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BRISTOL—AND SOME REFLECTIONS.

The anniversary of the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major, which occurs on Sunday, leads to the reflection that this is the only modern Surprise method which has become really popular. This first peal was rung at Brighton on February 22nd, 1901, at a period when the band of St. Peter's Church were leading the way in the introduction of new Surprise methods. The company had rung several others before this, and there was nothing at the time to lead one to imagine that Bristol would become any more fancied than were some of the rest that were being brought to light. But gradually the excellencies of the method began to be realised, and, offering something really distinctive in its actual practice, Bristol gradually came to be looked at by bands capable of Surprise ringing, and now is the only method in this category that in any way holds its own with London, Cambridge and Superlative in the number of peals rung.

We often wonder why so few bands ever ring anything beyond the four Surprise methods named. It is not because they are not capable; it cannot be because other methods are not worth attention, for, while they may not all be up to the standard of Bristol, it is quite certain that some have musical qualities equal to or better than the other three. It is no fair comparison to set the good points of the old methods against the bad ones of the new, or vice versa; and it is possible for a man who understands methods to pick holes in most of them. We must then, we think, look further than the methods themselves for the explanation. Is it that ringers do not trouble to go beyond what one may call these 'common' methods, because no one else rings them, and there would, therefore, be little or no opportunity to practice them away from one's own tower? If that be so it is rather a poor excuse for putting a brake on progress—for progress includes extending the variety of the methods we ring as well as the intricacy of them. We really think it must be the ultra-conservatism of ringers as a whole that causes this desire to remain on well-beaten tracks; otherwise we should see more bands following the example of the Leiston company and adding other methods to their 'repertoire.' Even in the simpler methods the same argument applies. A band at Willesden rang a number of fresh plain methods last year—a most interesting series—and their experiment might have been expected to lead others to venture on the new ground. But we wonder whether, in ten years' time, any one of them will be in general practice, or whether Plain Bob and Double Norwich will still hold the field almost undisputed, as they have done in the past.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 40 cwt.

COLIN HARRISON Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7
JOHN H. BOWER 2	WILLIAM T. CHOWN 8
*FRANCIS WARD 3	HAROLD NAYLOR 9
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	WALTER ALLWOOD 10
†ALBERT H. WARD 5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Maximus.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 2	CHARLES S. BURDEN 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 10
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
JACK CARMAN 6	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 53 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 9
JOHN H. CREESMAN 4	HAROLD W. CLARKE 10
WILLIAM HEWETT 5	ROEBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. PAINSWICK.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5189 CHANGES;

HERBERT BISHOP Treble	FRANK COLE 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WALTER TRUMAN 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	J. D. GEORGE HARRIS 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	ALFRED HANNIS 10
CHARLES GARDINER 5	JOHN BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	CHARLES BARNFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the record peal of Grand-sire Cinques (13,001 changes), which was rung on Feb. 14th, 1920.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

†THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
WALTER FISHER 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT 7
†THOMAS HAMMOND 3	†ERNEST JONES 8
†CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	EDWARD CAUNCE 9
*SIDNEY F. BARNES 5	*WILLIAM BETLEY Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	*HERBERT J. ELDRED... .. 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 2	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... 7
*HARRY E. BALAAM ... 3	HARRY MILLER 8
ALFRED KING 4	JOHN ARMSTRONG 9
JOHN E. MILLER 5	ALFRED G. CRANE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ARMSTRONG.
Arranged for H. E. Balaam, of Woolton Hill (Hants), and A. King, of Luton, who were elected members of the above association previous to starting. * First peal on ten bells. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the local captain, J. E. Miller.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.	
*S. MILTON Treble	F. H. GARDNER 5
T. LAVER 2	W. S. LETHBRIDGE 6
†W. J. HUXTABLE 3	F. J. DAVEY... .. 7
J. ARBURY 4	H. BEDFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.
* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the church. The above is the 102nd peal for the conductor, 83 of which have been rung to the credit of the Devon Guild.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. in F.	
MISS NORA M. BIBBY... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY C. COLLYER 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Bibby.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.	
†FRANCIS FRASER ... Treble	*JOHN DARTERS 5
CHARLES DEAN 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
PERCY SPICE 3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 7
*WILLIAM ANDERSON... .. 4	*JIM HURRELL Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.
Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Francis Fraser. † First peal in the method. * First peal. P. Spice's 50th peal. First peal on the bells, and first attempt.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. BACON ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... 6
CHARLES P. CHALK 3	STANLEY W. BAYBUTT ... 7
JOSEPH BARRETT... .. 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by HEATH ROBINSON. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.		
ALFRED H. PULLING	GUILDFORD	6FT. 1½INS. ... Treble
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	CROYDON	6FT. 2
REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE	CROWTHORNE	6FT. 4½INS. ... 3
JAMES E. HOBES	NOTTINGHAM	6FT. 3INS. ... 4
PERCY E. BEX	BENLEY HEATH	6FT. 2½INS. ... 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	PORTSMOUTH	6FT. 6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER	SOUTHGATE	6FT. 2INS. ... 7
WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	BIRMINGHAM	6FT. 2INS. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
The company take this opportunity to thank Mr. A. W. Coles, who, owing to illness, was unable to stand in, for obtaining permission to attempt the peal.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HARRIS... .. Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 2	FRANCIS A. WAITE 6
JESSE GILLETT 3	HERBERT BECKETT 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	GEORGE CONDICK... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
Rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich.

