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## THE EXAMPLE OF WILLIAM PYE.

The more one contemplates the gap created in the ranks of the Exercise by the death of Mr. William Pye the more one realises how great a loss has been sustained and how impossible it is to find a man who can take his place. There may be other men of equal enthusiasm; other men who are great conductors; other men equally equipped in physical power which would fit them to undertake tasks as big as William Pye achieved; but where is the man who combines all these qualities, and with them commands the confidence which he inspired or possesses the enterprise and initiative which he showed? It is no reflection upon the other talented men of this generation to say that we can see none. It is given to very few men to excel in any department of life in the comprehensive way in which William Pye excelled in ringing. He was truly a master both of the art and craft.

Although William Pye has gone from us, those who knew him closely have left to them a sheaf of happy memories of a great and warm-hearted leader, and all of us have an example which we can keep before us. William Pye's ringing career grew out of small beginnings. He was not favoured, as many ringers are to-day, by facilities almost brought to one's door. He had to make his opportunities, and he got so much, in pleasure and achievement, out of ringing because he put so much into it, of energy, ability, time and enthusiasm. There are thousands of ringers who have failed to get the best out of ringing because they have neglected to put their best into it; and they blame others where they are themselves to blame. If every ringer in the country were imbued with one tithe of the enthusiasm and interest of William Pye the position of the Exercise and the strength and influence of the associations and guilds would be far beyond their present limits.

Again, William Pye did not rise to top rank without opposition. There was a time when his efforts aroused many petty jealousies, but these failed to stay his rise to fame, as they always will fail when a man of real merit devotes his energies to a cause which has no room for a mean spirit. Friendly rivalry can be the inspiration of great things; petty jealousies are but noxious weeds. Friendly rivalry has underlain many of the great performances which Mr. Pye achieved, and he was the first to acknowledge—as well as being ready to excel if opportunity presented itself—the great achievements of others. Here then is another direction in which Mr. Pye's example can be an inspiration to others. Petty jealousy, unfortunately, can still be found among ringers

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in some places, despite the fact that it is unchristianlike and uncharitable. It is best ignored and ought not to be allowed to hinder a man's legitimate ambitions. But let us have friendly rivalry by all means. Competition carried out in a spirit of goodwill can be a spur to greater things, and it is a pity that more of this amicable feeling does not enter into the ranks of ringers, if only in the limited sphere of improving service ringing. Many ringers have great dislike for the word 'competition,' but there is nothing wrong about it in ringing when it means increasing efficiency and raising the standards of the art for the purpose for which bells are mainly intended, as distinct from personal gain. Individual achievement cannot, of course, be entirely eliminated, but when it accompanies a modesty like that displayed by William Pye it adds to the value and dignity of progress.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

No. 101 JOHN CARTER'S BROADSHEET.

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Treble	*CHARLES CLARKE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 8
WILLIAM TILLET ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	HERBERT SHEMMING ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
JOHN F. TILLET ... 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of esteem to the late William Pye.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. GROOMERIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE RAWLINGS ... 6
WILLIAM RAWLINGS ... 2	*GEORGE WICKENS ... 7
PERCY SPICE ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	WALTER SMITH ... 9
*WILFRED HOLLAMBY ... 5	†CHARLES F. ONLEY ... Tenor

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by W. SMITH.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th (age 74). The peal also commemorates 30 years' service as conductor and towerkeeper by W. Smith.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROST ... Treble	*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	†FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7
THOMAS J. HOLL ... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... 9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Rung for the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Cathorne Crabtree, M.C., M.A.), and also as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. C. F. Winney.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 7
KEITH HART ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

## WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. WILKINS ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	HENRY ROMENS ... .. 8
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... .. 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in deep respect to the late William Pye, Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HERTFORD.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER ... .. 5
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
LEONARD FIDLER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caterp.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	*PERCY NEWTON ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED PRICE ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 6
WILLIAM WRATHERBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 7
REGINALD W. CHESTERS ... .. 4	THOMAS HORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by T. HURD.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lt.-Col. N. F. Eekersley. The band thank Mr. P. A. Barnett (local captain) for getting use of bells, and Mr. J. Grocott (towerkeeper) for having all in readiness.

## GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOT ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
AMBEROSE MASON ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Nevard, also a jubilee peal, he having been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for 50 years.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 6
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. 50th peal together by ringers of 7th and tenor, and by ringers of 2nd and tenor.

## WRAYSBUURY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 7
*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 4	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of and on the birthday of the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. PHILLIPS ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. 3	D. REES JAMES ... .. 7
BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... .. 4	FRANK MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Minnie Albina Dibble and Mr. William C. L. Perry, only son of the conductor and a former ringer at this church, who were married at Bridgwater on March 2nd.

## LEWISHAM.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	*WALTER F. TYLER ... .. 5
*JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., the respected leader of the local band, on his birthday.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS ... .. Treble	HAROLD SHUKE ... .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.'

