREDERICK WADE 6
†FREDERICK A. FINCH 3	*CHARLES RUSH 7
THOMAS BECKET 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. * First peal on eight. † First peal and first attempt. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. R. Dixon) for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, February 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: R. S. Cherriman 1, A. White 2, G. Steele 3, A. Cherriman 4, K. Hart 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the wife of the Rev. A. R. Read, Rector of the parish.—On Tuesday, February 14th, 720 Westminster Surprise: R. S. Cherriman 1, K. Hart 2, G. Steele 3, A. Cherriman 4, F. Trustler 5, A. White (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all, and the first on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	*THOMAS ABBOTT... .. 4
AMOS SMART... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This is the first peal ever rung upon the bells, which have been restored and new treble added by Mr. A. Bowell & Sons, of Ipswich, the 'go' being now excellent. * First peal of Minor.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE BISHOP... .. Treble	CHARLES JONES 4
*GEORGE BISHOP, SEN. 2	FREDERICK JONES 5
*ERNEST DAVIES 3	*JOHN COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by C. JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band. Rung in honour of the Royal wedding.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 4
*BERT CHILVERS... .. 2	GEORGE BROWN, JUN... .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE CATERMOLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATERMOLE.

* First peal. B. Chilvers belongs to Cotton.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

A. DEVONALD Treble	C. HATTON 4
J. E. BLOKHAM 2	J. HAMMOND... .. 5
A. J. PITMAN 3	H. BOYCE Tenor

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob by all the band, also first for the above association.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, March 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 2½ lb.

*ALBERT E. DGLLIMORE Treble	ALBERT E. WEEDON 4
WALTER AYRE 2	ALFRED J. ROGERS 5
†JOHN W. LANE 3	REGINALD S. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor, who was elected a member of the Association previous to the peal. All are members of the King's Langley Band, and wish to take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells. * First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WILTON, TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Taunton Deanery.—At the Church of St. George, on March 30th, 1922, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Wyatt 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. First 720 Surprise Minor by all, and first Surprise in any method by all except the conductor. First Surprise rung by a resident band west of Bristol, and accomplished after four previous short practices, spread over two months.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
WILLIAM SEELEY Treble | HUBERT EDEN 4
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 2 | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3 | *MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. *First peal on six bells. The conductor has now rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise on all numbers, and is believed to be the first to do so. Rung in honour of Mr. W. Seeley's birthday.

KEMPSTONE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.
*LEONARD TURNER Treble | PEARL INSKIP 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL... .. 2 | FRANK WEBB 5
THOMAS BARTRAM 3 | CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First 5,040.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Chester, York, London, Worcester Superlative and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble | FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2 | CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3 | ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

This is the first peal in seven Surprise methods rung by the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, March 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 12, GREVILLE PLACE, ST. JOHN'S WOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4 | H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Witness: J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trinity).

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

LONDON.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 12, GREVILLE PLACE, ST. JOHN'S WOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | E. M. ATKINS 5-6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3-4 | W. H. J. HOOTON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Witness: MRS. E. M. ATKINS.

First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES:

Tenor size 18 in G.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 1-2 | JAMES M. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 12, GREVILLE PLACE, ST. JOHN'S WOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... 3-4 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7-8
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Witness: MRS. E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first peal of Double Bob Royal to be rung 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN ST. MARY-LE-TOWER BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.
*HOBART E. SMITH 1-2 | *GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 5-6
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3-4 | WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Witness: MR. MAYHEW.

*First peal of Royal on handbells. Author's No. 267.

EDMONTON, N.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WILBY J. HAZELL 1-2 | *JOHN THOMAS 5-6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 7-8
†WALTER J. BOWDEN 9-10

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method 'in hand.'

COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, March 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 size in C.
FRANK E. PERVINS 1-2 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | HUBERT SUMMERS 7-8
JOHN TAYLOR 9-10
Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, February 14th, in 51 mins., 1,344 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major, by: W. H. Holding 1, H. H. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. Overton 6, R. T. Holding 7, J. H. Riding (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all the band (who all learnt to ring in Crewe), and on the bells.

SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hardly think that the method that Mr. Craven calls Bristol Surprise Royal can claim that title, as it has different lead ends, and does not allow of the fourth's place bob.

'Princess Mary' is doubtless a fine method, but contains no novelty. I published a method in 'The Bell News,' I think it was in 1898, called Drew's Court Surprise, which, in addition to the other advantages that 'Princess Mary' has, allows us to use the fourth's place bob. I also give another method which is a first cousin to it, if you will be kind enough to make room for them. But to my mind none of them approach 'Wait and See' as a practical method. The point that I like about 'Wait and See' is that the work in this method is of the same character throughout. We all know the 8, 7, 8's and 6, 5, 6's of London. Well, the character of this method depends almost entirely on them.—Yours etc., **E. BANKES JAMES.**

DREW'S COURT SURPRISE ROYAL.

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Dear Sir,—Allow me, through your columns, to thank Mr. G. Baker for his frank and open-hearted expressions of approval re the merits of 'Princess Mary' Surprise, as enumerated when I introduced it.

With reference to Mr. Deuch's remarks re Bristol Surprise Royal, I had no idea of claiming any originality in publishing the figures. I produced them last November while attempting to extend Bristol Major to Royal, and sent them to 'The Ringing World' in a letter replying to Mr. James, when he stated that the figures he published ('Wait and See') were the best ten-bell method he had come across. I had no idea that the figures had appeared publicly and I don't think those of December 3rd, 1915, are the same. However, let it be perfectly understood how I produced them and why I published them. The method is worth all the publicity that can be given to it. I have heard that Mr. Baker had this extension, September 1921, and Mr. Trollope nine or ten years ago. If any apology is due from me I humbly tender it, but I am not sure to whom it is due.—Yours truly, **ARTHUR CRAVEN.**

Stannington, near Sheffield March 28th, 1922.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS—On Saturday, February 18th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Caudwell 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, T. East 3, T. Short 4, E. Humfrey 5, A. E. Lock (conductor) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Goodenough 8. Four new ropes having been put on the back bells just previous to starting, made an attempt for a peal impracticable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL.