CHERITON KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
CHARLES TURNER ... Treble	HAROLD JONES 5
STEPHEN A. BAKER 2	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6
ARTHUR S. BINFIELD 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 7
RICHARD H. STEVENS... .. 4	FRANK A. SLINGSBY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.
First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman by Messrs. Baker and Slingsby. First peal by Mr. Harold Jones, who was proposed a member previous to starting. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles R. Millway.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
RICHARD HAYES ... Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 7
JOHN A. COLE 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
A peal of London Surprise had been arranged, but Mr. Farley, of Wells, unexpectedly calling on the way to his new home at Folkestone, Mr. Melville kindly stood out to allow him to ring his birthday peal.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.	
GEORGE WORTHY... Treble	GEORGE KEMBALL 5
JOHN C. POLLARD 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
WILLIAM AINSWORTH... .. 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
JOHN G. HALL 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.
Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Hedley, who was a life-long worshipper at the Parish Church, and also took the keenest interest in the church, both financially and otherwise, and was vice-chairman of the Church Council.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS BEAUMONT 5
CHARLES WINNER 2	THOMAS JULL 6
CHARLES E. NORRIS 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by G. GILBERT, R.E.
Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN PARKER <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
†GEORGE ADDISON 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4	ALBERT ASTBURY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung on the completion of the new chancel and east window erected to the memory of the late Earl of Madeley, heir to the Earl of Crew.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE R. JONES 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	ROBERT SPERRING 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
*WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.'

WARGRAVE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH HANDS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HIBBERT 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This was arranged as a birthday peal for three 'lads' of the A.S.C.Y., Messrs. H. R. Newton, S. Andrews and R. T. Hibbert, whose birthdays were on Feb. 12th, 13th and 15th respectively.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*CHARLES W. LEE <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
*JAMES BAIN 2	†JOHN PERRY 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † 100th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. J. Bradney. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Ringer of 5th is from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; 6th from Brewood, Staffordshire; remainder from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. It is interesting to note that the first four ringers are only 17 years old.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ALBAN DISNEY <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	FREDK. H. DEXTER ... <i>Treble</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
First Surprise peal on the bells. * First peal of London 'inside.'

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*CLAUDE I. DAVIES <i>Treble</i>	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS W. GILMOOR 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Surprise Major.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WILSON 5
CHARLES SHARPLES 2	JOHN WATSON 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 3	PETER CROOK 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON 4	RICHARD DENNISON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Newton, of U.S.A.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BUSHEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE	HOLMESDALE 874	TONBRIDGE WELLS <i>Treble</i>
*JOHN EDWARD JONES	RICKMANSWORTH 2218	RICKMANSWORTH 2
HENRY HODGETTS	WILSON-ILES 2054	OXHEY 3
STAFFORD H. GREEN	WHITGIFT 3617	TONBRIDGE WELLS 4.
HUBERT EDEN	WILSON-ILES 2054	CXHEY 5
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	{ SEMPER FIDELIS 4393	St. ALBANS 6
	{ ST. ALBANS 2786	
W. G. WHITEHEAD	ABERCORN 1549	BUSHEY 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS	WILSON-ILES 2054	OXHEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WORSHIPFUL MASTER W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This is the first peal by a band of Freemasons in the province or county of Herts. * First peal in any method, and believed to be the first Rickmansworth man to take part in a successful peal for more than 100 years. As Brother Eden is leaving the district permanently, the peal was in the nature of a farewell. Masons and others wish him the greatest success in his new avocation.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger, CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
JOHN CLARK Treble	WILLIAM BISHOP 5
ALFRED T. POULTON 2	EX. SGT. J. WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WALTER T. BENNETT 4	GEORGE WILKES Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Mr. W. T. Bennett, of Mitcheldean. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
*HENRY W. KIRTON 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM 6
LESLIE J. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
JOHN WOOD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal in the method. W. Lincoln's 150th peal. Rung on the 36th anniversary of the treble ringer's first peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
FRANK RUFFLES 4	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.	
FREDERICK BRUNNING ... Treble	GEORGE CATTERNOLE ... 5
JAMES BETTS 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	HARRY MOSS 7
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes, being 480 St. Simon's Doubles, 480 Bob Doubles, and 300 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wadey 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hindes 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6. First quarter-peal by 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
GEORGE WHITING Treble	*LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Single Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the anniversary of his birthday. This peal, together with those rung at Framsdan, Debenham, Eye and Helmingham, were arranged to oblige C.-S.-M. J. Bennett, R.M., whilst on a few days' leave from Chatham.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
JOHN SPENCER Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
JOHN LARTER 2	GEORGE LEE 5
ALFRED H. WATSON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a last tribute of respect to Albert James Naunton, father of the conductor, who was interred in Wrentham Cemetery on the above date. It was the deceased's special wish that the bells should be rung open, and that the method should be Oxford Treble Bob, his favourite.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.	
*DENNIS NEWCOMB Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*PHILLIP G. MORRIS 5
†GEORGE J. BERRY 3	FREDK J. RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERT HUCKLE Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
ALBERT E. AUSTEN 3	CHARLES W. COOK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

First peal on the bells, which have just been recast and rehung, and a new treble added, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the tone and 'go' being excellent.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES TUMBER Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM NYE 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*FRED W. RANDALL Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4
†DAVID SHATFORD 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CHILDWALL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BETLEY Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4
*ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS 2	†GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in three methods. † 150th peal as conductor.

NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	*WILLIAM HUGHES 4
*RICHARD STEPHENS 2	*ALBERT HUGHES 5
*HARRY MIDDLETON, JUN. 3	†THOMAS EMMS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal for 23 years. Rung on the 85th birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Ververs). Also as a farewell peal to him on resigning the living. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Emms, whose 65th birthday fell on the following day. All the ringers except the conductor belong to the local band.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 of Stedman, 2,400 of Grandsire, and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

*GEORGE MILES Treble	†HARRY TURNER 3
ALBERT E. RAINBIRD 2	ERNEST FORBANK 4
WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor	

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Doubles, and 50th peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BATHFORD, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

*THEODORE GRANT Treble	JESSE HALLETT 4
*WILLIAM H. CANNINGS 2	†WILLIAM H. CROCKER 5
*MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	*CHARLES ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*BERY HUCKLE Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
*FRED THURBON 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	F. HUBERT DRING Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal and first attempt. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band thank Mr. F. W. Camps (the local captain) for having the bells in readiness.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12 1925, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT FERN VILLA, CENTRAL ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor, size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	*CHARLES SAMPSON 7-8

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

CYRIL BRETT SMITH 1-2	FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
ROBERT BRETT SMITH 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by F. GROOMBRIDGE. Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER. Referee: Mr. P. O. LAFLIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. Thos. Russam.

