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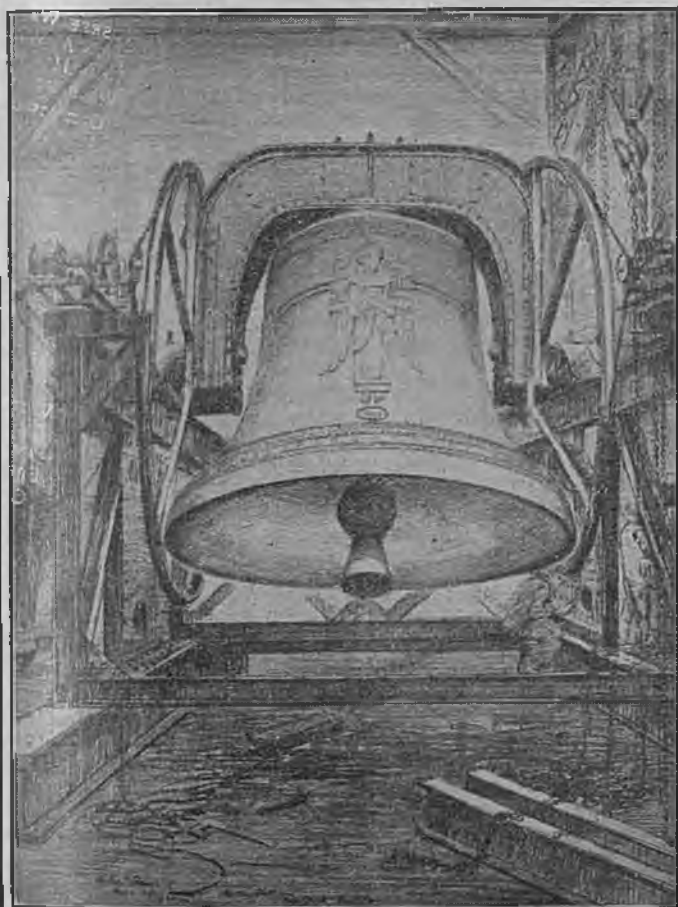
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THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT MEETINGS

The business of maintaining the attendance at district meetings is as difficult a matter in some parts of the country as the getting and keeping of new ringers, and the experience of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, reported last week, is by no means exceptional. In some areas district meetings are always highly successful; in others, so far as numbers are concerned, they cannot by any means be thus described. The causes are various. In counties like Lancashire, doubtless the industrial depression is having a serious effect on ringing meetings. Men who are unemployed cannot be expected to travel away from home for the purpose. There are, however, districts in which there is little unemployment among ringers, but where ringing meetings are poorly attended, and in these cases it must be attributed to lack of interest.

On the other hand, a small attendance does not necessarily mean a useless meeting. A great deal of good in instruction can be done at gatherings where the numbers are limited, provided the right material is there. Indeed, while success is often, and for some reasons rightly, judged by the size of a gathering, more actual progress is frequently made where there is only a moderate attendance, if it includes ringers in both elementary and more advanced stages. There is much truth in the contention that more good is done by getting beginners through their first touches than by any number of courses in Surprise methods rung by experts, although no one, we think, will deny the experts the pleasure of a course or two in advanced methods if they take their share also in helping the novices in the simpler things.

Another standard by which success may be judged, is by the attraction which the meetings have for a varied circle of members. Unless, periodically, all the members of a district are drawn to the meetings, no plan of campaign can be said to be entirely successful. Officials know only too well that the backbone of their meetings is a certain nucleus of enthusiasts, who can be relied upon to be present. With them comes a varying fringe of occasional visitors, but unless at least the majority of members of a district can be brought into this 'fringe' with something like regularity it cannot be said that the work of the associations in this direction is being accomplished with complete success. The remedy is, indeed, hard to find, and for the most part it must rest largely with the ringers themselves. One speaker at the Blackburn meeting, however, seems to us to have put his finger on the pulse of the matter when he suggested that the secret of a successful meeting was that the local band

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should make it a point of honour to attend when the meeting is held at their own tower. This is very little to ask of a ringer, but it would have a marked effect upon the meetings, especially in districts like those of the Lancashire Association, in which an endeavour is made to visit every tower once a year.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble	ALFRED E. PISTOW 6
*FREDERICK BIRD 2	GEORGE JORDAN 7
WALTER AYRE 3	LEONARD PITSTOW 8
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4	FREDERICK DENCH 9
JOHN W. WARD 5	WALTER PARISH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal on ten bells. This is the first peal on the ten bells since they were retuned and rehung in 1928 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CYRIL TANSELL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal of Major on the bells.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MATTHEW DENNIS Treble	JACK BANKS 5
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	*HARRY MARSDEN 6
*ALBERT TOWNEND 3	FRED HODGSON 7
*ARNOLD ROTHERY 4	*HENRY SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal in method. † First peal of Major.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	JOHN POTTER 6
FRED F. RIGBY 3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 4	PETER CROOK Tenor

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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

PETER CROOK, JUN. 1	...Treble	*WILFRED J. MOSS 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2		ERNEST CUTSPORTH 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 3		JOHN POTTER 7
*JOSEPH SLATER 4		PETER CROOK, SEN.Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS 1	...Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART... .. 2		REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3		NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4		OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*CYRIL CRONE 1	...Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
ALFRED G. HILL 2		WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY 3		FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4		P.C. CHARLES DAVIES ...Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.
* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Engineer-Capt. W. T. Allen, R.N., for many years churchwarden at the above church, also of Mr. William R. Bond, ringer of Crayford, who was interred on the above date.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

HERBERT KNIGHT 1	...Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 2		EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
W. HAROLD JONES 3		JOHN PERRY 7
FREDERICK BIRKS 4		CHARLES J. BASTONETenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Rt. Hon. Lord Hatherton, C.M.G., of Teddeslay Hall, who was laid to rest in the family vault at the above church on that date.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS OLIVE TARLTON 1	...Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
JOHN P. TARLTON 2		*FRED W. KNOWLES 6
WILLIAM H. WAIN 3		*WILLIAM SWAIN... .. 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4		*BERT WHEELERTenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. Craven, the above peal being the last he composed—on August 16th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINGS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN... .. 1	...Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
HARRY HOVERD 2		CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3		STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
ISAAC EMERY... .. 4		HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This was E. Barnett, sen.'s, 200th peal on these bells, and was rung on the 40th anniversary of I. Emery's first peal, the conductor having called that also. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to W. R. Bond, who was buried the previous day. He had been a regular ringer at this church for 35 years.

BROWNEIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 1	...Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
JACK CHARNOCK 2		ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
HERMON NELSON... .. 3		E. ROGER MARTIN 7
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR 4		WILLIAM TAYLOR... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Father Denis Frith, interred at Browneidge on the 26th inst., also to the late Arthur Craven, of Sheffield. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY 1	...Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2		JOHN COOKE 6
*FRANCIS BROTHERTON 3		*RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 4		G. RONALD EDWARDS ...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED GEAR 1	...Treble	*HARRY HOOPER 5
*FRANK JEAL 2		*ARTHUR WILLETT 6
HARRY E. WILLS 3		P.C. WALTER CLAYDON 7
LEONARD A. TIDY 4		ALEC. CHEASLEYTenor

Conducted by P.C. WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN J. BASSETT 1	...Treble	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS... .. 2		ALBERT RELFE 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3		NOLAN GOLDEN 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4		PHILIP HODGKINTenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* Special credit is due to Jack Bassett (age 15), of Lamberhurst, this being his first 'touch' on eight bells.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 0, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKS' SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	JOSEPH SLATER 5
MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
RICHARD LONGDEN 3	*WILFRED J. MOSS 7
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* Fiftieth peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Saul and Miss Elsie Simpson, members of the local band.