On Saturday, March 25th, a new venture on the part of Northern District of the London County Association, in the shape of a social evening and dance, took place in the spacious hall of Christ Church, Spitalfields. Commencing soon after 7.30 p.m. the floor soon filled, some enjoyable dancing being indulged in. Songs by Miss Dawson (who sang charmingly) the Master and his sister, the secretary and Mr. N. W. Russell, were well rendered and appreciated. Handbells, also figured very largely in the programme. Courses of Grandsire Triples, although very foreign to a good many, greatly interested the non-ringing section of the audience, who, however, were much more at home with the efforts in tune playing by the Master, Secretary and Mr. F. C. Lambert. Old-time airs were played—well known by all, who could not help assisting vocally to the utmost of their power. Naturally, encores were in great demand, and unfortunately the repertoire would not meet the demand without a repeat. The performance was nevertheless heartily applauded.

Refreshments were provided by Messrs. Thornhills, of Bishopsgate. Thanks are due to the Rector of Church Church for the use of the hall, and to the caretaker who had everything in readiness, also to the ladies who worked so hard in serving the refreshments. Members were present from Bethnal Green, Willesden, Holloway, Islington, Leytonstone and Fulham.

One of the chief ideas in holding this social evening, apart from furthering the aims of the district, was to give the ringers a chance to bring wives or relatives who, generally speaking, do not meet the society in any way, and have little knowledge of the general running of the organisation which provides ringing at least one or two evenings per week.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A most successful meeting of this society was held at Tickhill on March 25th. Tickhill is a sleepy old-world town, with some history behind it. It possesses an old Norman castle, which is partly surrounded by the old moat, which still contains water. On three occasions at least the castle was besieged. In 'Ivanhoe' there is a graphic story of how Richard stormed Torquilstone Castle, and it is not unlikely that it was Tickhill Castle which Scott had in his mind at the time. The tower of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin was built between 1373 and 1399 by John o' Gaunt Duke of Lancaster, and is one of the most magnificent in South Yorkshire.

About 40 members were present at the meeting from some twelve different towers. The peal of eight bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening to the standard methods, and also Cambridge Surprise. Tea was served in the Parish Room, a quaint pillared and porticoed building standing in the High Street. This was formerly the St. Leonard's Hospital, and it was built in 1470. The Vicar of Tickhill presided, and he also took the chair at the business meeting, at which eleven new members were elected and General Sir Alington Berwicke-Copley, of Sprotborough, was elected an honorary member.

The usual votes of thanks were passed.

RINGER'S DEATH AT BAGSHOT.

For morning service, on March 26th, the local band of St. Anne's, Bagshot, Surrey rang half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples, including 476 by Miss Margery Wood 1, Miss Mabel Nye 2, J. Corbett 5, H. Gould 4, T. Gould 5, F. Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Varn-dell 8. This was rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Stapleton who passed away on March 7th, after a short but painful illness.

The ringers regret that owing to illness near the church they were unable to pay this tribute to a departed comrade before. Mr. Stapleton will be greatly missed by the band, of which he had been a member since 1885. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Leatherhead in December, 1890, and his last in April, 1921, at St. Anne's, Bagshot, which was the first peal on the bells and was rung by the local band.

OVER 70 YEARS A RINGER.

On Wednesday, March 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Taplin, who died on March 19th, in his 95th year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 54 mins. with the bell half-muffled, by the following: Miss F. Rowe 1, S. H. Sutton 2, F. Green 3, G. W. England 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, H. Sutton 6. Mr. Taplin had been associated with St. Mary's bells for over 70 years, the last occasion on which he had a 'pull' being on the occasion of the peace day celebrations in July, 1919, when he climbed the long stairway to the ringing chamber without assistance, although then 92 years of age.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, on Tuesday, March 7th for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, C. F. Bradley 2, H. Ringrose 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. M. C. Field 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton 9, E. S. Field 10. Also 168 Stedman Triples (W. Middleton conductor) and 395 Grandsire Caters.

REAL SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It does seem remarkable what ridiculous claims the common or garden variety of composers will advance; myself, as an instance, for having claimed to possess a truly wonderful impossibility (according to the tone of Mr. Parker's letter), i.e., 10,000 of Real Superlative, with over 9,000, tenors together. I infer from Mr. Parker's letter that he considers it to be utterly unattainable; that being so, what I now ask will cost him nothing. Being keenly interested in Leicester's Royal Infirmary, will Mr. Parker give a donation of £10 to that institution (it is upheld by public subscription) if my composition is true? Should he have the courage of his own conviction he will make that promise if the peal is false, then nothing will ever coax Fred Dexter to follow mirages again.—Yours truly,
F. H. DEXTER.

BELLS AND BELL RINGING EXHIBITION.

On a recent Friday the Acton Scientific and Literary Society held at their hall a demonstration and exhibit evening, comprising Fossil footprints, by Dr. Sherlock, F.G.S.; astronomical telescopes by J. B. Miles, B.Sc.; a collection of gem stones by Miss H. Mackenzie, B.A., B.Sc.; bells and bell ringing, by Robt. Holloway. Great interest was shown in the old bells and castings, and in the working models of the present-day bell.

Demonstrations of change ringing were given at intervals to a crowded hall on Mr. Lawrence's two sets of beautiful handbells—small and large—which fairly 'brought down the roof.' Altogether the evening was a great success, as at times Mr. Holloway was lost in the crowd around him all anxious to know exactly how church bells were rung, and it was apparent extraordinary ideas of ringing exist in some people's minds. Those who took part in the handbells were: H. Wincote 1—2, W. Lawrence 3—4, Robt. Pardon 5—6, Robt. Holloway 7—8. Models and old bells were very kindly lent by Messrs. W. Lawrence, Mears and Stainbank, and Warner and Sons.