CAMPANOLOGY AND FREEMASONRY.**RINGERS AT DINNER.**

On Thursday evening, February 12th, the members of the Watford District of the Hertford County Association held a dinner and social evening at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Watford, the repast being provided by mine host Mr. R. Darlow, an erstwhile member of the Bushey band, and Mrs. Darlow. This part of the programme was much appreciated by the 22 members present, judging from the good humour which was apparent throughout the evening. Mr. C. Horton, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. H. Eden, a former district secretary of the association.

After the loyal toast, a musical programme was enjoyed, songs being rendered by Messrs. Brinklow, Cooper, Freeborn, Gale and Horton.

The toast of the local branch of the association was given by Mr. W. Hodgetts, who referred to the gradual loss of the stalwarts of the art in this district. He mentioned the name of Mr. G. N. Price, who was responsible for many great achievements at Oxhey, also some who were taken from us during the great war, and others who had given up the Art owing, no doubt, to lack of interest. Mr. Hodgetts lamented the state of affairs, and stated that a further loss was shortly to be sustained by the departure from Oxhey of Mr. Eden.

Mr. Horton said that he felt that Mr. Hodgetts was rather pessimistic, and that co-operation and such social gatherings as that now being held would greatly help matters.

Courses of Stedman Caters and Cinques were rung upon handbells during the evening.

It is worthy of note that all the ringers present, with one exception, were Surprise ringers, and several took part on Saturday in a Freemasons' peal at Bushey.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, January 27th, for practice, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cashmore (aged 12), first quarter-peal, 1, R. Foddy (aged 15), first quarter with a bob bell, 2, A. J. Grebn (conductor) 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, F. Case 6, C. Read 7, G. Green 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday, January 31st. A fair number of members were present, considering the bad weather, Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Waltham, and the local towers of St. Andrew's and St. James' being represented. Both peals of eight were available, but owing to weather conditions the members concentrated on St. Andrew's. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung.

Service was held in St. Andrew's, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow), assisted by the Rev. W. D. Chapman. An address was given by the Vicar, who spoke on the duties of ringers.

Tea was held in St. Andrew's Hall at 5 p.m., 25 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed, the president of the district (the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby), presiding, supported by Canon Markham and the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow, and the Rev. W. D. Chapman, Mr. W. Heyhoe kindly deputising for the secretary (Mr. H. Mingay), who was absent through illness.

The president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) was re-elected, as was the secretary (Mr. H. Mingay). Mr. C. W. Taylor was elected representative on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. R. S. Long as Ringing Master, and Mr. G. Blanchard as Deputy Ringing Master. The Rev. T. Russel Warrilow and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Kingerby, were elected hon. members, and the following as performing members: Mr. G. White, Mr. J. Allenby; Mr. F. Smith, of St. James', Grimsby; Mr. F. Pepper, of Barrow-on-Humber; and Mr. W. Howson, of Goxhill. Places and dates of meeting were fixed as follow: Elsham, May 16th; Bigby, June 6th; Thornton Curtis, July 4th; Burton-on-Stather, August 15th; Brigg, September 12th. A combined meeting with the Gainsborough district at Scunthorpe was suggested as an extra meeting.

It was decided to form the Grimsby District Committee again. This committee has been in abeyance for many years. Each tower is requested to inform the secretary of the name of the representative appointed.—Votes of thanks to the president for taking the chair, to the Vicars of St. Andrew's and St. James' for the use of the bells, to the organist, and the caterer, were heartily given, and brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those who proposed to attend the Bedfordshire Association meeting at Milton Ernest to-morrow should note that the meeting is postponed until March 7th.

The ten bells at the Cathedral, Birmingham, are to be broadcast from 7.45 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. It has been suggested that they need recasting before broadcasting, but there is not time for that before next Sunday evening.

The peal at Painswick on Saturday is the fourth successive and successful anniversary celebration of the 13,001 rung in 1921. It must be almost a record to pull off such an unbroken series of commemorative peals.

There is a scheme afoot to abate the noise of the bells when they are being rung at Rowley Regis Parish Church. When completed this should be a source of satisfaction to everyone concerned.

At a recent parochial gathering at Kington Magna, where the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), is Rector, two members of the Sunday School, Gilbert Crew and Harry Hannam, were given prizes for praiseworthy progress in campanology.

The offertories at Kington Magna Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st (the Feast of Candlemas) were devoted to the Ringers' Fund.

The 'long' peal of Stedman Triples at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields was rung on February 7th. Six feet and over was the height of the ringers, and the President of the Central Council, with his 76½ inches, topped the lot.

To-day is the anniversary of the beginning of the Oxford University Guild, which was founded on Feb. 20th, 1872.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Leicester on February 21st, 1903.

An old record of the Ancient Society of College Youths says that they rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Feb. 23rd, 1783, this 'being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other sett of men whatever.'

As London Youths they had previously rung a peal in the method in 1780, 'but as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal.'

On Feb. 26th, 1777, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

INCUMBENTS IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A note in your 'Belfry Gossip' last week records that the Vicar of St. Lawrence (Thanet) paid 31 visits to the tower during the year, and adds: Can any other tower boast of such frequent visits from their Vicar? Yes. At St. Nicholas', North Stonham, Hampshire, we get a visit from our Rector (the Rev. T. Salmon) each time he takes the service, which is, on the average, about once a Sunday, it being a very rare occurrence for him not to enter the ringing room (which, by the way, is on the ground floor). The regret of the band is that he did not keep up his regular practices with them, as the ringing clergy in the Guild are so very few.—Yours, etc.,
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

PREFERMENT OF A RINGER AT TANFIELD.

A piece of good news, and very welcome to his friends, has recently been announced, i.e., the preferment, by the Dean and Chapter of Durham Cathedral, of the Rev. A. W. Lister, M.A., curate of Tanfield, R.S.O., County Durham, to the Vicarage of St. Stephen's, South Shields.

