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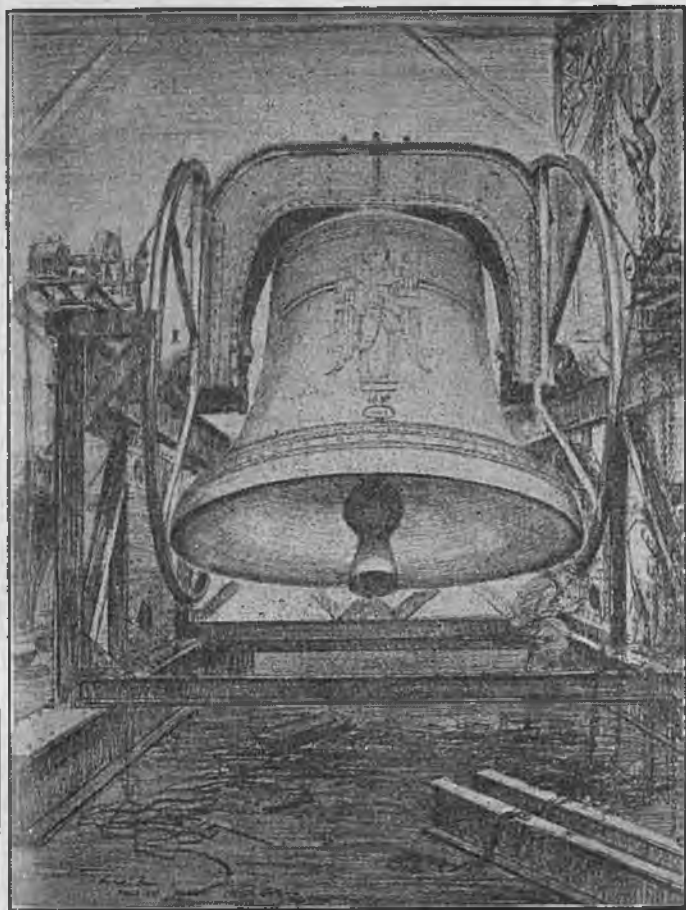
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THE GREAT REUNION

The anniversary celebration of the Ancient Society of College Youths seems, as the years pass by, to make a wider and wider appeal to ringers throughout the country, and last Saturday's proceedings were striking evidence of the ever growing popularity of the event. From the four corners of England men came to London to take part in the assembly, which is, as befits the old society, the largest gathering of its kind in the social programme of the ringing year. It is now in the fullest sense a ringers' festival, for it has, since the war, taken on a new significance. Whereas formerly it was just a dinner party, it has now become a function of real importance, which not only continues the convivial side of the proceedings, but helps to emphasise the connection between bell ringing and the church, through the service which is now made a feature of the festival.

It was at the old church on College Hill—destroyed in the Fire of London—that the society had its origin, and, to the church which has succeeded it, the society now returns once a year to hold an official service where, nearly three hundred years ago, it was born in a small but august company. The story of the Ancient Society goes back beyond the beginnings of change ringing as we know it to-day, and throughout the centuries of the history of our art the College Youths have not only played an important part, but have been almost as much to the Exercise as the trunk is to the whole tree. The founders, of course, could have had no notion of the extent to which their society would grow and grip the imagination of ringers as time progressed, any more than they could have anticipated the vast developments which have taken place in the science itself since their day. But there are traditions and an atmosphere about this old society which are distinctive, and the progress of time only serves to deepen respect for it and widen its influence.

It is, however, not alone this respect for and this influence of the society that are responsible for drawing together the representative company that every year comes to London to celebrate the anniversary, and the assembly is by no means exclusively a gathering of members who come to do honour to their Society. Others outside the ranks delight to join in the festival and are glad by their presence to pay tribute to this old and honoured organisation. Apart from this, however, one great attraction of this event is the certainty of meeting and greeting old friends. The College Youths' dinner is one of the greatest reunions in the Exercise, and if it were suddenly to be dropped it would leave a void which nothing else could fill in exactly the same way.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	† JAMES GEORGE 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
* LESLIE G. BRETT 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edgar Pemberton. This was Mr. James George's 1,000th peal on tower bells, and he has now rung peals in the method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Both he and Mr. Brundle are the two oldest ringers to ever ring a peal of Surprise Maximus, being in their 78th and 79th year respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. MARRINER ... Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ARTHUR J. SMITH 7
* MISS I. L. HASTIE 3	ALAN R. PINK 8
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
ALFRED H. WINCH 5	ALBERT H. HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* First lady to ring a peal in this tower. The 25th anniversary of the treble ringer's first peal, which was rung with the same conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

CHRISTOPHER HICK ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
ALFRED ADAMS 2	WALTER R. HUGHES 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	GILBERT HARDING 8
SIDNEY ELTON 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	WILLIAM WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung as a compliment to Alderman E. H. Ingram on his re-election as Mayor of Walsall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings, with 4, 6, 8 covering.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN L. CAMPTON ... Treble	EDWARD CLOUGH 5
WALTER CLOUGH 2	NORMAN ILIFFE 6
GEORGE DUDLEY 3	ERNEST RIVITT 7†
GABRIEL CAMPTON 4	EDWIN CAMPTON Tenor

Conducted by E. RIVITT.

First peal by all except ringers of 3rd and 7th. First peal on the bells since they were increased to eight. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the granddaughter of the 3rd ringer.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 29, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	PETER NUTTALL 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
GEORGE PINCOTT 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOHN NUTTALL 4	H. DICKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer, who presented a new clock for the ringing chamber. The conductor's 100th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT... .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM HAIGH 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Rung on the 854th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*NORMAN W. WESTLAKE Treble	MAURICE E. WILSON 5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 6
MISS ELSIE SMITH 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
ALFRED G. WALLACE 4	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

* First peal in the method, age 16. Rung on the festival of All Souls, as an act of praise and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, and especially those who during the past 100 years have given of their time and means to embellish the church with those things necessary to its well-being and honour. Rung also to mark the centenary of the church, consecrated on August 22nd, 1829, by Henry Ryder, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; and to commemorate the association of the church with the dioceses of Lichfield-Coventry, Lichfield, Southwell and Derby. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were visited by Mr. H. E. Baggs, Vicar's warden, who conveyed to them the thanks and appreciation of the church authorities and invited them to sign their names for preservation with the parish records.