LONG STANTON VICAR'S LOSS.

On Monday, Mar. 27, at Long Stanton, 720 Bob Minor was rung in whole pulls, with the bells muffled at back stroke, in 55½ mins., as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Adelaide Constance Maddock, eldest sister of the Vicar, who was buried in the churchyard next day: W. Hawkes 1, F. J. Cook 2, G. Crisp 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, J. B. Woolley 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of Tonbridge district of the Kent Association was attended by over thirty members. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Clark), Mr. A. M. Darling (churchwarden) read the lesson, and the Rev. F. L. Schriber (Vicar of Shipbourne) gave an excellent address. The Rev. C. E. G. Ryley, Mus.Bac., Vicar of St. Michael's, East Peckham, presided at the organ. Following the service tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting. The Vicar of Tonbridge presided, supported by the two churchwardens and the vicars of Shipbourne and East Peckham. The Vicar of Leigh (the Rev. G. E. Weston) was also present.—The District Secretary extended a hearty welcome to the Vicar of Leigh, and announced that the ringers of that church were to be proposed as members. The secretary's report congratulated the members on a most successful year: 26 new members had been elected and there was a total increase of three on the preceding year. He reported that some repairs had been done at Staplehurst by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, which were quite satisfactory. He regretted to announce that owing to the bad state of the frame and fittings the bells at Lamberhurst could not be rung, and that the authorities there did not take advantage of the offers that were made a few years ago, when, with a little perseverance, he thought that not only would the present six bells have been rehung but two trebles would have been added. The scheme, however, was allowed to drop. Four meetings had been held. The district had suffered a severe loss by the death of their old friend, Miss MacAlpine Leny.

The report was approved.
The Vicar of Tonbridge was elected an hon. member.
Mr. W. Latter was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. Edwards and White representatives on the Central Committee. Fifteen new members were elected, and it was decided to hold meetings this year at Chiddingstone, Westerham, Staplehurst and Speldhurst.
Mr. White gave a short report of the business done at the last Central Committee meeting, stating that the annual meeting was to be held on Easter Monday either at Ashford or Tenterden.
The District Secretary made another appeal for the Association War Memorial, and asked the representatives of the various bands to take a collecting card and bring the matter before their members, and return the cards with the subscriptions as soon as possible.
Mr. White proposed that votes of thanks be accorded to the Vicar and churchwarden of Tonbridge, and to the preacher and organist.—Mr. A. M. Darling replied.
The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Good Friday will necessitate 'The Ringing World' being sent to press a day earlier next week. Advertisements and reports must reach us not later than Monday.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space this week we are obliged to hold over a few peal reports, letters and articles by contributors.

The Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council have had several conferences in London with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. It is hoped on both sides that considerable mutual advantage will be derived from this conference.

The peal of Double Norwich at Mitcham on March 25th, was rung in honour of Mr. J. D. Drewett, the highly respected Master of the Surrey Association, and a member of the College Youths, upon his having been made a Justice of the Peace for the county of Surrey.

The first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on April 7th, 1741. It was a peal by the Eastern Scholars, and remains as one of the landmarks in ringing history.

Twenty years later, in 1761, was rung that remarkable peal at Leeds in Kent, the extent of the changes in Bob Major (40,320) in which 13 men took part, and which began on April 7th and ended on April 8th.

Ten years ago to-morrow the Herts Association rang the 12,160 Bristol Surprise in 7 hrs. 18 mins., at Knebworth.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques in Yorkshire was rung 40 years ago next Monday. This was at Sheffield.

On April 11th, 1888, a peal of 13,265 Grandsire Caters was rung at Appleton, and on April 12th, 1909, that triumph of all tower bell peals, the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins., which eclipsed for number of changes, weight of metal and length of time, anything ever before (or since) rung single-handed.

The anniversary of another record occurs next week, viz., the 14,000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 9 hrs. 24 mins., rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 13th, 1914.

METHOD NAMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The time has now long since gone by when I was open to receive names for the unnamed methods in the Council's Minor Collection. The matter is now in the hands of the Peals Analysis Committee, and with all they have to get through in connection with the Analysis, I feel that its members have a big job in arriving at a final conclusion regarding names. Many claims have to be sifted, and members of the Exercise who have put forward claims must be prepared to receive some disappointments.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. Q. JENKYN Hon. Librarian.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lindoff is quite right when he says that I made my remarks about my irregular 10-part, for my own advantage. And the advantage that I want to get by them is this: to prevent that peal from being hawked about the country any longer as his composition. He says that nothing is easier than for me to produce the printed evidence, but how am I to do this? I only saw one copy at that time, it was a cutting and where it had been published, whether in a paper, or a report, I cannot say. This, however, I can do. I can bring forward evidence that that peal has been rung again and again as his. But this I cannot do until I can get hold of a file of your valuable paper, so he must wait about a month for the evidence that I shall be able to produce, as soon as I can refer to the back numbers of 'The Ringing World.' I may state that the variation that is generally rung as his is in a five-part form with ten singles. If Mr. W. T. Pegler should see this letter, I should be obliged if he would write and say whether he has any recollection of the conversation which Mr. Lindoff asserts never took place.

With regard to the peal under discussion, I can only say again, as I have said before, that I never published it at all, and never knew who first published it. In 1903 I was away in Switzerland, and I never saw a ringing paper, or had any knowledge of what was going on in the Exercise from 1902 until I took up ringing again in 1911, and I never knew that Mr. Lindoff had laid claim to my composition until he wrote and told me so last summer.—Yours faithfully,

E. BANKES JAMES.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On March 7th, at the Parish Church, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: *A. W. Bond 1, E. Bishop 2, E. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—On March 14th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: A. W. Bond 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, S. Palmer 5, *H. A. Heard 6, H. W. L. Wells 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. * First touch in the method.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. A. T. KING. INTERMENT AT STEVENAGE.