He has been a regular and enthusiastic ringer at the church for several years, and has also done some meritorious work in the parish.

The late Canon T. Hewan Archdall, M.A., his previous Vicar, was at Tanfield for many years, and was always a strong supporter of good change ringing. A request to him for the use of the bells for a peal was rarely turned down.

The training Mr. Lister has received under his guidance will be very useful to him in his new sphere, and his friends wish him every success.

His loss at Tanfield Church tower will be much felt, but with Mr. Henry Tyson, the energetic secretary, at the helm, we trust the temporary gap will soon be filled.

It is gratifying to know that the new Vicar of Tanfield, the Rev. Pestell, M.A., formerly of Durham University, has already enlisted as a new ringer, and has had his first pull at the bells. He has every intention of mastering the art of change ringing.

It is a pity there is no peal of bells at St. Stephen's, South Shields, at present, but we feel assured that this temporary want will be among the first schemes for which the Rev. A. W. Lister will enlist the help of his parishioners to overcome.

CONCERNING CONSTRUCTIONAL SHUNTS.

By J. AEMIGER TROLLOPE.

First of all, I want my reader to ring a course of Plain Bob Major. In the tower, if possible, if not on paper, and in imagination. I want him to study carefully the different coursing orders in that course. He will find that all the working bells keep the same coursing order among themselves throughout (2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 3), but that the treble is in a different position in each lead. She starts between 2 and 3. In the second lead she is between 3 and 5. In the third between 5 and 7. At each lead end she makes one step in coursing order until she has, in regular succession, occupied each of the seven possible positions. When she has completed the cycle she gets back again between 2 and 3, and the bells run round.

Every method which has treble and working bells, contains at least one similar cycle; most methods contain two or more. For instance, in Double Bob you will find that the treble alters her position in coursing order twice in every lead; and during the course completes two full cycles.

The operations which cause these alterations in the position of the treble in coursing order we call 'Constructional Shunts'; and my present object is to explain the various ways in which these alterations can be made. These constructional shunts will themselves produce a great number and variety of methods, but many methods (including practically every Treble Bob method) contain other work, which is called 'Additional Shunts.' With them we are not at present concerned.

For the sake of clearness and to avoid having to write largely in general terms, I am going to deal only with Major methods, which have one plain hunting treble and seven 'Extreme' or 'Working Bells.' But all I say can, with the necessary verbal alterations, be applied to all methods on all numbers.

The various Constructional Shunts are as follows:—

A. THE EXTREMES.

1. The Extreme Before. The bell the treble turns from the front makes second's place, the bells above dodging.
2. The Extreme Behind. The bell the treble turns from behind makes seventh's place, the bells below dodging.

EXAMPLES.

1. 21345678 12436587 12345678 21436587	2. 87654321 78563421 87654321 78563421
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B.—THE COURT SHUNTS.

3. R. Court Shunts, and
4. P. Court Shunts.

The bell coursing immediately in front of the treble (hunting up) makes any one internal place, the bells above dodging. The place-making bell then crosses the treble's path, and immediately makes another place (the bells below dodging).

Or, the bell coursing immediately in front of the treble (hunting down) makes any one internal place, the bells below dodging. The place-making bell then crosses the treble's path, and immediately makes another place (the bells above dodging).

The two places and the accompanying dodging together form one operation.

- R. Court Shunts are those made at back stroke.
- P. Court Shunts are those made at hand stroke.

EXAMPLES:—

3. 12345678 21436587 24135678 42316587 24361857 42638175	4. 78563412 75836142 78581624 75813264 57183624 51738264
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5. R. Single Court Shunts, and
6. P. Single Court Shunts.

The bell coursing immediately in front of the treble (hunting up) makes any one internal place, the bells above dodging. All the bells then plain hunt until the place-making bell (hunting up) again crosses the treble's path (hunting down), when another place is made, the bells above dodging.

- R. Single Court Shunts are those made at back stroke.
- P. Single Court Shunts are those made at hand stroke.

EXAMPLES:—

5. 12345678 21436587 24135678 42316587 43261857 34628175 26482715 66847251	6. 21436587 24163857 42613587 46231857 64328175 63492715 36847251 38674521
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68374521 86735412 87663142 78561324 75816342 57183624	83765412 87356142 78581624 75813264 57183624 51738264
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7. The London Court Shunt.

The bell coursing immediately in front of the treble makes any one internal place, the bells above dodging. The place-making bell then crosses the treble's path, hunts down and makes any one internal place away from the treble's path, the bells below dodging. All the bells then plain hunt until the place-making bell (hunting up) again crosses the treble's path (hunting down), when a third place is made, the bells above dodging.

EXAMPLE:—

7. 24163857
42618375
46281357
64323175
68432715
86347251
68374521
86735412
87653142
78561324
75816342
57183624

The result of all these seven Constructional Shunts is the same. It is to reverse the positions in coursing order of the treble and the bell immediately next before it. Each shunt is one step in the treble's cyclical path in coursing order. In the plain course on eight bells each shunt puts the treble from between 2 and 3 to between 3 and 5; and brings up the lead end 13527486.

C.—THE SLOW WORK SHUNTS.

One or more of the bells which the treble (hunting up) leaves on the front, remain in the same position until the treble returns, when all the bells plain hunt. The slow work bells are the bells coursing immediately after the treble.

EXAMPLES:—

1-Bell Slow Work Shunt. 12345678 21436587 24163857 24618375 26481735 26847153 28674513 28765431 27856341 27583614 25788164 25371846 23517486 23154768 21345678 12436587 14263857	4-Bell Slow Work Shunt. 12345678 21436587 24163857 42678375 46281735 46287153 46287513 46285731 64825371 64823517 64823157 64321375 68412735 86147253 81674523 18765432 17856342
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The result of a Slow Work Shunt is that the treble is put forward in coursing order as many positions in coursing order as there are Slow Work bells. Thus, the lead end produced by a 1-Bell Slow Work Shunt is 14263857. By a 2-Bell Slow Work Shunt 6482735. By a 3-Bell Slow Work Shunt 8674523. And so on.

