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NOTES BY THE WAY.

One of the most encouraging signs of progress in the Exercise is the number of new methods that are rung. Not many weeks go by nowadays before another peal in a fresh method is recorded, and in this respect the last four years have seen as much advance as did fifty years in the middle of the nineteenth century. But it is noteworthy that all this progress is in one direction only. All the new methods, or very nearly all the new methods, are Surprise methods.

That we can understand. In ringers' estimation the Surprise methods are the aristocracy of methods; for two hundred years or more the term was applied to any complex method; and men think much more of ringing a peal in one of them than in any other system. Unfortunately, however, in the general tidying up of things which the Central Council undertook in its early days, it was thought necessary to define the word, and to lay down a strict rule as to what is and what is not a Surprise method. It was a very clever definition, and at the time a very effective one. But since then knowledge of methods has enormously increased, and we can see now that there are many methods outside the Surprise class, which are equal to any inside it. Indeed, apart from a very few of the simplest, most of the methods that rank as Treble Bob are more complex than those that rank as Surprise. But they stand no chance of being rung, just because they cannot be called Surprise. Very many Plain methods, too, are just as good and just as interesting as the Surprise methods. They, too, are neglected because the name of their class is against them.

Now, since there are so many methods to choose from, all this, so far as eight bells are concerned, does not matter so very much. But with ten and twelve bells there is a very real danger of loss. For the very definition of a Surprise method is such as must exclude the best Royal and Maximus methods. To say that there are no really good ten and twelve bell Surprise methods would seem, in the face of Cambridge, an absurdity. But Cambridge (with its variations Yorkshire and Pudsey) is really an exception to a general rule, and even it is not ideal. After all, one of the objects of peal ringing is to produce something for outsiders to listen to, and for that you should preserve the regular beat of the big bells. That is a thing which Surprise methods can do but imperfectly. Plain methods are the best for ten bells and still more so for twelve bells, and they will give you all the interest and all the complexity your heart can desire. There have been many warm arguments as to what is really Superla-

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five Royal and Maximus. Rival variations have been rung, but whether or no either was really Superlative, this we may say, that neither was really worth ringing.
J. A. TROLLOPE.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours & Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qt. 7 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL... ..Treble	†ARTHUR BUTLER... .. 6
*O. NEVILLE CURTIS 2	*FREDERICK MORSELL 7
D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 3	*HARRY REEVES 8
†ALFRED E. NEWMAN... .. 4	REGINALD BROWN 5
*THOMAS W. THIRKELL 5	†JOHN ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. FAITHFULL.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal on the ten bells and by the local band at the first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND... ..Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
LESLIE T. STACEY 2	EDWARD J. BEER 6
JOHN BURLES 3	JAMES BAILBY 7
*JOSEPH H. WICKS 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. J. BEER. Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RUSSELL W. CURSONTreble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
CHARLES H. MOORE 2	FREDERICK HUGGINS 6
CYRIL CROWE 3	HENRY TOORE 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WALTER R. FARROW Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

SIDNEY PROCTORTreble	R. HENRY BARTRAM 5
ALBERT L. WARD 2	*W. EDGAR HIGGS 6
*FRED C. TOWELL 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ARTHUR W. WARD 4	THOMAS SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

* First peal in the method.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*HERBERT C. READ Treble	HENRY TOOKE 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON 2	WALTER R. FARROW 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Thompson, of Norwich, with all good wishes from the diocesan ringers.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

*ALBERT GOLDSMITH Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.
* First peal, aged 16 years.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE FOX Treble	HARRY C. WALTERS 5
HAROLD DYSON 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
JOHN H. LENTON 3	HARRY BROWN 7
FRED NEWTON 4	HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOHN W. CORNFORD 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.
BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE FOUR-PART, No. 90 (PLAN No. 2).
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD C. CONNOLLY Treble	†O. NEVILLE CURTIS 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 3	†JOHN A. HILL 7
*HARRY S. SMITH 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILLIAM T. TUCKER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. Longest length on the bells and by all the band.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR G. BASON Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	MANSFIELD GINN 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
CHARLES W. COOK 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the go being excellent.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPEL Treble	DANIEL J. WILLIAMS 5
WALLACE DOBBINS 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
*ARTHUR PRINCE 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* Proposed a member before the start. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. T. Havard), who has been elected Bishop of St. Asaph, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Bro. REGINALD BROUGH, M.M., Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452 Treble	Bro. GEORGE W. STERRER, M.M., Sowest Lodge, No. 3797 2
Bro. RAYMOND PHILPOTT, M.M., Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777 3	Bro. ARTHUR G. MASON, M.M., Rectitude Lodge, No. 4727 4
Bro. HARRY BARTON, M.M., Yarborough Lodge, No. 551 5	Bro. JAMES BENNETT, M.M., Per Mare Per Terram Lodge, No. 3609 6
Bro. EDWIN BARNETT, M.M., Gavelkind Lodge, No. 4266 7	Bro. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, M.M., Polarais Lodge, No. 4407 Tenor

Composed by the late Bro. F. A. HOLDEN, M.M.

Conducted by Bro. J. BENNETT.

First peal in the method by a hand of Freemasons, and also the first Masonic peal rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE Treble	GEORGE W. MILLS 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 2	GEORGE LADD 6
JAMES OSBORN 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4	HARRY NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
*FRANK W. PERRENS 2	*DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
*F. STEDMAN POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN... .. 5	FRANK W. LACK 5
ELLIS CLARKE 2	ROBERT SMITH 6
HARRY PARKER 3	HERBERT FIELDS... .. 7
BERRY WAYMAN 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
50th peal on the bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MORRIS J. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD 2	REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. 5
FRANCIS R. DEACON 2	†PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
*FRANK MEASURES 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
†GEORGE WALKER 4	CECIL E. CARR Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 100th peal.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON 5
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 2	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN 6
HERBERT P. CLIFF 3	ADAM DEAS 7
JOHN A. BROWN 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to a ring of eight in May, 1934.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN 2	JONATHAN PRESTON 5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 7
FRED PRICE 4	WILLIAM C. RHODES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN... .. 2	PETER CHARMAN... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULL 2	JOHN COOK 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
THOMAS ADAMS 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Warnham (the Rev. F. D. Farebrother) and Mrs. Farebrother on the 21st anniversary of their wedding; also a birthday peal to W. Charman and T. Adams.