With a simple but impressive service, the mortal remains of the late Mr. Arthur T. King were laid to rest in the churchyard at Stevenage on Thursday of last week. Mr. King, whose sudden death is lamented by the whole Exercise, died, as recorded in our last issue, while on his way to church to attend morning service, on Sunday, March 26th. He got as far as the church, and on the steps he collapsed. He was taken into the vestry, but it was found that he had already passed away, death having apparently taken place instantaneously, from heart failure.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral, but the widow was unable to be present on account of shock from which she was suffering, and the bitterly cold weather which prevailed. The family mourners included: Dr. William H. King and Quartermaster Corporal-Major P. L. King, Life Guards (sons), Mrs. Margetts and Miss K. King (daughters), Miss Margetts (grand-daughter), Mr. King (brother), and a sister. Others present included the deceased gentleman's late colleagues at the National Debt Office, and friends from Barnet, as well as the following ringers, representing the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P. (hon. treasurer), Mr. Wm. Pyc (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. James Parker, Miss E. K. Parker, Mr. G. R. Pyc, and Mr. J. R. Sharman. Mrs. J. Parker and Mrs. W. J. Bowden were also present.

The service was conducted by Canon Morgan Smith (Rector of Stevenage), assisted by the Rev. Digby J. Leavoyd (Rector of Debden, Essex, late curate of Barnet, and a great friend of Mr. King's), who read the lesson. The organist and choir were present, and in addition to the special Psalm, the hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing,' and the 'Nunc Dimittis' were sung. The committal was said by the Rector of Stevenage, and the closing prayers by the Rector of Debden.

Immediately at the close, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave by C. T. Coles 1-2, Miss E. K. Parker 3-4, G. R. Pyc 5-6, W. Pyc 7-8, J. Parker 9-10.

There were a large number of flowers, including a beautiful wreath with the inscription, 'With deepest sympathy from the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples (recorded elsewhere) was rung the same evening at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by special permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, and on Saturday an attempt was made at the Church of St. George-in-the-East for a half-muffled peal of Bristol Surprise Major, but this unfortunately failed, after 2½ hours' ringing.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Thursday evening, March 30th, by the local band, six courses Grandsire Caters were rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late President of the Middlesex County Association.

At Willesden, Middlesex, with the bells half-muffled the 'whole pull and stand,' followed by 432 of Grandsire Triples, was rung by E. H. Kilby 1, B. Poskett 2, G. M. Kilby 3, C. Lankester 4, F. H. Crook 5, R. Kilby 6, H. Kilby (conductor) 7, P. Norton 8.

A letter of condolence from the Central Council has been sent to the widow by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Alex. Young), who referred to Mr. King's service to ringing, and especially to the Council, where his knowledge, help and influential support, will be sadly missed.

'Once a Beginner' writes: 'I was deeply grieved to read in your issue of March 31st of the death of Mr. Arthur T. King, and hasten to tender my sympathy to the Middlesex County Association on their loss. Indeed, not only the Middlesex Association, but the whole Exercise, has lost a hand and brain that was for ever at their service. Mr. King was one of those rare men who was for ever doing something for the common good, and by far the greater portion of his work was never known to the rank and file of ringers.'

'I well remember the rather gusty meeting at Ealing in 1897, when the Association came into being as a county organisation. It had been my humble duty at the last minute to whitewash the belfry ceiling for the occasion, and I got such a wiggling from good old Jack Basden because I had not cleaned up all my "litter".'

'Mr. King had a task set him which only one with his powerful personality and keen brain could have safely undertaken. To launch a new ship in the midst of an already congested stream, in the face of very decided opposition from the older societies was a task that few would have been able to bring to such a successful conclusion as he did. In after years I have heard him alluded to as "the King of Middlesex," and he was in truth supreme, as no one could approach him for tactfulness and thought for others and their feelings, and I dare say without fear of contradiction that Mr. King's name will be found written on the scroll with ink that has not faded when those who sought to belittle his aims have long been forgotten among men. There are many who knew him by name only, but many more knew him and loved him for his ever hearty greeting on all occasions, and we all deeply feel the loss of our old friend and adviser.'

WHY ST. EDMUNDSBURY? SUFFOLK SECRETARY REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your two Norfolk correspondents are not quite in touch with the position as it is in Suffolk. I have always been in favour of such a move as the secretary of the old Norwich Association now advocates, but there are two objections to the way it has now been done: one external, the other internal.

(1) When I wrote on the matter in your columns last year, you drew our attention to the fact that the Ely Association has a residuary interest in West Suffolk. The latter has given up its largest branch in order that a society may be formed for the new Diocese. And it is clearly both wrong and discourteous for the Norwich Association to take advantage of this generous act, to try and snatch this territory, without consulting the Ely Association first.

(2) The title of the old Norwich Association is fixed by a rule which can only be altered at a general meeting after due notice. Yet we find that, without any notice at all, this alteration has been made at a committee meeting of a branch at which, I am informed, there was not a quorum present; apparently a small district meeting has since supported the change, but how this effects its validity I do not see.

With regard to the Suffolk Diocesan Association, the criticisms are premature, for as will be seen from your advertisement columns, the latter is still in a preliminary stage, and will be till April 29th at least. Certain ringers in Suffolk wish to have a society of their own, now that they have a Diocese of their own. Whether they number 80 or 800, only concerns themselves. They wish no harm, but everything that is good, to the old Norwich Association, and as far as ringers in East Suffolk are concerned, would be glad to work in with the old Association; and I have no doubt that if Norfolk ringers would cease their well-intentioned but misdirected efforts, we shall 'all live happily together ever afterwards.'—Yours sincerely,
HERBERT DRAKE.

Dear Sir,—In reply to my friend Mr. Burton, I quite agree that Suffolk 'Diocesan' is incorrect. By the request of several clergy, and, at the suggestion of our general secretary, the word 'county' was dropped, and the word 'Diocesan' inserted. On my own part I am for the original word 'county.'