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TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	HARRY PARKES 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
*WILLIAM E. SPICE 4	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, STAYLEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD HINCHLIFFE ... Treble	GILES E. SHAW 5
JOHN SIMISTER 2	CHARLES WOOD 6
*ALBERT HODGSON 3	ALFRED ROBERTS... .. 7
SAMUEL FIELDING 4	PERCY WALTON Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
*JAMES BENNETT... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method on inside bell. The peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the fifth ringer, and was the 150th peal by the conductor. L. C. Wightman has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS SMITH Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
*WALTER P. CROSS 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... 3	WILLIAM WELLYNG 7
†EDWARD S. T. FARR 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

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

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*EDGAR G. SWIFT Treble	*JAMES H. LUCAS 5
PERCY E. JONES... .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
WILLIAM H. JOINER 3	FRANK CORKE 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	*CHARLES NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

* First peal of Stedman, and rung at the first attempt. The above peal was arranged for W. H. Joiner, who hails from Mitcham, Surrey, and who, for a great number of years, was a member of the St. Andrew's Society. J. J. Pratt belongs to St. John's, Hillingdon, and the remainder to the local society.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD BOB TWENTY-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.	
MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
FREDERICK J. THYER 2	JOHN DARCH... .. 6
ROYDEN DAVIES 3	ALBERT E. GREV... .. 7
PETER HEATH 4	FREDERICK NEVILLE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY
The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cullum, sen. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle in this tower.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRUCE BIRKINGTON ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
†OSWALD CLAYBROOK 2	ARTHUR BIRKINGTON 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY... .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

A remembrance peal. Rung by the local band. * First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge inside.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal as conductor in the method and first attempt.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.

At Christ Church, Ottershaw, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes on Saturday, October 5th, after the dedication of a new peal board recording the first peal, rung on February 25th, 1929, by a local band: S. Sleet 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, D. Sleet (conductor) 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, F. Wallace 6.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*B. KNIGHT Treble	J. HOWARTH 5
F. GRUNDY 2	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 6
*C. CUDGEOON 3	J. H. RIDYARD 7
*N. BERRY 4	A. BURTON Tenor

Conducted by F. GRUNDY.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. An Armistice commemoration peal, rung with the bells half-muffled. Also rung on the 72nd anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. James Henry Ridyard, of Worsley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY HOVERD... .. Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First Surprise peal. Rung on the conductor's birthday. The ringers of the treble and 2nd were proposed members of the association previous to starting.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	†WILLIAM A. STOTE 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
*REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. 4	ERNEST MORRIS... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor and his 50th M.C.A. peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. The Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., was Vicar of Enderby from 1917 to 1923.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL EAST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

EDWIN J. BROWN ... Treble	*FRANK SKIDMORE 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	SAMUEL PHILIPS 6
PERCY C. WILLIAMS 3	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	†BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Gardiner, closely associated with St. John-the-Baptist Church, where he was a vestryman and an ex-church-warden. He was also donor of the tower at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol East, built 1912, and, later, of the bells, which were installed there about 16 months ago.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
ERNEST WEITING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt, 20 lb. in D.

S. HOARE Treble	W. CASHMORE 5
MRS. MAYNE 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN 6
F. W. ELLIOTT 3	M. F. R. HIBBERT 7
C. C. MAYNE 4	J. B. MARKS Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

This peal was rung in honour of all holders of the Victoria Cross, of whom 321 dined this day at Westminster with the Prince of Wales.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST B. BETTS Treble	*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY 3	*HARRY MARSDEN 7
*HAROLD SENIOR 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

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

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH 5
ALBERT E. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 6
JOHN J. PRICE 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4	ARTHUR C. NASH Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung as a compliment to Alderman John Palmer on his re-election as Mayor of Ludlow for the fifth year in succession. Also as a welcome home to the Rector, who has just recovered from an illness.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	ROYDEN DAVIES 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
FRANK J. BAILEY 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
PERCY JONES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

First peal of Major as conductor. J. Phillips has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of all ranks of H.M. Forces who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, October 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire and Bob Doubles in 43 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 2, O. E. Bassett 3, P. W. Piper 4, E. J. Munday 5, J. Stenning 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPSPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine two of Kent, one of Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD A. TIDY Treble	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 4
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
HYLTON F. H. TIDY 3	EDWARD E. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal in five methods for the ringer of the 2nd.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED E. BROOKES Treble	THOMAS C. GWILLIAM 4
JOHN F. FOX 2	THOMAS G. COOKE 5
RICHARD COOKE 3	FREDERICK A. JAINE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor for all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor rung by a resident band in Leominster district since its formation.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 3,600 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY MALE Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	*GEORGE BREEZE 4
†JAMES RANDLE Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside' in three methods. Rung for the festival of All Saints and for evensong, the ringers being specially thanked by the Vicar (Rev. E. G. T. Simey). The peal also commemorates the 25th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells, the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first lesson under the tuition of Mr. W. Short in the above tower, the 25th peal for G. J. R. Price, and the 25th peal together for the second and third ringers.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	GEORGE GARDNER 4
FRANK W. PERRINS 2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT G. SUMMERS.

Rung in connection with the erection of a carved oak screen in the above church, dedicated on the previous Sunday to the memory of the late Mr. Alfred Kirby, Rector's warden, 1891-1919.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ARTHUR COOK 4
RAY GRANT 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one of Double Court and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 4
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3	JOHN SNELLING Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The ringers in this and the peal at Rickinghall Superior represent six different parishes.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN Treble	†GEORGE E. FEARN 4
†FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH 2	HARRY PRICE 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Minor away from the treble. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells at short notice.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN H. BAILESS Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON 4
JOSEPH W. LOMAS 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
FRANK BAILESS 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. T. LAXTON Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON 4
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	HAROLD HARPER Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips for their kind hospitality after the peal, and the Rev. J. R. Trotter for the use of the bells.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

P.C. ALFRED HOLLIS Treble	†WILFRED SAUNDERS 4
*GEORGE PARTON 2	RALPH PARTON 5
ERNEST CALCOTT 3	†LESLIE DARBY Tenor

Conducted by E. CALCOTT.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen. All the ringers belong to the local band.

CHESTER.—On Monday, September 9th, at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, G. R. Jones 3, H. W. Wilde 4, P. Swindley (first in the method) 5, J. Swindley 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun, 8.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 4
ARTHUR REED 2	WILLIAM COLES 5
PERCY MERSON 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 65, ELSDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3-4	*ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on handbells. Rung on the eve of the 53rd birthday of the conductor.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 11, HOLY DYKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 7-8

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM'S VETERAN RINGERS.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. James' Church, Biddenham, on Saturday, when a company of 38 ringers was present, representing Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Biddenham, Cardington, Clapham, Great Staughton, Harrold, Kempston, Keysoe, Woburn, Turvey and Stagsden. The bells, a well-running peal of six, were set going at about 2.30, and kept in constant use throughout the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, where an excellent repast had been prepared, and the presence of the Rev. W. Norman at tea and the business meeting was greatly appreciated.