These Constructional Shunts include every one of the operations by which the position of the treble can be altered in coursing order. They can be used in combination, several shunts being made in a single lead. But, of course, the work of one must not interfere with the work of another. For instance, if you have a Slow Work Shunt you cannot in the same lead have an Extreme Behind, for the latter would upset the Slow Work Shunt. You will also notice that several of these shunts produce features that are not desirable in a finished method. P. Court Shunts and Slow Work Shunts cause bells to lie still for more than two consecutive blows. The majority of the Court Shunts are not symmetrical about the treble's path. But there are means by which these blemishes can be removed, and they do not lessen the value and use of these Constructional Shunts in producing good methods. However, we need not trouble about that now. What we are concerned with for the moment, is what Constructional Shunts are, and the work they do in producing a method.

All these Constructional Shunts can be applied directly to Treble Bob methods, and there are in addition one or two variations which are peculiar to that Principle.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**HEALTHY SIGNS IN WESTERN BRANCH.**

A very successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Powick, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. A fine day and a good bus service helped to make a record attendance, 50 members being present, including the Rev. F. G. Copeland, of Madresfield, Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary), Mr. J. Hemming (Southern Branch secretary), and Mr. and Miss Johnson, of Evesham, while nearly every tower in the branch was represented. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and except for a break during service was kept up till 9 p.m. The Vicar of Powick (the Rev. F. C. Champion) conducted the service, and gave a very interesting address, which was much appreciated. The Vicar and Mrs. Champion thoughtfully provided tea, and, as this had to be partaken of in relays, it was pleasing to hear the sound of the fine peal of bells between the clatter of cups and saucers and the merry conversation.

At the business meeting which followed, it was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Powick, Mr. C. Camm to be conductor, and that the next meeting be at Crowle. Several new members were admitted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. and Mrs. Champion for all the good things provided.

Whilst some made for the tower to ring, the Rev. F. G. Copeland, as usual, greatly amused the rest of the company by his ever-ready yarns.

The Ringing Master (Mr. S. T. Holt) saw that everyone had a pull, and is to be congratulated on his success. The ringing included rounds and London Surprise.

A very healthy sign in this branch is to be found in the number of young members attending the meetings and being in their places for Sunday Service ringing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sitingbourne on Saturday, January 31st, and, although not largely attended, a special word of welcome was extended to Q.-M.-S. George Gilbert, R.E., and Mr. Fred Richardson, of Brockley. The high quality of the ringing at this meeting is worthy of special mention, and all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung, even the 'Cam' variation of Treble Bob coming in for attention.

The bells were going from 3 till 5, when the association service was conducted by the curate, owing to the absence of the Vicar from the district, a lady parishioner kindly presiding at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at Cremer's Restaurant, to which 30 sat down, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the district representative, Mr. W. Haigh, which proved to be of a short and harmonious character.

Eleven new practising members were elected, notable among them being a third generation of the well known Spice family, of Tunstall, and the election as a non-resident life member of Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship, of Nottingham, who was proposed previous to a peal.

In proposing the place for the next meeting, Mr. C. Winsor, of Frindsbury, said they had been dragging the secretary from one end of the district to another during past years, and giving the six-bell towers a rest, so he thought as a compliment to their secretary they should visit his 'home' tower at Milton-next-Gravesend.—This was unanimously decided upon, the date being the last Saturday in April. Mr. F. M. Mitchell thanked them for their kindly thought, and advised them to look up their London Minor. He said he would do his best to get them suitably entertained.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and all concerned in the meeting, was proposed by Q.-M.-S. George Gilbert, and heartily carried.

The tower was again visited, and at 8.30 the bells were 'rung down' on another highly successful meeting in this district.

BIRTHDAY PEAL AT SHIFNAL.

On Saturday, the 'annual' birthday peal, arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. Bradney, the late captain of the Shifnal band, was rung for the veteran's 76th birthday. With the kind assistance of Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton, and Mr. J. Perry, of Brewood, and six of St. Chad's ringers, Shrewsbury, a first-class peal of Double Norwich was scored, being the first in the method on the bells, and, incidentally, Mr. Perry's one hundredth peal. It has been the conductor's ambition for the last two years to get a peal in this method on Shifnal bells, which are undoubtedly the finest ring of eight in Salop. Four of the ringers are only 17 years of age.

Mr. Bradney afterwards entertained the band to tea at the Star and Garter Hotel, where a pleasant hour was spent.—Mr. Lilley proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bradney, and Mr. H. Knight also added congratulations and good wishes.—Mr. Bradney thanked the band for coming to Shifnal and ringing a peal in honour of his birthday. He was pleased to see the young men keen on the advanced methods, and hoped next year it might be a Surprise peal.—Thanks were tendered to Mr. Page for his arrangements.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Feb. 7th, by permission of the Rector (the Rev. H. M. Rellon, D.D.). Ringing took place from 3 to 5 p.m., when the service was conducted by the Vicar, after which the tea and business meeting took place at the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the president of the association (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), Mr. H. Edgley (churchwarden), the vice-president, the Ringing Master, and Mrs. Rellon.

The Vicar welcomed the president and the association to Isleworth, and a company of over 60 sat down to tea, as the guests of the Vicar and churchwardens, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) presented the balance sheet, which was adopted, and read the report for the year, in which it was stated that eleven meetings were held on Saturdays and two in the mid-week, with an average attendance for Saturdays of 35. During the year, 41 ringing and four honorary members were elected, and the standard of ringing had greatly improved.

The Ringing Master and hon. secretary were re-elected, and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope was elected as hon. treasurer.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers; to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality; to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to the president of the association; the vice-president; Mrs. Rellon; the organist; and all who kindly assisted to make the meeting a success. Ringing was afterwards indulged in till 9.15 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**IPSWICH DISTRICT MEETING AT SPROUGHTON.**

On Saturday, Feb. 7th, a most successful meeting was held at Sproughton. The bells at Bramford were also available, and a variety of methods were rung from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Between forty and fifty members were present from Ipswich, Sudbury, Debenham, Stowmarket, Blaxall, Ufford, etc., and the local ringers were in full force.