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

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	TOM O'HARA 5
JOHN HENRY BOWER 2	JOHN THORPE 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
* HEZEKIAH THORPE 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the composer.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* NORMAN COOMBS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
* HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HENRY PRING 6
EDGAR GUISE 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Major.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. E. Hadlow and E. J. Beer. Mr. Hadlow, who is 71, was unable to stand in the peal, through an accident, and Mr. R. Smith very kindly took his place.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST W. EDWARDS ... Treble	JOSEPH WREN 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
JOHN R. DENTON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 7
* JOHN OSBORNE WELLS ... 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Messrs. E. W. Edwards and G. Pont were elected members previous to starting the peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. D. Whyte (a respected member of the East Grinstead band) to Miss M. Lambert, sister of the hon. secretary of the East Grinstead Guild. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* JAMES HOWES Treble	† CHARLES F. SAYER 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 3	† JAMES SPALDING 7
CHARLES E. LOVETT 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in the method.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. EVANS Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
DAVID R. JAMES 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4	EDWIN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	WILLIAM CROCKER 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	HARRY PROUT 6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	* WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 100th peal for the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, London Surprise, two of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent. Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble	PERCY C. BONNETT 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. PRICE Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4
* TREVOR JONES 2	* HARRY T. CHANDLER 5
WILLIAM EVANS 3	FRANCIS EVANS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Double Court and two different 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
ALPHEDUS J. BERRY 2	* DAVID WHITING 5
* KEITH WHITTLE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in four methods.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Double Court, and two different 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
ALPHRUS J. BERRY 2 | DAVID WHITING 5
KEITH WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

CHILCOMPTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Old and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble | FREDERICK TARGETT 4
ERIC C. WADMAN 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
JOHN TARGETT 3 | *GEORGE SUGG Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

A. WREN Treble | W. T. COOK 4
A. REDINGTON 2 | S. CARTER 5
J. SOCKLING 3 | J. WELCH Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

The first peal on the bells. Ringers of treble and 3 are from Widdford, 2 and 4 from Hunsdon, 5 from Little Munden, and 6 from Benington.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*RONALD C. FOWLER Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2 | THOMAS J. FOWLER 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, and as a wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

EYDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six methods, consisting of 720 Stedman, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Old, 480 Plain Bob, 960 St. Dunstan's, all different callings, and 1,920 Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

MISS MARY COPFLIN Treble | ERNEST MORRIS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4
ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells. The ringers desire, through this medium, to thank the Rector (father of the tenor ringer) for making this long-standing invitation visit a happy one, and for kind entertainment before and after the peal.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Saturday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. J. Jeffries 1, W. Lewis 2, D. Morris 3, T. Lewis 4, W. C. Jones 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, G. Checketts 7, E. Crump 8. Rung, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Severn, vergor at the above church. The band wish to thank Mr. E. P. Thomas for kindly entertaining them to tea.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT 1, SALTER'S ROAD, GOSFORTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
First peal in the method 'in hand' by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Anderson and Mr. J. E. B. Keen, Deputy Ringing Master of this Guild.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 3, BELL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3-4 | GEORGE GREEN 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Witness: PERCY GREEN.

A SOMERSET RING RESTORED.

The village of West Monkton, which lies four miles north-east of Taunton, boasts a fine tower and a good peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.). It has, however, been a laborious task for the past twenty years to ring these bells, but they have now been restored by a lady, Miss Rose, who has generously defrayed the whole cost of re-hanging the bells in ball bearings, strengthening the beams, tie bolts, etc., the contract having been carried out in a workmanlike manner by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A party of ringers from Taunton, at the request of the Rector, tested the bells and found everything in good going order. Several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor were brought round. The refreshments afterwards were very acceptable at the close of one of the hottest days of the year.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

NEWBURY AND ANDOVER BRANCHES FRATERNISE.

A joint meeting of the above Guilds was held at St. Mary's Church, Thatcham, on Saturday, August 16th, when forty ringers were present from Reading, East Isley, Oxford, Overton, Brannley, Mortimer, Woolton St. Lawrence, Croydon, Newbury, Brightwalton, Woolton Bassett, Swindon, Shaw, Bucklebury, Beenham, Highbere, Beeton, Winchester, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Moore), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. J. G. Fyfield presided at the organ. Tea was served by Mrs. Adams, and Mr. H. W. Curtis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. C. Moore for his address and welcome to the ringers, which was seconded by Mr. W. Andrews, of Winchester, and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till nine o'clock, the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major. It was worthy of note to see so many visitors from so far away.

UXBRIDGE RINGERS' OUTING.

St. Andrew's ringers, Uxbridge, had their annual half-day outing on Saturday, August 23rd, accompanied by friends from St. John's, Hillingdon. A start was made just after two o'clock, the route taken being via Beaconsfield, Boyne End and Marlow to Henley-on-Thames, which was reached half an hour in front of schedule. In this spare time some visited the town while others had a trip on the river. The interior of the church was visited, where the old Chancery Room was of interest. It dates back to the 14th century. Mr. White, the steeple-keeper, met the visitors, and touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung on the fine peal of bells. Proceeding via Shiplake to Sonning, an excellent tea awaited the party at the Bull Hotel, and afterwards ringing was indulged in at the church on a good ring of bells. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, and Plain Bob were rung. Leaving this beautiful little spot, the journey was resumed to Hurst, where a quarterly meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was being held, and a cordial welcome was received. Several excellent touches were rung with the members of the branch. The homeward journey was made through Maidenhead and Slough, Uxbridge being reached shortly after ten o'clock, after a very enjoyable afternoon. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and towerkeepers of the towers mentioned for the use of the bells and the trouble taken to make the visits a success.

HOLIDAY THOUGHTS.

NOT INTENDED FOR SERIOUS READERS.

BY O.P.Q.

Bellringing is a serious art; you have only to try it once to learn that. Try to be funny at the same time that you try to catch the flying sally, and your lesson will more than likely be a peremptory one. Of course, when you are learning to handle a rope you can be funny, and look funny, too, without trying. And so can your instructor, if you happen to let go the rope and the end of it gets entangled with the gas bracket, or the clock pendulum, if that happens to swing in the ringing chamber. But what I mean is, when you are really ringing—peals and things—you have to be seriously serious. Try and tell the conductor in the middle of a peal of Superlative that last funny story you heard, and see what happens! Ten to one something will. Suppose, for instance, Mr. Tom Coles had said to Mr. William Pye in the middle of the eleven-method Spliced Surprise peal: 'I say, Bill, have you heard that one about —?' Would Bill smile and say, 'No, what is it?' Not a bit; at any rate, not just like that.