PENTRE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 5
JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 6
†GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	TOM PAGE ... .. 7
‡WILLIAM J. CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by T. PAGE.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. ‡ First peal in the method away from treble. A birthday peal for the second son of the conductor.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES, Central Council Representative ... .. Treble	
JAMES HEMMING, Southern Branch Secretary ... .. 2	
JAMES R. NEWMAN, General Secretary ... .. 3	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT, Northern Branch Secretary ... .. 4	
FREDERICK HAWKES, Western Branch Secretary ... .. 5	
GEORGE A. KING, Southern Branch Master ... .. 6	
SIDNEY T. HOLT, Auditor ... .. 7	
CHARLES CAMM, Western Branch Master ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as the association's annual peal.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. Treble	†BERNARD HORACE HALL ... .. 5
ROBERT PARKINSON ... .. 2	JOHN HENRY FOSIER ... .. 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... .. 3	*RICHARD BENSON ... .. 7
*JAMES ASHTON ... .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and 6th hail from Blackpool, 3rd and tenor from Bolton, 7th Manchester, 4th Bispham. Rung as a welcome home from the Australian tour of Mr. Sharples, the secretary of the Fylde Branch. Also a birthday compliment to Richard (Dick) Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... .. 2	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

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

The above band, who deeply regret the loss of the late Mr. William Pye, would like this peal recorded as a last tribute of their respect and esteem for him, and also for the late Mr. Edward Armstrong, of Samlesbury.

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	ARTHUR CHAMPION ... .. 6
JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 3	J. HYLTON SYKES ... .. 7
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (414). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th, who received the congratulations of the band.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 5
JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 6
ELSIE K. FULTON ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	GEORGE A. HUGGESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to William Pye, beloved Master of the Association for 25 years, who was laid to rest at Aldborough the same day.

BENGEO, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. 5
MISS GRACE CHURCH ... .. 2	STANLEY A. CARTER ... .. 6
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 7
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... .. 4	SIDNEY CADLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. A. CARTER.

First peal of Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung to celebrate Mr. Joseph Pomfret's 52 years' connection with this tower on his retirement.

LONDON.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen 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
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This peal was rung with deeply muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to the late William Pye. St. Botolph's was the last London tower in which Mr. Pye rung a peal.



SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	*REGINALD PAYNE ... 6
*TOM BROTHWELL ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... 5
*C. HENRY FLOYD ... 2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... 6
ALBA A. WALKER ... 3	JACK ROY ... 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Maddock, a Taunton pioneer of ringing.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

JAMES A. HART ... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5
GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 6
GEORGE WIGGEN ... 3	ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HENRY STATHAM ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Statham on the eve of his 60th anniversary.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN GODFREY ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
*ERIC BENNETT ... 2	*WILLIAM CLOVER ... 6
*RUSSELL CURSON ... 3	*HENRY TOOKE ... 7
†WALTER R. FARROW ... 4	*GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

SAMBLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... Treble	ALFRED BLOGG ... 5
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE ... 2	*WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 6
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3	HAROLD DAVIES ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	SYDNEY BLEASDALE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Edward Armstrong and E. W. Armstrong, of the Preston Branch, and William Pye, a non-resident member.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 4
CHARLES YOUNG ... 2	CYRIL HALLING ... 5
GEORGE GUNNELL ... 3	LEONARD DOVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAYTINGS.

SELSTON, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 4, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

*THOMAS HAND ... Treble	CHARLES COTTAM ... 4
FRANK COOKE ... 2	LESLIE A. RAWSON ... 5
*GERARD RAWSON ... 3	CYRIL JAGURS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOKE.

\* First peal. Rung for the 30th year of office of Mr. Wilson Dobb (hon. president of the above association), for this period hon. secretary of Selston tower. All are members of the local band.

DYMOCK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES H. COX ... Treble	*RICHARD CHEW ... 4
H. ERNEST COX ... 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 5
CECIL COX ... 3	HARRY E. COX ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

HERBERT SHERMAN ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
*STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
†GEOFFERY MAYES ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. THOS. NEWMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD C. AYRES ... Treble	WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... 4
FREDERICK T. BOLTON ... 2	ALFRED ELBURN ... 5
ERNEST PARKER ... 3	FREDERICK J. BOLTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. BOLTON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who was 60 on the previous day.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

ALBERT DIXEY ... .. Treble	REGINALD SIMMONDS ... .. 4
GEORGE TRENDALL ... .. 2	THOMAS BIRD ... .. 5
CHARLES RIPPINGALE ... .. 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

GEORFREY W. CLAYFIELD Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRIVE ... .. 4
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
CHARLES DAVIES ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

LYTOHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Forty-two six-scores in 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

HENRY W. SAUNDERS ... Treble	*LIONEL H. PINK ... .. 4
*JONATHAN H. COOPER ... 2	FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. 5
†HAROLD E. WHITE ... .. 3	*WALTER F. LOADER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, NORFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ARTHUR BALLAM ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD ... .. 4
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 2	HORACE W. FOULGER ... .. 5
GEORGE LILLEY ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*OWEN NEWSON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. SMITH ... .. 4
ALDERMAN LING ... .. 2	*HARRY J. VINCE ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

\* First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to ringers of second and tenor.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

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

Being 1,440 of Plain Bob and 3,600 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt.

GEORGE WYATT ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3
ARTHUR RAINBIRD ... .. 2	ALBERT PRYKE ... .. 4
HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Albert Rainbird, who for 41 years was a chorister and bellringer at this church, and who died on March 12th, 1934, and was interred in this churchyard on March 17th, 1934; also as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Pye, as no ringing was possible at Brentwood owing to illness near the church.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in One Hour and Forty Minutes,

At 48, King's Road.