I would like to state that 'the body' of 80 ringers has never attempted to dictate to the Association of 400, nor wishes to do so. The Ipswich Branch of the N. and I.A., without doubt, is a strong one; but not the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Branch; as Mr. Burton must have known after the meeting at Hadleigh that the ringers of St. Edmundsbury district did not leave a weak sister society with the intention of strengthening a stronger one, which would have been a bit 'shady.' I still ask, 'Why St. Edmundsbury?' when the word is meaningless, as it is the members that make an Association, and not the territory.—Yours truly,
Lavenham,
S. H. SYMONDS.

RINGING IN AMERICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter published in your issue of March 31st from A. C. Limpus, Vancouver, B.C. He, with his fellow ringers, is to be congratulated in maintaining a band of ringers that enable them to ring regularly. There must be something of a 'home touch' that enables them to do it and no difficulties to contend with such as we meet with in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

I appreciate his correcting me. My information as to location of peals, ringing activities, etc., was obtained from Dr. A. H. Nicholls, of Boston, who I understand, has kept himself in touch with all activities among bells in America for the last 40 or 50 years. Evidently his records were not complete. I feel sure he will appreciate any information Mr. Limpus can impart to him. After writing my letter—the one Mr. Limpus refers to—I received a letter from Mr. A. P. Goddard, I believe it was, if my memory serves me correctly, of Vancouver, too late for me to correct myself as to the activities of the band there.

I would take this opportunity of stating that I answered all letters received by me from England, up to the time of my departure from Boston. I hope that when I return I shall see a few additions to our band, as I received a number of promising letters.

I might add, for the benefit of any sailor ringers who might call at Boston, or some near-by port in the U.S.A., that we can be reached by telephoning or writing Dr. A. H. Nicholls, 55, Mount Vernon Street Boston, or Richard Newton, Merchants Bank State Street, Boston.—Yours truly,
Bedford, April 4th, 1922.
ALEXANDER MATTHEWS.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Tuesday, February 14th, 720 Doubles, comprising two six-scores of Plain Bob, and four six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently, in 28 mins.: F. Venables 1, W. Lycett 2, W. Clay (conductor) 3, A. Shotton 4, E. V. Rodenburg 5, H. Austin 6. This is the first attempt for a 720 by the ringers of treble and tenor, who belong to the local band.

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NEW METHODS.

MR. WILLIAM PYE CRITICISES MODERN PRODUCTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leading article of the 31st March you launch an attack on present-day Surprise ringers. Your attack is a very poor one, and does not need a very strong defence to withstand it. My contention is this, that unless new methods are in some way superior to old ones we are not advancing in the least by ringing them. The only Surprise method on eight bells that is any good, which has been produced during the last century is Bristol, which is without doubt a beautiful method, and Mr. James has every reason to be proud of it. He has told us that he has had such methods as Dublin, Suffolk, Guildford and Premier, as long as he has had Bristol, and that they were taken from it, but were worthless, compared with Bristol—which is quite true. To place these methods, before the Exercise after Bristol is like giving anyone champagne till he could not drink any more, and then ask him to take water for a change. They are what you would commonly call 'throw outs,' which means they are all defective. Take Suffolk, for instance. The front work is Bristol reversed. The result is you have two places in a course when 7—8 do double dodging the wrong way, and there are four places in every lead where bells lie still in 5—6, which should always be avoided, for dodging is always preferable to that. In addition to that you have a bell in 7—8 for a whole lead and seven pull dodging at a bob, which is too long. It is also robbed of its clean proof scale, which gives less scope for composition. Dublin is a little improvement on Suffolk, as it has a clean proof scale and 7, 8, always dodge the right way. Premier has little to recommend it, as it is not on the lengthening lead plan, which does not improve its musical properties. It is like going back from Treble Bob to Bob Major for a change. Guildford, too, has little to recommend it, and it cannot be said that any of these methods are more intricate than either Bristol or London, for anyone who can ring Bristol has little or nothing to learn, and the only novelty in them is destroyed very often, as they are sometimes rung before publication, and the only persons they appeal to are those that will go for anything that is fresh. Double Dublin is about the best method, and that is spoilt by the work in 5—6 and behind. The latest bombshell is Double Superlative, which is a beautiful method spoilt. Too many calls spoil any Surprise method, but when you get four calls in two leads it's the limit. You have the treble hunting one bell for two leads and another bell hunting that, so that it is like having three trebles, and 7, 8 are retained in 3—4 or 5—6 a lead at a time. Although you have the M and W leads, the method is robbed of a lot of its best changes, and by shortening the courses you do not often increase your scope for composition. I am afraid our Leicester friend will find, if he publishes a 9,000 with the tenors together, that he will have a rude awakening.

In conclusion I say let ringers please themselves what they ring. At any rate I shall. No one would welcome a really good method more than your humble, but I certainly shall not go for freaks of nature.—Yours, etc.,

W. PYE.

We wish Mr. Pye had carried his analysis further, and pointed out the defects of the three methods, to which so many Surprise ringers limit their operations—Superlative, Cambridge and London. We are sure he could have found many points to criticise. Like Premier, which Mr. Pye says has little to recommend it, neither of the methods mentioned are on the lengthening lead plan and thus their musical properties are not improved. Like Suffolk, they are without a clean proof scale, and nothing gives less scope for composition than Cambridge, which has a defect that would not be tolerated in any modern method, viz., that of four bells lying still twice in each lead. Then, too, the beauties of Superlative are marred by the fact that it is impossible in a peal to avoid having the 2nd dodge with the tenor—a 'musical' blemish which some, at any rate, of the other methods can be made to escape. In some respects, therefore, the old methods so religiously adhered to are no better than some of the new ones. But there are others besides those analysed above. The fact that the novelty of these new methods is destroyed by someone ringing them before they are published is no fresh detriment to the subsequent ringing of them by others, for Superlative, Cambridge and London had the novelty knocked out of them a hundred years ago. The whole point of our last week's article was to show that in Surprise methods the bulk of ringers practise little beyond those methods which were rung a century ago.