No, you have got to be desperately in earnest when you are change ringing, and that is why I don't believe in going for peal ringing holidays. Fancy having to be dead serious for half your waking hours while on your holidays, and spending the other half in one mad rush to snap up your meals and in getting from one tower to another! Of course, some people like this kind of thing—that may be because it is the only time they really work—and, of those who do like it, it seems to me that the older they get the more they like it, if you understand what I mean. If you don't, look down the names, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' of those who took part in that tour in Lancashire and Cheshire. Some of them were ringing before most of us were born. Of course, I won't mention names, because the question of age with some folk is a tender point, but it won't be many years before two or three of them reach the octogenarian stage! And then, I suppose, it will be three peals a day for a fortnight, instead of two a day for a week.

But can't we do something to enliven the proceedings when we are peal ringing? I know there is entertainment to be got sometimes from watching other people's faces, but then, you can get tired of other people's faces if you have to look at them for three hours. And I know that some conductors entertain the band by doing a 'horn pipe' when things look like going up the pole towards the hither—or should it be the sweet—end. Also I am aware that ringers occasionally put up syncopated music with the bells, which, of course, is really bad form. But these things cannot always be relied upon to relieve the tedium of this monotonous concentration. Why not introduce clock golf, or table tennis, or even billiards? I'd give anything to see Mr. James Shephard ringing a tenor with one hand and playing ping pong with the other, or Mr. Ted Jenkins calling a peal of London and trying to 'put' at the same time. Or why not occasionally try a little community singing? Some of the old songs could quite well be adapted to the purpose. For instance:—

Pull, brothers, pull; the bells run fast,
A course end is near, and the single's past.

Or:—

D'ye ken Jim George with his coat so gay,
D'ye ken Jim George at the close of the day,
D'ye ken Jim George at the end of the fray,
With a peal for his book in the morning?

The sound of the bells kept me from my bed,
The striking was grand, it went to my head,
But we cannot repeat what the neighbours said—
For the ringing hadn't stopped since morning.

Or, for those who are on a peal-ringing tour:—

The dusky night rides down the sky and ushers in the morn;
The ringers join in glorious cry, and tender hands they scorn.
Then peal-hunting they will go,
Peal-hunting they will go.

I am one of those who are not good judges of bells. I never was and never shall be. But I am a patriot; a 'parochial patriot,' if there is such a thing, and I like the bells of the church where I first learned to ring. Some people call them only 'a middling old lot,' but their music is ever sweet to me. I know that if one is to be in tune, as it were, with modern thought, one has got to be a Simpsonite; but I am not much gone on the harmonics and the hum, which (I say it with bated breath) often obliterates the sound of the individual bells when they have been elaborately tuned. While rambling on my holidays recently I stumbled upon the ancient village of Trapps—Trapps is not its proper name, but it will do for my present purpose. It was practice night for the ringers, and I strolled into the tower. It was only rounds and call changes they were ringing, but even to my admittedly indifferent ear these bells weren't much of a collection. 'Old pots' most people would have called

them, and they wouldn't have been far wrong. Later on, over a mug of beer at the Cornstalk, the local foreman waxed almost eloquent about his bells. He was a 'parochial patriot,' his bells were ever sweet to him, and he had not much use for Simpson tuning, either. This is what he told me, although he did not put it quite in this form, and you have got to allow a little poetical, and other, license:—

I've rung at Little Puddleton; I've pulled the bells at Rudd;
I've tried 'em up at Applecombe, and at Slephton-in-the-Mud;
In fact I've rung in lots of towers; more'n any of our chaps;
But of all the bells I've ever 'eard give me the bells of Trapps.
Now Trapps is down where I was born and where I learned to ring;
There ain't no bells for many a mile, to touch 'em when they're swingin'.

Though they be old, they lovely be, when we chaps strike 'em round,

And when we ring for weddings, they make a merry sound.

They rouses all the jackdaws that nest up in the tower,
And Susan—that's Squire's dairymaid—says they turns the milk all sour;

And Farmer Giles's bull goes mad when he hears the bells ring out,

And Parson, he just says a prayer, when he knows that we're about.

But that don't matter, not a bit; 'tis well that all should heed,
For on our tenor bell 'tis writ: 'Jesus bee oure goode speeds.'

So we be fond of our sweet bells that swing in Trapps' old tower,
And every week we practises and rings 'em by the 'our.

They say the treble's out of tune with all the other five,
But does it matter if it don't hum like bees round a hive?
The second once was used, they say, upon a big sea boat,
And 'gainst the others it don't seem to be quite the right note.
The third's a topper, that it is, it's tone is real choice,
But since the clapper broke last year the bell has lost its voice.
The fourth is cracked from crown to tip, but still it rings out well.

The fifth, perhaps, ain't half as good, but 'tis a glorious bell.

The tenor's got a hole in her, just where the clapper hits—

I often wonder who it was walked off with all the bits.

But that was many a year ago, before my father rung;

The tenor'll last a long time yet; the hole's filled with a bung.

So now you see why down at Trapps we're proud like of our bells;
There's none, I say, can beat 'em 'twixt London town and Wells;
And if ever you are passing through our village by the stream,
Just stop and try our bells, my friend; they're grand; they're
just a dream.

A celebrated cricketer interviewed with regard to the dropping of Chapman from the last test match team described him as an 'if-or,' and went on to explain that he was a batsman who might knock up a lot of runs 'if'—. I don't know whether the said celebrated cricketer is right or not, because I don't know anything much about first-class cricket, except what they tell us in the newspapers, and you can't always rely on that, but I do know there are a great many 'if-ers' of another sort in the ringing Exercise. There's the man, for instance, who will come to practice only if it suits him, and the man who turns up for service only if he knows there is going to be a full company present. There is the man who will attend the district meeting if his favourite football team is not playing at home that day, and the man who will only stand in a peal if he is asked to call it. There is the 'if-or' who lets his bell flop about and spoil the striking, and the 'if-er' who keeps a whole band from progressing, because he is too lazy to look up a new method. Yes—there are lots of 'if-ers' in ringing—lots more than are mentioned here—and with most of them it is not a case, as it is with a great cricketer, or a great ringer, of occasionally striking an 'off day'—it's just a bad habit with him.

What shall we do with the 'If-ers,' when they won't come up to scratch?

What shall we do with the 'If-ers' when they spoil the rest of the batch;

With the shirkers who mess up the workers, and those who come along late;

With the slackers who think nothing matters, if only seven meet 'stead of eight;

Who stay away when they're wanted, and frequently blight our hope,

Or spoil all the striking because they've no liking to pull at the end of the rope?

They ought to be tarred and feathered, or boiled in a vat of oil; Or sent down for years to Dartmoor, where prisoners have to toil.

If I could, I would make it still stiffer, the sentence should fit the crime—

But, perhaps, 'tis as well 'If-ers' don't get a 'spell,' for I'm only an 'If-er' at rhyme.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS' SUMMER OUTING.