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

Seven different extents. Size 15 in C.

\*FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 1-2 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4

WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First true peal of Minor 'in hand' for the association.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At Glyn GARTH.

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2 | \*HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 5-6

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4 | \*CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 7-8

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

\* First peal 'in hand.'

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, March 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare, who checked every lead-end throughout the peal. This is the first peal of London Surprise 'in hand' by the society.

**DEATH OF A PENWORTHAM RINGER.**

FIRST AND ONLY PEAL AT 73.

The death has occurred of Mr. Edward W. Hutchinson, of Penwortham, near Preston, Lancashire, at the age of 78 years. Deceased, who was a native of Leek, learnt the rudiments of the craft at Barton-in-Lonsdale, and, singularly enough, rang his first 720 there many years later on the occasion of a picnic of the Penwortham band. Mr. Hutchinson was essentially a service ringer and had only rung one peal. This he did when 73 years of age.

The deceased was laid to rest in the picturesque churchyard of St. Mary's, Penwortham, on Monday, March 11th, four of his fellow-ringers bearing the coffin in and out of the church. A few rounds on handbells were rung over the grave.

The bells were rung fully muffled before the cortege reached the church, and half-muffled to touches of Kent and Plain Bob after the interment. A peal attempt in the evening came to grief after nearly two hours' ringing.

Mr. Hutchinson was a familiar figure at Preston branch meetings, and his death will be regretted by all.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Durweston on March 9th. A company of about 50 included members representing 14 towers in the branch and visitors from Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Poole, North Cadbury, North Stoneham, Swindon, Upwey and Wyke Regis. The Guild service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, and an excellent address given by the Rector (the Rev. R. T. Rosson). Tea followed in the school, kindly given by Frances, Lady Portman.

In the absence of Canon Hellins (through ill-health), the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (deputy chairman), who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and thanked Lady Portman, the Rev. B. T. Rosson, and the ladies, who kindly served the tea.

Seven new ringing members were elected. The Rev. W. M. Askwith (Vicar of Sherborne) was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. R. C. H. Counolly (North Stoneham) and G. W. Denyer (Aldershot) life members.

A collection at the service towards the restoration of Blandford bells realised £1, to which was added £2 voted from branch funds.

The 1934 accounts were read, showing a credit balance for the year of 13s. 6d. and a total balance in hand of £16 3s. 11d.

The bells of Bryanston and Shillingstone were also available throughout the afternoon and evening, the ringing including rounds, call changes, seven methods of Doubles and Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor.

**ENTHUSIASTS ENCOURAGED.****CORNISH RINGERS QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATES.**

For a town ringer to visit a place like Zennor, Cornwall, on a winter's night, when there is a strong cold north-east wind blowing in from the sea and sweeping over the bracken and granite-covered heath and waste land, which comprises three-fourths of the parish, it makes one wonder at the enthusiasm shown by some country ringers who tramp or cycle several miles to practise their art. There has been a revival of ringing of late in this Cornish parish, and it was to test the band's ability and to grant certificates of proficiency that the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella), with some other Truro ringers, attended their practice on Thursday, March 14th.

The test was very thorough. Rounds were rung, but no, they were not allowed to ring one bell and one bell only, for the tenor man was shifted to the second and the third ringer had to ring the treble—a general 'shuffle'—but the rounds were just as good. Next a 'peal' of 30 call changes was rung excellently in 20 minutes by R. Woods (conductor) 1, H. Harfoot (aged 12) 2, G. Nankervis 3, C. Pitman 4, Mrs. Harfoot 5, O. Trundle 6. Certificates were duly presented by the diocesan secretary. Congratulations to Mr. Reggie Woods and his band.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was then rung in 45 minutes by A. S. Roberts 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 3, R. Woods, Zennor (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 5, G. Nankervis, Zennor (first quarter-peal) 6.

Most of the Zennor band go to Towednack, another six-bell tower, three miles distant, once a week and have stirred up interest there also.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION AT CHARLWOOD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. The Vicar (the Rev. William Grainger Thompson) conducted the service, and tea was served at the Half Moon, 27 members attending.

Alderman Temple Newell presided at the business meeting and presented a certificate of the Surrey Association to F. Lancaster (Buckland), who was the youngest member present.

Two new members were elected, and the election of one compound-member previous to a peal ratified.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Lingfield in June, and the next quarterly peal, to be conducted by R. Thorpe, at Buckland.

The tower was again visited, and ringing from rounds to London Surprise Minor indulged in. Votes of thanks were passed to all who made the happy gathering such a success.

**OXFORD TREBLE BOB AT DARTFORD.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Dartford on March 2nd, may I correct the statement that it was the first peal in the method on the bells. Upon referring to the Cumberland Society's peal book, I find a peal was rung by that society at Dartford on November 21st, 1763, namely, 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours 18 minutes.

It is interesting to note that there were two peals painted on the walls of Dartford tower ringing chamber. One was found, upon careful cleaning, to be a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1749. The other peal was indecipherable, and the peal of Oxford already mentioned is probably this peal.

JAMES E. BAILEY.