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

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	PERCY J. JERVIS 5
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 6
JOHN W. SYKES 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
WALTER ALLWOOD 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. This composition (composed in September, 1891) is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 30 extents of Grandsire (ten variations) and 12 of Bob Doubles (four variations). Tenor 5½ cwt. in B flat.

AUBREY LUBBOCK... .. 2	CYRIL POOLEY 3
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	CLIFFORD T. BURTON 4

*CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles.

SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS MARJORIE J. SWAN 2	HERBERT W. ABBOTT 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER 2	J. JOHN BAILEY 4

BORLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BORLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal.

BASINGSTOKE.—To mark the end of the Bishop of Winchester's pilgrimage, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, for evening service: G. Ballard 1, *F. Munday 2, C. J. Munday 3, H. Balaam (conductor) 4, *H. Garrett 5, *E. Austin 6, J. Chesberman 7, J. Woodley 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Martin's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. M. Kilby 1, G. Lovegrove 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, J. Bunce 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, Tom Collins (conductor) 7, S. Ewer 8. First in the method as conductor, and first of Stedman Triples in the tower by an entirely local band.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE HODSON Treble	ROBERT SMITH 4
BERT HODSON 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
HAROLD WHITEHEAD 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*B. JACK STUBBS Treble	WALTER PERKINS 4
ALBERT E. BALL 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First Surprise peal.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 changes of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 1,440 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY BARRELL Treble	HERBERT JILLINGS 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	ROBERT GARDINER 4
*CECIL GOODWIN Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in connection with the harvest festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Sixty-Seven Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 10	

Composed by FRANK PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
700th peal by Ernest Morris, of which he has conducted 350.

BARNEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

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

EDWARD J. BEER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
HERBERT E. AUSDLEY 3-4	SIDART SANDFORD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. G. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by the association and by all the band except the conductor.

ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
ON BOARD S.S. 'BARRABOOL,'

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

First peal on the Mediterranean Sea. First peal in the method rung on the sea.

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
ALFRED J. HOUSE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten tower bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal in the method by the Guild. First peal of Royal on the bells.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LADOCK,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ROCHE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GOMANDAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal of Major on the bells.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAVIS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal on the bells.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LANIVET, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NYVETT,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN 2	*WILLIAM H. SOTHEARD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
*CYRIL E. LANXON 4	*WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 25th year of the ministry of the Rev. R. H. Sowell (Vicar).

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. ERNEST V. COX Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

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

First peal of Major on the bells.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

GREAT PERFORMANCE OF 31 YEARS AGO RECORDED.

A tablet to record the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Exeter Cathedral on September 14th, 1903, was unveiled and dedicated on Saturday last, just over 31 years after the event. The dedication was performed by the Dean of Exeter (Dr. W. R. Matthews) in the presence of a large company, which included the six surviving members of the peal band, Messrs. J. Austin (conductor), William Pye (who rang the 7½ cwt. tenor), A. W. Brighton, J. Thomas, C. Mee and G. Lindoff. Amongst the many others present were Messrs. T. Laver (hon. secretary, Devon Guild), T. G. Barlett (hon. treasurer, Devon Guild), C. G. Glass (chairman, Exeter Branch), J. Sandover, A. Mitchell and other Cathedral ringers; also G. R. Pye, C. T. Coles, R. T. Hibbert, L. C. Wightman, E. P. Duffield, L. W. G. Morris, C. Lawson, W. J. G. Brown, G. M. Rashbrook and A. J. House, members of the party ringing in Cornwall during the week; J. T. Dyke, A. E. Reeves, J. Waugh, R. Cousins and W. C. Wakley.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. T. Laver, who spoke of the occasion as a unique one, seeing that they were met to honour a performance of over 31 years ago. He was glad to welcome the six survivors of the band, and they would remember the four departed members, the late W. W. Gifford, E. Pye, C. Jackson and I. G. Shade, in their prayers. As regards the peal which they were now permanently recording, he could not do better than quote the following, which was taken from the 'Bell News' of September 18th, 1903:

'A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Exeter Cathedral on Monday, September 14th, 1903, when William Pye accomplished the great and unprecedented feat of ringing the large tenor bell (7½ cwt.) single-handed throughout. The performance was remarkable for its evenness and excellent striking. The time hardly varied from 21 changes per minute from start to finish, the homecoming courses being especially good. It is also worthy of note that the ringer of the treble cycled from Bristol, a distance of 75 miles, on the morning of the same day. The way in which the smaller bells held up over the big ones was really grand, and produced such music that made it a pleasure to listen to.'

It is hoped that a durable tablet recording the performance will be provided, to be placed in the tower, with the permission of the Dean and Chapter. Such a peal as this was not an ordinary performance, and, being in a certain sense historical, ought not to go without a permanent local record.'

Mr. Laver concluded by asking Mr. Austin, the conductor of the peal, to unveil the tablet.

Mr. Austin then unveiled the record, and in the following words presented it to the Dean and Chapter: 'Rev. Sir, we are met here to-day to commemorate the unveiling of a peal tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters on these bells 31 years ago, which was undoubtedly a grand performance; and as the authorities will not allow the tenor to be rung single-handed in future, it will stand as a unique performance. I am pleased six of the band are still with us, and, on their behalf and also those who have departed, I pray you to accept and take into the safe keeping of this Cathedral Church this tablet.'

The Dean then accepted the tablet with the following words:—

'We do now accept for safe keeping in the belfry of this Cathedral Church of St. Peter this tablet, placed here to record the peal of Stedman Caters rung on these bells by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to the Glory of God.'

'Ye shall take heed that these bells have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, that they may ever and only be used in God's service and for His Glory.'