The Rector of Sproughton, the Rev. T. J. Miller, M.A., presided at the tea, supported by the Rev. W. H. Lillie, M.A., Rector of Bramford, and both churchwardens of Sproughton.

The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the Rev. H. Drake, the general secretary, who was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting owing to an attack of influenza. The Chairman humorously mentioned that Sproughton contained many wealthy people, and one of the chief of these was apparently Mr. Charles Mee, in view of the sumptuous repast he had placed before them that day.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley proposed, and Mr. G. E. Symonds seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. T. J. Miller for presiding, also to the other gentlemen for their presence.

Mr. Frederick Tillet was present, having partially recovered from his accident, but Mr. Charles Parker was prevented from attending through having fallen from a ladder, injuring one of his arms.

On the proposition of the Chairman, ten new members were elected.

Both rectors readily agreed to place their bells at the disposal of the ringers on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, to be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday.

MERTHYR TYDFIL RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday evening, January 31st, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Richard Pugh) and the Rector's warden (Mr. D. M. Davies, Chief Constable of the borough), the ringers, clergy, churchwardens and the Mayor (Mr. F. Phillips) sat down to an excellent dinner at Billam's Restaurant, High Street, the party numbering twenty-two. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the loyal toasts honoured, the Rector proposed 'The Ringers of the Parish Church.' He said he felt honoured to be with such a loyal band of men who had never missed ringing for the Sunday services once during the four years he had been in Merthyr, which was an excellent record. He concluded by heartily thanking the ringers for their past services.—Mr. J. Coles (captain) suitably replied, and thanked the Rector, the clergy and churchwardens for the interest they had taken in the ringers and the tower. They now had, he said, one of the nicest and most comfortable ringing chambers in the diocese.—The Chief Constable, as Rector's warden, said that anything he could do for the ringers should have his whole-hearted support. He especially thanked the ringers for the ringing on New Year's Eve, as he had not heard anything like it before. The bells were rung two whole pulls after each verse of a carol sung in church, rounds after the first verse, 'queens' after the second verse, and tittums after the third, the bells being in the same key as the setting of the carol, the key of F.

The Rev. Pugh (curate) spoke of the welcome he always received in the belfry, and the Mayor also spoke.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the caterers, and the party, after joining in various games, broke up about 11 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. LEOMINSTER AND PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the combined districts was held at Leominster on Saturday, January 24th. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and a service was held in the Priory Church at 5, the Guild's special form being used, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Gillenders, M.A., M.C.), who also gave an address. The Vicar entertained the members to tea at the Neville Cafe, when 31 sat down, including the Guild hon. secretary, the Rev. G. W. Turner, M.A., R.D. (of Madley), and the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards, Madley).

The business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding.

The District Secretary reported a well-attended combined practice at Lyonshall on December 13th, on the occasion of the reopening of the bells, after relanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Forty-five members attended. A peal of Doubles was rung at Lyonshall on Sunday, January 4th, three of the local band taking part, it being their first peal. A combined practice was held at Dilwyn on Jan. 10th, when 17 members attended.

The secretary presented the report for the year and the balance sheet (audited by Prob. S. Cornish Watkins, Staunton-on-Arrow). The present membership is five honorary members, 46 ringing members, and 18 probationers, with a balance on the year of 19s. 11d., and a total balance in hand of £9 7s. 2d.—Some discussion took place as to rearranging the districts, as the two combined were too widely scattered to be worked satisfactorily. It was finally decided to work the districts separately, as was intended when the Guild was first divided in 1919.

The Guild Hon. Secretary (the Rev. G. W. Turner) proposed that the Leominster district be worked separately, and that Bodenham tower be included in the district, there being a very progressive band at that church, which was at present in the Hereford district.—This was unanimously agreed to.

The following officers were appointed for Leominster: Ringing Master, Mr. Rushton (Bodenham); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. Jaine (Kinbolton); hon. secretary, Mr. Worsey (Bodenham). The first quarterly meeting for the Leominster district will be held at Bodenham on April 25th.

The following officers were re-elected for Presteign: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Evans, Lyonshall; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow. The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Weobley on April 18th, or second Saturday in May.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, and for taking the service.

The tower was again visited, and touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Bob Doubles, Minor and Major, and Stedman Triples. The following towers were represented: Bodenham, Clifford, Eve, Hereford, Kinbolton, Kingsland, Leominster, Ludlow, Lyonshall and Staunton-on-Arrow.

FORTY YEARS' RECORD. LONG SERVICE AT CHEDZOY.

On Sunday, Feb. 15th, in the quiet little village of Chedzoy, near Bridgwater, Somerset, Mr. Thomas Jeanes, one of the local ringers, put up the magnificent record of ringing and attending at one or more services during the Sunday for forty years, with the exception of two Sundays in November, 1904, when he was confined to the house through an accident. Usually he rings at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6 p.m. each Sunday, and attends the 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. services.

He has only been out of the village at week-ends on two occasions in all this long period, one spent at Cheltenham, where he rang at the Parish Church in the morning, and attended the evening service, the other spent at Wellington, when he rang and attended the service at St. John's in the morning, and at All Saints' in the evening.

Unfortunately, through some of the ringers having Sunday employment, it was not possible to ring a quarter-peal for either of the services last Sunday, but several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung at each service, Mr. Jeanes ringing the 2nd to 240, the last touch for evening service.

After evensong, the ringers ascended the tower with somewhat mixed feelings, all anxious to ring a quarter-peal in honour of their brother ringer's achievement, and at the same time to ring the last 'touch' on the old peal, as two of the bells, and probably three, are consigned to the melting pot at Whitechapel.