**DEATH OF NOTTS RINGER.**

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death, at the age of 40 years, of George Edward Allin, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, who passed away on March 9th. He was the second son of Mr. W. Allin, captain of the St. Mary's Parish Church band. Deceased, who had been in failing health for a considerable time, was formerly a ringer at St. Mary's, and had rung and conducted a number of peals.

The interment took place in the churchyard on Wednesday, March 13th. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss. After the funeral, as a token of respect, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,272 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled: T. Bettison 1, J. Bleby 2, C. M. Heathcote 3, W. Swam 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.

**GLASGOW CATHEDRAL BAND'S PROGRESS.**

At Glasgow on Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): J. F. Sargent 1, H. F. Sargent 2, N. Leiper 3, R. J. G. Thorn 4, R. O. Street 5, T. C. Winderann 6, S. G. Lewis 7, E. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Ewing 10 (tenor 32 cwt.).

This was the first quarter-peal by all the band except the ringers of 5th and 9th, and was the first quarter of Grandsire Caters on the bells. All are service ringers of St. Mary's except Mr. Thorn, who is an honorary member of the St. Mary's Society.

All this band (except the ringers of 4th, 5th and 9th) has been recruited from the congregation of the Cathedral and are communicant members of the church. They are young men, showing great enthusiasm for the art, and some of them can already ring Stedman Triples and Caters 'double handed' on handbells.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

After the Bankers, the Lawyers? Are there any solicitors or solicitors' managing clerks who would be prepared to attempt a peal together? If so, will they get in touch with Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

The peal of Surprise Minor rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on March 2nd, was not rung for the Kent County Association.

Thirty years ago last Sunday, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 1905, a peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, the first and, we believe, the only peal by the Irish Association out of Ireland.

Mr. Challis Winney was 77 on Sunday. The good wishes of all ringers will be extended to him. Time still deals kindly with this London veteran, but he no longer runs to catch trains, he says.

Mr. Albert Walker's remarkable record of 281 twelve-bell peals include 260 Stedman Cinques, the one hundred, among them one 'silent,' referred to last week having been rung on handbells. The odd 31 have been made up of Grandsire and Erin Cinques, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and, principally, Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Quite a large number of ringers have, we understand, called at 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, to wind the new clock.

A clerical ringing week is being organised, from May 13th to 18th. Any clergy who would like to take part and have not yet received an invitation to do so should communicate with the Rev. E. V. Cox, The Vicarage, Bramford Speke, Exeter.

Those who propose to attend the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on Saturday week, at Guildford, and stay for the Australian 'movies,' are reminded that if they want tea, they must send in their names by Tuesday next.

Mr. Frank Cooke rang his first peal and called it, at Selston, Notts, particulars of which peal are recorded in our peal columns this week. It was four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A fine achievement.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

The referendum taken last week on the proposed change in the name of the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild has resulted in an overwhelming vote in favour of retaining the present title. The cards returned to the hon. secretary showed the voting to be as follows:—

Essex Association	412
Chelmsford Diocesan Guild	178

## CHANGE RINGING MACHINE.

OPERATES A TYPEWRITER.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has further developed his change ringing machine so that it will operate a typewriter and print the figures of the method rung, as well as drawing a diagram by means of a pen operated from the 7th bell.

A descriptive booklet of the machine has now been printed, and the drawings assist in the study of the mechanism of the machine. The booklet can be had by anyone who will write to Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, Highfield, Sedburgh, Yorks, for a copy.

It is interesting to learn that all the 1,250 parts of the machine, except screws and springs, were made by Mr. Woodhouse himself. The machine has already rung over 400 methods, and three peals have been rung on it.

## 'MARCH 4th' AT APPLETON.

HAPPY PARTY CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

The 118th anniversary of the opening of a peal of six, then eight and then ten bells in the Berkshire village of Appleton was celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. About 40 ringers and friends sat down to dinner in The Thatched Tavern, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Handbell ringing by the brothers White, interspersed with songs by members present and a few West Country yarns from Canon G. F. Coleridge (who was in the chair), kept everyone happy until the arch enemy, 'Time,' caused the breaking up of the party.

It is some years since the worthy Canon first visited Appleton on March 4th, and it was a great pleasure to see him present once again, also to meet Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, and his irrepressible young friend, ex-P.S. Williams, of Newent, Glos.

The bells of St. Lawrence's Church were set going as soon as enough visitors had congregated, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were tapped off in really good style.

Several ringers visited Appleton for the first time, and, like most others have done, expressed a wish to be able to make more visits. As our dear old friend, the late Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, used to say, 'There is only one Appleton, but one never gets tired of spending a few hours there.' Long may Appleton and its ringers flourish.

R. T. H.



**WILLIAM PYE.**

AN APPRECIATION.

BY C. T. COLES.

The Editor has very kindly invited me to write an appreciation of William Pye. I feel it a great privilege to do so, although it would require a much more fluent pen than mine to convey, in an adequate manner, all that might be said about the great ringer who has just died.

