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### SECRETARIES AND THEIR CRITICS.

Fortunate indeed is the secretary of a ringing organisation who never has cause to grumble. We doubt if such a one is to be found. The task of the secretary and particularly of the district secretary, who has frequent meetings to arrange, is a difficult one, and when, after all his labours, his members fail to support him he has just reason for complaint. A recent disappointing meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association has led to some outspoken comments; and this week a report from the Ely diocese and another from a district of the Oxford Guild are made the occasion of criticism. Into the merits of either case we do not propose to enter, but we feel justified in taking up generally the cause of officials who are responsible for the organisation of ringers' meetings. In the first place it must be remembered that the meetings are arranged, not for the amusement of the secretary, but for the benefit of the members, and that nothing is more discouraging to an official than to find his efforts more or less wasted. The members themselves fix the meetings; it is up to them to make them a success.

Sometimes, of course, unavoidable circumstances combine to make a small and disappointing attendance, but it is when ringers who should support a meeting put other ringing engagements in the way, or when ringers absent themselves because they imagine the ringing will not be up to their particular standard—and both these things do happen—that secretaries have most reason to feel aggrieved. Only the most important demands in connection with other ringing should keep a ringer away from his district meeting—even peals can be postponed—and it is of the first importance that the ablest ringers should be present to help their less capable brethren. Indeed, it is one of the primary advantages that associations have to offer to beginners in the art, that they can get practical help at district meetings because more advanced ringers will be there and ready to assist them.

In the great majority of cases, of course, district meetings are supported in a most satisfactory way and fully serve the purpose for which they are arranged, but occasionally there occur instances, such as those to which we have referred, which, by contrast, are conspicuously disappointing, and, if a secretary feels that he has been 'let down' by those on whom he imagined he could rely, he would be less than human if he did not 'kick' a bit. It is not always the secretary's fault if the notice is short. He has to deal with other people besides his members in making arrangements, and he is dependent upon the promptitude of church officials in meeting his requests if

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he is to have his details fixed up in good time. Unfortunately these officials sometimes fail him, and the members seldom know the trouble to which a secretary may have been put in endeavouring to give effect to their wishes. Again, it is not always possible for a secretary to adhere to a given date. Here, too, he is dependent upon local circumstances, and members ought to realise that it is not always the secretary who is to blame. But all ringers do not think about these matters. They, who perhaps have done little or nothing, are ready to grumble if things are not quite to their liking; they must give their officials, who may have done quite a lot, the same privilege. Anyhow, a little plain speaking now and again can do no harm, especially if it is in the right spirit, and in the long run it often does a great deal of good.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. Treble	ALFRED PYE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 9
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 10
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5	*WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* 200th peal on 12 bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 7
HERBERT LONDON ... .. 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 8
GEORGE N. PRICE ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 9
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 10
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... .. 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Major J. H. B. Hesse's 400th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. SMITH ... .. Treble	J. H. RIDYARD ... .. 5
H. ALDRED ... .. 2	P. CROOK ... .. 6
R. T. ALDRED ... .. 3	J. POTTER ... .. 7
M. BERRY ... .. 4	A. BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. POTTER.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Robert Aldred (youngest son of Mr. Harry Aldred) to Miss Margaret Alice Millicent Price, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Aldred.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
RONALD G. BECK... ..	Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	2	*GILBERT H. HARDING ...	6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	7
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... ..	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* 100th peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE MARRINER ... ..	Treble
*MISS IRENE HASTIE ... ..	2
†MISS ETHEL COLLARD ... ..	3
FRED BOWDEN ... ..	4
JOHN BEAMS... ..	5
ALAN R. PINK ... ..	6
ALBERT HARMAN ... ..	7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).	
HERBERT A. HARDING ...	Treble
EVERED J. WALSON ... ..	2
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ...	3
A. MARK STACEY ... ..	4
JAMES H. HUNNISETT... ..	5
ARTHUR H. FULWELL... ..	6
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ...	7
HORACE J. HUNNISETT ...	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The composition, which was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1926, is in eighteen equal parts, contains 168 bobs and 102 singles, and is now rung for the first time.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ALFRED KING ... ..	Treble
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... ..	2
MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... ..	3
FRANK W. PERRENS ... ..	4
*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... ..	5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... ..	6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... ..	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

\* 100th peal for the Warwickshire Guild. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe, M.A., who is leaving St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, to become Vicar of Condover, Shropshire.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
FREDERICK E. STONE ... ..	Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... ..	5
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... ..	6
HARRY BOYCE ... ..	3	ERNEST STITCH ... ..	7
WALTER J. NURTON ... ..	4	JOHN WEATHERSBY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

This peal was arranged and rung at a farewell to Mr. W. Williams, an old ringer, and verger for the last 19 years at this church. Mr. Williams came to the belfry at the end of the peal and thanked the band for ringing the peal, the company wishing him and Mrs. Williams many happy years in their retirement. The thanks of the band are given to Mr. G. I. Lewis, who kindly came from Cadoxton at a few hours' notice to take the place of one who was ill.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.	
FREDERICK G. NURDON ...	Treble
GEORGE H. WALTERS... ..	2
ARTHUR CAUDLE ... ..	3
HAROLD HALFORD ... ..	4
WALTER ROSE... ..	5
ALEC RUCK ... ..	6
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... ..	7
JOHN F. BALLINGER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. G. NURDON.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. First peal of Major as conductor.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.	
ROBERT J. DAWE... ..	Treble
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... ..	2
PERCY PAGE... ..	3
ALFRED C. PANKHORST ...	4
CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ...	5
FRANK BENNETT ... ..	6
KENNETH PATTENDEN... ..	7
HARRY PARKES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Messrs. Page and Franklin were made members of the Sussex County Association.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
CHARLES MCGUINNESS... ..	Treble
MISS KATE BURCHNALL ...	2
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3
HERBERT HAIGH ... ..	4
HAROLD MARCON... ..	5
JOSEPH DIXON ... ..	6
TOM CLARK ... ..	7
HARRY MORGAN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HORAN ... ..	Treble	FRANK FIELDEN ... ..	5
THOMAS JONES ... ..	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	6
JOHN NASH ... ..	3	JOHN POTTER ... ..	7
*WALTER STAFF ... ..	4	THOMAS K. DRIVER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.	
*GEORGE BATTLE ... ..	Treble
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... ..	2
†JOHN H. DODD ... ..	3
JAMES F. SMITH... ..	4
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... ..	5
HERBERT LDDKIN ... ..	6
JOHN BREESE ... ..	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell. All the above band, with the exception of the ringer of the 6th, are under 21 years of age, and the ringer of the treble is only 12 years old.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
MISS FREDA ORR ... .. 2	RONALD BULLEN ... .. 6
JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method as conductor and first peal in the method in the City of London.

## CHARD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR REED ... .. Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 5
* TOM HAYCRAFT ... .. 2	GEORGE SIBLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES GUMMER ... .. 3	PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
VICTOR CRABB ... .. 4	GEORGE COLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

\* First peal.

## TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JOHN HAYES ... .. 5
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
* GEOFFREY MILTON ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
† WALTER LYCETT ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. W. Lycett belongs to Stanton, near Shrewsbury, and was made a life member of the Guild.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT &amp; BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* RALPH TAYLOR ... .. Treble	ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... .. 5
MISS ETHEL GRIMSHAW ... .. 2	* ERNEST GARSIDE ... .. 6
EDWIN JOHNSON ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JAMES CLAYTON ... .. 4	* JOHN SINGLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire rung in Mossley.

## LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in D.

* HENRY B. WHITNEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. BUTCHER ... .. 5
† RALPH E. BUTCHER ... .. 2	† ALBERT FLEET ... .. 6
* FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7
AGGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 4	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged as a coming-of-age peal for the treble ringer. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are members of the local band.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 7th, for the harvest festival morning service, 720 Plain Bob: P. Starling 1, F. White 2, F. Shyu 3, S. Rushen 4. A. South (conductor) 5, P. Sayer 6.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	* FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 6
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method by the Guild.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
* ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 2	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 6
* FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 6
DAVID WHITING ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 4	WILLIAM STIBGALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

The conductor's 200th peal for the Norfolk Guild.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE GURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	* JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 4
GEORGE BURT ... .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving service.

## ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF WELLS SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE GARDNER ... .. Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. 4
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Joseph H. W. White on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, 720 of Kent, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob; W. Pater-noster (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Knight, jun., 2, H. Tidy 3, W. Ash-down 4, G. Tooth 5, L. Tily (conductor) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Friday evening, October 5th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 53 mins.: B. W. R. Picton 1, \*E. P. Palmer 2, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 3, \*H. G. Milton 4, R. G. Bell 5, H. Long 6, F. Edwards 7, W. E. Oakley 8. \* First quarter inside.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of London, York, Lancashire, Wells, Durham, Stamford and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's mother's birthday, on October 28th.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE F. HONEYWOOD Treble	CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 4
†HARRY MEADOWS ... .. 2	GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 5
‡STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

With ten different callings.

*CYRIL WALLIS ... .. Treble	*JAMES HUMPHREY ... .. 4
JOSEPH WALLIS ... .. 2	HARRY K. HOOPER ... .. 5
HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM BATCHELOR .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY K. HOOPER.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT 16, LIME GROVE,

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

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 7-8
*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARRHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Hughes, of Whitechapel, London, and Joseph H. W. White. P. O. Laflin has now rung each pair of handbells to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

LYONSHALL.—On October 5th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire, in 43 mins.: H. C. Woodward 1, W. Evans 2, A. Gooding (conductor) 3, G. W. Barker 4, W. Richards 5, S. Jones 6. Rung for the harvest festival service.

RAINHAM, KENT.—For harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 49 mins.: T. Dennis (first quarter) 1, W. A. Cooke 2, W. Rayner 3, A. Manketlow 4, W. Seaker 5, W. Walker (conductor) 6, C. Belsey 7, G. Howland 8.

**THE ABSENTEES.**

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Fordham on Saturday, October 27th. Members were present from Cambridge, Long Stanton, Mildenhall, Over and Trumpington. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Prior), who gave a much appreciated address from the 100th Psalm. Miss R. Webb ably presided at the organ.

After tea, the business meeting was held, the Vicar being in the chair.

Trumpington was voted the place of next meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, for use of bells, and for presiding.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Mr. E. G. Hibbins wrote stating he was unable to get to the meeting on account of a business appointment, but, asks our correspondent, where were the other great men? Surely, these meetings should be to help to make progress, but progress must start somewhere, even if it be Plain Bob. Surprise ringing is good by bands that can ring. Plain Bob for learners is policy. Ely Association members are asked to help when these meetings are arranged.

**BUSY RINGERS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of the few of the Tonbridge District who are 'always advocating meetings at six-bell towers,' I would like to express my opinion that our worthy secretary was rather hasty in his pointed remarks. He knows that some of us, at least, attend his meetings whenever possible, but I am sorry to say that that particular Saturday happened to be an impossible day for all of us. But we are only the few; where were the many, as Cowden was unanimously chosen at the annual meeting?

Further, if the object of the meeting was achieved, namely, the inclusion of the local band with the association, where does the failure come in?

In conclusion, we also advocate that the dates of meetings should be fixed (and kept), as some of us are busy ringers, but we can spare a few dates to help a local band if they require it.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR H. SMITH.

**FIXED DATES DESIRED.**

Sir,—Mr. Latter, in his letter, says that it was impossible to give longer notice of the Cowden meeting, and remarks at the same time 'that if it was sufficient for members outside the county, it ought to have been so for members of the district.' Perhaps those members outside the county had no other arrangements for that day. Surely we could have fixed dates, to be agreed on at the annual meeting. Then we could keep those dates open.

Again, he remarks that he must refute my statement that some did not want the Cowden meeting at all, but does he remember what he himself said at the Branchley meeting? I do, and so do several more. Later, he remarks that he is in favour of one six-bell meeting a year. But why on earth only one? This letter closes my correspondence on the subject, but I will sign myself as before.—Yours truly,

MINORITE.

**'WHAT' AND 'WHY'?**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Latter says the report was applicable to other six-bell meetings as well as that at Cowden. May I ask him when have those who are interested in six-bell towers been absent from a quarterly meeting before, no matter what number of bells the tower contained?

I will admit the notice was long enough for those who had no other engagements made for that day, but his statement that he is in favour of one meeting each year being held at a six-bell tower does not correspond very well with what he said at Branchley about the Cowden meeting.

His question, 'What more can be done, if the six-bell ringers deliberately absent themselves from meetings?' will be answered if he will answer this one, 'Why do they?'—Yours truly,

A. RELFE.

**OXFORD GUILD COMBINED PRACTICES.**

Dear Sir,—With reference to the attendance at the monthly combined practices of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, may I, as a thirty years old member (my certificate is dated February 3rd, 1897), ask the members to give a little more support to them? The last two or three meetings could hardly be termed successful. At the Clewer meeting in September neither of the adjacent towers of Stoke Poges, Slough and Windsor was represented, and on Saturday the Wraynsbury meeting comprised two visitors, five of the young local band, and three unattached members. Only Grandsire Doubles and a course of Triples were rung with difficulty. This, I think, is hardly worth the secretary's time and trouble in arranging, and the cost of advising the towers and the notice inserted in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours truly,

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Iver, Bucks.

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE TOUR.**

The following ten peals, in twelve attempts, were rung during the ringing tour in Leicestershire and Yorkshire:—

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, October 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROWLAND BARROW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, October 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, October 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 9
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, October 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 9
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

On Saturday, October 27th, the marriage of Mr. Harold Huntley, of Chiddingstone, Kent, and Miss Payne, of Four Elms, was solemnised at the latter place. Mr. Huntley, being a member of the Chiddingstone band of ringers, the event was celebrated by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples during the wedding ceremony: A. Longley 1, F. Longley 2, J. Crude 3, C. Aylward 4, A. Aylward 5, G. Edwards (conductor) 6, E. Everest 7, L. Everest 8.

As Four Elms does not possess a peal of bells, the ringing had to be done at Chiddingstone, and if the happy pair were out of sight and sound of the bells, it did not mar the enthusiasm of the ringers, who, as the bells fell into rounds, wished them long life and happiness in their new venture.

**PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

**PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The first Surprise peal rung in Pontefract.

**HULL, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	* JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	† EDWIN WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman inside. † First peal.

**BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, October 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

**ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**TYLDESLEY RINGER MARRIED.**

A pretty wedding took place at St. George's Church, Tyldesley, Lancs, on Saturday, October 20th, when Mr. R. Aldred was married to Miss Margaret Millicent Price, of Tyldesley. After the ceremony the usual salute was rung on the bells by his brother-ringers. During the evening a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in three hours.