The Vicar, in welcoming the association to his tower, said they were all pleased to see amongst them Mr. William West, who is captain of the Biddenham band at the advanced age of 82. He spoke of Mr. West as 'the old man with a young heart.'

It would be interesting to know if there is a ringer with as great a record as Mr. West, for he has been a member of the Biddenham band for 71 years, having been made a member on November 5th, 1858. Mr. Harry King, also a Biddenham ringer still on the active list, is one of the oldest members of the association, having joined at its establishment.

The Vicar said when he first came to the village he was struck by the harmony and concord of the place, and in those days he thought he was right in saying Biddenham had one of the finest bands of ringers in the county, producing harmony on the bells—bells not rung in time produced very obnoxious noises.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, it was decided, after some discussion, to hold the annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on December 7th, if the bells are available.

The advisability of appointing a Ringing Master to supervise the ringing at meetings was also discussed, and it was resolved to ask Mr. H. Gayton to carry out this office at the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. West for making local arrangements, closed the meeting.

The methods rung on the bells during the day ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise.

An interesting feature in the tower is a huge framed record of the bells of the churches of Bedfordshire, giving the name of the church, the number of bells, the weight of tenor and the founders' names.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH EXTENDS WELCOME TO VETERAN.**

A very successful monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Seend on Saturday, November 2nd, a good company being present, when ringing commenced. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Butler), with Mr. A. T. Weeks as organist. Tea followed at the Bell, to which 25 sat down. The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Holt, North Bradley, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham, and visitors were present from Bath, Wootton Bassett, Mere and Buckhorn Weston.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the business meeting. After extending a hearty welcome to all present, the Chairman made special reference to the presence of Mr. H. Brownlee-West, a vice-president of the Guild, and formerly branch secretary. Although Mr. West is well over 86 years of age, he is in good health and very active; in fact, as soon as he arrived in the village on Saturday he called to see an old friend. Mr. Joe Willshire (change ringing instructor and verger), who is at present unfortunately on the sick list.

Mr. West thanked the chairman for his kind remarks, and assured them all it was a very great pleasure to him to see so many old friends again.

Four life members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Swift, K. Snelling and N. Elliott, of Crawley, Sussex, B. H. Wells, of Merstham, Surrey, and two ringing members, Messrs. J. S. Weeks, of Southbroom, and E. Wilkins, of Holt.

An invitation was received from Holt to hold the December meeting there, if possible.

A move was made to the tower for more ringing till 8 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were successfully rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Little Bob Minor, Stedman and Grand sire Doubles, everyone being delighted with the 'go' and the music of the peal.

SURPRISE MINOR ON KEEVIL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of November 1st I note a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the grand peal of bells of Keevil, Wilts, 'believed to be the first 720 Surprise on the bells.' The Leytonstone company rang 720 York Surprise on the same bells on June 20th, 1925, on the occasion of their annual outing (see 'The Ringing World,' July 10th, 1925).—Yours, etc.,

GEO. DAWSON.

DEATH OF A RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE, RINGER.

The Midland Counties Association has lost one of its promising young ringers by the death, under very tragic circumstances, of Mr. Hugh F. Attewell, of Codnor Park, Derbyshire. Mr. Attewell, who was only 29 years of age, learned to ring on the five bells of the ancient church at Pentrich, and subsequently joined the Ripley company, rapidly becoming proficient in the standard and Surprise Major methods. He had not been able to take a regular part in the Sunday service ringing at Ripley for about two years, owing to his removal to Codnor Park to reside near his place of business, but he had decided to return to Ripley, with a view to renewing his active association, when he was taken ill with double pneumonia, and he passed away in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary on Thursday, October 31st. Mr. Attewell leaves a widow, and an infant son only eight weeks old.

The interment took place at Ripley on Monday, November 4th, the deceased being borne to his last resting place by fellow-members of the collieries staff of the Butterley Company, Limited. During the sad ceremony, the bells were rung half-muffled, and, as a last tribute of respect, on Monday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled by the following: John W. Cupit 1, Herbert Day 2, Kenneth G. Sheldon 3, John J. Turner 4, Frank F. Hill 5, Fred W. Hill 6, Alex. Hutchison (conductor) 7, W. Henry George 8.

The heartfelt sympathy of the Ripley ringers is accorded to the widow, and father and mother of the deceased, in their very sad bereavement.

BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged £89 0s. 3d., Bucklebury ringers 17s. 6d., High Wycombe ringers £2 2s., Brightwalton ringers 7s., Mitcham ringers 10s., Newbury ringers 12s., Warborough ringers £1, Bampton ringers 7s., Chicheley ringers 10s., Messrs. J. F. Barlow 10s., W. Pole Routh £1 1s., J. H. B. Hesse £1 1s., Chairman Reading Branch £10, Messrs. J. T. Mumford £2 2s., A. J. Wright £5 5s., J. S. Pritchett £1 1s., W. Evetts, jun., £1 1s., Rev. Canon Ridout 15s., Rev. Carey-Ward 5s.; total £118 6s. 9d. The above amounts are acknowledged with sincere gratitude by R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading, to whom contributions should be sent.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, November 4th, 720 London Surprise: H. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Bavin 1, A. J. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington 6.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Jasper Whitfield Snowdon died on November 16th, 1885, at the age of 41 years. His death, coming just when he had reached his prime, was one of the greatest blows the Exercise has ever sustained.

'The Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers,' Bristol, was granted a Royal Charter on November 17th, 1620.

The first peal of London Surprise Major was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835. It was a composition by Shipway and conducted by S. Thurston, and was one of the most memorable performances in the history of ringing.

It was at another Norwich church, St. Giles', on the same day in the year 1760, that the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung, and immediately it was completed John Webster, who had rung the 6th, dropped dead in the belfry.

It was this John Webster who wrote to Dr. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, saying that the Norwich company seemed 'entirely to slight' John Holt's broadsheet of peals of Grandsire. He owned it was 'not a generous way of treating Mr. Holt's performance,' adding that, 'I believe they are induced to this by that ingenious ringer, Mr. Annable's not encouraging of it, had he approved of it his influence on the College Youths I presume would have been sufficient to have sent it to the press without any further subscriptions.'

This letter threw great light on the attitude of ringers towards Grandsire composition in those days, when men were striving for a peal without singles. Apparently, Annable did not approve of Holt's peals because they contained singles, and his influence was so great that the Norwich men, on the strength of it, withheld their support.