My first meeting with William Pye took place over 30 years ago. In those days we youngsters looked at the great men of the day from afar off. Some were unapproachable, but not so William Pye, as I soon found out. In the early part of 1905 he paid a visit to St. George's-in-the-East, my first tower, and, on one of the band failing to appear, he gave me a chance on the tenor to Stedman Triples. The bells at this church were never easy to ring, and probably Mr. Pye thought that a 30 cwt. tenor would be a stiff test. I shall never forget the words of encouragement which came from him and his brother, Ernest, towards the end of that attempt, which failed through a rope breaking after over three hours' ringing. William Pye's sympathy with me was shown to be genuine when he consented to make another attempt at the earliest possible date, which met with success, and I rang my first peal with him.

touches of Stedman Triples. This, be it remembered, was in the days when very little encouragement was given at all to young ringers. In later years, when success might have turned his head, he gave these friends of his early days the credit due to them. One of his last public acts, when he was already suffering from the affliction which brought about his own death, was to attend the funeral, in June last, of William Manning.

I have said that he had a wonderful memory. He had a storehouse of reminiscences, and when in the mood to talk of ringers of his early days would show that he had the utmost respect for those of the pioneers who did much of the spade work of ringing. Of his own prowess he seldom spoke; when he did it was never in a boastful manner. He was as unassuming as it is possible for a man to be, and yet with all this there was a powerful urge with him which enabled him to overcome the greatest of difficulties.

I well recollect the peal of Maximus at Worcester Cathedral in 1929, a few weeks after his great triumph at Ashton-under-Lyne. After a terrific gruelling he was asked why he did not stop, and he said that many men in the band had come a long way and he did not want to disappoint them. The 48 cwt. tenor was afterwards found to be loose on the stock, and it was only his indomitable courage and determination which enabled him to finish the peal. Yet not a boastful word fell from his lips. At Exeter, too, on the occasion of the Cambridge Maximus, after one of the biggest jobs ever undertaken by a man,

**THE FINAL SCENES**

Above: (left) The flower-covered coffin entering Aldborough Church; (right) At the graveside. Below: (left) The ringers' requiem over the open grave; (right) Some of the wreaths.

After occasional meetings in the interval, the association between us became more intimate in the early months of 1907, and from that time onwards I have had every reason to be thankful that our ringing careers should have thrown us together. When, in 1910, I was elected joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association it was a comfort to know that such a man as William Pye was, at the same meeting, elected Master. He has ever since that time been a tower of strength to the association, and much of the success attained by active members of the present day is due to his great abilities. He showed men the way to ring the most intricate methods; the experience gained by large numbers when ringing with him has given them the confidence which enabled them, in their turn, to assist others; and it is not too much to say that William Pye has, more than any other man, been instrumental in raising the standard of ringing in the large area surrounding London, as well as in London itself.

One of the best traits in William Pye was his inability to forget a friend. Indeed, his memory in this respect was wonderful. In his early days he was a frequent visitor to St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, and he never forgot the many kindnesses shown to him by the late William B. Manning, who gave him every opportunity to call

he had a good word for everybody, from his companion on the tenor down to the treble man. He said that never had he heard little bells rung so well.

At the other end of the scale he did not refuse to assist young ringers. I have seen him ringing rounds at district meetings and practices, to say nothing of plain courses of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and in his own unpretentious way was ever helpful to the youngster who wished to ring a course or so in a Surprise method. He had an unerring eye for a safe ringer and a good striker—such an one could always rely on William Pye for a place in a peal.

Holiday time with William Pye was an experience not quickly forgotten. Himself keen to do the best possible, he expected it of others. No lame ducks on these excursions. His reputation had gone before him, and he was anxious to live up to it. The greatness of William Pye was well known, and he would do nothing to impair that greatness. Hence one had to be in first-class form when on tour with him, as many ringers can testify. Yet withal there was a holiday feeling and a spirit of cheerfulness that one could enjoy these outings to the utmost. Those ringers who have accompanied William Pye on

his ringing tours have seen him at his best as a ringer, and in his most jovial mood as a man.

The Editor has mentioned that he never called a peal of Bob Major. That is quite true, but in his early days of conducting he called all the bobs but the last in an attempt when a rope broke. Afterwards he said that there were plenty to call Bob Major without him troubling about it, and, in spite of the chaffing he received as to his apparent inability to call such a peal, he would not repair the omission. But, of course, his abilities were required in other directions—one would not use a steam-hammer with only a cocoanut to crack.

Reading his list of peals this week brings back many memories. The struggles to accomplish the peal in 12 Surprise methods, the help he gave to us weaker ones in the band, the patience he had during the many attempts, and the joyous 'That's all' when the peal was at last accomplished at Ealing. And his word of congratulation to his colleagues afterwards. Another memory is of my first visit to Exeter. It was on the occasion of a peal of Stedman Cinques, and he did me the great honour of inviting me to call this peal. I declined. I told him that such a job was for him on such an occasion. I can see him on the box, with Arthur Mitchell strapping, and this brings back one of the last memories of all. On the way home from Cornwall in September last, when William Pye was already a sick man, he rang the same bell with Arthur Mitchell to a course of Stedman Cinques after the unveiling of a peal board recording his single-handed triumph of 1903. The Exeter tenor was, therefore, the last tenor bell that he rang, as, after the peal at Heavitree in the evening of the same day, when he rang the sixth, he never touched a bell rope again.

Another memory, a much more pleasant one, is of him getting off the box at St. Mary-le-Bow after the 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus. I hope I may retain such memories of him as this one until my own turn comes to say 'That is all.'

I have still another memory of him. Less than five weeks before he died I visited him in hospital. Although very weak, he was still interested in ringing and in his old friends, about many of whom he made inquiries. I said 'Good-bye' to him with a sad heart, for I feared then that I should not see him again.