After the peal a hearty welcome was given to the ringers at the home of the bridegroom, the happy event having also coincided with Mr. H. Aldred's birthday. Handbell ringing, singing and great fun characterised the proceedings, and good wishes were expressed for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

**DEATH OF MR. ALFRED OSMAN, OF WIMBORNE.**

ONE OF THE 'GREATEST' OF RINGERS.

The band at Wimborne Minster has lost by death a conspicuous figure. Mr. Alfred Osman, the 22-stone tenor ringer, passed away on Sunday, October 21st, after only two days' illness. He was buried on Tuesday of last week. He it was who rang Sherborne Minster tenor to the first peal—it is said by sheer weight.

**THE LATE MR. JAMES SEARLE.**

MORE EARLY PEALS RECALLED.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, upon his very interesting notes on our old friend, the late Mr. James Searle, who recently passed away.

With your permission I would like to add one or two items in connection with the few peals which he and I rang together in those now distant days during my first four or five years' residence in Brighton. These included Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grand sire Triples, Superlative (4), London (Treble) 1, Double Norwich 7, in addition to one of Double Norwich, which, unfortunately, proved afterwards to be false. This would slightly increase his total number given by Mr. Tyler.

It may be of interest to some of your readers that Jim Searle's first peals of Superlative and London were the first peals in these methods rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths, in each of which the late Henry Davis also rang his first peals in those methods. Jim also rang in the first peal of Superlative by the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

I think our total number of peals together reached 28. This was between October 17th, 1891, and April 20th, 1895. The last date seems to agree with Mr. Tyler as to his dropping out of peal ringing in that year, and, curious to record, this date, April 20th, 1895, was a peal of Stedman Caters on the old ten at St. Nicholas', in which our old friend, the late Isaac George Shade, took part, to whom and to others Mr. Tyler so humbly refers in his notes.

To show the infancy of change ringing at that time, it may be added that the majority of peals we rang together were the 'first in method, etc., on the bells,' including first peal Stedman Triples on the old 'Rudhall' eight at St. Nicholas', Brighton, October 29th, 1891, which was conducted by James Searle.—Yours truly,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**ESSEX AND SUFFOLK RINGERS MEET AT BURES.**

A united and pleasant gathering of Essex and Suffolk ringers took place at St. Mary's Church, Bures, on Saturday. But for the unsettled state of the weather, the gathering would have been much larger. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and good use was made of the fine old peal of six, with tenor about 21 cwt. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Each method rung was of a progressive nature for the various ringers present. Suffolk was represented by Messrs. J. King, Polstead, S. H. Symonds, L. and W. R. J. Poulson, Lavenham, the Essex contingent being Messrs. W. Chalk (West Bergholt), E. Leggett (Wormingford), S. Davey and R. Brinkley (Ardleigh), C. Bower and A. Ives (Bures Hamlet). The conducting was shared by S. H. Symonds and W. R. J. Poulson. Refreshments and handbell tunes brought this happy and instructive gathering to a close.

**AN ACROSTIC.**

'OUR FRIEND—'A WELLWISHER.''  
8.7.8.7.

Old friends are best, they never stress  
Upon their absent kinship;  
Real friends are those, who in distress,  
Find means of proving friendship.

Real thanks—'A Wellwisher'—to you  
Is voiced by each and all ranks;  
Each gift, like yours, they help anew:  
Noble deeds deserve our thanks.

Deserving, too, a kinder fate:  
Alf is ill from shattered nerves.  
We still may help him, help is great;  
Earnest help he well deserves.

Loving wife, and loving daughter,  
Long have borne the stress and strain;  
We can aid them, none may falter,  
Instant aid will save them pain.

So, in that way, do our duty,  
Helping one whose mind we see  
Ever values Art and Beauty,  
Reveals Truth to you and me.

OWEN KAY.

October 21st, 1928.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recast peal of twelve bells for St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, are to be dedicated on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m., and the event will doubtless draw a large gathering of ringers. On the following day the bells will be broadcast at 8 p.m.

Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., the hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who began his ringing career after he left the Navy, is, we regret to say, seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia at his residence, Homeleigh, Woking. The latest report is that there is a slight improvement in his condition, and all the many friends he has made in the new Guild by his geniality, urbanity and enthusiasm will wish him a speedy recovery.

Those who desire to attend the College Youths' dinner on Saturday week are reminded that applications for tickets should be made not later than the 7th inst.

Mr. William Pye, last Saturday, rang his 200th twelve-bell peal. The only other ringer who has reached this number is Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mr. Pye's total includes no less than 40 peals of Surprise Maximus.

The first peal on record in which the band were all of the same Christian name was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (long before there was a Trafalgar Square) on November 3rd, 1796. Eleven Williams, members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was called by William Shipway.

A peal of 6,048 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Sheffield on November 5th, 1787, and was claimed to be 'the first peal of this method ever rung in the country.' A peal had previously been rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, by the College Youths in 1783, and it is probable that the expression 'in the country' did not mean 'in England,' but outside the Metropolis.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821.

Forty years ago next Thursday the celebrated Burton band rang 6,720 of London Surprise Major. There are still one or two survivors of that company.

## CORNISH BELL HANGING 100 YEARS AGO.

The following is from the 'Royal Cornwall Gazette' of January 19th, 1828:—

'The church bells of St. Stephen's, near St. Austell, which have been newly hung by Robert House, jun., were tried by the ringers of St. Austell and Newlyn on Thursday, and several peals were rung in fine style, to the great satisfaction of all present. These bells had been hung three different times in about 35 years, but in so slovenly a manner that the stoutest and best ringers could not produce a steady peal. Mr. House's plan is highly approved of, as the bells can now be rung with ease.'

St. Stephen's now possesses a fine ring of eight, with tenor about 13 cwt., by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

## DEATH OF MRS. RIDGWAY, LEEK.

### AN APPRECIATION.

On Saturday, October 27th, the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Ridgway, of Leek, Staffs, took place at the Leek Cemetery, prior to which there was a service in St. Edward's Church, where the bells were rung fully muffled, except that the tenor was open on one side. The first part of the service was taken by the Vicar, and the committal service at the cemetery by the Rev. E. Wheeldon, Vicar of Horton, in whose parish the deceased had of late years resided with her daughter, Mrs. D. Poole.

Mrs. Ridgway was the mother of Mr. E. A. Ridgway, the popular and enthusiastic leader of St. Edward's tower, Leek, and whose well-known skill in the art of change ringing is due in no small degree to the interest and encouragement he received from his mother. She was a great benefactress to the Leek ringers during the last fifty years. No matter what she was asked to do for the ringing fraternity she never failed to respond. The new year's supper, after ringing the old year out and the new year in, became quite an institution with her, and whenever the meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at Leek she always provided the tea until her years became too advanced to cope with it. But the new year's supper she kept up until the time of her death at the ripe old age of 83. Many a good ringer has been lost to the Exercise through lack of sympathy in the home circle, but this was where Mrs. Ridgway was a shining light. She always kept an open house for any ringer who happened to call, and the writer has had many happy hours in her company, both at association meetings and on private visits, and so long as there are ladies possessing the same spirit as Mrs. Ridgway, the noble part of change ringing will never become defunct.