The Lord's Prayer and other appropriate prayers then followed, and the service was concluded by the Dean pronouncing the Blessing.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, on behalf of the company, thanked the Dean for his kindness, and Dr. Matthews said it was a pleasure to him to come amongst them on this great occasion. He added that he was going to London shortly to take up duties at St. Paul's Cathedral, where he understood there was also a fine peal of bells, but, he added, 'not so good as at Exeter.'

The tablet is of lightly stained oak, with black enamelled lettering, and is surmounted with the arms of the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.

After the ceremony the bells were rung for the purpose of giving the many visitors an opportunity of a touch at the Cathedral, after which peals were attempted at Heavitree and St. Thomas', Exeter. That at Heavitree was completed, but the attempt at St. Thomas' failed in the fourth part of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT HANDSWORTH.

Handsworth, Sheffield, was the venue selected for the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association for their quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 15th. The visit was memorable—glorious weather, an excellent peal of bells, a hearty welcome, a splendid tea, a good variety of methods and excellent striking.

Members were present from Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Rammoor, Ecclesfield, Norton, Bolsover, Rotherham, Eastwood, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Nottingham and the local company, and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise.

At the short business meeting which followed tea, Mr. G. R. W. Hooton, of Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough, was elected a life member of the association.

The meeting accepted the hearty invitation of the secretary to hold the next meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster. He gave two reasons for the invitation—the completion of 15 years' service as secretary and also that December would mark his silver wedding. The invitation was coupled with a desire expressed by Mr. F. Clark to entertain the members to tea. The secretary was heartily thanked for his kind offer. Will all members who were not present please take this as an invitation and so provide a record attendance?

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the ladies for their services at tea and to the local company concluded a very happy and enjoyable meeting.

RINGERS WHO ARE PAID.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Very reluctantly, but duty bound, I must disagree with my friend Mr. Amos. Being only a working man, does Mr. Amos expect me (or any other gentleman) to run all over one's district to teach or instruct without payment? I suppose my expenses these last 10 years engaged in ringing amount to £200—some for pleasure, but not always. My receipts are nil. Does our friend expect one always to carry on? No, I hope not, and we are not expected to, but who is going to pay? Will Mr. Amos give three nights per week on an average and travel 10, 15 or even 20 miles at his own expense? In my humble opinion, there is nothing wrong with paid ringing; it is greed or selfishness with a small percentage which by slow degree the associations and guilds will wipe out.—Yours,

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS VISIT CELEBRATED FOUNDRY

Ringers and friends from Lea and neighbouring towers visited Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough, and South Notts on Thursday, September 13th. Mr. Lindoff and his son and Mr. C. V. Cade, of Scothern, Lincoln, also accompanied the party. On arrival at the foundry the party was conducted round, and the complicated art of bell casting and tuning was explained. The returned and augmented peal for Alford, Lincs, was seen nearing completion. The ringers were then conducted to the foundry's light ring of ten, and a very enjoyable hour was spent ringing, or, rather, trying to ring, these little bells. After dinner some visited the war memorial carillon and others the Parish Church.

Long Eaton was the next call, where the party was joined by Miss Thompson and Mr. Bailey. The bells were up ready and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on this light octave. The next call was Beeston, a ring of eight, tenor 19½ cwt., providing a change after the previous light rings. With touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, time passed all too quickly, and Beeston was left reluctantly for Nottingham, where arrangements had been made to join the St. Peter's company in their practice. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on this good-going ten, tenor 21 cwt. This was the last call of the day, and home was reached at 11.30 p.m., everybody voting the outing a huge success.

The party wishes to thank Messrs. Taylors and the tower secretaries for obtaining permission to ring, etc., Miss Thompson, and all who contributed to the success of the trip.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 8th, 36 members and friends attending from the following towers: Mayfield, Ringmer, Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Lewes, Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, Mr. Haig, of Itchingham, and Mr. Preston, of Christchurch, Hants, together with members of the local band. The bells were kept going until late in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Grahame Clarke), who gave a most interesting address. He also presided at the tea and meeting at the Star Inn. At the short business meeting which followed, the secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that the next meeting would be held at Hailsham. Mr. A. R. Miles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to Mr. Piper for bearing part cost of the tea. The members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Within a week two Surrey boroughs have received their Charters of Incorporation. Last week we recorded the great day of ringing the band at All Saints', Benthilton, had, which included a peal of London Surprise Major; doubtless London Surprise was selected as a compliment to the Acting Lord Mayor of London (Lord Ebbisham), who presented the Charter to Sutton and Cheam. At Mitcham, on Wednesday, September 19th, the ringers' activities were confined to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. The Mitcham band will probably provide the celebration peal at an early date.

In regard to the Finchingsfield peal board, Mr. W. Keeble informs us that the date of the peal should read May 30th, 1825, not 1925 as published in our last issue. We hope the Essex Association will note Mr. Keeble's suggestion as to the care of old peal boards.

The bells of St. Bene't's, Cambridge, have now been put in proper order, and, in answer to numerous inquiries, no blame can be put on the bellfounders.

The Rev. E. Banks James, who composed Bristol Surprise Major as far back as 1897, has now rung his first peal in the method. Bristol is the one modern method which up to now has made good its claim to rank as a standard method.

With the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, Mr. John H. B. Hesse has completed the circle in this tower. Reminding the Editor of this achievement, our correspondent adds: 'And he never smiled once!'

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Forest Hill, London, spent last week-end with Peterborough Diocesan Guild ringers. He conducted quarter-peals of Oxford Treble Bob at Raunds and Kent Treble Bob at Finedon, and thus completed 50 quarter-peals as conductor in 50 different towers and with 348 different ringers in 21 counties. Mr. Cannon thanks all those who have made this possible. During the week-end he also conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Thrapston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

UNEXPECTED BRIDAL COMPLIMENT.

The quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Broadchalke on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringers from Salisbury, Wilton, Britford, Berwick St. John and other neighbouring towers arrived shortly after 3 p.m., to find a wedding in process. Nobly rising to the occasion, they rang the bridal pair out, after the ceremony.

In spite of the inclement weather, there was quite a good attendance, and the bells were kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Fuller).

Tea followed in the school, after which the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided at a short business meeting, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine). One new member (F. Shergold, Wilton tower) was elected. It was resolved that the extra meeting, decided upon at the last annual general meeting, should take the form of a practice meeting only, and be held at Tisbury on November 24th. It was proposed that the annual general meeting be held at St. Paul's, Salisbury. The branch secretary mentioned that the Devizes Branch had proposed another joint practice meeting, this time at Heytesbury. The matter was referred to the annual meeting at Salisbury.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the Guild service, and to Mr. Barter for his services at the organ, also the organ blower. The members returned to the tower, where ringing was resumed.

ENTHUSIASM IN KENT.

LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS AT THROWLEY.

In spite of the very inclement weather, a large number of ringers attended the meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, held at Throwley on Saturday, September 22nd, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville). Towers represented were Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphego, Dover, Sturry, Wickhambreaux, St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, Littlebourne, Ashford, Whitstable, Teynham, Queenborough, Tunstall, Frittenden, Gravesend, Egerton, Northfleet, Smarden and the local tower.

Ringings commenced about 3 o'clock and continued until 4.15 p.m., when the association form of service was held in the church, at which the Vicar officiated and gave the address. Mr. E. Spice read the lesson, and Mr. Masters presided at the organ, while the singing was led by a small choir of local ladies.

After the service the ringers and their friends, numbering over 50, adjourned to the Vicarage, where a splendid tea had been provided. Before leaving the Vicarage, Mr. Spice, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rev. Somerville for his kind hospitality and also Mr. Masters for his help at the organ. Mr. Spice also made reference to the probability of an instructor going to Throwley soon, to teach the local company the art of change ringing. Several touches were rung on handbells before an adjournment was made to the tower.

Ringings continued until late evening, the following methods being rung: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The annual meeting will probably be held on October 27th at Canterbury.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The Voyagers at Sea.

NEWS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Some of the incidents on the first stage of the voyage to Australia are recorded below. The dispatch was sent off from Malta, where the s.s. 'Barrabool' arrived on Friday morning.

S.S. 'Barrabool,'

Mediterranean Sea.

This part of our story begins at Plymouth. To be nautical, we slipped our moorings in the Sound, where we had remained all the afternoon, about 6.30 p.m. on Saturday (September 15th), and headed for the open sea. I have got Old Bill and George as cabin companions. You will hear more of these two as we go along. It is astonishing how intimate you get when you are cabin companions. You may know quite a lot about a man, but you can never realise all his good—and bad—points until you have sailed with him, occupied the same cabin with him and seen him asleep.

Our first Sunday at sea was a day of very varied interest. We steamed all day across the Bay of Biscay into the teeth of a stiff, cool breeze. There was no sea to speak of, but it took its toll among the passengers, and our party did not escape. There were vacant places at the meal tables, and at dinner time both married couples were missing. But let us draw a veil over that.

We have a Colonial parson aboard, and to him has been allocated the conduct of the Sunday services. There was an early celebration of Holy Communion, morning service at 10.30 and a children's service in the afternoon, with an undenominational service after dinner in the evening. The padre, who declared himself a parson from conviction and not by profession, is on his way back to his Australian parish, and in his sermon he made an appeal to all on board to unite in a great effort of uplift while they were together and through-out life to work for the ideals of the Christian faith.

Some of the ringers had their first experience of a service at sea, and, although it is but a simple affair, devoid of all ceremonial, it does not fail to impress. The table, which serves for reading desk, lectern and pulpit, is covered with the Union Jack. The usual form of morning prayer is abbreviated, but its essential features are retained. The hymns, led by a piano, are general favourites, and the whole service, including the address, is over in less than three-quarters of an hour. I have never seen a more earnest congregation, and the special prayer for the safety of the ship and those sailing in her brings home to everyone the fact that wherever they may be, on land or sea, they are in God's hands.

The people are summoned to the service by the ringing of the ship's bell, but as a preliminary and for the first time, probably, in history, a 'service touch' was rung on handbells on the ocean. It was two well-struck courses of Stedman Triples. After the service, on another deck, the first course of Treble Bob and the first course of Grandsire Caters on the Atlantic Ocean were rung.

As I told you in my last dispatch, this was Old Bill's birthday. He completed his 73rd year, and the event, together with the completion of his one thousandth peal a few days before, were duly celebrated by all those capable of sitting up and sharing in the festivity. And Bill went to bed that night supremely happy. 'This has been the happiest day of my life,' he told me, as he crawled into his bunk. 'I never dreamed I should spend a birthday on the ocean on my way to Australia, but I've done it and I'm going to bed to dream about it now.'

And, my word, he kept his promise. The snores that came from that lower bunk must have disturbed even the occupants of Davy Jones' locker.

It took Old Bill 52½ years to ring his thousand peals, but he was 73 years reaching Sunday's anniversary. He is a good old war horse is Bill, and a few facts about his peal ringing will not be amiss. He is a life member of all the Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, and has rung peals for 44 societies in Great Britain. He was one of the first men to ring a peal in the four countries of the British Isles. He was the first to ring a peal in every county in England and in Wales (except Anglesey). Altogether he has rung peals in 65 counties and has scored peals on three 'royal' rings of bells—the Curfew Tower, Windsor; the Chapel Royal, Devonport Dockyard; and the Alexandra Bells of the Imperial Institute, London.

He has himself conducted Holt's Original 20 times, and among the many conductors who have kindly enabled him to complete his four figure list he specially has to thank George I. (Newson), George II. (Williams), George III. (Martin) and George IV. (Pye).

He has never broken a stay or a slider; never been run in by the Police Guild or 'sent down' by the College Youths. He never wants to ring a peal with a hand of 'Pussyfoots,' but he just completes an octave of ringers alive who have all rung a thousand peals. When he comes up from 'down under' perhaps it will be possible for them to ring a peal together.