William Pye has left the Exercise much better than he found it. He has shown that a man can be a great ringer and conductor, and at the same time give a real helping hand to his weaker brethren. His work for the Middlesex County Association will stand for all time, as will his great all-round record as a ringer, conductor and a man. May he rest in peace.

## THE FUNERAL.

### INTERMENT AT ALDBOROUGH.

In the little country churchyard of Aldborough Hatch, towards which Greater London is now fast stretching out its all-embracing tentacles, but from which the open fields of Essex can still be seen, the mortal remains of William Pye were laid to rest on Saturday morning. And there a large gathering of ringers assembled to pay their parting tribute to the memory of one who was an outstanding master of his craft. The simple service was impressively conducted by the Vicar, and the interment took place in the grave where Mr. Pye's first wife is buried. Indeed, Aldborough Hatch is a family burying ground, for there, too, lie Mr. Pye's father and mother, and his brother, that truly great ringer, Ernest. There are no bells at Aldborough Hatch on which a muffled requiem might have been rung, and even the tower a mile away, where he first learned to ring, and from which the sound of the bells used to be wafted across the fields, has now disappeared. But over the open grave the handbells said their last farewell, while a watery sun shed a misty light over this final scene and perfect silence reigned all around. And as we left William Pye sleeping, our hearts, like our thoughts, were full.

The family mourners were the widow and Mr. E. W. Pye (son), Miss S. Pye (sister), Mr. Alfred Pye, Mr. George R. Pye and Mr. Albert Pye (brothers), Mrs. Alfred and Mrs. Albert Pye (sisters-in-law), Mr. Leonard Pye (nephew), Mr. R. Kendall (brother-in-law) and Mr. James George (who also represented St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham).

Friends of Mr. Pye both in his early days and of after years were present, and several of the ringing organisations of which he was a member were represented. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary) represented the Central Council, of which Mr. Pye was a member from 1912 to 1923; Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. H. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries) and Mr. A. W. Coles (Ringing Master of the North and East District) officially represented the Middlesex County Association, of which many members were present. Among other of Mr. Pye's ringing friends were Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Essex Association and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. C. F. Winney, C. S. Burden and A. R. Macdonald (College Youths), R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. W. Steere (Royal Cumberland Youths), E. J. Butler (Essex Association), Rupert Richardson (Master) and Mrs. Richardson (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Messrs. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), W. Linter, jun. (representing the Master, Mr. G. Williams, and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. Lawrence, Little Munden, and M. F. R. Hibbert, Bushey (representing the Hertford County Association), Reuben Sanders, James E.

Davis, James Bennett, J. Thomas, H. J. Clark, J. Marks (London), W. T. Elson (Putney), Wesley Watson (Romford), G. B. Lucas, E. Holman, R. Maynard (Walthamstow), G. Dawson, J. Moule, E. D. Smith, R. Molton, A. Prior (Leytonstone), H. Kilby and G. Kilby (Willesden), W. Prior (Stanstead), C. W. Pipe (Staines), E. W. Furbank, H. Hoskins, W. Morris (representing Harlow Common Society), Mrs. C. T. Coles, Mrs. E. J. Butler, Mrs. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, etc. It is interesting to note that Mr. Wesley Watson rang with Mr. Pye when the latter was a boy, and that Messrs. Harold Clark and Reuben Sanders rang the 10th and 11th respectively to the long peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bow, which Mr. Pye always looked upon as one of the best jobs ever accomplished.

The course of Grandsire Caters at the graveside was rung by a representative band, consisting of Messrs. C. T. Coles, R. T. Hibbert, E. H. Lewis, W. Watson and J. George.

Many beautiful flowers were sent, there being wreaths from the widow and son; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pye; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pye; Mr. G. R. and Miss S. Pye; Mr. and Mrs. L. Pye; the Central Council; the Middlesex County Association; the Essex Association; St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow; St. Margaret's Society, Westminster; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; West Ham Hospital staff; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pickworth; Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Butler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman; and many others.

## IN MEMORIAM.

TO WILLIAM PYE, DIED MARCH 8th, 1935.

IS DEDICATED THIS ELEGY.

'Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust,'

Fall the sad words with solemn sound;

We yield our best to hallowed ground

And say 'Farewell,' for so we must.

Is this the end, the goal of years:

Do men's achievements count for nought?

Is 'Finis' writ—the battle fought;

The victor's laurels, bitter tears?

The parts we play may bring renown;

We tread the road where Fortune lies,

And as we reach to grasp the prize,

Death's cold hand rings the curtain down!

What profit though we win the fight

If all we gave and all we got

Are dust and ashes? Yet 'Shall not

The Judge of all the earth do right'?

Until the final change be rung

Earth-bound we grope towards the light

Nor fear to face the coming night

E'en though our evensong is sung.

Can honour perish, glory fade?

Is life's long travail all in vain?

Be this reward—a path of pain

And dead-sea fruit the accolade?

No! In that day when face to face,

Then will the Voice of Him who knew,

Say, 'Come, my servant, good and true,

Near me is thy appointed place.'

WILLIAM WILLSON.