After a lapse of many years, the annual outing of the Cambridge Youths was revived recently. Favoured by fine weather, the party, ten strong, left Cambridge shortly before 2 p.m. for Ely, reaching the cathedral city half an hour later. Here the melodious peal at St. Mary's were soon set going to touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major. Littleport was next visited, and touches in various methods attempted. The tenor rope, however, could not stand the rough handling of one of the heavies, and parted before a touch of Bob Major could be brought home. After a stretch of 12½ miles through the fen country, and roads suggesting the 'rocky road to Dublin' in parts, Mildenhall was eventually reached at 5 p.m. Here the party were welcomed by Mr. P. Fordham, and an excellent tea partaken of at Messrs. Hagger's Restaurant. After tea, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent and a course of Cambridge Surprise were brought round on the fine-toned peal at St. Mary's Church. Leaving Mildenhall soon after 7 p.m., the party made for Newmarket, where they were met by Messrs. F. C. Turner and R. Sharpe, and ringing was indulged in on the exquisite six of St. Mary's until 8.30 p.m. Headquarters was reached at 9.30 p.m., everybody agreeing that a most enjoyable half-day had been spent. Thanks are due to all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to all those who so kindly welcomed the visitors.

BY COMBE AND SEA.

St. Sidwell's, Exeter, ringers had their outing on August 16th, when they went by motor coach to Braunton, Georgeham, Combemartin, at all of which places they found rings of eight in excellent condition. Georgeham heltry is on the noisy side, and much improvement could be effected by a ceiling and layer of sawdust. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and some good striking was done. Apart from the bells, the visitors were much interested in the ancient features of Brauntou Church—remarkable bench ends, Armada chest, palimpsest brass, and emblems of St. Brannock, the patron saint; Georgeham's beautifully-kept churchyard and the Easter sepulchre in the church; and Combemartin's screen and tower. The inland and sea views between Braunton and Combemartin were greatly enjoyed. At tea the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon Owen) expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to share in the trip after his recent illness. The arrangements were made by Mr. E. Shepherd, while assistance as pilot was rendered by Mr. A. H. Hayward, of Combemartin, who, with Mr. J. G. Sanders, of the same place, participated in the ringing.

**5,088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.
KILLAMARSH VARIATION.
THREE PEALS BY C. SEVERN.**

(1)									
23456	1	M	3	5	W	7	9	H	
45326	—	2	—	—	20	—	—	2	
42356	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	
35462	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	1	
42635	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	20	
63254	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	20	
23564	—	2	—	—	20	—	—	10	
Twice repeated.									
(2)									
23456	1	M	3	5	W	6	7	9	H
54326	—	2	—	—	20	—	—	—	20
24365	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—
42563	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
62534	—	2	—	—	20	—	—	—	20
53246	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	10
23645	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Twice repeated.									
(3)									
23456	1	M	3	5	W	7	9	H	
25463	—	20	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
43265	—	20	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
52634	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	20
63425	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	2
25346	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23645	—	20	—	—	10	—	—	—	2
Twice repeated.									

For Nos. 1 and 2, start Oxford.
 Note: — denotes Oxford Plain, O denotes Oxford Bobs.
 The figures 1, 3, 5, etc., denote lead-ends in course. Each peal contains all the 847's, 857's, 867's, 84's, 85's and 86's, with 4th, 5th and 6th three extents in 6th's.
 No. 1 contains 2,592 changes of Kent, 2,496 Oxford.
 No. 2 contains 2,208 changes of Kent, 2,880 Oxford.
 No. 3 contains 2,880 changes of Kent, 2,208 Oxford.
 No. 1 was first rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, conducted by Mr. F. Watkinson.

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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.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just recast the treble and tenor of the ring of six (tenor 25 cwt.) at Stogursey, Somerset. The other bells have been retuned and the whole rehung in an oak frame.

Few ringers can have rung two hundred peals in one tower, but Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., scored his second century at Crayford last Saturday.

One hundred years ago next Sunday, the College Youths rang a peal of 6,144 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth.

John Holt called a peal of Bob Triples at St. George's, Southwark, on September 9th, 1750. It was one of a series of twenty-one peals which Holt rang with the Union Scholars over a period of about five years from 1747 to 1752. He was their leading conductor, for he took part in every one of the society's peals during that time and called them all but one.

On September 10th, 1741, the Crowfield Society of Ringers rang at Coddensham, Suffolk, a complaint peal of five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, 'being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two Doubles only.' This peal, it is generally accepted, was John Garthorn's peal of Grandsire, first rung at Norwich in 1718.

A YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Regarding a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Buckland, Berks, on Saturday, August 9th, and published in your issue of the 15th, I note the conductor is named Richard Post. His present age is 16½ years, and I wonder if any younger ringer has beaten that performance? The tenor is given as 17 cwt., and I see that he rang the 7th in the peal. Surely some feat for a stripling youth? Perhaps some of your readers may know of an equally young conductor. I would like to know, and I am sure that 'Tubby' himself would, too.—Yours, etc.,

S. W. G.

RINGING AT CASTLETON.

Ringling at Castleton, Derbyshire, where a peal attempt was made on Saturday in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Craven, is unfortunately at a low ebb now, only rounds and a few call changes being rung by the local band, but between 50 and 100 years ago there appears to have been a good band there, and it is believed that peals were rung. Mr. G. R. Payne, of Castleton, possesses some very interesting ringing books by Sottenstall, Shipway and others, with interesting newspaper cuttings relating to ringing performances at Sheffield Cathedral and elsewhere in the early nineteenth century, proving that there was keen interest in change ringing at that time. It is hoped that with the influence and help of the new Peak District of the M.C.A. this interest may in the near future be revived.

PENZANCE BELLS RESTORED.

RING OF EIGHT RECAST AND REHUNG.

After a silence of twenty-five years, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Penzance, have been restored, and thus has been consummated a scheme for which Dr. John Symons, Ringing Master of Truro Diocesan Guild, has laboured and waited so patiently. The work, which has consisted of recasting and rehanging the whole peal, has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the cost having been about £1,000, of which one hundred pounds has still to be raised.

The dedication of the bells took place on Monday week, the ceremony being performed, in the presence of a large congregation, by the Lord Bishop of Truro. The service was attended by the Mayor and members and officials of the Corporation, and opened with the National Anthem. After a prayer and lesson, the Bishop, with Canons T. F. Maddrell, Jennings and F. R. Carr (Vicar) proceeded to the tower, where the churchwardens handed the ropes to the Bishop and requested him to dedicate the bells. This his Lordship did in the following terms: 'Be pleased, O Heavenly Father, to ac-



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PENZANCE.

cept our offering of this work of our hands; bless and hallow these bells that they may continually call together the faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name. In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells.'

The Bishop then turned to the Vicar, and, placing the ropes in his hands, said: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto Thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this Church, and take care that they be ever only used in God's service and for His glory.'

Then followed a prayer granting 'that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these bells may enter unto Thy gates with thanksgiving; that whosoever by reason of sickness or other necessity be hindered from coming into the house of the Lord may be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church and rejoice in the communion of saints; that those who in their daily calling shall hear the sound of these bells may draw nearer in spirit to Thee, the God of their salvation.'

HOLY INSTRUMENTS.