Something of a catastrophe threatened our own parson, the Rev. E. Bankes James. We left London on Friday. On Sunday he had not yet found his baggage! It is a somewhat awkward predicament for a parson to be in, and he was still hoping against hope that it might be in one of the holds. He took it very philosophically, however, but it will be a bit awkward if the baggage fails to turn up. He has brought an altimeter with him (one wag has suggested that that is to enable him to know when he is 'up the pole'), but what is the use of an altimeter if you have not got a clean shirt!

We have spent a lot of our time since Saturday in altering our watches. In one fell swoop on Saturday night they put the clocks

back an hour and 23 minutes—the summer time hour and the 23 minutes for longitudinal correction. That would probably have been a matter of indifference to most of us had it not been that it put breakfast back an hour and 23 minutes as well! Then on Monday we put the clocks on ten minutes; on Tuesday we put them back a quarter of an hour; on Wednesday we put them back 30 minutes, and so we shall go on monkeying with our timepieces every day until, when we reach Melbourne, we shall be ten hours in front of English time. Old Bill says it is no use messing about with his watch; he will only have to alter it back again when he comes home.

It is astonishing how small the world is. An old Essex ringer, Mr. Samuel Ward, and his wife (who is a member of the well-known Essex ringing family of Prior) are travelling back to Australia in the 'Barrabool' to settle down near Sydney, where they formerly lived for many years. Mr. Ward used to ring at Stansted and Bishop's Stortford.

Another passenger who made himself known to us is Mr. Lawrence, a cousin of Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who is travelling to Malta, and who introduced himself by saying, 'This change ringing is a fascinating game, isn't it?' Donald Melville, son of the late Vicar of Exhall, Warwickshire, brother of Malcolm Melville, and himself a young ringer, is making his first voyage in this ship as a cadet in the P. and O. Company.

The passengers and members of the crew have shown themselves intensely interested in the ringing which we have done. They have, indeed, been too pressing in their attentions, and we have not yet found that secluded spot we so much desire. We have decided not to take the freehold of the corner on the upper deck, which we had secured an appro. It is close to the swimming tank, and, as nearly as much water comes over the sides of the tank as remain in it when bathing is in progress, we have found it desirable to give it a wide berth.

Sunday was *dies non* for peal ringing. We could not have started if we had wished, for some of the experts were hors de combat. They were out of mess during the day, but on Monday when this part of the Atlantic was on its very best behaviour—sunshine and the



MR. W. H. FUSSELL.

blue vault of heaven above; blue seas, as smooth as the proverbial mill-pond, beneath us—they came up for their meals at the double.

Two attempts were made for peals on Monday, the first in the morning, carried on under the eyes of a constantly changing crowd of spectators and to the accompaniment of a gramophone and singing and all the life of a happy company at sea. This 'went west' at the end of twelve courses. The second attempt, sandwiched in the evening between tea and dinner, lasted 15 courses, before going the way of the first. But this time the crowd could not be blamed. Numbers came to look on, it is true, but the breakdown was a real crash on the part of the ringers. Some good practice, however, has been put in, and every one of the party will be able to say that they have rung touches on the Atlantic Ocean.

Tuesday was another most interesting day, for we got our first sight of the African Coast and passed through the Straits of Gibraltar. We passed the frowning Rock about lunch time, and soon after all that could be seen of the coast line was the high mountains of Spain, whose peaks remained above the horizon until they faded into the mists of night.

A last effort was made in the morning to ring an Atlantic peal. A new situation in the forward part of the ship was found and nearly a new band, but again it slipped from the grasp, principally owing to a well-meaning chief officer inquiring for Mr. Fussell to give him a message. A particularly interesting point about this ringing was that it took place in Trafalgar Bay. But it was no victory to record—England expected, that day, but it didn't come off.

While the attempt was being made some of us rummaged in the baggage room for our ringing padre's missing luggage. We found it at last, much to his joy, and, soon after, he reappeared on deck, easy in mind, his body refreshed and reappraised, and, as he said himself, 'a different man.' Incidentally, in the baggage room we found that

PEAL RUNG ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The Australian tourists have now found their sea legs. On Monday morning we received a radio telegram from the s.s. Barrabool announcing the successful accomplishment of a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes. According to records only one handbell peal has been rung previously at sea—a peal of Stedman Caters on the Irish Sea in 1901. This is therefore the first peal in the method on the sea.

The peal goes to the credit of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The ringers hope to ring under the auspices of other guilds during their tour. The honour of the first peal on the tour goes to Mrs. R. Richardson, Mr. Rupert Richardson, the Rev. E. Bankes James and Mr. John S. Goldsmith.

our spare ropes were safely aboard, as also are the publications sent by the Central Council for distribution among the towers of the Commonwealth.

The people in the ship are beginning to take a more than passing interest in us. Many quiet inquiries have been made, and our party have not been slow to take the opportunity of explaining some of the rudiments of the art, how deep in interest it is and the meaning of the long journey we have undertaken.

We have now, we hope, secured a better spot for our ringing. Capt. Sheepwash, the Commander of the 'Barrabool,' has given us permission to use the space reserved in connection with the isolation hospital in the stern of the ship on the upper deck, where we may hope to be free from interruption, and we have released our rights to all other claims pegged out.

There must be a Jonah amongst us. That first handbell peal will not come. With all the determination possible, one hand or another sets about the task, but so far it has eluded our efforts. The most promising attempt yet made was on Wednesday, September 19th, in the new quarters which we have found. The attempt was made in really businesslike fashion, and, according to the umpire, produced the best ringing yet. But, alas, after 48 minutes 2 and 3 inexplicably turned over.

I am not sure that, even if the slip had not occurred, the peal would have been successful. The ringers took advantage of what shade was available from a deck house, but as the sun got higher in the heavens, they began to get a grilling, and when they stopped the tenor man was gradually melting in his seat, and he stood the risk of disappearing, like a tallow candle in the sun, and dissolving into a pool of grease. So perhaps it is just as well the ringing stopped when it did.