## MEMBER OF MANY ASSOCIATIONS.

Since the list of Mr. Pye's peals was published in our last issue, three others have been found, viz., one of Bristol Surprise Major, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, which he conducted, and one of Stedman Triples. This makes his total up to 1,969, of which he conducted 1,428. He called a peal on every one of the 366 dates of the year.

He was a member of the following associations and guilds, for all of which he rang peals, as well as for the Ancient Society of College Youths: Archdeaconry of Stafford, Bedfordshire, Chester, Devon, Durham and Newcastle, Ely, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Guildford, Hereford, Herts, Irish, Kent, Lancashire, Lincoln, Llandaff and Monmouth, Middlesex, Midland Counties, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Salisbury, St. Martin's Guild, Stoke Archidiaconal Association, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Truro, Winchester and Portsmouth, Worcester and Yorkshire. In addition he was a member of several local societies, including Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, etc.

In the footnote to Mr. Pye's peal list, the reference to the Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise should have been that these are the only two Spliced Surprise Maximus ever rung.

## MUFFLED RINGING.

Our peal columns record a number of peals rung as a last tribute to Mr. Pye.

At St. Mary's Church, Willesden, where many of Mr. Pye's Spliced Surprise peals were rung, an attempt was made on Saturday for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples, but it was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours ringing: W. F. Holloway 1, Miss K. M. Bradford 2. (Continued in next column.)

**DEVON PEAL RESTORED.****WEST DOWN BELLS GREATLY IMPROVED.**

The bells at Holy Trinity Church, West Down, Ilfracombe, have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Six months ago it became evident that the bells must be restored, for the old wood frame was in a dilapidated state and had sunk below its original bearing, whilst the general condition of the bells called for serious attention.

The captain of the ringers, Mr. Isaac Philipps, an enthusiastic lover of his bells, set to work to raise the necessary funds, and his efforts met with such signal success that at the rededication by the Bishop of Exeter nearly the whole of the amount required had been subscribed.

The church was crowded for the dedication service, held on March 4th. It was conducted by the Vicar of West Down (the Rev. R. J. Garrod). The Rev. C. Hammond (Rector of Bittadon) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the Rev. R. J. Kaye (curate at Braunton) was also present.

The Bishop, in his address, contrasted the conditions when the old churches of our country were built with the present, and said it was difficult and expensive labour to build the churches in those early days.

The church tower represented the finger of God pointing up to heaven, and the bells called people to worship. While it was argued that one bell was enough to do that, the perfect peal of bells ringing out in harmony was an inspiration and directed the minds of the people to prayer and the worship of God.

Capt. Ingleton Webber, a vice-president of the Devonshire Association, was amongst those who were present, and although the service took place on a Monday evening, an inconvenient time for ringers, no less than six complete bands of ringers, including Braunton, Morthoe and Henton Hill, attended.

The bells are a ring of six with a 10 cwt. tenor. They have been rehung in a new low-side 'A' frame and with the latest type of fittings. The bells themselves have been sandblasted and carefully tuned. Five of them were originally installed in 1795, and the treble was given by Mr. Edward Anderson in 1879.

The local band rang the first 'peal,' and the ringing was kept up until a late hour. All those present were much impressed with the excellence of the work carried out, and remarked on the improvement effected by retuning, on the perfect 'go' of the bells and the true and easy clapping.

Mr. S. R. Koper, who represented the founders, was congratulated on all sides for the excellent way in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had carried out the restoration.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEWBURY BRANCH TO HOLD COMBINED PRACTICES.**

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Shaw on Saturday, March 2nd. The following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasmore, Shaw and Thatcham, with one visitor from Bramley. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, who gave a very interesting address.

Tea, to which 40 sat down, was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. F. J. Owen, assisted by other ringers' wives. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 27th, at Yattendon.

It was decided to hold combined practices during the summer. The first practice was fixed for Chieveley tower on Saturday, March 23rd, from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m.

Heartfelt votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford for his address and welcome to the ringers, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung.

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G. M. Kilby 3, C. E. Lankaster 4, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 5, T. J. Lock 6, H. Kilby 7, E. H. Kilby 8.

In the evening the bells at the Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, were also rung half-muffled, as a token of respect, to 'whole pull and stand' for the appropriate number of times, the band being: G. M. Kilby 1, E. Hartley 2, C. E. Lankaster 3, Miss K. M. Bradford 4, E. H. Kilby 5, T. J. Lock 6, F. Barrett 7, H. Kilby 8.

On Tuesday week, the bells at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, were rung muffled.

**ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S TRIBUTE.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, wish to endorse all the expressions of regret regarding the passing of the late William Pye. Your leading article, Mr. E. P. Duffield's letter and other notes show what a wonderful ringer Mr. Pye was.

This society knew him personally, as it was at Ipswich that he rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Here also he rang his first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus, which he conducted.

G. E. SYMONDS.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESS OF COMBINED MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association combined with the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Egerton on March 16th. This was the first occasion on which the Guild has combined with the district, the result being a record gathering of nearly 70 ringers and friends. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Ashford, Boxley, Bromley Common, Charing, Deal, East Peckham, Egerton, Hayes, Hollingbourne, Holloway (London), Hothfield, Ightham, Kennington, Keston, Kingsnorth, Linton, Little Chart, Marden, Minstead, Staplehurst, Sturry, Tenterden, Throwley, Tunstall, Wrotham and Wye. The good attendance was particularly gratifying considering the lack of transport facilities to the village.