J. E. W.



### TEN BELLS FOR HATFIELD. BISHOP OF EXETER'S GIFT.

Two trebles are to be added to the ring at Hatfield Parish Church, Herts, making them into a peal of ten.

The new bells are being given by the Bishop of Exeter (Lord W. Gascoyne Cecil) in memory of his three sons killed in the war.

On Tuesday, October 26th, in honour of the Marquis of Salisbury's 67th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, was rung at Hatfield: F. Cull 1, H. Austin 2, A. Shepherd 3, J. Shepherd 4, H. Nobbs 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, L. Shepherd 7, R. Richardson 8.

### DEATH OF SURREY ASSOCIATION MASTER.

We much regret to announce the death, which took place suddenly on Saturday at his residence at Mitcham, of Mr. James D. Drewett, J.P., Master of the Surrey Association.

Mr. Drewett, who had reached an advanced age, took a very active interest in the affairs of the Surrey Association, and represented it upon the Central Council.

He was elected Master in 1914, in succession to the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter.

### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT GWENNAP.

A very enthusiastic welcome was extended by the Vicar of Gwennap (the Rev. A. H. Thorold) and the local ringers to those members of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild who attended the meeting on Saturday, October 27th, the eve of the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. There were approximately 40 ringers present from Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, St. Mabe, Redruth, Illogan, and Perranar-worthal. Others who attended were the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson (St. Mabe), Mrs. W. H. Southeard (Truro), and Mrs. Oxland (Illogan).

A short choral service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Thorold. The Vicar, speaking from the chancel steps, spoke appreciatively of the ringers' services to the church. Touching on the subject of ringers and their attendance at the services for which they rang, it was his opinion, he said, that this was a case where a certain amount of latitude must be given, especially in country parishes, where there was always a great deal of work to be done on Sunday mornings. He thought this was a matter to be trusted entirely to the individual ringer's honour. Mr. Thorold also remarked how sorry he was he had been unable to follow up the mysteries of ringing to which he was introduced by being taught to handle a bell at Basingstoke many years ago by Mr. Henry White.

An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thorold and the local ringers, and was partaken of in the Sunday School.—On the motion of the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Oxland (Illogan), a hearty vote of thanks was passed by them for their hospitality.

It was decided that in future only two meetings a year be held, instead of four, as had been the custom during the previous two years, it being the general feeling that decreased attendances had resulted from the frequency of meetings.—This was proposed by Mr. T. Slee (Illogan), and seconded by Mr. Scymour (Redruth).

During the afternoon and evening the ring of six bells was kept going by the various bands, the only method ringing being Grandsire Doubles. However, it was encouraging to hear several 120's by members of the Redruth band, who have lately taken up method ringing under the instruction of Mr. J. Reed, late of Lifton, Devon. They have made excellent progress.

During the evening, whilst some were at the tower, which is detached from the church, and stands about fifteen yards on the north side, others enjoyed themselves in the schoolroom with handbells, cards, etc.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### VISIT TO A DEVON VILLAGE.

Chardstock, a very pretty village in Devonshire, is yet included in the diocese of Salisbury. It has a very pretty church and a musical peal of six bells.

The band being affiliated to the Guild, it was thought only right and proper to pay it a visit, despite it being so far from another centre.

By the help of cars a representative party from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Chardstock, Hawkechurch, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Symondsburry met on Saturday last, and were welcomed by the Vicar (Bishop Joscelyn), who is also Archdeacon of Sherborne. Ringing took place from 3 till 5 p.m., when all sat down to tea—a real Devonshire spread—which, needless to say, was most thoroughly enjoyed.

A short business meeting preceded the Guild service, which was conducted by the Archdeacon, the Rev. C. C. Cox reading the lesson.

Ringling was then resumed until a late hour. While one party was at the ropes, two other parties were attentively listening to verbal instruction in change ringing, and then changing about. This was thoroughly appreciated by those who were anxious to have an insight into the mysteries of the art.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE DEAN OF ROCHESTER'S WELCOME.

What can only be termed as a highly successful gathering of the Rochester District was held at Rochester on Saturday, on the occasion of the annual district meeting. The meeting had fortunately been arranged for Rochester, and the opportunity was taken by the new Dean (the Very Rev. R. T. Talbot), who had been inducted the previous month, officially to welcome the ringers in that district. True to his promise he climbed to the belfry, and anyone who has visited this Cathedral knows that is no mean task. The Dean was met on his arrival by over fifty ringers in the tower, and he spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to welcome so many ringers to Rochester, and asked God's blessing on their work. He went up among the bells and saw them ringing, and seemed glad to come back away from the din. The bells at the Cathedral were going from three till four o'clock, and it was pleasing to notice the number of young ringers who put in an appearance. On one occasion the ten ringers were learners who had not had a previous opportunity of ringing on ten bells.

Choral evensong was attended at the Cathedral, and was much enjoyed by all, the anthem unaccompanied being perfectly rendered. Dean Talbot gave an inspiring address to the ringers, and on behalf of himself and the Chapter said how pleased they were to welcome the association to Rochester. He said he had been studying how many arts there were connected with the Cathedral, and he found that not the least among them was the art of bellringing. They practised that art in secret, away in the tower, yet their messages were received by thousands, and he urged all to try and become proficient in the art.

Tea was held at the Carlton Cafe, and presided over by the Dean, who was supported by the Vicars of Gillingham, St. Margaret's, Rochester, Frindsbury and Higham, the Rev. Buckingham, a practising member at Gillingham, the district representatives (Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice), and the hon. district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). Altogether 75 sat down to tea, which was served in dainty style. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Dean.

#### 'UNATTACHED' MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary presented the annual report, which showed an increase of one in the number of towers, making the total twenty, while the number of members showed a slight decrease, which he deplored, and urged all to do their best and try and get new members, so as to ensure that the bells at all towers would be rung for the Sunday services. He regretted to see the number who were joining the association as unattached members, and asked them, if any were there, to sink any difference—if such existed—and join with their local or nearest tower, and thus do their part. It was the poor secretary who came in for the punishment for accepting them as 'unattached,' for even secretaries are but human, and not anxious to deprive them of membership. The number of peals rung in the district was twenty, one worthy of special mention being the 'Frederick' peal at Rainham in September, in which their veteran hon. secretary, the Rev. Frederick J. O. Helmore, who, in spite of being over three score and ten years, rang his bell and the method equally as well as the youngest 'Fred.' He thanked them all for the loyal support, and heartily welcomed Dean Talbot to Rochester.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted. Mr. E. M. Mitchell was unanimously re-elected as hon. district secretary, and, on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Spice, was heartily thanked for his services.

Mr. Mitchell, in responding, said that in his re-election he was embarking on his tenth year of office as their hon. secretary, and assured them that it was a real pleasure to do the work, as he realised how thoroughly his efforts were appreciated, and he was pleased to see how harmoniously they all worked together.

Messrs. W. Haigh (Rochester) and W. Spice (Tunstall) were re-elected as district representatives.

Five towers were nominated for the place of the next meeting, Frindsbury being chosen by an overwhelming vote. The date was fixed for the last Saturday in January.

The Rev. C. E. Webb proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dean Talbot for being with them. He was sure they were all impressed by his eloquent address to them, and on their behalf he offered best thanks for the use of the bells, also for presiding over their meeting.

The Dean replied in a witty speech, and made humorous reference to his climb up to the belfry. He had been carefully led up the tower, and he hoped that his experience would be an incentive to them to try and lead one another in the right way.