One hundred and twenty years ago on November 20th, eight members of the Tebbit family rang a peal of 5,208 Oxford Treble Bob at Soham, Cambs.

Twenty years ago next Wednesday, Holt's Original was rung 'silent' at Christ Church, West Bromwich.

The hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will be abroad for the sake of his health till the middle of January. Any correspondence requiring immediate attention may be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

There are still ringers to be found who are prepared to make some serious personal effort to fulfil engagements. Last Friday, Mr. G. A. Blaxcell 'push-biked' 42 miles, after a day's work, to take part in a peal of Minor at Winfarthing, Norfolk.

A peal was rung at Rickmansworth, Herts, in honour of the V.C.'s. The tenor at Rickmansworth is 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D. Is this, asks a correspondent, the lightest D bell in the country? And have there been any faster peals rung on this weight, without a trip throughout? The time of the peal was 2 hrs. 55 mins.

The bells at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, which were reopened on Saturday, have suffered long periods of silence, but it is not twelve years, as was at first said, since they were rung. There has been occasional ringing on them since, the last time they were rung being at the induction of the Rev. R. E. T. Bell.

Mr. R. Matthews writes that the first peal by a local band at Wollaston, Stourbridge, was rung on October 10th, 1910.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS IN LONDON.

SERMON BY OXFORD GUILD MASTER.

Coinciding with Lord Mayor's Day, the celebration of the 292nd anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths took place on Saturday, and was once again noteworthy for the large number of ringers it drew together from all parts of the country. The bells at Southwark Cathedral and St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, were open in the early part of the afternoon, and afterwards those of St. Olave's, Hart Street, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, and all of them were well utilised during the time available. Following the custom revived since the war, a service was held at St. Michael's Church, College Hill, where the men who founded the society nearly three hundred years ago were wont to practise, and from which the society got its name. The congregation of men filled the seating accommodation to capacity, and the bright service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon Bullock Webster), the hearty singing of the hymns being a feature. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A UNIQUE GATHERING.

The preacher chose for his text Proverbs xvi. 31, 'The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness.'

There is, he said, no ringers' gathering quite like this. All ringers' gatherings have their peculiar features. In one case it may be a diocesan guild or a county association annual meeting; in another case it may be a gathering together on the anniversary of the death of some great ringer who, in his generation, justly held sway among his fellowmen, and after his death his memory is held in honour and we meet to do honour to it. On another occasion it may be that the gathering together is to welcome the restoration of some well-loved ring of bells; but, to my mind, there is a unique feature about this gathering, which has been going on now for nearly 300 years, and which is called, and I suppose, always will be called, 'the College Youths' dinner.' In trying to think out in my own mind what exactly it is that is the unique feature about this gathering, I rather blundered upon some sort of explanation which I will try to give you as shortly as possible. Those of us who are ringers and who love our bell-ringing have a pride in it—the proper sort of pride, not the sort of pride which says, 'I can ring so many methods,' or 'I have rung so many peals and I am quite satisfied with myself,' but the pride which says, 'Almighty God has given me a great gift, and I have the strength to use it, but I am not a bit satisfied yet that I have used it to the full or used it properly.'

From time to time, continued the preacher, they felt

that they wanted some sort of response to that feeling, some sort of acknowledgment of that pride. Some of them in their work in connection with bell-ringing were sometimes led to ask themselves whether they were not pursuing an ideal which was, after all, only an ideal, and would never be accomplished, in trying to make people see what they meant and what they wanted to do. It was just at this time of year when they were taught to reach out far and wide, right beyond the seas, and think of their brothers and sisters, who perhaps once rang with them and were now far away, and to think of them as they would be remembering the Christmas bells; to think of

those in distant lands who would miss the sound of the bells and the green fields; and to think, also, of those who went forth, leaving all behind them, and passed out of the sight of men, having made the great sacrifice. They as ringers came there at that time of year with some sort of response to that pride which they felt. They had rather felt it that day, as some of them had watched that very fine pageant associated with the City of London, had heard the bells ringing, and remembered that God had given them a very great country and empire. And they had come there that day, also, as bellringers, into the heart of that empire, among the glorious churches and the glorious rings of bells, and to that church which saw the beginning of change ringing 292 years ago, to that church which covered the remains of him who went out wandering and was called back, and had his destiny in this world guided and fixed for him by the sound of the bells of Bow. They came there, to the city where change ringing had existed since the reign of King Charles I., and where it remained vigorous enough to call together that day a gathering from the length and breadth of the land, members of other great ringing associations, many of them also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. At a gathering like that they did, perhaps, begin to feel this response which they desired, and did begin to feel that they might be thankful to God that they were church bellringers. They thanked Him for His guiding hand in the past over the art which they loved, that He had accepted this change ringing for His Church, and had made it His handmaiden in the service of His Church; that He had accepted them as His servants and had endowed them, some more, some less, with the gifts requisite for this ministry. They thanked God that at this point in the history of change ringing it was, speaking generally, found in the way of righteousness.

NOT A THING OF YESTERDAY.

It was not a thing of yesterday, this change ringing of theirs; it was a thing of long standing. It had come through difficult times, but God had made it what it was to-day, when the bells of their churches were rung to express God's message to His people. There were, of course, exceptions. There were those, undoubtedly, who had taken up bell-ringing as a pastime, as they might have taken up any other game, and who did not pursue it in any other spirit than that. But they were the exceptions, and change ringing to-day was a crown of glory when it was to be found in the way of righteousness. He believed that everyone who was really a ringer at heart, and had a pride in his ringing, and was proud of being a ringer, would be all the better when he went home for having attended that gathering. He would go home inspired by his visit to London, by the service in which he was taking part, by the meeting with old friends and by the whole setting of this city in which they were met, and not least, perhaps, by what they had seen in the great show which had passed that day through its streets. It might be, in that show in a few years' time, they might have a series of cars representing bell founding from the beginning, for London had not been behind-hand among those who had founded the bell-founding industry.

In conclusion, the preacher said there were two most important things that he wanted to speak on quite shortly. The first was that they must maintain a standard of good ringing; that they should strike every blow, that they should set their faces against those who might have rung many peals, but had yet to learn to ring a bell, who seemed to think that the backstroke was merely an awkward method of bringing the bell back into the handstroke position. They must seek to ring truly every blow. That was one thing which would ensure the crown of glory. The second thing was they must be, most truly, men of God, and in this he wanted to remind them of one of the weaknesses of bellringers generally. Although ringers might be very regular and faithful in ringing the bells for Sunday services, there was not nearly enough of them who looked upon one particular church as his spiritual home, who could say, 'This church,' wherever it might be, 'is my church; it is here that I go and place upon the altar, as it were, the offering of my life and service, here that I seek for inspiration.' There were some who, he knew, had to perform ringing in many different churches on a Sunday, and each of those he urged to seek out one among the churches he rang at and make it his spiritual home, to enter into the whole life of that church and to make his contribution of service to it as a churchworker. In those ways, as they grew nearer the hoary age, they would add the lustre of a crown of glory to change ringing, and they themselves would be filled with the joy which, God grant, they might always have as they came nearer to the crossing, because they would be found in the way of righteousness.