* GET OUT OF THE RUT.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article on the above-named subject, I feel that a slight has been put on many of the ringers that endeavour to keep the Exercise alive.

While it is great to see the many performances the men at Leiston and Whitley Bay have put up, yet it should be borne in mind that these ringers all reside very near one another, and are, therefore, able to practise continually with practically the same band.

Now, in many cases peals are rung by mixed bands at various churches, and some of these, although only in such methods of Grand-sire, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, are often only ob-

tained at great trouble and expense to these ringers, besides the long distances they have to travel to ring them. Of course, in these circumstances, nobody would expect them to ring such methods as London, as they are unable to practise together regularly.

No disrespect is intended to the brothers Bailey or Gofton.—Yours sincerely,

D. N.

Our reference was not to those who are unable to practise methods other than they now ring, but to those who, having the facilities, are content to go on ringing, without any efforts to introduce even variety, the methods which our great grandfathers rang.—Ed. 'R.W.'

TWO SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Permit me a word of comment on two points recently brought forward in your correspondence columns.

With regard to the first, I see that I am already too late as far as Bristol is concerned. Now that annual dinners are being established in various quarters, the question may be raised, whether such gatherings may not occasionally be held in the middle of the week, so that clerical members of the ringing fraternity may have a chance of attending them without the necessity of being absent from their parishes on the following Sunday. To provide for their Sunday duties is in most cases both difficult and expensive and the result of the present practice is to debar almost all the clergy from taking part in these enjoyable gatherings except the few that happen to live in the immediate locality.

The other matter is the 'Norwich and Ipswich' controversy. As one whose first recollection of ringing is the sound of St. Mary's bells, Woodbridge, in the seventies, I have been following this discussion with interest. Mr. Burton very properly points out that 'Suffolk' Diocesan' is practically meaningless. On the other hand, such a cumbersome title as 'Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association' is destined to collapse under its own weight. (What a mouthful for the secretary introducing new members of the Central Council!) Is not the most sensible solution of the problem to rename the whole society 'The Norfolk and Suffolk Association,' and then divide it into two main branches (a) Norwich Diocesan, (b) St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan, with further territorial subdivisions, such as East and West Suffolk? This suggestion is somewhat analogous to the arrangement in Lancashire, where Liverpool Diocese forms a branch of the County Association.—Yours truly, Kington Magna, F. LI. EDWARDS.

SUTTON COLDFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death, on March 15th, of Mr. George Roberts of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. The deceased joined the Sutton Coldfield Parish Church band about 34 years ago, and (except for a brief period) remained a member until his death.

Previous to the year 1889, change ringing had not been practised in Sutton Coldfield by a local band, but about the latter date, deceased with several other young men became associated with the Parish Church tower, the leader of which at that time was the present deputy parish clerk (Mr. T. Matthews). The band thus augmented decided, with the assistance and consent of the Church authorities, to learn the art of change ringing. Accordingly, an instructor was engaged, and such progress was made that on 3rd October, 1891, a peal of 5,040 changes was rung in which six of the local ringers took part; and this was the first peal that the deceased took part in. Since that time he had taken part in numerous peals, and had rung in practically every tower containing eight bells in the district. He was a member of the Warwickshire Guild, the Worcestershire Association, the Staffordshire Archdeaconry Society, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Some of his peals were notable, and included a 'George' peal rung at Harborne Parish Church on St. George's Day, 1920. His last 5,040 was rung on the Abbey bells, Erdington, on 27th January—a muffled peal in memory of the late Pope.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the 18th March at the Cemetery, Sutton Coldfield, and in the evening his late campanological colleagues attempted to ring a muffled peal on the Parish Church bells as a tribute of respect; and very appropriately Mr. B. W. Witchell, of Erdington, who conducted Mr. Roberts' first peal over 30 years ago, acted as conductor. One of the sidemen of the Parish Church (Mr. F. Dickens) who also rang in the deceased's first peal, took part in the funeral peal. Unfortunately, a change course took place after 2,500 changes had been rung. The band was: F. Dickens 1, J. Pemberton 2, G. Garrison 3, T. Bloore 4, B. Witchell 5, C. Waitman 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8.

The ringers hope to fix in the tower some permanent record to his memory.

The deceased leaves a widow and young family, to whom the greatest sympathy is extended by a wide circle of friends.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. W. W. GIFFORD.

Amount previously acknowledged £8 4s.; Mr. F. White, 10s. 6d.; Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, 10s.; total £9 4s. 6d.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. L. Harris Britford, Salisbury, or Mr. F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury, joint hon. secretaries.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON. — St. John-at-Hackney.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for British Legion service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, Albert Coles 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, Arthur Coles 4, H. G. Alford 5, E. D. Lillywhite 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, A. Howell 8.

LONG STANTON.—On April 2nd, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Hawes 1, C. W. Cook 2, F. J. Cook 3, G. Crisp 4, J. B. Woolley (conductor) 5, W. H. J. Hooton 6.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, April 2nd, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Landon 1, A. Riggall (first in the method) 2, H. M. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day (conductor) 5, G. Wells 6. First 720 of Surprise as conductor.—For evening service, 420 of spliced Double and Single Bob: H. Holmes 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, W. A. Day 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 53 mins.: C. Mitchell 1, H. H. Mance 2, W. Dean 3, G. Watkin 4, A. Newman 5, C. Ottley (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 6, E. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Hewson 10.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, 720 of Doubles (240 each of St. Clement's, St. Simon's and Grandsire): B. Cornell 1, H. Cornell 2, J. Martin 3, W. Head 4, V. Cornell 5. Also 240 of Stedman Doubles: 11. Day treble. Conducted by V. Cornell.—For evening service, 600 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's and Grandsire, and 120 of Plain): W. Fayers 1, W. Head 2, P. King 3, H. Day 4, V. Cornell (conductor) 5.

WALTHEAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, March 19th, after evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: Ronald Wilson 1, H. T. Scarlett 2, A. Mason (conductor) 3, J. C. Adams 4, H. F. Hull 5, R. Maynard, senr. 6, W. H. Freeman 7, G. T. Coles 8.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: F. Hancock 1, B. Ditcher 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. Humphries 4, P. Jervis 5, W. Ashman 6, C. Booth 7, J. Morton (conductor) 8. Composed by R. Lathbury, and taken from 'The Ringing World' of March 11th.—For morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Hancock 1, B. Ditcher 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. Humphries 4, J. Morton (conductor) 5, W. Ashman 6, P. Jervis 7, C. Booth 8.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, March 12th, at St. Peter Mancroft, 364 Stedman Cinques: J. E. Burton 1, R. Hardy 2, Miss H. M. Durrant 3, Miss L. L. Bill 4, G. Claxton 5, G. Sparks 6, G. P. Burton 7, F. R. Copeman 8, F. J. Howchin 9, G. Mayers 10, G. H. Cress (conductor) 11, F. W. Curtis 12. First in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 12th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Great Totham: C. Bowen 1, C. Preston 2, Alice Preston 3, W. Wheelton, junr., 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheelton, senr. (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band.—For evening service, 720 Lichfield Surprise by the above, conducted by Wm. Fradley.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, March 12th, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for Mass, a quarter-peal (1,260) of Stedman Triples: J. W. Seamer (conductor) 1, C. McGuinness 2, H. L. Pask 3, L. Snell 4, H. Marcon 5, G. Flintham 6, J. A. Freeman 7, C. Bee 8. This quarter-peal was specially arranged for the conductor, who hails from S. Andrew's, Grimsby.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holfield 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, J. Honey 3, G. Blay 4, E. Humphrey 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6, F. Barrett 7, A. E. Lock 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on March 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. W. Jones 1, W. Wilson 2, F. Berks 3, J. Warrilow 4, F. V. Haggis 5, F. Sear 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, G. Booth 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Hawkes 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, G. Crisp 4, J. B. Woolley 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Payne 1, F. Webb 7, J. Bowerman 3, J. Judge 4, Walter Judge 5, J. Franklin 6, L. Tuffrey (conductor) 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, on Sunday, March 12th 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: J. Rodwell 1, W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, F. Lightning 4, F. Rose (conductor) 5, W. Rose, junr. 6.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Louis Head's one-part peal), in 46 mins.: J. M. Poyntz (longest length) 1, F. E. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Ridley 4, G. W. Sorrell 5, A. Heal 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, W. Lincoln 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 4th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: F. Hayes 1, W. Tack 2, W. Sermons 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Howard 5, R.

Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringers of 4th and 6th. First as conductor.—On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hayes 1, W. Sermons 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Howard 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 23 mins, with H. Howard 5th, in place of A. Howard.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, 720 College Single: N. Hayes 1, W. Sermons 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Howard 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Tack 1, W. Sermons 2, H. Howard 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Howard 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On February 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Cyril Herbert (conductor) 1, Chas. Matthews 2, David Jones 3, Ernest Herbert 4, S. Avis 5, H. D. Harris 6, Edmund Hobbs 7, Horace Smith 8. Rung on the occasion of His Grace the Duke of Bedford's birthday.

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34562	9 in 3	235146	2-4-7-9-11
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GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In reply to 'Plain Bob,' re the cracked bell at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, he is quite right. Apathy of the Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths who control the tower, coupled with the rotten system of £ s. d. for the ringing, which is done there only on that basis. Previous to 1914 I commenced cycling over to Cambridge for a practice at Great St. Mary's, hoping to find a band where one could learn; and they used to stand down in the street and debate whether they should go up or not, with the result it was more often 'not.' Cambridge, which should be the live wire of ringing in the association, is a dead letter. The various clergy always seem to find the £ s. d. to decorate the east end of the church, but the west end is very often a dustbin for any rubbish that may accumulate.—Yours truly,

R. LATHBURY.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at St. Margaret's, Angmering, on Saturday, April 1st, members being present from Arundel, Brighton, Henfield, Shoreham, Kirdford, Heene, and the local band.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and the company, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Pearson) partook of tea at the church rooms. An excellent repast was provided, to which the members did full justice.

The business meeting followed, the Rector taking the chair, supported by his churchwarden (Mr. O. Chaplin).

The Rector having given a short address of welcome to the association, Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected hon. secretary and Messrs. H. Stallham, P. Doick and E. H. Lindup were again elected to the committee for the ensuing year.—The committee of advice was also re-elected, viz. Messrs. W. Charman, J. Burdfield and T. Burtenshaw.

Five new members were elected: Messrs. L. West, C. Smart and W. Wadey, from Angmering; and Messrs. R. Birch and E. Jarvis, from Arundel.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Billingshurst in June.

The Secretary, after making his report, expressed regret at the recent loss of two respected members of the division, by the death of Mr. G. Garland, of Steyning, and Mr. T. Lindfield, of Angmering. As a mark of respect to their memory the company present stood in silence.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, and also for providing the excellent tea.—Thanks were also given to Mr. Chaplin for supporting him.

After the meeting the company again visited the bells which were kept going till 8 o'clock in various methods.