The tower was again visited, and it must be a long time since so many crowded the belfry, but if the bells did not give of their best it was no fault of the bells. The ringing was certainly not up to standard, but a good object was attained in encouraging the young ringers. Sixteen towers in the district were represented, and ringers also attended from the Lewisham and Maidstone Districts, and Luton, Beds.

**BRAINFREE.**—On Monday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 1,280 of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Wiffen 1, Miss E. E. Pettit 2, C. H. Howard 3, H. E. Hammond 4, G. Wiffen 5, B. Redgewell 6, H. C. Reason 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

## JUBILEE OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RETOLD BY F. E. DAWE.

Fifty years ago to-day! Yes, I well remember standing in St. Paul's Churchyard, at the corner of Ludgate Hill, on that Friday afternoon, All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878. I was then just learning to handle a bell, and it afterwards transpired that Mr. Challis F. Winney must at that moment have been very near me in the crowd. We were then almost unknown to each other, for we were both learning on the light ring of eight at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Wilton Road, Pimlico, the dedication of which had taken place a month before, viz., Wednesday, October 2nd, 1878.

But let me start at the beginning. The 16 bells (with their famous 15th century lettering) in the central tower of Worcester Cathedral were put up in 1869, and shortly afterwards—early in the seventies—a project was put forward for a ring of 10 or 12 for St. Paul's Cathedral. The then Sir Edmund Beckett (late E. B. Denison), who afterwards became Lord Grimthorpe, was chosen as chairman of the Bells Committee, and towards the end of 1877 this committee—or, at least, a portion of it which included Dr. John Strainer, the Cathedral organist—met at the King's Head, Winchester Street, Southwark, to confer at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths with a select few of the most prominent members of that society.

Sir Edmund Beckett was always opposed to rings of twelve, but greatly in favour of ten, as he considered the two trebles a mistake, and openly declared that all peals sounded better without them. He further maintained that the 'lower ten' at Worcester Cathedral (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat) were the grandest ringing peal in England.

It was at this meeting that Canon Cattley, who was present from Worcester Cathedral, asked the question: 'If we give you a ring of twelve, with a tenor bell of three tons, will you guarantee the men to ring them?' This was instantly answered in the affirmative by Messrs. Matthew A. Wood, George A. Muskett (the then secretary), and others, and Sir Edmund, as chairman, caused the order to be given to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, for the present ring of twelve, with a three-ton tenor in D flat! Mr. Taylor, sen., told me personally five years afterwards that although the firm let Sir Edmund have his own way with the Burton-on-Trent bells and those at other places, and knowing full well the bells would be much too heavy for that key, he (Mr. Taylor) purposely 'made a mistake' and altered it to B flat! Sir Edmund was very wroth about it, and announced something to the effect that 'the bells were not according to contract, and would be thrown back on the founder's hands!' However, science, reason, and common sense prevailed, and they were accepted. I am indebted to Mr. Taylor, sen., and his late son, Mr. John W. Taylor, for this information, and many other particulars as to cost, etc.

### THE COST.

The bells were erected in the north-west tower of the Cathedral during the year 1878, at a cost of a little over £2,800—very cheap, indeed, compared with present-day prices! In addition, there was a large amount spent in preparing the tower to receive the bells. According to a paper called the 'Builder,' this amounted to exactly £1,000. The ringing chamber and additional staircase, together with the flooring in the apartment beneath, probably amounted to another £300 or £400.

Each bell was the gift of a different city company, together with the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who joined in the donation, the tenor bell of 82 cwt. in B flat being given by the Corporation. Each bell bears the name of the master of the company who gave it at the time of vote. The Ellacombe chiming hammers were also installed.

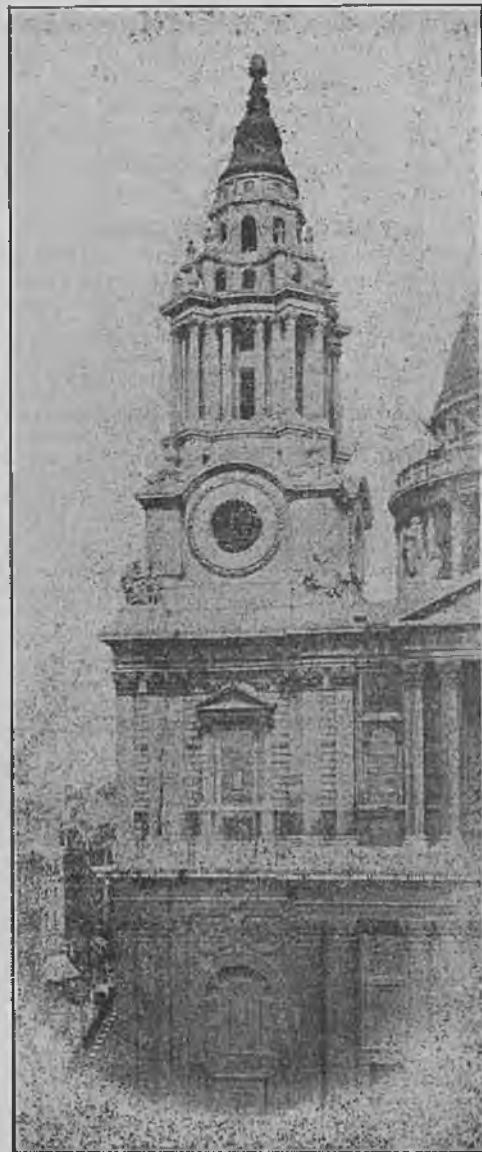
In September of that year one or two short 'touches' of Siedman Cinques were brought round on the bells before the clappers were put in, so as to see if everything was correct, and then one evening in October, without any notification to the outer world, a few 'rounds' were rung after the clappers were fixed, and as a further test the same evening Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen. (that is, the grandfather of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor—I knew him well) turned all the clappers over on the wrong side in order to note the effect! Finally, the bells were officially opened on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1st, 1878, by a picked band of 13 men of the College Youths, with two 'reserves,' of whom the ringer of the 9th and the 'strapper' for the tenor (S. Reeves) were the last survivors of that band to go over to the great majority, Edwin Horrex (9th man) actually being the last to depart from us some three years ago.

Drawings were made in the ringing chamber and other parts of the Cathedral at the moment of dedication by skilled special artists of the 'Illustrated London News,' the 'Graphic,' and other well-known picture papers, and of these I still have copies in my possession—the striking figure of George Muskett being well in the foreground! Flash lamps had not been invented in those days! Of course, the daily and weekly newspapers were full of such an historic event, but I think the 'Times' and the 'Guardian' gave the best reports. The latter had a graphic account of the scheme, somewhat as follows:—

The November air was cold and chill, yet anyone approaching St. Paul's on All Saints' afternoon would have been struck with the un-

wonted stir in the open space around the Cathedral, and on entering the church itself, not only the vast area under the dome, but almost the whole length of the nave, was seen to be closely packed with people. It was evident that the dedication of the bells had interest not only for Londoners, but very many had travelled up from long distances to hear the bells ring out for the first time from the Cathedral of the Metropolis.