The 'voluntary' after the service consisted of a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells by Messrs. Winney, Walker, Smallwood and Young.



ST. MICHAEL'S,
PATERNOSTER ROYAL,
on College Hill, the Mother Church
of the College Youths.

THE DINNER.

Almost a record company gathered at the Bridge House Hotel for the annual dinner, the party numbering over 250. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. J. Bullock), and the vice-chair by Mr. J. S. Hawkins. Among those present were Rev. Canon Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Rev. Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), Mr. R. Walden (churchwarden of Southwark), Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton (St. Magnus'), Rev. Canon Bullock Webster, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. J. Choctel and E. J. Sampson (stewards), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees of the society), E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), W. Fenton, J.P., Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer) and R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), E. H. Lewis, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol), Messrs. J. E. Groves (Birmingham), E. Bishop (Swindon), H. Marcom and H. Walker (Lincoln). There were representatives from many towers in and around London, ringers coming in parties from the Greenwich and Gravesend District, Reading and Caversham, Barking, Ealing, Holborn, Bethnal Green, Southwark, Edmonton, Portsmouth, Croydon, Guildford and High Wycombe, while among those from more distant places were Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), F. Pervin (Coventry), S. Palmer, Wilson, J. Holman (Sheffield), C. Harrison (Loughborough), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), W. A. Cave (Bristol), J. Austin (Gloucester), T. King and F. Rich (Bath), W. Knight and W. Thomas (Bristol), G. Poppell (Markham, South Wales), C. Mee (Ipswich), A. Rivers (Cambridge), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), A. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), E. Poppy (Eye), F. Dench (Saffron Walden), etc.

An interesting fact was revealed during the repast, when the Master 'took wine' with members of the society of over 50 years' standing. Those who responded numbered six, and were Canon Coleridge, Messrs. T. Wallage (the 'father' of the society), T. Benney, W. D. Smith, J. W. Rowbotham and W. Prime.

The toast of 'The King' was honoured on the call of the Master, who then proposed that a telegram should be sent conveying from that gathering respectful greetings to the Prince of Wales and his gallant guests at the House of Lords. This suggestion was endorsed with cheers.

The Master then gave the toast of 'The Church,' to which Canon Haldane responded in a facetious speech, in the course of which he said, on behalf of the clergy, or the great majority of them, that they did appreciate very highly the work which the Ancient Society of College Youths and ringers generally did for the Church (hear, hear). It was very arduous work, and work which made great claims upon their powers of mind and body, and work which had its risks; in fact, so risky was it that he had never been able to make up his mind to start it (laughter). Very often, he continued, those who listened got as much pleasure as those who rang, and he could honestly say no ringing he had ever heard at his tower had excelled the ringing of the College Youths. He realised that at Southwark they had the very fine peal of bells (hear, hear). Sometimes he was asked, when the bells were going, who it was that was ringing. If it was very good, indeed, he would reply that it was the College Youths (laughter). If, on the other hand, it was not so good, he said it was a Southwark Surprise Major (laughter), and did not say exactly who it was that was taking part in the ringing (laughter). Canon Haldane concluded by thanking the company for drinking the toast of 'The Church.'

'V.C.s' OF THE BELFREY.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said he was very glad they had sent from that assembly a message of greeting to the gathering presided over by the Prince of Wales at the House of Lords. He said he could not, of course, remember all the valiant deeds done by those gallant men, but he recalled three instances in which the coveted cross was won by men whose only weapons had been their own fists. But, he continued, what about those twelve valiant men who, at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday, rang the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in 11 hrs. 33 mins., one of the greatest feats ever done in the annals of change ringing? (applause). He happened, during the following week, to be staying in Somerset, and a local paper, having got hold of the fact that this peal had been rung, ended its report with the question, 'We wonder what the inhabitants thought of it?' (laughter). He was able to inform some of the readers that the inhabitants of Ashton-under-Lyne thought a great deal of it; that they turned out in great numbers to cheer it, and so far from being annoyed with that peal, there was not a soul in the town and for miles around who was not delighted. Did these men have a V.C. for holding the ropes in their fists for 11½ hours? They didn't, but they deserved it, but merit brought its own reward, and the ringers of that peal wanted nothing else (hear, hear). What struck him was that a good many of those who were ringing

in that peal could no longer be called young men. They were getting on in years—he did not know what their average age was, but whether they were young or whether they were getting into the sere and yellow leaf, ringing seemed to keep men young, and occasions like that gathering of College Youths had a great facility for keeping them young. It was always said that a donkey did not get to its prime until it was a hundred years old, and he thought it must be the same with some ringers (laughter). Even when men, owing to stress of circumstances, could not manage to ring any longer, not a few of them were engaged in doing valuable work for the Exercise (hear, hear). He mentioned one—one of his oldest friends—the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, though stricken down some time ago and who now had the greatest difficulty in moving about—put in a great deal of time for the good of the Exercise, either collating works or writing new ones. One of his most recent was 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples,' which was a most interesting little work, especially for the young composer. Canon Coleridge went on to say that recently Mr. Davies preached at Tewkesbury Abbey (on the occasion of the jubilee of the restoration scheme inaugurated by his father), although he had to be carried into the pulpit by his son and the verger. The speaker concluded by remarking that the success of such an organisation as the College Youths needed the exuberance of youth and the wisdom of old age, and when those were combined, as they were in that Ancient Society, that society would go on and flourish to the end (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of that excellent ringer, friend, philosopher and everything else, Mr. Cockerill, the hon. secretary (applause).

A course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by H. Hodgetts, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, A. H. Pulling and H. Langdon.

A LONG DEATH ROLL.