The quarter was rung in 44 minutes by E. Heal 1, B. T. Jeanes 2, G. Bennett 3, F. Gigg 4, W. Gigg (conductor) 5, H. Chappel 6. First quarter by ringers of 1st and 4th, and first as conductor by W. Gigg. During the ringing, three ringers, T. Jeanes, W. Stone and W. Tucker, sat in the belfry. They all rang together over 40 years ago on the same bells. After 'stand' had been called, the veterans congratulated the three 'firsts.' After a few rounds, the bells were lowered for the last time by T. Jeanes 1, W. Gigg 2, B. T. Jeanes 3, W. Stone 4, W. Tucker 5, H. Chappel 6, who, between them, have put in 215 years' service as ringers, their respective individual records being as follows: 46, 17, 25, 47, 44, 36. Three verses of the well-known hymn, 'Now the day is over,' were tapped on the bells as a finale.

AN 'OPEN' FUNERAL PEAL.

A well known Suffolk ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. Albert James Naunton, of Wrentham, who had been a regular ringer at the Parish Church for about 57 years. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 80 years, and was interred on Feb. 2nd, when, as a last tribute of respect, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. In accordance with Mr. Naunton's expressed wish, the bells were rung open, and he chose the method which was his favourite. The peal was conducted by his son.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Southampton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's bells were available to members during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Tea, followed by a short meeting, was held in the Deanery Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. H. L. Watkins (curate-in-charge of the parish), supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. George Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Bishop Sutton, Fareham, Romsey, Dibden, Ringwood, Twyford, Curdrige, Winchester, North Stoneham, and the local band.

Messrs. R. Curtis and Read, of St. Mary's, were elected full members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the use of the bells and schoolroom, to which the Chairman briefly replied.

The next meeting is fixed for Saturday, May 2nd, at Stockbridge.

TYLDESLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place, on the 5th inst., of Mr. Robert Allred, of Tyldesley, Lancs, after an illness extending over four years. He commenced to ring at Tyldesley when 15 years of age, and has continued for the past 45 years, the last 19 years as chief ringer and towerkeeper. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1910, and rang 61 peals in five methods, conducting 17. One peal he rang for the Chester Guild. He was made a member of the College Youths in 1911, and was always proud of the emblem which hangs framed upon the wall. During his office as chief ringer at Tyldesley he was the instigator of the scheme to increase the ring of six to one of eight, and an ardent worker to raise the funds. He was well known throughout Lancashire.

He was interred at Tyldesley Cemetery on the 9th inst., the service being conducted by the Rev. Stones, a former curate, assisted by the Vicar and curate, and the Rev. Canon Elsee (the president of the association). As the cortege was going to the church, 896 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled by a representative band, viz.: G. Pincott (Bolton Parish Church) 1, J. Potter (Walkden), conductor, 2, H. Smith (Leigh) 3, Herbert Allred (Tyldesley) 4, Wm. Hindley (Tyldesley) 5, W. Pennington (St. Peter's), 6, P. Crook (Holy Trinity) 7, T. Barlow (Deane) 8. Later, 1,544 Bob Major was rung in 52 minutes by H. Watts 1, R. Allred, junr., 2, H. Smith 3, G. Pincott 4, T. Barlow 5, P. Crook 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, H. Allred 8.

STAINDROP VETERAN RINGER.

DIES BEFORE HEARING NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

Many of the older members of the Durham and Newcastle Association will read with regret of the passing away, at the ripe old age of 84 years, of Mr. Daniel Shipp, who was one of the original members at the formation of the association in 1877. He was born in the village of Great Wilbraham, in the county of Cambridge, where, as a boy, he used to go up into the belfry to watch the ringers, and at home used to look over his elder brother's shoulder as he pricked out the changes. He came to Staindrop in 1863, where he formed a band for change ringing, of which he was the captain for very many years, being succeeded in that office by his younger son, Mr. H. Shipp, who, assisted by his elder brother, Mr. J. W. Shipp, is ably carrying on the work started by his father. There are still two of the original band at the tower, in the persons of Messrs. T. Leonard and W. E. Johnson.

The late Mr. Shipp was one of the keenest ringers that the writer has ever met, walking or cycling many miles to ring long after other men had ceased to take interest in ringing. He conducted the only 5,040 of Minor ever rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Staindrop, which, at the time of his death, had been removed for restoration, as they were not considered safe to ring.

There is to be a new frame and new peal of eight installed and dedicated on Palm Sunday by the Lord Bishop of Durham. They will be rung for the first time on Easter Day. This new frame and peal of eight are by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier) has thrown open the tower on Easter Monday to members of the association, and any other ringers who would like to be present. Visiting ringers will, no doubt, regret that Mr. Shipp should have passed away before hearing the new peal of eight in the tower which he so loved.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, H. E. Balaam (first in the method) 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, S. Wade 10.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.—At the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone, on Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, being 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire: Miss R. A. Bell 1, Rev. R. Marle 2, Miss H. Bell 3, H. Hutchinson 4, W. Horan (conductor) 5, J. W. Escriitt (longest touch) 6.

HIGHWORTH WILTS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Sunday, Feb. 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. Williams 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, W. Peachey 8.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Meadows (first 720) 1, S. Moss 2, C. Hall 3, G. Moss 4, C. Honeywood 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. (from Parker's twelve-part): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, G. J. Winter 3, V. Williams 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8. Great credit is due to the ringers of 7th and 8th for the advance they have made.—For evensong, 419 Grandsire Triples.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—At St. Swithun's Church, on Feb. 8th, in 48 mins., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), the first for many years: J. Glanville, junr., 1, W. Manley 2, F. Dimond 3, E. Peok 4, J. M. Skinner 5, R. J. Hayman (conductor) 6, J. Glanville, senr., 7, S. Marks 8. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th are from Withycombe, the rest are local men.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cooper 1, T. Harrop 2, E. T. Malkin 3, J. Cooper 4, L. Wood 5, T. Potts 6, J. Bentley 7, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: L. Squires 1, J. Morley 2, A. C. Rose 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, E. S. Thompson 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Hanscombe 7, A. Spicer 8. First quarter-peal by all the ringers except 4th and 6th.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Smith 1, Miss P. Moss 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, H. Chandler 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, W. Corke 6, W. Honor 7, J. H. Lucas 8. Rung after meeting one short for Caters.