In his sermon upon the first verse of the last of the Psalms, the Rev. J. Povah mentioned the influence bells had upon the architecture of churches, the omission for 200 years to realise Wren's design of placing a ring in one of the western towers, and the consequent



[Photo: F. E. Dawe.]  
THE BELL TOWER  
OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

inability of the Cathedral authorities, even when the news came of Nelson's victory and death at Trafalgar, to give voice to the nation's joy or sorrow except by the tolling of a single great bell. Considering the thousands in sight who could not hear a word of the sermon, it might, perhaps, have been 'taken as read,' but that did not seem to occur to the preacher, though an occasional note from the belfry, where the bells were being pulled up with the clappers lashed, and set at hackstroke ready for the opening peal, might have reminded him. The thought occurred that the bells might have spoken with fine and solemn effect during the service itself had it been so ordered, and the immense congregation might thus have been made participators in their solemn dedication.

But a less ceremonial was decided on. Evensong concluded, the choir, the Cathedral clergy, and the Bishop of London made their way in procession through the dense mass of people to the south-western corner of the building, Dr. Stainer, the organist, leading the way, and Mr. Hodge playing the 'War March of the Priests' in Mendelssohn's music to 'Athalie.' The procession passed through the door and wended their way up what is known as the geometrical staircase, and thence across to the north-west tower, there to be lost to sight or hearing of all but a few privileged persons, who followed the choir and clergy, not, indeed, to the ringing chamber, where the dedication took place, but to an ante-chamber immediately below, and separated from it by a wooden floor, through which the prayers and hymns were audible.

#### IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

The Bishop of London, with the Rev. F. H. Fisher (Vicar of Fulham, a well-known ringer) as his chaplain, Dean Church, Bishop Piers Claughton (Archdeacon of London), and eight other Reverend Canons, with organist and choristers threaded their way in surplices up the narrow winding staircase, and, forming a group in the centre of the ringing chamber, took their appointed part in a form of service which had been printed and circulated. This was much in the usual form now used on such occasions.

Many bellringers were present from great distances, and amongst them were Mr. Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Devon; the Rev. H. A. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, Devon; the Rev. Canon Cattley, of Worcester Cathedral; the Rev. Augustus Sutton and Sir Edmund Beckett; also the Rev. H. E. Haweis, LL.D., a great advocate for the continental system of carillons, and notorious for writing letters to papers that admitted of no controversy!

A hymn was then sung, 'When morning gilds the skies.' There is an allusion to 'the sweet church bell' in its second stanza, and its tune, if not actually bell-like, has an exceptionally constant motion of the parts which might bear distant comparison to the rhythm of chimes. The Collect for St. Paul's Day having been read, the Bishop of London gave the usual Blessing to the little kneeling congregation, above which rose the stalwart forms of the ringers leaning on their ropes.

There was a moment's pause, then the Bishop of London gave the word 'Go!' to the circle of ringers: thirteen pairs of strong arms began to pull in concert, and down came a shower of music, bright, soft, and mellow. The bells had spoken. In and around the ringing chamber, to which the few persons invited were now admitted, men's tongues were loosened in delight, as the twelve bells, swinging this way and that, again and again ran down the gamut, not as yet disporting in changes, but trying their voices in a plain round peal. The ringers were thirteen men of the College Youths, two to the tenor bell: stalwart fellows all, many well advanced in years, and visibly possessed of that power of concentrated attention to work in hand, without which a man cannot be a good bellringer, and by means of which alone great or pleasing results can be achieved by a plurality of workers. Each man, stripped to his shirt, stood on a small square platform with his foot in a leathern strap; to the tenor there was a branched rope, and one of its ringers stood on the platform, and the other on the floor of the chamber. Up rushed the ropes through the ceiling for the back-strokes; and down again danced the coloured 'salties' for the hand-strokes, each rope having a red cushion on the floor for it to fall upon. In a few minutes the head ringer gave a word of command, and the ringing came to a first period. 'Well stopped!' exclaimed Dr. Stainer with delight; but it was a premature congratulation, for the tenor hesitated in the hands of his two ringers, and instead of leaning to rest on his stay, as a good bell should, came swinging round again, and spoke twice alone, breaking the neatness of the first performance, but giving the thousands of listeners an opportunity of hearing his voice clear of competition. He is a rich, sonorous fellow, filling the air with his big B flat, and fit in every way to play the part of a perpetual pedal to the ever-varying melodies of his lighter companions in ringing, or to be 'turned in' for a 'touch' of a more advanced character.

After the first stop a consultation between Dr. Stainer and the chief ringer resulted in fixing the programme of 'changes.' Then followed in the report the usual explanation to the public as to change ringing, which finished by saying that from the great mental application required it is always sure to lead to steady and quiet behaviour, and that one mistake generally brings the whole thing to grief, it being almost impossible for the conductor to put a careless ringer in his place again.

#### THE FIRST RINGERS.

The ringing went on for over an hour. The air was clear, and the night fine; hundreds stood in St. Paul's Churchyard listening.

The names of the first ringers of St. Paul's, who stood in the following order, were: H. W. Haley, sen., 1, H. C. Haley, jun., 2, W. Cooter 3, J. Pettit 4, G. Mash 5, J. R. Haworth 6, G. Ferris 7, J. Dwight 8, E. Horrex 9, G. A. Musket 10, M. A. Wood 11, J. M. Hayes with S. Reeves 12. G. Dorrington and W. Jones were the reserves. I personally knew and respected every one of these splendid old fellows, and my old friend, C. F. Winney, shares the same pleasure and privilege.

On that occasion a splendid clock, striking the half-hours, and still a valuable asset to the ringing chamber, was given by the Rev. Robert R. Green, the then Dean's verger.

The last touch of that historic evening was about 1,000 changes of Stedman Cinques, and it was during this that an amusing thing happened. An excellent 'spread' had been provided for the ringers, but, tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ascalon, the choir found their way thither, and fondly imagined that it was for them! When the ringers came down it was 'all gone'—another example of how we used to be 'pushed out' in days gone by.

One interesting fact remains on record, that when the bells were 'fired' on that important occasion, the striking was 'true as a hair,' and not the careless and ragged exhibition to which we are so often treated at various places nowadays. The 'opening' into rounds again was most accurately done, and it was justly admitted by all the critics outside to be of 'the very best'! This shows how easily heavy bells can be handled by good and experienced ringers.

I well recollect the ropes used there during the first twelve months as being very bad, coarse, and unsuitable—certainly some of the worst I have ever seen or handled!

At first the bells were only rung on special occasions, and nearly two years elapsed before the Dean and Chapter entered into an arrangement with the College Youths to have them rung regularly for divine service twice every Sunday, as at present.

I have in my possession a grand piece of music, published in expensive form at the time, with illustration, entitled, 'The Bells of St. Paul's.'

It is also noteworthy that for months after the dedication, the usual mass of correspondence continued to appear in all the newspapers—glutted, in fact—about the 'new bells,' both 'for' and 'against,' mainly by that class of well-to-do 'know nothings' who usually wish to air and ventilate their opinion on matters they do not quite understand. Thank goodness, discussions on 'Simpson tuning' did not exist then. I well remember that at all our subsequent practice nights (once a month) Lord Tom Noddy was sure to be present in some shape or form!

During these 50 years, ten peals have been rung on the bells, viz., six of Stedman Cinques, three of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and one of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, this last having been called by Mr. Alfred Peck, who rang the tenor single-handed! The first was a 5,014 of Stedman Cinques on December 10th, 1881, conducted by the late Mr. James Pettit, and I have never heard better ringing than in this peal. They have all been recorded by the authorities in the ringing chamber in a manner never observed in the other 950 towers I have visited. The walls are prepared in 'panel' fashion, and the record painted thereon! Mention may also be made of my own ill-fated peal (which for some unknown reason has never been allowed to be completed), where, after 3 hrs. 55 mins., and only the last course to ring, the tenor dropped in amongst the others and caused disaster on April 13th, 1912.

#### SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO LEICESTER RINGER.

##### MR. E. R. WHITEHEAD IN A MOTOR COLLISION.

A well-known Leicester ringer, Mr. Edward R. Whitehead, who belongs to St. Margaret's band, has met with a serious motor-cycle accident, as a result of which he lay unconscious between four and five days in Nuneaton Hospital, but is now, we are pleased to say, progressing as favourably as can be expected.

He was motor-cycling towards Leicester rather late at night, and is believed to have come into collision with a motor-car at the junction of Watling Street and Long Shoot, near Nuneaton.

A Mr. Brandrick, who lives near the cross-roads, heard a crash just as he was retiring to bed about 11.20 p.m. He looked out and saw a stationary car in the Long Shoot. Someone walked into the front of the car's headlights and pulled a form on to the roadside. The figure then cranked up the car and moved off towards Nuneaton. He (Mr. Brandrick) went back into the house and roused his son, who was in bed, put on his shoes and coat, and went to the scene. Just as he got there a Mr. Bell and some friends, who reside nearby, came up. They found the motor-cyclist lying on his correct side of the road with his head on the grass verge, whilst the motor-cycle lay across the white lines in the centre of the road. Someone phoned for the police, and the injured man was assisted into Mr. Bell's house, and later he was taken to the Nuneaton Hospital by a passing motorist.

It was a dark, wet night, and up to the present the police, despite diligent inquiries, have been unable to trace the car concerned in the collision.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: C. Wells 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Also 672 Bob Major: H. Prior 1, F. Kemp 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.**—For evensong, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., by the following Sunday service ringers: A. Markwell, jun. (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples) 1, L. Palmer (conductor) 2, A. E. Parsons 3, Sam Smedley 4, W. Palmer 5, J. Knott 6, F. Parsons, sen., 7, H. Stow 8. Rung for harvest festival.

### WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Shedfield on Saturday last, when, despite the unsettled weather, members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Swanmore and Wickham, and visitors from King's Soborne, North Stoneham, Highclere and Romsey. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. I. J. Best) the peal of six were available during the afternoon and evening, and were made good use of.

At 4.30 a short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar officiated and addressed the members. Tea was partaken of in the Shirrell Hut, and the business meeting followed. As the Vicar had unavoidably to leave at the outset, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) was voted to the chair.

The election of the Vicar as an honorary member was confirmed, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Fareham on Saturday, January 26th, 1929, and that Titchfield be coupled with it.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and also addressing the members. The general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) appealed to those towers who had not yet contributed to the memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews (a former Vicar of Titchfield and vice-president of the Guild), to do so at the earliest opportunity.

At the close of the meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others went to Wickham to ring on the peal of six there. It is interesting to note that both the Vicar of Shedfield and the Rector of Wickham are ringers, and both took part in the ringing during the day, which included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### A DIFFICULT QUESTION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, October 20th, and was attended by a good number of members and friends. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and was kept going in various methods till 7.30, when the business meeting of the branch took place, the branch president, Mr. W. Wolstencroft, being in the chair. He gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and remarked that when a meeting was to be held at any tower the local members ought to be there, so that an early start could be made.

A discussion took place on the best way to keep young ringers interested in the art, so that they will not fall away after a time. Various opinions were expressed, but all agreed that it was a difficult question.

The branch secretary was requested to notify the members of the association that an appeal is being made on behalf of Mr. J. Lowe, of Pendleton, and it is hoped a generous response will result.

The next branch meeting was fixed for Pendleton on November 17th.

Votes of thanks to clergy and local ringers were passed, and this closed the meeting. The twelve bells were then kept going until a later hour.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT WANDSWORTH.

A successful meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Wandsworth on Saturday, October 20th. The early arrivals were fortunate to have a pull on the fine new peal of eight at Holy Trinity, West Hill, which are only available on rare occasions owing to the proximity of the Home for Incurables. Upwards of an hour was spent here, followed by half an hour at the Parish Church of All Saints, where a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address which was much appreciated by the members. Tea followed at the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar and splendidly served by the ladies attached to the hall.

Mr. J. D. Drewett, the Master of the association, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality.

Mr. Amos Clark, the District Master, presided at the business meeting, when five new members were elected. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, and Vassall Road, Brixton, on November 24th, if it can be arranged.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Louis Attwater, formerly the respected Master at All Saints' tower, who had passed away since the last meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for holding the service, and to Mr. Gray, of All Saints', who had made arrangements at both towers, was proposed by E. A. Reeve and carried unanimously. A further visit was made to All Saints' belfry, where touches in most of the standard methods were enjoyed until 8.30.

APPLETON, BERKS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. E. Lock 1, H. Nevell 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, A. Dubber 4, P. Messenger 5, — Tubbs 6, F. Taylor 7, R. White 8, G. Hollifield, jun. (conductor) 9, F. White 10.

### PROGRESS AT TISBURY.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Tisbury, Wilts, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins. by: Bert Rock 1, Charles Deau 2, John Lesley 3, Percy Howell 4, Leonard Belsey (conductor) 5, Fred Woods 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of lat, 3rd, 4th and 6th.

This is the longest length rung by the local band, and speaks well for their keenness. They took up change ringing only last December, and have had practically no outside help.

This quarter-peal was rung previous to the unveiling of the peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on May 12th, 1928, the first peal on the bells. The board was unveiled by the Vicar, Rev. G. T. Miller, in the presence of members of the Parochial Church Council and the local band.

### MUFFLED BELLS FOR THE BISHOP OF LEWES.

The bells of St. Clement's, the borough church of Hastings, were rung with fully-muffled clappers (tenor half open) on the occasion of the funeral of the Bishop of Lewes on October 20th, by the following: H. Parkin 1, G. Martin 2, B. White 3, J. Plumbridge 4, J. Martin 5, A. Collins 6, R. Griffin 7, G. Stace 8; and again in the evening with half-muffled clappers by: G. Phillips 1, J. Plumbridge 2, R. White 3, G. Stace 4, J. Martin 5, A. Collins 6, R. Griffin 7, G. Martin 8.

The late Bishop was Rector at Holy Trinity (Hastings) for 15 years (1911-1928), and was interred in the family grave at Hollington Church-in-the-Wood, the funeral service having taken place earlier in the day at Holy Trinity.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Dean 1, H. W. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, C. Nicholls 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, A. G. Newman 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, October 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise (21 bobs): S. Baker 1, Fred A. Mitchell 2, C. M. Mitchell 3, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Buries 5, G. Morrad 6. Also 144 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, with F. Seabright.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On October 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, two 720's Plain Bob Minor, in which the following took part: W. Bidnell and W. Fright (Hythe), A. Castle (conductor) (Elham), W. Cheesman, L. Finn, S. Finn and P. Pierce, of the local band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—After evensong harvest festival, on Sunday, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: S. Jones 1, W. Inwood 2, H. Long 3, C. Evans 4, S. Hoare 5, C. H. Horton (conductor) 6, E. Southey 7, W. Gilks 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 54 mins.: C. Holmes 1, J. Gluyas 2, W. Richards 3, A. W. Myers 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, A. Mitchellmore 6, T. G. Myers 7, W. Hamlyn 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. Marshall 10.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—At the Parish Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), for Sunday morning harvest thanksgiving service: J. Revan 1, F. Maunder 2, H. Boyce 3, G. Evans (conductor) 4, T. Davies 5, M. Davies 6. First quarter-peal for the treble, 2nd and tenor.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Sunday morning, October 7th, for harvest festival service, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Parton 1, W. Saunders 2, R. Parton 3, C. Darby 4, E. Calcutt (conductor) 5, L. Darby 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, for harvest festival service, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. V. Selby 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, H. G. Miles (conductor) 3, J. A. Dav 4, C. F. Winney 5, A. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. Cutmore 8, G. C. Rice 9, W. E. Judd 10.