In rising to respond, Mr. Cockerill was greeted with cheers and the enthusiastic singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' Mr. Cockerill said they had received apologies for non-attendance and good wishes for a successful evening from Revs. Canon Alexander, J. H. Ellison, G. H. Phillimore, B. F. Simpson, S. G. Ponsoby and N. T. Hopkins, Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, P. Johnson, W. H. Judd, E. Morris, Nichols, and T. Reeves. They had also received a telegram from Bristol United Ringing Guilds sending best wishes. Since they last met at dinner, said Mr. Cockerill, they had made 40 new members (applause). They had met for ringing practices 76 times during the year, and these practices had been attended by 117 different members at some time or other. He regretted that the deceased members formed a rather long list. They had lost by death Robert Holloway, Henry H. Chandler, W. H. C. Courtney, Tom Coxhead, Henry W. Jackson (Bolton), John Wilkins (Walthamstow), Joseph E. Sykes, Robert Thompson (West Ealing), Geo. Alder (Burnham), Rev. Maitland Kelly, York Green, Sam Southby, Geo. T. McLaughlin, Edgar Pemberton (Ipswich), Frank Willey (Sheffield) and Tom Payne (Oxford). The peal list was only a very moderate one, only fifteen having been rung—all in the tower: Grandsire Triples 2, Stedman Triples 3, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Cinques 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1. He thanked the company very heartily for the way in which they had received the toast.

Mr. A. A. Hughes submitted 'The Visitors,' and took the opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the society, the various incumbents of London churches for their permission to hold practice meetings at their churches. The society appreciated the encouragement that was given them in the work which they did.

The Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton replied, and remarked that visitors to that gathering not only enjoyed the hospitality that was extended to them, but were very much struck by the extraordinary enthusiasm that was shown, not only among members of the Ancient Society in London, but by others who came to that dinner from such long distances—an enthusiasm which they could find equalled in hardly any other work or hobby. It must be the comradeship of ringing and the knowledge that they were doing a most valuable work for the Church. There was no fickleness in bellringing, but an enthusiasm and steadfastness which set an example to all other church workers.

Mrs. Hughes at this point gave some delightfully played handbell solos, with all her accustomed artistry. She rendered 'Love, could I only tell thee,' and 'I'll sing the songs of Araby,' and, being encored, with 'musical honours,' played an old favourite in 'Land of Hope and Glory.'

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. J. S. Hawkins) proposed the toast of 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies.' He remarked that there were present that evening representatives from nearly every society, association and guild in the country. On behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths he extended to them a hearty welcome, and, having referred to the valuable work which was being done by these societies, concluded by wishing them continued success and prosperity.

Mr. E. A. Young first replied, remarking that their first thought must go out to those who were not with them that night, but who were associated with them in their ancient Exercise. They had many vigorous societies operating in the London area, and among them was the Royal Cumberland Youths, who went back in their history,

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE MASTER ENTERTAINS LARGE GATHERING AT BRAINTREE.

In large numbers on a delightful autumn day, members responded to the invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Braintree on Saturday last. The proceedings commenced with service in the Parish Church, with an inspiring address from the newly-appointed Vicar (Rev. Jas. Case, M.A., B.Sc.). Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, read the lesson. The collection for the association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. Upwards of one hundred accepted the Master's invitation to tea, the company being representative of thirty-five parishes.

At the subsequent meeting, Mr. A. A. Saunders was thanked for his past services and reappointed District Master.

Mr. W. Arnold, who has carried out the duties of secretary for the past two years in a most efficient manner, intimated his inability to continue, owing to business pressure, and was heartily thanked. Mr. F. Redgwell, of Earls Colne, was unanimously elected his successor.

Rev. O. L. Martin, Vicar of Earls Colne, was elected an honorary member, and Mrs. C. O. Courtauld, of Penny Pot, Halstead, was elected an honorary life member. Several ringing members were also elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Feering in February.

The Master made feeling allusion to the sad loss sustained by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, Herts, by the tragic death of his son, Mr. W. S. Lawrence, as reported in 'The Ringing World,' and a vote of condolence with Mr. Lawrence and his two daughters was passed in silence, the Master being requested to convey the sympathy of the meeting to them.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and for his address, and the organist was also thanked for his services.

Mr. H. E. Hammond voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Master for providing tea for so large an assemblage.

Immediately after the meeting the whole company were shown over the magnificent Town Hall, recently presented to the town by Mr. W. J. Courtauld at a cost exceeding £60,000. In the spacious Council Chamber the Master, who has been a councillor for twenty-one years, explained the special points of the whole building, and enumerated many other gifts by Mr. Courtauld during the past few years, including a hospital completely equipped and a recreation ground endowed so as to be entirely free from charge on the rates.

The District Master and Messrs. W. Keeble and L. W. Wiffen did their utmost to ensure that everyone of the large company had a ring on the bells, which are in excellent order. Commencing at 2.30 p.m., they were, with the exception of the period of the service and meeting, ringing unceasingly in methods ranging from Bob Major to London Surprise.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS BY VETERANS.

Mr. James George, who is approaching his 76th birthday, has achieved another distinction. He has rung his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at a greater age than any other 'first pealer' in the method, and has thus given another proof of his youthful mental capacity. Mr. 'Bob' Brundle, who also took part in the peal, was 73 last September. On the evidence of many competent ringers who were listening outside, the peal was splendidly struck, and went like clockwork from beginning to end.

It is no small achievement, even for a man of many achievements, to ring his first peal of Cambridge Maximus at the age of 76, when most men are thinking of retiring from the belfry, if they have not already disappeared from the scene. The peal was really a crowning achievement for Mr. George, for it was his one thousandth peal on tower bells. It was also his twentieth peal of Maximus, including the 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus, to which he rang the tenor, in 8 hrs. 39 mins. He has now rung peals of Cambridge Surprise on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

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like the College Youths, to the 17th century, and who had carried on the traditions of the Exercise ever since. He was glad to see many members of that society present on that occasion.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, replied for the Provincial Societies, and reminded the company that next year the Kent Association would celebrate its jubilee. He remarked that he would like to see every association have its own benevolent fund. In Kent they had such a fund which had often proved its value. They started it 17 years ago, had paid out about £90, and had a balance in hand of about £130.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert proposed the concluding toast, 'The Press,' to which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded, and the formal proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

During the evening songs were sung by Mr. T. J. Fowler, Mr. E. Spice and Mr. Bullock, sen., Mr. H. N. Pitslow being the accompanist, while some clever card tricks were performed by Mr. J. A. Eslar.

A considerable number of visitors remained in London until Sunday and rang at various churches for the morning services.

'SILCHESTER.'

	5,040.			
	23456	W.	4.	L. M. H.
2135476				
2314567	45236			1 1
3241578				
2345187	64325	1	1	2 1
3254617				
2345671	42365	1	2	
2436571				
4263517	53264	1		1
2436157				
4231675	36524			1
2413657				
2146375	62354			1
1243657				
1426375	32654			1 1
Bob.	56342	1		2 1
1243657				
1423567				

Four times repeated.