WEST GRINSTEAD.—At St. George's Church, on Thursday, Feb. 5th, 720 Marple Delight: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, 720 Marple: V. Turrell 1, *T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, *R. Strudwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor), 6. * First 720 in the method.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins.: P. Pudwell 1, A. King 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, E. Telling 4, P. Kirby 5, E. Gardener (first quarter-peal) 6.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, for evening service, on Feb. 8th, a 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lawrence 1, T. Ricketts (conductor) 2, J. Penny 3, S. Copper 4, H. Hatten 5, A. Heath 6.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 576 Bob Major: W. Croseley, C. Lord, J. E. Jones, G. Foster, J. A. Jones, E. Hookham, J. B. Marks, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor). Longest touch in the method by all except 7th and 8th.

LOCKINGTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Joyce 1, F. W. Turner 2, J. W. Booth 3, G. H. Wilkins 4, R. A. Hickton 5, A. Joyce (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday morning, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. W. H. Strickland 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, C. A. Button 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, S. W. Crabb 2, E. A. Hull 3, J. A. Dart 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Crandon 1, J. Blackmore 2, W. Tanner 3, E. Parker 4, W. Popham 5, L. Tanner (conductor) 6, W. Pitman 7, H. Parsons (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter as conductor.—On January 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. T. Dyke (conductor) 1, J. Blackmore 2, L. Tanner 3, E. Parker 4, W. Popham 5, W. Farley 6, A. Evans 7, H. Parsons 8. First touch of Stedman by ringers of 3rd and 5th. Rung after meeting late for a peal of Grandsire.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, Bishop Ryders, 2.40 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Barning on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the Rector. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. — C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. until the service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon E. J. Norris. Tea at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting and smoker to follow.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4.15 p.m.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blandford (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Greenwood. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Stourpaine (5 bells), Durweston (6 bells), Bryanston (6 bells).—R. E. P. Gorrings, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Victory Hall. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock.

—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3. Service in Bramley Church at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Womersley bells available in the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Divine service, in the Cathedral, at 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Dean, who has kindly consented to give an address. Tea at 4.30 at the Oddfellows' Hall. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) will be available.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Important matters concerning the association to discuss. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Poole, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting of the division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available during the afternoon. There will be service in the Church at 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Temperance Café, Croft Spa, 1s. 9d. to members and 2s. 6d. to non-members.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—There will be a meeting at Stevenage Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Church service and tea will be arranged.—Richard Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—Holy Trinity Church.—Annual bellringers' sermons on Sunday, Feb. 22nd. Special sermons will be preached in the morning

by the Rev. J. W. Isherwood, M.A., Vicar of Much Wenlock, and in the evening by the Rev. J. Hayes, B.A., Vicar of Wellington. Musical service 3 p.m., when the following will take part: Miss Malcolm (violinist), Miss Ida Pritchard (contralto), Master Jack Lloyd (chorister soloist), the Hadley Quartette Party, the Choir, Mr. Wallace Wall (organist and choirmaster), and the local handbell ringers. Miss Ida Pritchard and the Hadley Quartette Party will also help at evensong. The offertories all day will be given to the Coalbrookdale Bells Restoration Fund.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, 28th February. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be followed by the meeting at 6 o'clock, after evensong. Will Secretaries kindly advise Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, numbers attending from their towers.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6) 2.30 to 4.30, All Saints (8) 2.30 to 4.45, Cathedral (10) 7 to 8.30. Service at All Saints at 4.45. Tea at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on Saturday, Feb. 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Thursday, Feb. 26th. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Spring meeting at Carisbrook (8) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly inform me not later than the 23rd those who require tea.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Social Centre at 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. Elson, Ramsdale Villas, Church Drive, Daybrook, not later than Feb. 23rd?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 4.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., (altered address) 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By the kind invitation of the Rev. H. P. Boulton (Rector) the annual meeting will be held at Exton on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Schoolroom. It is hoped to have a big attendance, and will all who intend being present notify me not later than Feb. 21st?—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., for those who send me their names by Feb. 23rd, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Six bells. Tea at 4.30. All who require tea must notify me before the 24th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. C. Brown, New Walk, Sapcote, by Wednesday, the 25th. Important business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Will those requiring tea notify the undersigned by the 23rd inst.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting at Milton Ernest is postponed until Saturday, March 7th. —L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. If tea required, please write by March 3rd to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. to members. Please advise me by March 4th all who require same. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Applications for tea tickets to be made to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than Wednesday, March 4th. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—A social will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Saturday, March 7th. Commence 7 p.m. Mr. W. A. Cave will give explanations upon 'In and Out of Course.' Mr. W. Knight in the chair. All ringers and their friends heartily invited. — E. Guise, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at White Cot Dairy. Kindly let me know by Tuesday, March 3rd, if requiring tea. — E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Chiswick on March 14th. Particulars later.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North and South Forest Branch will be held at Lydney on Saturday, March 14th. Every ringer in this branch is particularly requested to attend. Full details later. — Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting and meeting of representatives will be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, April 13th. Alteration proposed to Rule 3. Full details later. Charabanc conveyance from Bristol for those who notify before March 28th. Belfry repair fund forms should be sent in to me whether full or blank.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, 7th February, the quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Baldock, when some 20 members attended from Apsley End, Graveley, Hitchin, Kimpton, London, Royston and Wallington, and the Baldock band. After ringing during the afternoon, service was held in church, and an address given by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Alington). This was followed by tea and meeting at the White Lion.

The Rector was voted to the chair, and it was reported that Mr. Darlow (of Royston) had arrived safely at Cape Town, having been ordered to South Africa through ill-health.

The next association meeting was decided to be held at Stevenage on Saturday, February 21st, and the summer meeting at Knebworth.

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