WICKHAM-BREAUX.—For harvest thanksgiving, on October 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 20 mins.: W. Macted 1, E. Wood 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, H. Smith 5, S. White (conductor) 6; and on Sunday, October 7th, 720 Bob Minor in 20 mins.: W. Maytum 1, W. Macted 2, S. Walter 3, H. Smith 4, J. Walter 5, S. White (conductor) 6.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 30th, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, at All Saints' Church, 720 and 264 Kent Treble Bob: S. Warne 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, F. Webb 3, Chas. H. Howard (conductor) 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. C. Reason 6.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: G. Dowis 1, W. Andrews (conductor) 2, G. Blake 3, T. Cole 4, J. Walker 5, A. F. Smith 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Reynolds 1, J. F. Simpson 2, A. Whatmore 3, H. Amphlett 4, A. L. Dunn 5, W. Smith 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, H. Lawton (first quarter-peal) 8.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained, before Wednesday, the 7th, from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, Colledge Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 11th, at 5.30 for evensong, and on the 13th (election night), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holmer on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Vicarage Room 5.45 p.m., free. —A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch, on Nov. 3rd, Tower open 3 o'clock. All six bell ringers specially invited. —A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6 Sturges Road, Ashford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1/6). —A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteigne on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8), 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on November 3rd. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh. It is hoped a good number will be present.—R. Harrison, Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea to-morrow (Saturday). Bells available from 2 p.m. Buses passing the church leave Brockenhurst 1, 2.10 and 3.10 p.m.; Lyminster 1.45, 2.3 and 3.45 p.m. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Six bells available at 2.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea at the Church Room, 1s. each, 5.30. Bells of St. Peter's Church, Staines, will also be open from 7 to 8.15 p.m. All members of both associations are cordially invited to come and help make this meeting a success.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 to 8.30. Service and meeting (special business on hand) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. As this is the first association meeting to be held at Croft, it is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers invited. F. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, November 3rd, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec. and Treas.

**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.**—Two peal boards, on which are recorded six peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Archdeacon Houson, the Rector of Liverpool, and Canon Elsee hope to take part in the service which follows. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. The bells will be available from 2.30.—G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool S.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 4th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 5th and 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 27th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Special practices in Minor methods will be held at 7.30 p.m. as follows: Clyst St. George, Nov. 7th; St. Petroe, Exeter, Nov. 15th; Exminster, Nov. 21st; and Newton St. Cyres, Nov. 29th. All Guild members welcome.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton (8 bells) on Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Church Road, 5.15. As it is essential the exact number requiring tea should be known, will those intending to be present notify the undersigned by Monday, November 5th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 5.30, and 6.30 to 9. Tea, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, will be provided to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. H. Simpson, 18, Wainman Street, Shipley.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea (6d. each) at 6 p.m. Those desiring tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, Stoneleigh Cottage, Woolton. Special methods: Stedman and Spliced Treble Bob.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Nov. 10th. The bells, which have recently been rehung, the tenor recast and two trebles added to make a peal of 8, will be ready early. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in the School Room, but only for those who send in to C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield, not later than Nov. 7th. Will ringers make a note of this, as it is most important. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 7-9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, meeting, ringing and social hour. A welcome to all. Please notify your intention to be present to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich and Oxford. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Branston (6), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Ser-

vice 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all members requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, by the Wednesday previous? A good attendance please. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.**—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. Stoke and Allesley bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec., J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Lydney, Dec. 26th. Bells open all day. Peals can be arranged at Lydney (8 bells), Tidenham (6 bells), St. Briavel's (8 bells), also Newnham (8 bells) in the morning. Those wishful to take part in peals kindly communicate with Mr. J. W. Davis, 5, G.W. Terrace, Lydney, Gloucestershire.

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**ORGANIST AND CHURCHWARDEN.**

Mr. John Baker Guy, the organist of St. Clement's, Hastings, for 47 years and churchwarden for the last three years, died on October 20th, at the age of 68 years. Although deceased was not a ringer, he was keenly interested in the Bellingers' Guild, and always attended the meetings.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 24th, the body having been brought into the church on the previous evening. A large number attended. The bells were rung with fully-muffled clappers before and after the funeral service as a last token of great respect for deceased by the following: Messrs. W. Bradfield, T. Baker, G. Crosbie-Hill, R. Franklin, R. Griffin, G. Martin, J. Plumbridge, G. Piper and R. White. At the funeral service the hymn, 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' was sung to Mr. Guy's own musical setting.

Among the wreaths, which numbered about 100, were tributes from the bellringers, choir, and Church Council.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung with half-muffled bells in 54 mins. by: H. Parkin 1, R. Wise 2, G. Piper 3, G. Martin 4, T. Baker 5, E. Griffin (first quarter) 6, J. Downing (conductor) 7, J. Plumbridge (first quarter) 8.

Deceased, who was a gifted tenor, was offered a place in the D'Oyly Carte Opera Co., but refused. He also wrote a special 'Jubilee March' for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and received congratulations from the Queen.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday morning, October 28th, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Guildford, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Dodson 1, J. Emery 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, A. R. Pink 4, A. Woodrow 5, J. Gill 6, W. T. Beeson 7, W. Mills 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, October 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, S. Penfold 4, J. Martin 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Chas. Walklate 1, Thos. Blow 2, J. G. Blow 3, A. Kendall 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, W. Little 6, F. Beeson 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: H. Jeffs (first quarter) 1, J. Harridge 2, F. Wood 3, G. Miles (conductor) 4, W. Leggett 5, F. Everitt 6.

**BLACKPOOL.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: A. Hague (conductor) 1, Mrs. A. Hague 2, W. Birks 3, W. Bovill 4, L. Green 5, C. Sharples 6, W. Wilde 7, H. C. Ingram 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the 4th, who attained his majority on the above date.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Sunday, October 28th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal (1,440 changes) of Yorkshire Surprise Royal: C. W. Grimwood 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, A. Diserens 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, C. Roberts 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Bullen 8, G. Cross 9, E. Sanders 10. First quarter-peal of Yorkshire Royal by all the band and in London.

**ABERAVON, GLAM.**—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, F. E. Stone 2, G. W. Hollis 3, W. J. Nurton 4, E. Stith 5, C. Jones 6, A. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weatherby 8.

**WOODSTOCK, OXFORD.**—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: T. Styles 1, R. Rose 2, E. Bedford 3, G. W. Taysom 4, H. Floyd 5, F. Appleton 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. W. Frankling 8. Arranged for C. Edwards and G. W. Taysom, of Hereford.

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