And what is Silchester? Well, if you take New Doubles, extend it to seven bells, and reverse it, you will arrive at the above set of figures; but I am not going to let it go out into the world with such a name as Reversed New Triples, or even New Triples Reversed. Such a name would kill any method. You may ring Reversed New Triples, if you like, but if you use my Bob, call it Silchester, please.

But, says the critic, your Bob is not a bob at all. Quite so, neither is the Single used in Grandshire Triples a single. To be exact, they are both double changes. But it is always called a single in Grandshire, and it will, I am sure, be most convenient to call it Bob in Silchester, especially as no other call is necessary.

Silchester will prove interesting to any ringers who feel tempted to try for the first peal, while, to the composer who likes to take up something new, I can promise a most interesting study.

Here is the peal again written out by the bob-leads, as some conductors may prefer it so:—

	234567	Continued.
235746	6	534276 6
452567	2	532647 6
537642	5	742563 3
753642	1	745326 6
243765	3	743652 6
324765	1	253764 3
643257	2	257456 6
536472	2	463752 4
427635	4	348752 1
537482	3	583427 2

Four times repeated.

E. BANKES JAMES.

BELFRY RECORDS.

AN OLD RINGING BOOK AT CHEW MAGNA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of November 1st curiously coincides with a discovery I have just made.

I have always believed that change ringing in North Somerset was introduced by Squire Palairt, father of the famous cricketers. Now I have to hand irrefutable evidence of change ringing done in the Chew Magna district, considerably over one hundred years ago, in the shape of a manuscript book which has been handed down through the generations, and is now the property of a Chew Magna ringer. On telling Mr. W. A. Cave of this, he quoted an old saying:—

'A single, extreme, a single, hob, too,
None can equal the ringers of Chew.'

The first line, I suggest, may be a misquotation of, 'A bob, extreme, a bob and single, too,' as the latter produces a six-score.

To revert to the book, it contains 28 extents of Doubles. Some of them, with curious names, e.g., Mrs. Crambol, Thomas Sage's Delight, the Cambridge Journey, Gog-Magog, are merely six-scores of Grandshire, with or without extremes.

Others, such as 'Little Mr. Bob,' are extents produced by causing one bell to lie eight blows behind, or in front. Others make the treble do a peculiar hunt, while others change the hunt bell.

Calls, in addition to the bob, single, and extreme, included the half-single and the 'sharp.' It would appear that the sharp meant an odd dodge on the front, with 3rd's place to correspond.

New Doubles, as we know it, is there, except that the single is made in 2-3 instead of in 4-5, as nowadays. All dodges were called, by the way.

One ringer was sorry, when I mentioned it, that April Day was not included.

'Ah!' said another, 'if us were to ring he, 'twould sound more like a November night.'—Yours faithfully,
Chilcompton.

J. T. DYKE.

DEATH OF FORMER MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The death of George T. McLaughlin, a former Master of the College Youths, who died at the age of 70 years, passed almost unnoticed in the Exercise. Writing, to pay 'a slight tribute to his worth,' Mr. Challis F. Winney says:—

George McLaughlin was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1887. Our dinner on Saturday, November 5th, in that year, was a great success under his chairmanship at Bridge House Hotel. The bells at St. Magnus' and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, were rung by the parochial ringers, and these were the last two churches to keep up 'St. Guido Faux.' I think this was the last anniversary when there was any paid ringing for the Gunpowder Saint. George had the honour of being a parochial ringer at St. Paul's, and took part in a peal there. He called Mr. Cockerill's first peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney (Holt's Original), Saturday, June 25th, 1887. He was very keen in all he did, especially in ringing Holt's Original, non-conducted, rung with the material forged at St. Albans. Messrs. Mitchell and Buckingham are both still engaged in business in London.

George McLaughlin was an export packer at the Army and Navy Stores, and was pensioned off from there some five or six years ago. He had been out of touch with ringing since he gave up as instructor at St. John's, Wilton Road, where Messrs. Dawe, Gover and Winney started to ring. Cancer was the cause of death. May he rest in peace.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THORNY PROBLEM FOR NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Heckington on Saturday, November 2nd. According to previous arrangements, it should have been held at Ewerby, but, owing to the incumbency being vacant by the death of the Vicar, the committee decided to transfer the meeting to Heckington. Through unforeseen circumstances it was fixed later than usual, but, fortunately, it proved to be a real success. Amongst the towers represented were Blankney, Branston, Ewerby, Gainsborough, Heckington, Lincoln, Scotter, Sleaford, Stow and Willingham. The Elloe Deaneries and Southern Branches were represented by members from Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Spalding, Folkingham and Stamford, and the North Notts Association by a lady ringer from North Collingham.

The bells, which are a nice ring of eight, and have recently been overhauled, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The service, at which the Guild office was used, was well attended. The Vicar (Rev. C. A. Norris) officiated, and gave an appropriate address. The organist very kindly presided at the organ. Subsequently, close upon fifty members and friends partook of an excellent tea in the Village Room.

The business meeting followed, at which the president, Mr. F. F. Linley, was in the chair, supported by members of the committee. The Chairman thanked the Vicar for the cordial welcome extended to the branch, and the Rev. C. A. Norris, who had to leave early, responded.

Barton-on-Humber was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the date being left in the hands of the committee.

The next item on the agenda was the extension of the annual report. The President explained that to return to a pre-war report would, owing to the high cost of printing, quickly absorb the funds of the branch, unless the free tea at the annual meeting was given up or an increase made in the subscriptions.

After discussion it was agreed to leave this thorny problem to the committee to decide upon the best steps to be taken in the matter.

Mr. Linley alluded to the loss which the branch had sustained by the decease of Mr. Isaac Vickers, who, for nearly fifty years, had been a member of the Cathedral company, and proposed a vote of condolence with the relatives.—Mr. J. A. Freeman seconded, and made reference to Mr. Vickers having been a staunch and loyal supporter of the old North Lincolnshire Association.—This was carried by the members standing in silence, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to those who are left to mourn the loss of one who was so highly respected by all with whom he came into contact.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the church authorities for the use of the bells, the organist for his assistance, the caterers for the excellent tea provided, the ladies for their efficient waiting at the tea table, likewise to the members of the local company for making the arrangements, and all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

This concluded the business, after which some of the company indulged in handbell ringing, others returned to the tower, while a third party went to Hale Magna and had touches on the ring of six at that church, thus bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 50 mins.: P. Heath 1, F. Rowsell (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 2, C. Perry 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, G. Large 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

THE ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.