The self-styled 'second eleven' with the 'first eleven' conductor made an effort to break the evil spell in the evening, but it soon came to grief. Unless the luck changes soon someone will have to be thrown overboard as a sacrifice. But we are getting a lot of fun out of this handbell ringing. It is giving us an 'object in life,' when

we might otherwise succumb entirely to the bewitching spell of the life of ease amidst which we are travelling, and in which the less one does the less one wants to do.

For instance, during most of Wednesday we travelled along the shore of Algeria, with towering mountains as a background and wild and inhospitable looking scenery. To lol in a deck chair, with the sun turning the sea into molten gold and flickering blue; a noble prospect of mountain and gully, low scrub and rugged cliffs, with an occasional tiny habitation, or scattered village, to indicate where men dwell, passing as a panorama before one's eyes—well, why worry about ringing? Presently, perhaps, in the great open spaces of the ocean we may be more successful with our ringing, for there may be nothing better to do; although, if one chooses, there is even now an activity aboard that threatens to become hectic. Most of us have already entered for games competitions—games about which we do not, at the moment, know the most elementary rules.

Old Bill and George began rehearsals on Wednesday for a forthcoming concert, in which they are billed to appear. At dinner that evening they heard that the show was to come on the same evening, so there was another hasty rehearsal in the cabin, and Bill carefully arranged the collar of George's cricket shirt so as to show it off to the best advantage.

The tune playing was one of the 'star' turns of the programme. Bill produced some laughter by his explanation in humorous vein of what it was proposed to do. He first assumed the role of town crier and, hastily seizing the dinner bell which stood by, rang it in the orthodox fashion of town criers and began his announcement with an 'Oyez, oyez, oyez!' I am beginning to think that this must have been one of his past professions. Then wedding bells were rung in the shape of rounds, queen's and titmums, followed by 'Washing Day' and 'The Blue Bells of Scotland.' Bill was a good showman, and the unsuspected talent brought forth rapturous applause. Indeed, when the chairman, later on, said the end of the programme had been reached, there were loud demands for the bells, and Bill and George duly obliged again, this time with 'The Vicar of Bray,' in which the audience joined—the best proof that they had enjoyed the turn. So Bill and George went to bed happy in the knowledge that they had done at least one good deed for the day.

Yet another handbell peal was lost on Thursday morning, after nearly an hour, but here again it was just as well, for, soon after, rain, the first we have seen since leaving England, came down heavily and would have necessitated the abandonment of the attempt. Luck is against us, but, in view of the rain, we have not yet cast lots to see who is to be sacrificed.

LATE NEWS.

The Editor has been taking navigation lessons on the bridge. He hopes when he returns to England to know sufficient to sail a toy boat on Clapham Park Pond.

The chocolate box has been only sparingly passed round among the gentlemen, so, I presume, they have not behaved themselves too well.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT GREAT EASTON.

RECTOR'S APPRECIATION OF RINGERS' SERVICES.

A kindly compliment was paid to the North District of the Essex Association at their meeting at Great Easton on Saturday, Sept. 15th, by the Rector (the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, R.D.). 'It was the best thing done for generations,' he said, 'the putting of the bells in the best possible repair, and I am most grateful to our ringers. They are important and very necessary in the parish.'

Although a thunderstorm broke over the district during the afternoon, it was not sufficient to damp the spirits of 30 ringers who attended from the following parishes: Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Broomfield, Braintree, Great Bardfield, Great Easton, Sible Hedingham, Springfield, Chelmsford, Dunmow, Ford End and Brentwood. Some very good ringing was enjoyed on this beautiful peal of six, and methods from Grand sire Doubles to London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

At the service an excellent address was given by the Rector, and the lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell). Tea followed at the Village Hall, the Rector presiding, for which the thanks of all present was accorded the ladies who prepared the meal.

The District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presided at the business meeting. Braintree was agreed upon for the annual district meeting on November 10th.

The District Master's suggestion for the annual meeting being held at Braintree each year, in view of its central position, was approved, and it was decided to bring the matter forward at the annual meeting. The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his excellent address, and also to the ladies who prepared tea. The Rector suitably replied.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Wednesday, September 19th, at the Parish Church for the Charter Day celebrations, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wright 1, C. Pothecary 2, L. Greenhow 3, E. Tourle 4, W. H. Joiner 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8.

BEACONSFIELD'S JUBILEE.

REMINISCENCES OF 50 YEARS AGO.

Four members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who were privileged to be present at the dedication of the bells at Beaconsfield in 1884 were present on Saturday, September 8th, when the jubilee was observed. They were Canon Coleridge (Master of the Guild), Mr. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) and Mr. A. S. Bagley, who has been a member of the local band.

About 60 ringers attended from Surrey, Middlesex, Beds, Herts and Essex, as well as members from various branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and were kept busy with rounds and various touches, concluding with a course of Bristol before the service.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Osborne. Mr. O. H. Hickman (organist and choir-master) was assisted by a small orchestra brought from High Wycombe by the Rev. C. E. Wigg. The hymns included the one dedicated to ringers, 'Unchanging God Who liveth,' 'We love the place, O God' and 'Now thank we all our God.' The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild) gave a practical address. He said they were met there that afternoon on the occasion of the jubilee of the opening of the bells at the Parish Church of Beaconsfield as a peal of eight. But the history of those bells extended much further back than 1884. They knew that there were five bells at least as long ago as the beginning of the 18th century, and in 1772 they were recast by Henry Bagley, of Reading. At least four different firms of bellfounders have had a hand in bringing their fine peal to its present condition. The 4th of the old peal was recast by Lester and Pack in 1760, and 34 years later a treble was added by Thomas Mears. That bell was the second of the present ring. Finally, in 1884, the firm of Mears and Stainbank were entrusted with the work of recasting four of the old bells, adding a treble and tenor, and rehanging the whole peal in a new frame. The whole of the necessary money for the work was contributed by the inhabitants of Beaconsfield.