The address was given by Canon H. R. Jennings (Vicar of Madron), who based his remarks on Numbers x. 2: 'And the Lord spake unto Moses saying: Make thee two trumpets of silver, that

thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly.' Having briefly traced the development of the bell to its present use in the church, Canon Jennings said: 'Bells are looked on as holy instruments with a holy message, and are solemnly blessed—as the bells have been blessed to-day—for God's service. But though you find bells everywhere in Christian lands, yet it is only in England that you find them properly rung. In many places bells are rung anyhow, jangled without system or method, just to make a noise. In other places bells are chimed by a machine from a keyboard; but in England the bells are rung to bring out all their music. And the music of the church bells of England as they peal out over hill and dale is one of the features of English life which most strikes a stranger as he comes to our shores; or some exile living far from his English motherland when he comes back. Of all the things which touch his heart and bring tears to his eyes, it is the music of the church bells which touches him most. You can hear them, over miles of country spreading their sweet music, and giving their message—their message to all within reach of the sound. English bellringers take a pride in this art. If it be only simple round ringing, they do it as well as possible. In that special art of change ringing the music comes even sweeter, with the thousands of variations you can get from a peal of eight, without repeating any single one. The system called by quaint English names—such as Grand-sire Caters, Stedman and Surprise—displays the fullest beauty, the sweetest music, the highest skill in the use of the bells, requiring physical strength, concentration of thought, mental alertness and constant practice on the part of those who ring. Some 65 years ago,' continued the preacher, 'the people of Penzance determined to fit out the town with a peal of eight in place of the old bell which had served its purpose for so long, outdoing the old Mother Church with her peal of only five. A man from Madron (Mr. R. C. Trelawny) and Dr. Symons taught the St. Mary's ringers how to ring, and the ringers became famous throughout Cornwall. But for certain reasons the strain of the ringing of the bells became too great for the tower, and for 25 years the bells of St. Mary's have been silent. How we all missed the sweetness of their music on Armistice Day, on Peace Day as well as on Sundays and the festivals which recur! The last time I heard them ring was 30 years ago, when the sound of my own wedding bells floated on the harbour with the music of good wishes and hope. Now generous hearts have made it possible to recast and rehange the bells. And once again the bells of St. Mary's ring out. The very name has a lit and ring of music in it, and for many a long year may the bells of St. Mary's ring out their message. In times of rejoicing, and in times of sorrow, for festivals and national gala days the music is unearthly and so sweet.'

OLD SCANDALS GONE.

'Old writers loved to draw mystic teaching from the bells, bells which teach of constancy and perseverance, for bells are always in tune once they have been tuned; they never lower their pitch or lose their harmony once they are erected with proper care. The voice of the bells reaches beyond the compass of the preacher's voice. Sunday by Sunday and on feast days, too, will come from that tower the call to the unseen to which no ear can be deaf—even if hearts refuse to listen or respond. All Penzance can hear those bells, and everyone that hears knows what their calling means—a testimony to God and a call to His worship; the reality of things unseen: the passage of human life and thoughts of the hereafter. Through court, alley and street the call to worship will float. Those who cannot come can uplift their hearts and in spirit join in the worship as they hear the calling of the assembly. Even on practice nights the people will say: "There are the church bells; bells of the house of God, of the house of prayer, speaking of God, of things unseen, of heaven." But as we thank God for the bells of St. Mary's, I would turn your thoughts for a moment to those who ring them. Gone are the old scandals which used to disgrace our bellies, and there are few ringers now who do nothing for the glory of God, recognising that they are ministers of the church as much as the choir, and that this witness of music is as hallowed as the organ. Our Truro Guild of Ringers now numbers nearly 800 devoted men, who realise that they are servants of the Church, and who are trying to improve their skill in this difficult art. To ring bells as yours will be rung entails hours of patient practice, concentration and attention, for a single slip on the part of a ringer will spoil the peal. To manage a bell is one thing, to keep one's place in the change ringing is another, which demands the whole of a man's thought and attention while he rings. But the chief and main purpose of the bells and the ringers is the calling of the assembly to the throne of God. May God bless the bells of St. Mary's and the ringers, with the music and the message, and grant a gracious answer to the prayers we have offered for them to-day.'

The service concluded with a hymn, and then the bells rang out over the old Cornish town.

Between seventy and eighty ringers were present at the dedication. The ringing included several excellent touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples rung by the Gulval ringers, assisted by expert visiting brothers from London, Norwich, Swindon, Newport, Exeter, Plymouth and Truro, to the admiration and enjoyment of the assembled

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SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR CRAVEN.**AN OUTSTANDING COMPOSER.**

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, briefly referred to in our last issue, of Mr. Arthur Craven, which took place suddenly at Sheffield early on Wednesday morning, August 20th. The deceased had suffered indolent health for the past four years, supposed to have been caused by being knocked down by a motor-cycle, but a post-mortem examination proved that this was not so.

The funeral took place on Saturday, August 23rd, the body being taken into the Cathedral, where the first portion of the service was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's, Neepsend (formerly a curate and ringer at the Cathedral). The interment followed at Abbey Lane Cemetery, the deceased being borne to his last resting place by six of his brother ringers, Messrs. R. Harrison, sen., R. Harrison, jun., C. Harrison, J. E. L. Cockey, M. G. Wilson, and S. F. Palmer.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave at the close of the service.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Craven (widow), Mr. Albert Craven (brother), Miss Dorothy Craven (daughter), Mr. G. W. Aked (father-in-law), Mrs. E. Williams (sister), Rev. H. Thackeray, Vicar of Barnethy (nephew), Mrs. F. Drew, Stapleford, and Nurse Sylvester (sisters-in-law), etc. A large number of ringers and friends were also present, the former including representatives from Arksey, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Chesterfield, Bolsterstone, Norton, Wortley, Dore, Staveley, Rotherham, Ranmoor, All Saints', St. Marie's, and the Cathedral, Sheffield, whilst official representatives included Mr. Geo. Lewis (vice-president), Mr. F. Clarke (sec-



THE LATE MR. ARTHUR CRAVEN.

tary, Southern Division, Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. Knights and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Midland Counties Association), Mr. R. Harrison, sen. (president), Mr. H. Thorpe (secretary, Sheffield and District Society), Mr. G. Clarke (Doncaster and District Society), and Mr. Colin Harrison, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Included amongst the numerous and beautiful wreaths from the family and friends were tokens of their deepest sympathy from Messrs. Hey and Humphries (Leeds), Billy and Syd (Pudsey and Rotherham), Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis (Ecclesfield), Mrs. and M. E. Wilson and the Sheffield Cathedral company.

Mr. Arthur Craven commenced his ringing career at Birley, and was afterwards connected with Armley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Hendingley, St. Peter at Arches, and the Cathedral, Lincoln, Chesterfield, Melton Mowbray, Eckington, Staveley, All Saints' and the Cathedral, Sheffield.

In his younger days Mr. Craven did a fair amount of peal ringing, and as far as can be ascertained he rang approximately 150 peals in various methods, but it was as a composer that his gifts were most pronounced and his name made famous.

His ability in this branch of the Exercise was almost unlimited, and he was an outstanding figure in the realm of method construc-

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Wimborough Green on Saturday, August 30th. A fair number of members and friends attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Kirdford, Itchingfield, Slinfold, Warnham, Hartfield, West Grinstead, with Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, and some members of the local band. Good use of the bells was made during the afternoon. About 30 sat down to a very welcome cup of tea at the Three Crowns Inn, and owing to the temperature the business meeting was held on the lawn, with Mr. Walter Charman in the chair.

There was very little business to transact. No new members were proposed, but the election of the following non-residents was confirmed, viz.: Messrs. Peter Crook, of Bolton; George Clode, of Guildford; R. F. Overy, of Haslemere; Chas. Denyer, of Aldershot; and H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the chairman. The latter, responding, said he hoped the members present and a good number of other ringers would not fail to attend the proposed combined gathering which is to take place at Horsham on Saturday, September 13th, between the Sussex Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Another visit was then paid to the belfry for further practice.