Among the touches rung in connection with the observance of the anniversary of the Armistice were the following:—

KNIGHTON, RADs.—On Armistice Sunday, November 10th, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., with bells half-muffled: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, E. W. Watkins 4, T. F. Preece 5, J. J. Price 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. H. Wellings 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. H. Stevens 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. J. Tricker 4, H. Belcher 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, for evening service (Service of Remembrance), on November 10th, 1,008 Double Norwich Major in 43 mins.: J. Tomlinson 1, J. Hayes 2, M. Harris 3, A. G. Watkin 4, Jas. Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, P. Swindley 7, S. Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 10th, at St. Mary's Church, before 10 a.m. choral Eucharist, with bells half-muffled, 720 New London Pleasure; after 11 a.m. matins, with bells open, 720 Baintree Delight; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Double Court and 720 Cambridge Surprise: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Stith 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—For the memorial service, on Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: T. E. Taylor 1, A. Butler 2, H. R. Pickering 3, B. Dalton 4, J. W. Taylor 5, K. C. Taylor 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, T. E. Bate 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Armistice morning, Monday, November 11th, before the Two Minutes' Silence, bells fully muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, R. Hayden 2, H. A. Wacey 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. T. Prior 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

HARROW WEALD.—At All Saints' Church, for Armistice Sunday, before matins, with the bells half-muffled, 360 Bob Minor, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Doubles; after the service, with the bells open, 240 Grandsire Doubles; before evensong, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor; after, another 720, with the bells open, by the following: Miss F. Clayton, Miss E. Fulton, Messrs. F. Wilcox, G. R. Goodship, N. Genna, H. Holms, W. Horrod. Minor conducted by G. R. Goodship, other methods by N. Genna. This is the first occasion that a 720 has been rung by a purely local band, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

UPPER CLAPTON.—For morning service, on Armistice Sunday, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins., by the following, who are all local Sunday service ringers: E. C. Cornish 1, H. J. Canter 2, S. H. R. Cooper 3, H. J. King 4, H. Smith 5, H. J. Gregory 6, C. E. Gray (conductor) 7, H. A. W. Yeowell (first quarter) 8.

CARDIFF.—On Armistice Day, for the 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins., with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War: G. Large 1, F. Hannington 2, Miss D. Richards 3, F. Chamberlain 4, P. Heath 5, A. Parnell 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

BRITH, KENT.—For special Armistice service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: J. Reynolds 1, H. A. Holden 2, A. G. Hill 3, L. J. Gullum 4, F. A. Coley 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. G. Darke 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 10th, in the morning, at St. Andrew's Church, for the Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Beagley 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, G. Upshall 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Birmingham 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Edwards 3, S. Meadows 4, J. Read 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday, November 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., for the British Legion Armistice service: Miss Winnie Linn 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, P. Green 4, Miss Dolly French 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, Geo. Green (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') in 45 mins.: T. Bolton 1, W. H. Ball 2, W. Malins 3, E. Cassell 4, C. E. Moody 5, J. Herbert 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, A. E. Williams 8. Rung for Armistice Sunday and the parade of ex-Service men with the R.A.O.B.

A COMMEMORATIVE QUARTER-PEAL.

On Thursday, November 7th, at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: E. C. Martin 1, F. A. Burnett 2, Mrs. P. A. Burnett 3, C. Shepherd 4, P. Giles 5, F. W. Burnett 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, L. P. Cook 8. Rung to commemorate the presentation of a model of the fourth 'Mary Rose' (which fought a brilliant naval action off Cadiz in 1669), which is now to find a final resting place close to the tomb of her gallant admiral, Sir John Kempthorne, in the precincts of the Cathedral.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held in the Archdeacon's Court in St. Nicholas' Church, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (8) of St. Nicholas' Church will be available. Members are kindly requested to attend this first meeting of the new branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Vicar) in the Vicarage, and business meeting. All ringers invited.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Howes' Cafe, next the church, at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Shalford on Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers for 1930 must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Caythorpe (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 p.m. Good train and bus service between Grantham and Lincoln. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the School.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a meeting at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. The recently augmented peal of 6 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Bus leaves Nuneaton (Broad Street) 2.10 and every half-hour after. Bus from Coventry 3.30.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch. — A meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Ringers welcomed. — W. G. Cross, 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., if arrangements can be made. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Nov. 16th. Church of St. Anne (6 bells, tenor about 12 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Sheldon, Bar Cottage, Baslow.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock at Vokes' Tea Rooms, The Hornet.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Come and give a helping hand.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Alfreton on Nov. 16th. No arrangements made for tea.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Newbury to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Two peal boards to be dedicated at 4.15 p.m. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., St. Neots.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Splendid bus service from Watford.—W. Ayre, Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch will be held in the Vestry of the Parish Church, Diss, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (8) of St. Mary, Diss, and St. Peter, Pelgrave, will be available. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Nov. 19th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service (County Service Paper) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those who require tea provided for them, notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers welcome, and a good attendance requested. — Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Schools at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Will those who require tea advise Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs, by 21st?—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will those attending kindly notify me not later than Nov. 20th? — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30; also at Newton Valence (5). Service at St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly notify by Thurs., Nov. 21.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, November 23rd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge. Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (eight bells). Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

COMBINED MEETING of members of the Hereford Guild, the Shropshire and Worcestershire Associations, and the Stafford Archdeaconry will be held at Claverley (between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Crown Hotel at 5 for those who send word by Wednesday, 27th inst. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton at 3; return 9.45. All ringers welcome. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the View Tea Rooms. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Arrangements for tea can be made for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will all those intending being present please notify me by Dec. 3rd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth, Saturday, Dec. 7th.—Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

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USK, MON.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: G. Knight 1, D. G. Clift (conductor) 2, G. Hawkins 3, G. Went 4, E. W. Luff 5, L. Jones 6, A. Hawkins 7, E. Bowyer 8.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for the day school festival evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. V. Reese 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Roman 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gaye (conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8. The first quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples on the bells for 25 years.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Foster 1, J. Windle 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. E. Smallbones 4, W. Proctor 5, A. Bairstow 6, V. Bairstow (conductor) 7, M. Harrison 8. Rung for the 53rd anniversary of the bells, opened on November 4th, 1876.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at the Church of St. Michael, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Southgate 1, U. A. Wildney 2, H. Jones 3, M. J. Ling 4, A. J. Clarke 5, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 6.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Watkin 1, Rev. J. B. Frith 2, A. Bennett 3, E. Young 4, W. Challinor (conductor) 5, J. Willings 6. A first effort of the local band.

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