The treble bell in the peal, he said, was dedicated to the memory of that great statesman, Edmund Burke, who had his country estate at Beaconsfield, and bearing the motto of his family, 'One King, one Faith, one Law.' That inscription was a simple reminder that in spite of inevitable dangers of thought and custom, certain trusts must always remain for us important and fundamental.

What of the ringers of the future? he asked. The men and women who would carry on the work of God in reminding people of their religious faith and duties—through the voices of the bells? They heard much nowadays of the difficulty of maintaining a band of ringers for service ringing in many towers. It was true that the sort of training received by young people to ring did not seem to produce in them that spirit of dogged perseverance which refused to be beaten, and which alone enabled a beginner to get over the difficult and early stages of his ringing career. The lack of enthusiasm among young ringers to-day, which was more evident in some parts of the country than others, was a challenge to both the young people themselves and to their elders who instructed them. To them he commended the motto which was placed upon the tenor bell when half a century ago it was hung in the tower and dedicated to the memory of Benjamin Disraeli. It was his family motto, 'Forti nihil diffido'—To the stout-hearted man nothing is too difficult.

TOLD BY 'THE VETERANS.'

After the service tea was served in the Old Rectory, and the company settled down to listen to the reminiscences of the 'veterans.' The Rev. Canon Coleridge spoke of the beautiful service and complimented the orchestra. It was the first time, he said, he had heard one at a service of bellringers. He referred to the time when he and others had to walk anything from three to ten miles to ring at Beaconsfield in the early days, and recalled many names of ringers who he had met there. He thanked the members of the local band, on behalf of the assembly, for inviting them to such a meeting.

Mr. J. J. Parker gave some of his interesting experiences, and Mr. W. H. Fussell recalled how Mr. Parker and himself had to walk from Farnham in a snowstorm to assist in ringing at Beaconsfield.

Mr. A. S. Bagley gave many historical details concerning the church and bells. For many years previous to 1884, he said, the peal of six had been in need of attention, both as regards the tone of the bells as well as the bearings and fittings. The ringers, under the presidency of Mr. H. L. W. Lawson (the late Lord Burnham), formed a committee for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum to renovate the bells. The Lord of the Manor gave £100 and promised another when the second £100 was raised. The money was soon raised, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the contract price being £508 12s. The belfry was repaired and four of the old bells recast and the whole framework renewed. The speaker recalled a remark made to him by the foreman on the job, who, when he had tied the last rope, said, 'There, my boy, these bells will go for about 35 years, with little attention; a few ropes, a bit of grease and a little screwing up now and again is all they will need.' The truth of that remark had been realised, for, as many ringers would agree, the peal had stood well. After 38 years' service the bells were hung in ball bearings, mainly through the kindly interest taken in the bells by Sir Charles Bennett, K.C., who is an honorary member of the local band.

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THE INTEGRITY OF CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'A cantankerous critic,' asks when handbell peals will be umpired again. Please allow me to ask him a question or two.

Why does a handbell peal need umpiring any more than a tower-bell peal? If ringers are enterprising enough to learn to ring two bells to a peal, is their integrity any the less than that of a band who travel miles to a tower to get a peal? Where are these 'qualified' umpires to be found that he asks for? It is generally hard enough to man the bells, either tower or hand, without wasting a man of such powers standing by. I know a handbell conductor who will allow anyone who cares to 'witness' a peal on handbells, but would not tolerate him or her as an 'umpire' unless the said umpire had the ability to spot a mistake as soon as he (the conductor) could, and throw the paper into the ring and stop the peal.

This same conductor, who would not thank me for disclosing his name, has been known to stop a peal for a few 'clips' that would be ignored in a tower bell peal. Is the integrity of such a man to be doubted for a moment as to the correctness of a peal, whether or not it was umpired?

We hear of loutres so blocked that tower bells cannot be heard outside. Would 'Cantankerous Critic' like to provide an umpire there in case the band feel like 'putting one over'? It is all nonsense, sir. Most conductors that I ever knew in 30 years' ringing stopped the bells when anything went wrong, either in tower or house, when it was necessary. Let 'Cantankerous Critic' get on to something else, and, above all, put his name to his insinuations.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT PETWORTH.

The Western Division of the Sussex County Association held their quarterly meeting at Petworth on Saturday, September 15th, when members and friends attended from Arundel, Billingshurst, Bognor, Chichester, Heene, Pulborough, Petworth, Shoreham and West Grinstead.

The afternoon was devoted to ringing, methods ranging from Grand-sire to Cambridge Major, everyone being well satisfied. An excellent tea was served at Mr. Knight's tea rooms, Lombard Street. At the short business meeting which followed, Mr. H. Tucker presided. Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman and to the Rector of Petworth for the use of the bells.

HEDON WELCOMES YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S VISIT

The September meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Augustine's Church, Hedon, on Saturday, September 15th, when there were about 30 ringers present from Beverley, Goole, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea and the local company. A welcome visitor was Mr. Dent, of Harlow, Essex.

The service, fully choral, was held in church, the address being given by Col. Hall. During the singing of the hymn, 'Ring out the grief the saps the mind,' from Tennyson's famous poem, the tower bells were rung in rounds by some of the ringers, between the verses, the effect of which was much appreciated by the large congregation.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, presided over by Col. Hall. Replying to the vote of thanks on behalf of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, Col. Hall gave a very hearty welcome to the association to the ancient borough of Hedon, and expressed the hope that they would visit Hedon again in the near future. The churchwardens and local company were heartily thanked for making the arrangements for such a successful meeting. Goole was selected for the December meeting.

Further ringing concluded a happy day. The methods rung were Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples and Bob Minor.