RINGERS WEDDED AT MANCHESTER.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. Arthur Saul and Miss Elsie Simpson. As both are members of the local band, the ringers assembled in full force for the occasion. They rang until the arrival of the bride at the west door of the church, where the cross bearer and choir were waiting. The hymn, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden,' was sung as the bridal procession moved to the chancel steps, where the ceremony was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Harold Sheen). The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. W. Birtwistle acted as best man. When the happy couple afterwards left the vestry, a band started for a peal, which was successful, and is recorded in the proper place.

The wedding reception took place in the schoolroom, where close on one hundred guests sat down to tea and all the many good things provided. This over, the company settled down to enjoy themselves with dancing and music, 'the health of the bride and bridegroom' being drunk with musical honours. The wedding presents were numerous, including a pair of pictures from the ringers. The bride and bridegroom have the best wishes of their belfry colleagues for their future health, wealth and happiness.

CHIPSTABLE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday afternoon, August 23rd, the eight members of the Chipstable band visited Nyncehead, Rockwell Green, Burlescombe, Sampford Peverill, Halberton and Huntsham, and rang many 120's of Grandsire Doubles, also Pitman's Doubles. The ringers wish to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' many thanks to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers for having all ready. The party thoroughly enjoyed the tour.

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tion. During his latter years he composed upwards of fifty new Surprise methods, ranging from Major to Maximus, also numerous Triple and Major Plain methods, the greater portion of which have never yet been published or rung.

He is the only person that has ever produced the sixty course-ends of Treble Bob Major in all numbers of courses from 20 to 28 inclusive, embracing changes numbering from 6,496 to 8,228.

He has left behind a vast quantity of compositions, the extent of which cannot yet be ascertained, and in accordance with his wishes a small committee has already been formed to examine the whole collection, with a view to depositing the manuscript in a safe place for future preservation to the Exercise.

Mr. Craven had a personality all his own, and was ever ready to assist and expound his gifts to the rising generation of young composers.

His passing over to the Great Majority marks another irreparable loss to the Exercise.

Only a fortnight ago, a few days before his death, Mr. Craven rang his last touch at Castleton on the occasion of a meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association there, and last Saturday an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Bob Major in his memory was made by the following members of the M.C.A. on these weird but interesting bells: Miss Mary Benton (Dore) 1, Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth) 2, F. Hector Bennett (Chesterfield) 3, J. G. Saunders (Bakewell) 4, Alfred G. Wallace (Bakewell) 5, Walter Bingham (Dore) 6, O. W. Payne (Castleton) 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) (conductor) 8. The attempt unfortunately was not successful, and the bells were called round, after 1 hour 10 mins. very fine striking, owing to a shift course. It is believed that this is the first peal attempt and the first in which a Castleton ringer has taken part for about fifty years.

As recorded in our columns, muffled peals to the memory of Mr. Craven have been rung at several towers.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

RULES FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION.

Favoured with a delightfully fine day, a large number of ringers assembled at Brecon on Saturday to take part in the seventh annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. The Vicar of Brecon (Canon E. A. T. Roberts) and the Vicar of St. David's, Brecon (Rev. John Simon, R.D.), having been good enough to permit the bells of their church to be rung from 10 a.m. onwards, the ringers made full use of the opportunity. There were members present from as far afield as Tenby and Llanelly (Carmarthenshire), other towers being represented by members from Glasbury, Talgarth, Morriston, Llanelly (Breck), Cefn Coed, Aberavon, Neath, and the local bands. There were also visitors present from Swindon and Southampton.

A service was held in the newly-restored St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John, which was intoned by Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean). The lesson was read by the Rev. F. W. Lockyer, Glasbury, and Minor Canon H. Gomer Davies presided at the organ. Other clergy present were Canon H. J. Stewart (Sketty), Canon-in-Residence at the Cathedral, Rev. John Simon, R.D., and the Rev. F. J. Kingsbury, Llanelly (Carmarthenshire). The festival sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. A collection taken at the close of the service was towards the Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

Tea was afterwards provided, at the kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, in the beautiful grounds of his residence, Ely Tower, and the annual meeting was held afterwards, over which his lordship presided.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented the accounts for the past year, and these were adopted on the proposition of Mr. James P. Hyett, seconded by Mr. David J. Lewis. The Treasurer then explained to the meeting that he had been unable to invest the sum suggested at the last meeting in Savings Certificates, inasmuch as the Guild was not regarded as a society which could properly do so, and the sum was therefore placed on deposit at one of the local banks.—The hon. treasurer was warmly thanked for his services.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Dr. Gwyn Davies, Talgarth, as a vice-president.

Two names were put forward for the office of Master of the Guild, and Mr. A. J. Pitman, the present Master, was re-elected upon a vote being taken. The other name was that of Mr. S. T. Rackham, Gilwern (a former Master of the Guild).

Messrs. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, and W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath, were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. The committee members were also re-elected, with the exception of Mr. George Lewis, Morriston, in whose place Mr. J. T. Williams, Morriston, was elected. Mr. Jack Coombe and Mr. L. T. Havard were asked to continue in office as hon. auditors.

Mr. C. H. Hawkins suggested that the next annual festival be held at Gorseinon, at a date suitable to the Lord Bishop, and the hon. secretary was requested to make the necessary enquiries and arrangements.

Mr. W. D. Griffith extended to the Guild a very hearty invitation to hold the next ringing competition at Talgarth in May next, he being requested to do so by Dr. Gwyn Davies, Vicar of Talgarth. The invitation was accepted amid applause.

The Master of the Guild then presented his report on his visit to the recent meeting of the Central Council, and he was warmly thanked therefor. Arising out of his report, and upon a letter from the Central Council's hon. secretary being read, the meeting resolved that the Guild should loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council.

Mr. James P. Hyett, Glasbury, enquired when the annual report could be issued, as it had been promised some time ago.—The Hon. Secretary stated the blame was entirely his, owing to his having been in ill-health, which necessitated his absence from duties for over three months, but the meeting was promised the report within the next few months.

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT.

Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly, enquired whether it would not be possible for the Guild to extend its activities in order to form a new district to include the southern portion of the diocese of St. David's, and the meeting decided that, in the event of such a district being formed, it should be invited to join the Guild. The hon. secretary was asked to undertake the necessary enquiries for the formation of such a new district, and to offer any assistance in that direction to the towers concerned.

The result of the ringing competition for 1930 was reported as follows (maximum points 240): Cadoxton (holders) 233, Llanelly (Brec.) 232, Gorseinon 231, Cefn Coed 228, Talgarth 226, St. Mary's, Brecon, 216, Neath 215, Llanelly (Carm.) 210 (including handieap of 9 points for being the home tower), and Morriston 210.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks. At a committee meeting held immediately afterwards, convened to consider the rules of the ringing competition for 1931, it was decided that these should be as in former competitions with the exception that the

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INTERESTING PLACES VISITED BY SLOUGH RINGERS.