It was the opinion of those present that these bells were sadly in need of the attention of a bell hanger.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on April 8th. Those requiring tea should notify me by April 5th. Shepton Mallet and Douling bells are available from 3 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, April 4th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Penistone, Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on April 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on April 8th at Braughing, the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head. Business meeting after. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: Bishopsgate, April 10th; Wilton Road, April 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th and Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The S.E.R. Co. will convey parties of not less than twelve at a single fare and a third. The form of application for reduced fares can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., also dinner tickets (1s. each). For either or both apply soon.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the association will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 17th. The committee will meet in St. Paul's Institute at 2.30. There will be a service in St. Paul's Church at 3.15. A meat tea, at 2/6 per head, will be ready at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's Institute, to be followed immediately by the General Annual Meeting of the Association. The times for ringing have been fixed as under: Parish Church and St. Paul's Church, 10 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock; St. Mark's Church, Winhill, 12 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock. Owing to Bank Holiday, very special arrangements have to be made for tea, and the local committee wish me to make it very clear that it will be impossible to provide tea in the Institute except for those who give notice of their intention to be present to Mr. J. Griffin, Local Hon. Sec., 11, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than first post on Thursday, April 13th.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. A start will be made at 10 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Church, also Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrew's bells will be available all day. There will be a committee meeting for officers of the association at Great St. Mary's Vestry, followed by service in the church at 12 o'clock. Lunch (2/6) at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, followed by the meeting. Notice of motion to reach the General Secretary ten days before that date. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—V. Shorter, Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke Street, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Will members of this district who intend to go to Ashford on Easter Monday send their names to me as soon as possible, as I have a quotation for a charabanc; twenty-eight required? Names must be sent early to secure the vehicle.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Carlton in Cleveland on Easter Monday next, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. Dinner in the School Room at 1 p.m. Service in the Church at 3 p.m. Those intending to be at Dinner must notify the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, April 10th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Pontefract on Easter Monday, April 17th. By the kindness of the respective Vicars, the bells at the Parish Church (10) and All Saints' Church (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/10 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Tuesday, April 11th. The annual report will be on sale at this meeting.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Cathedral and St. Peter's towers open at 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's at any time, by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m. Meat tea 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Let your Secretary know if you are coming to tea.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 9.30 a.m. Service in St. Paul's at 12 noon. Preacher: The Rev. Guy Beech, Rector of Turvey. Luncheon in the Drill Hall, St. Loyes, at 1 p.m., to be followed by the Business meeting. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Wooburn, Bucks (Bourne End Station), on Easter Monday. Service at Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall (adjoining) at 5.15, and business meeting at 6 p.m. The following towers will be open for visitors and friends: Slough 10-11, Cookham 12-1, Beaconsfield 10-11 and High Wycombe 11 to 1 p.m. Road motor cars available and Great Western and Great Central trains. The 'Welcome' Tavern at Wooburn will provide a cold luncheon (1s. 6d. per head) at 1 o'clock, if ordered four days previously. Please advise the Secretary how many will be present.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4 p.m.; tea, Church Hall 4.30 and meeting 5.15 p.m. Bells available throughout the day. All ringers welcome. Many towers in district open for the day. For particulars apply to John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 prompt. Chairman, The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.15 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 12th. As the allowance will not cover cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, and Reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Suffolk Branch.—A General meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th. By permission of the Revs: Garrett and Wood, the bells of Helmingham and Framsdon will be available throughout the day. Business meeting to follow Dinner, which will be served at the White Hart, Otley, at 1.30 p.m., 3/6 per head. Members intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Monday, April 10th. Buses passing Helmingham Church leave Ipswich 10.30 a.m., Debenham, 9 a.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The Annual meeting of the Division will be held at Ditchling on Easter Monday. Tower open at 2. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) at 5. Business meeting to follow. Keymer tower will also be open from 1 till 4, and in the evening. Secretaries are asked to notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 11th, how many will be present from their towers.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. H. White, Pinehurst, Mickleham, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, April 12th?—A. J. Trappit, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Postponed meeting of Feb. 4th will take place on Easter Monday at Brading. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.30. All requiring tea please notify by 7th April.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W., Hon. Dist. Sec.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Norwich Diocesan Branch.—A General meeting of this Branch will be held at Wymondham on Easter Monday, April 17th. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. S. Martin-Jones, M.A.), the ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon will be served at the Green Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, tickets 3/6 each; followed by the general business meeting for the election of officers, etc. Members are earnestly requested to notify to the Secretary not later than Thursday, April 13th, their intention of being present at the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Birstall on Saturday, April 22nd. Draw 2.30. For entries and tea tickets write to H. Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall, not later than Monday, April 17th.—W. Frith, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 3 to 9. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea at Hare and Hounds, 9d. each, to all sending word not later than April 20th to H. F. Cooper, Dist. Master, Red Lion, Stisted, near Braintree, Essex.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will take place at Holcombe Rogus (6) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.15. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by the previous Tuesday?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Local Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than April 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. with address by

the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Kitcat). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Hall. The cost of the tea will be 1s. per head, and as a guarantee of 50 has to be given, all who intend being present should advise either of the undersigned not later than April 18th. The ringing arrangements are as follows: St. John's (10) from 3.5 p.m. and after the meeting, St. Andrew's (8) from 3.15 to 4.40 and afterwards until 9.15. Members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 29th. Meeting at 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Further particulars to be announced.—F. L. Edwards, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in by April 25th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Patron: The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop. President: The Ven. Archdeacon Farmiloe. Secretary for Archdeaconry of Sudbury: Rev. R. L. Gardner, Rector of Chelsworth, Ipswich. Secretary for Archdeaconry of Suffolk: Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich.—A meeting for the whole Diocese will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, Ipswich, on Saturday, April 29th, at 3 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, and St. Matthew's. All Suffolk ringers are invited to this meeting, so that any opinion may be expressed before the organisation is finally settled. The business will be to finally pass the rules, and arrange the programme for 1922. The subscription (for 1922) was due on January 1st; it is 2s. each for clergy and ringers alike, with an entrance fee of 6d. Honorary Members 5s. the first year, and 2s. 6d. in subsequent years.—Herbert Drake, Diocesan Secretary, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, March 28th, 1922.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The quarterly meeting of this Society was held at All Saints', Lower Edmonton, on Saturday, April 1st. The bells were kept going until 5.30 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Room, 24 members being present. The business meeting followed, and it was resolved to put the war memorial (to be erected in the porch at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch) in hand as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held early in July, and the secretary was instructed to write to Beddington in the hope of holding the meeting there.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the helpers closed the meeting. The tower was again visited, and all methods up to London Surprise rung. A very pleasant time was spent.

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