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On the day of the dedication, 'open house' was observed at the Rectory, and the locals made the day an excuse for a holiday. Races were run on the village green for the children. A fatted calf was tied to a lamp post, and, as it did not succeed in pulling the post down, it was killed, quartered and divided among the poor. Mr. Bagley went on to say that, apart from the ringing, the ringers fully enjoyed their day. During a break in the ringing, one of the locals 'pinched' a box of bloaters from the fishmongers, and adjourned with his mates to the Old Rectory, where they had a good feed of bread and fish, liberally washed down with beer. It may be of interest to note that a few of the ringers here to-day found a place where beer was provided.

After the meeting the bells were again brought into use until 8.45 p.m. The methods rung during the day were London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples. The local band, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank all the visitors for making their meeting so successful.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHARING, KENT.—For evensong on September 23rd, 720 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Barnard (first 720) 1, F. Shoobridge 2, William Henniker 3, W. Good 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, G. Hill 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Green (aged 13) 1, J. A. Green (conductor) 2, H. Ridgway 3, T. Roberts 4, H. Read 5, G. Whitehead 6, W. J. Whitehead 7, F. Case 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—At All Saints' Church on September 23rd for evensong, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. Shipley 1, Miss K. Burchall 2, Miss G. Burchall 3, T. Bartholomew 4, G. L. A. Lunn 5, L. Rollinson (first quarter-peal) 6, E. A. Midwinter 7, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 23rd, at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, 719 Grand-sire Caters: Miss V. Shorter 1, R. Lathbury 2, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 3, C. W. Cook 4, E. Rivers 5, T. A. Chenery 6, C. Smith 7, J. Quinney 8, T. R. Dennis 9, P. Taylor 10.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary on Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Smith 1, D. Adams 2, G. Whybrow 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, W. Seekings 5, R. Thoday 6, M. Gim 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr Seekings, of Chatteris.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service at St. Michael's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: F. Springham 1, C. Rush 2, Rev. F. W. Lane 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6, E. Rochester 7, P. Springham 8. Rung on the 114th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, rung on September 2nd, 1820. It was 5,039 Grand-sire Caters by the Junior Society of College Youths.

LATE NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Twynning, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary, H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, by Wednesday. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells just restored by Mears and Stainbank.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Lavenham District.—Meeting at Acton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Don't despise 'Doubles.' Please come! Names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Rochdale, Saturday, September 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Rochdale Parish Church (8 bells), Balderstone (8), Milnrow (8), and Hamer (6). Service in Parish Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.C., M.A., Vicar. Tea in schools in Coventry Street 5 p.m. at about 1s. 6d. Business meeting in school 6 p.m. P.S.—Bring some money for your dinner tickets for Manchester on October 27th.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Bispham, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Branch. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, and meeting Drewe Arms, 5. All ringers cordially invited.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX, HERTFORD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Victoria Hall 6 p.m. In order that adequate arrangements can be made for tea, will all those intending to be present advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, without fail?—E. J. Butler (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence (Hertford Association), C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies Guild).

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The annual cup contest will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Contest commences at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The bells (6) open to visitors after tea. All who require tea must notify Mr. R. Ashforth, Gamston, Retford. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Sept. 29th, the Bishop of Barking will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six. Service 3.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all branches of the Ely Association, when the bells will be re-opened for ringing after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting.—A general quarterly meeting of each will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Duffield. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting (M.C.A.) at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, in the Church Institute, at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting.—Ernest Morris and (Miss) I. B. Thompson, Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 4 o'clock. Festival Service, with address by the Rev. F. R. Hedley, in the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, and short Memorial Service for ringers who fell in the Great War. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the County Hotel, Neville Street, at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social evening and musical programme. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, and also St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 3 o'clock.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea (price 1s. 3d.), followed by business meeting, at 4.30 p.m. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Abbots Langley on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Good bus service to church, nearest station King's Langley.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—The ring of 8 (tenor 24 cwts.) restored by Gillett and Johnston will be re-dedicated by the Rev. F. C. Fitch, M.A., on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Monday, Oct. 1st, at 8.15 p.m., following a practice at 7 p.m. Service ringing, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 10 a.m. Practices, Oct. 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C. Combined practices at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd and 30th, at 8 p.m. A month of golden opportunities.—Charles O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th, St. Andrew's on the 11th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Thetford, Oct. 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please notify intention to be present to Nolan Golden, Berridge House, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich. *Note change of address.*—Nolan Golden and Reg. C. Charpe, Hon. Secs.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate the new ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a six-bell consist at Northowram, Halifax, on Oct. 6th. A set of medals has been offered by Canon G. Watkinson. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, must send not later than Sept. 29th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Oct. 6th. Bells (6) will be available at 2.30. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Bus service from Colchester every half hour. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 4th.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. and W. District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the St. John's Hall at 5.15. Social evening in hall from 7.45 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Oct. 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting, with the object of bringing the Newington band into the Association, will be held at Newington (Folkestone) on Oct. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. F. T. Harden, Dibgate Cottages, Folkestone, by Thursday, Oct. 4th.—F. Conley, Hon. Dos. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hampton, Evesham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brill, Bucks (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15, tea 4.30, free to all sending me names by October 3rd. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by October 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Paragon Café, High Street, at 5.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday previous if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at St. Oswald's, Winwick. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. F. Elginton, 15, Aubury View, Winwick, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th. By kind invitation of the Vicar, the bells of St. Peter's, Newton, will be available for ringers at 6.30 p.m. Will all members do their best to support this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 4. Tea (by kind invitation of St. James' Society) 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee. }

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farndon on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 3. Service at 4.30. Those desiring tea should notify me not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Standlake on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Towers: Northmoor and Bampton.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 4.40. Tea at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Shrivenham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, Oct. 4th.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open 3.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (gd. per head). Evensong 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Branch Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Elmham bells also available.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burghfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. J. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, by Thursday, Oct. 11th, number for tea.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. Anyone requiring tea please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

SNOWDON DINNER.—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters will be made at 11 a.m. on that date, and all who would care to take part should notify me without delay. By the courtesy of the respective clergy the bells at Leeds Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Pleshey. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Broomfield bells available during the evening. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, 10th. — Claude I. Davis, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen invited. Will those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 9th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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