The band of Sunday service ringers of St. Mary's, Slough, visited Herefordshire on their annual outing, and made good use of the fourteen seater kindly placed at their disposal by the church authorities. Meeting at the church at 8 a.m., they effected an early start via Denham and Rickmansworth to St. Albans, where the plain 'portable' lunch at noon became no longer visible. The famous Abbey was examined with interest. Here the 'silent bells' are waiting for restoration work in the tower to be completed before the 'death watch' beetle does further damage. The Saturday market proved interesting. The ancient clock tower was inspected, as was also the adjoining inn, the Fleur de Lys, where King John of France was detained for a while in 1356: 'A mediæval clock tower, almost unique in England. It contains a large Curfew Bell dating from 1335. The adjacent French Row was occupied by the Dauphin's Troops 1216.'

Incidentally, it may be here mentioned that Dr. Harwood, in his valuable history of Old Windsor, refers to this King's war in England. After being taken prisoner, he was placed in the dungeons of the Curfew Tower at Windsor Castle.

The party resumed their journey through Watford to Luton, thirty-five miles, where Brother Blackburn was on duty at the tower, Mr. King being engaged elsewhere. Here there was considerable flag wagging and public rejoicing going on to welcome H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. At the church there were more rejoicings, a considerable number of young couples hastening up to the altar with the wedding ring, so that the 'touches' rung on the bells would appear to have touched up everybody the right way for once.

The return journey to Slough was taken via Toddington, Wing and Stoke Mandeville, and at each tower some musical touches were rung to the satisfaction of all. Toddington bells are a mellow peal (tenor 22 cwt.), the Church of St. George standing in an old-world village which was left with regret. Passing through Leighton Buzzard, with its ten bells, the company little dreamed that another band from Finedon was there the same afternoon, or the two companies might have been 'spliced' to their mutual happiness. Wing, with its heavy ring of six (tenor 29½ cwt., one of Warner's finest castings), was enjoyed, as was the scenery of North Bucks viewed from the parapet of the tower top. The county town of Aylesbury was passed through, before reaching Mandeville, where the Vicar kindly met the party and rang in several of the touches with his visitors. Tea was partaken of at the Bull before another 'good pull', and then off towards home through Wendover, past the Coombe Hill, with its county war memorial standing up boldly against the fading light of evening. Approaching Slough, the handbells were packed away, after giving the youngsters a touch or two in which 'titums' came up, on the spring seats, more often than the 'Queen's' change. Needless to say, a vote of thanks was acclaimed by the party for those who had afforded them a good day's holiday, with fine weather thrown in for nothing, except many thanks, 'to the clerks of the weather' and the towers they rang in.

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STAFFORDSHIRE RINGERS VISIT SPONDON.

On Saturday, August 23rd, a party of ringers from Milton, near Stoke-on-Trent, visited Spondon, and on arrival were joined by several members of the local band. The six bells were kept going in various methods until 6 p.m., when there was an interval of one hour for tea.

Included in the touches rung were two courses of London Surprise, 720 Cambridge (believed to be the first on the bells), 360 York, 720 Plain Bob and courses of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, all conducted by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Milton. Other ringers taking part were Messrs. J. Walley, W. Corfield and C. S. Ryles, of Milton, and W. Slater, F. Coxon, J. Bailey, C. M. Coxon, J. Cope and W. Slater, jun., of the Spondon band. Some of the striking was quite good, and a very enjoyable meeting concluded about 8.30 p.m.

LONDON RINGERS' TRIP INTO ESSEX.

The annual outing of the St. Giles-in-the-Fields bellringers took place on Saturday, August 9th. The party, which included members of the Tottenham band, and one or two friends, left London at two o'clock, and arrived about an hour later at Harlow, where they were welcomed by the curate and his wife and children. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the peal of eight. Tea was provided at the White Horse Inn, Harlow Common. During the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bristol Surprise were rung on this very beautiful peal. Home was reached at 11.30. The party would like to thank the respective steeplekeepers and Vicars for the use of the bells, and all those who helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

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benefit of earning 5 points for ringing Stedman or Minor be deleted. Bands may now ring any method they choose, and in the event of a tie, a 'ring-off' will take place. Subject to Whit Saturday, 1931, being convenient to Talgarth parish it was decided that the competition should take place on that day. The necessary arrangements for the attendance of adjudicator and all other details were left in the hands of the hon. secretary as on former occasions.

DEATH OF MR. T. HERVEY BEAMS.**PIONEER WORK IN DORSET.**

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and one of its representatives on the Central Council, who passed away last week. Mr. Beams, who was a retired schoolmaster, had been in failing health for some time.

Forty years ago Mr. Beams was at Scaford, Sussex, and filled the office of hon. secretary of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association. For some years, under his guidance, the division flourished, and many enjoyable meetings in those distant days are still remembered. Afterwards Mr. Beams removed to Leytonstone, where he was associated with the six-bell band at St. John's Church, and about twenty-five years ago he went to Bradpole, where he had resided ever since. While there he introduced change ringing into many towers where it had not previously been practised, and was responsible for getting many rings of bells restored and others augmented.

The death of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, writes a correspondent, inflicts a serious loss on the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for which he had done yeoman service during the past quarter of a century. On taking up his work as head teacher at Bradpole School, Mr. Beams at once set about the introduction of change ringing in West Dorset. Under his personal instruction one tower after another has adopted method ringing, while a large number of the parishes in the district have had their bells restored or augmented. He was always ready to put his experience and skilled advice at the disposal of Church authorities, and would travel to any part of the county to inspect belfries and make recommendations as to restoration.

For upwards of twenty years Mr. Beams acted as assistant secretary to the Guild, and in that capacity did excellent work. During two periods, when the present secretary had occasion to be abroad for some time, Mr. Beams took the secretarial duties entirely on his shoulders, and he was at all times willing to undertake any work that might be required. It was on his initiative that a Guild badge was designed and adopted, and until the last year of his life the sale and distribution of badges was entirely in his hands. The war memorial to ringers in the Cathedral was also organised by Mr. Beams, and he had the satisfaction of completing the required sum of £200 within four months of his lamented death. His forceful personality and energetic advocacy of any policy conceived in the interest of ringing were conspicuous features of every business meeting, and, as far as the present writer remembers, he never missed an attendance either at the Guild festivals or at the committee meetings.

At the funeral service in Bradpole Church on Thursday week, the general secretary of the Guild (Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards) officiated, the Vicar of Bradpole and the Rector of Bridport assisting. A large number of Freemasons were present, as well as many ringers, including the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and representatives of all the Dorset branches.

Addressing the large gathering, the Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to Mr. Beams' fine record in four spheres of activity—as a schoolmaster, a churchman, a ringer and a Freemason. Dwelling especially on his services to the cause of ringing, he emphasised the fact that the restored and augmented peals of bells for many miles round would bear perpetual testimony to his skill and devotion, while the establishment of change ringing in West Dorset was entirely the result of his good work.

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listeners. Some very creditable examples of round ringing and call changes were also rung by the diocesan affiliated bands of Camborne, Helston and Phillack. The unanimous opinion of all the ringers was that the peal was of an extremely melodious tone and excellent 'go,' Mr. Denison Taylor being heartily congratulated on the unexcelled success of his firm's production.

The tenor of the recast peal is 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat, and the bells bear the following inscriptions:—

- I.—'Peace and good neighbourhood. William Coulson, Trearthen.'
 - II.—'Prosperity to this borough. George Poole, Howell Mabbott, Aldermen and Members of the Committee. 1930.'
 - III.—'To the Glory of God. The gift of Philip Hedgeland, M.A., Vicar; James Aldridge Devenish, Assistant Curate; Walter Edmonds, jun., Churchwarden; Samuel York, Sidesman. A.D. 1865. Canon Frederick Carr, M.A., Vicar, 1930.'
 - IV.—'Prosperity to the Church of England. Walter Howard Frere, Bishop of Truro, 1930.'
 - V.—'The gift of Caroline and Elizabeth Catherine Thomas Carne, A.D. 1865.'
 - VI.—'Fear God, honour the King. John Symons, Ringing Master, Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, 1930.'
 - VII.—'The gift of the Corporation. Francis Boase, Mayor, 1865. William Gage Goodfellow, Mayor, 1930.'
 - VIII.—'God save the King. Bolitho, 1865. Richard Foster Bolitho, 1930. This octave recast in 1930.'
- On each bell: 'J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.'

NEW BELLS AT NORTON, STAFFS.**RECAST RING DEDICATED.**

Norton Parish Church bells, all six of which have been recast and rehung with modern fittings, were dedicated on Sunday, August 24th, by a former Rector of Norton, the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, now Rector of Paulerspury (Northants). The presentation of the new bells to the parish was performed by Mr. John E. Wheelton, leader of the ringers of Norton.

The Rector of Paulerspury was the preacher at the morning service, and before beginning his discourse he remarked that when he entered the church the previous night he thought he had never seen a more beautiful church than Norton possessed. He spoke of the message of bells. Bells, he said, were used in the earliest days mentioned in the Bible, in worship in the wilderness, for we read that little golden bells hung from Aaron's robe. Perhaps the most important message was the great message of faith, for bells proclaimed our faith and belief in God. A third important message, which would be best realised by the bellringer himself, was the message of co-operation, for one man might throw a whole peal wrong. There had been co-operation between the Rector and the parishioners of Norton to get the bells recast. Only co-operation between capital and labour, master and man, could bring prosperity to England. Bells were rung on many different occasions, but there was one bell which was rung for everyone—the passing bell. Its message might be one of the end of a life of faith, and like the bells on Aaron's robe it would proclaim the entry of another soul into the holy place.

A special service was also held in the evening, when the Rector (the Rev. J. G. Hamlet) was the preacher. Both services were preceded and followed by short touches.

The recasting and rehung work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and a representative of the firm (Mr. J. P. Fidler) was present in the church during the service and also took part in a touch of London Surprise. The method chosen for the first full extent on the new bells was Milton Double Surprise: Owen Williams 1, Charles S. Ryles 2, John E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, William Corfield 4, William C. Lawrence 5, James Walley 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday, August 31st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): P. Felton (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 1, G. Green 2, W. Lincoln 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, G. Wiffen 5, W. Keeble 6, P. Green (composer, and first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 7, A. Head 8.

SOUTH CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss Violet E. Shorter 1, Miss Norah E. Shorter 2, H. Wills 3, E. Dean 4, F. Leeks 5, W. Bulpitt 6, A. W. Clark 7, H. Wooding 8, J. W. Ward (conductor) 9, E. O. Denhams 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters for treble and 8th.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Blaker 1, J. A. Waugh 2, J. C. Bird 3, E. Carney 4, E. D. Lillywhite (conductor) 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. H. Seabrook 7, P. J. Daws 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor, who are members of the local band.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. F. Rivers 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8. A birthday compliment for ringer of the 5th.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Ockwell 1, J. Vincent 2, A. Trueman 3, W. Trueman (conductor) 4, T. Portlock 5, A. Aubury 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. E. W. Robeson, son of the former Rector of the parish, who was interred on the previous day.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 31st, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. H. Hewatt 1, A. H. Ward 2, J. E. Davis 3, J. H. Crampion 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. A. Waugh 6, W. Williams 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th. Mr. A. H. Ward is from Derby.

NOTICE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) available from 3.15 p.m. By special permission the bells of St. Mary's-in-the-Elms Church, Old Woodhouse, will also be open for a short time after tea. Both places are local beauty spots in the Charnwood Forest, and everyone is welcome. Tea can be obtained in Woodhouse Eaves.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 30th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Clyst St. George on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available. All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Timberland (6) Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln. Buses: Atlas bus leaves St. Mary's Street 12.30 and 3 p.m. Atlas bus leaves Timberland 5.56 and 8.41 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Garston on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Chard on Saturday, September 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Coalpit Heath. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Bus 131 from tram centre passes church. Times: 2.35 p.m. and every 30 minutes. All ringers welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Maids-Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Burford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 6th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Black Horse Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available early.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Frensham tomorrow (Saturday). Bells (6) available 6-9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hughenden, Bucks.—A peal board will be unveiled on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at 5 p.m. All ringing friends will be cordially welcomed.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Shaftesbury Holy Trinity and St. Peter's (6), Shaftesbury St. James' (6) alternately, Motcombe (6), Fontmell Magna (6), Compton Abbas (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. A. Clark a bye-meeting will be held at Hernehill, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, Sept. 11th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Bocking. — Re-opening of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who send their names to Mr. F. S. Wiffen, Bridge End, Bocking, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Sept. 11th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Will those intending being present kindly notify Mr. R. Rigbye, Bridge Foot, Eccleston, as early as possible, and not later than Sept. 8th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (5) ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on September 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please let me have numbers for tea by September 8th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (West Division), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. and tea after. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.—A. W. Groves and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

BUSHEY HEATH. — Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Nearest station: Bushey. Motor coaches and buses stop at church. Cheap tickets from London and all stations. Number for tea by 9th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aidenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. Edward Blundell, Carr Cross Farm, Southport Road, Scarisbrick, near Southport, by Wednesday, Sept. 10th?—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Tea, meeting, etc., at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Sept. 10th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Sawley bells not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1930 kindly do so at this meeting?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (price 1s. each). Please notify Mr. G. H. Jolland, 14, Pinxton Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, by Thursday, Sept. 11th. — J. W. England, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Andover, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the church 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea please notify by Sept. 10th.—Mr. F. Knapp, Highclere, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. The peal of 8 will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

EARLS COLNE. — Re-opening of the bells of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 14th. Service at 3 p.m. — F. Ringwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers will be welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. Tea will be provided free, through the generosity of a friend, for all ringers who send in their names to Mr. G. H. Spink, 33, Willoughby View, Holbeck, Leeds, by Thursday, Sept. 18th. To all whose names are received after that date a charge of 1s. per head will be made. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) & LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A combined meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by Sept. 17th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All who are intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 17th. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Will all those in charge of towers remember that subscriptions for the current year are due?—F. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Districts will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Burchnell, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All members please notify me not later than the 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The augmented peal of 8 bells and the new clock at Irchester Parish Church will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The service will be at 3 o'clock. A public tea will afterwards be held in the Schoolroom at a charge of 8d. per head. The bells will be at liberty for ringing during the whole of the evening. Will those who wish to attend the tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Memorial Hall (by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.). Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Names for tea to Mr. C. I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, please. The Bishop hopes to preach.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. G. Thompson, 28, Portman Street, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting will be at Bottesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Full details later. Will each local secretary let me have list of all hon. members paid to this date, so lists can be revised? Please make urgent effort to get all subscriptions in by them.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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