The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Luckraft), the singing being led by the choir. After the service the company was waylaid at the west door and photographed before being allowed to proceed to the George Inn for tea. Owing to the number being larger than was anticipated, one section had a jolly time with the handbells till more room could be found. At length the second string was satisfied, and business was begun, the Vicar being voted to the chair. This being a by-meeting, there was no routine association business, but the district secretary had a few words to say on the subject of practice meetings and a proposed scheme for encouraging Sunday service ringing by local companies.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, to the organist and choir for their services, and to the Parochial Church Council for their hospitality.

The business of the Romney Marsh Guild was then transacted, Hytho being chosen for the next meeting on April 27th.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. R. Edwards spoke of the ringing fraternity's great loss in the death of Mr. William Pye, and the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

A move was then made for further ringing on the six bells in the tower, while a few enthusiasts remained behind to keep eight handbells going in the standard methods. In spite of the crowded belfry and the short touches, a good standard of striking was maintained, the following methods being rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Original and Carter Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oswald Delight, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. At 9 o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION'S RECORD ELECTIONS.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at West Tarring on Saturday, March 16th, when 26 attended from the following towers: Arundel, Brighton, Heene, Renfield, Lymminster, Shoreham, Portsmouth, Washington, West Grinstead and Tarring. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

An excellent tea was provided by the Rev. J. Godber, Rector of West Tarring, and his lady helpers. The Rector presided at the business meeting, which created a record for this division, as no fewer than 29 new members were elected, including three new bands, viz.: Thakeham (7), Messrs. P. Knowles, W. Cherriman, D. Saunders, D. Saunders, G. Lee, G. Williams, C. B. Skinner; Felpham (7), C. Andrews, W. Bristow, A. Crisp, P. Oram, E. Burnell, C. Bristow; West Tarring (9), C. Goldring, C. Street, F. Chipper, G. Brading, G. Martin, W. Langrish, G. Street, G. Gatland and A. Searle; and, in addition, Reg. Manwaring (Arundel), T. Wells, jun., R. Webb, B. Rogers, L. Thetchell and J. Simmons, of Lymminster.

A. W. Groves was elected as secretary for the 21st time. He asked the members to find someone to take his place next year.

The retiring committee were re-elected en bloc.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the excellent spread, also to the lady helpers. The members then attended a short service at the church, after which further ringing brought a very successful meeting to an end.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

ASHFORD, KENT.—For evening service on Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Cullingworth 2, F. Conley 3, G. Swaffer 4, S. Nicholls 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, Rev. E. V. Cox 2, F. S. Bayley 3, J. Topp 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Specially arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild.

**LATE NOTICE.**

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, March 30th—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.



## THE PEAL IN 42 MINOR METHODS.

### HOW THE SEVEN EXTENTS ARE CONSTRUCTED.

Below we give the composition of the peal of Minor rung at Disley, Cheshire, on February 9th, in which 42 methods were spliced into seven true extents. The composition, as our readers know, includes the greatest number of methods put into a single peal, and it was

supplied to the conductor by Mr. A. G. Driver, whose unrivalled knowledge in the production of multi-method extents has enabled him to splice no fewer than 86 into seven 720's. The following peal, however, will provide the majority of Minor ringers with good food for thought and practice as a beginning:—

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35264	— 64235 41S	— 23564 17	35245 3	— 45236	— 55642 35	35245 6
— 64235 40S	— 52364 37	— 45236 16	64352	24653	26435	64352
35426 36	— 64352	24653 17	45623	62345	— 54263	45623
— 26435	23564	62345	— 45236	36524	32654	— 45236
35642	45623	36524	— 45362 7	— 45362 15	46532	— 45362 3
42563	— 23645 35	— 45362 20	23645	23645 11	— 25463 14	23645
— 63542 42	34256	62534	56423	56423	36542 10	56423
56234	45362	34256	34256	34256	42356	34256
25463	56423	56423	62534	62534	56234	62534
42356	62534	23645	— 34562 5	— 34562 17	34525	— 34562 27
34625	— 62345 41S	— 34562 17	46325 3	— 25346	— 25634 16	46325 6
— 63425 40S	53462 31	— 25346 16	62453	32654	46325	62453
25346 30	— 62453	32654 17	25634	63425	— 53462	25634
46325	34562	63425	— 25346	46532	— 24653	— 25346
25634	25634	46532	— 25463 9	— 25463 15	36524	— 25463 8
34562	— 34625	— 25463 18	34625	34625 11	— 45362 14	34625
— 62534	56234	63542	56234	56234	62534 10	56234
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45236 41	— 63254	43652 17	35642	64235	— 52564 12	35642
— 36245	42563	64235	— 35426	26543	43652	— 35426
45623	35642	26543	— 35264 4	— 35264 15	26543	— 35264 19
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- 1.—3rd's Place Delight: 28 Chepstow, 36 Balmoral, 30 Skipton, 42 Dover, 41 Fotheringay and Surprise, 40 Hull.
- 2.—3rd's Place Delight: 29 Rotherne, 37 Wilmslow, 35 Ely, 31 Knutsford, 40 Bogedon and Surprise, 41 Bourne.
- 3.—3rd's Place Delight: 15 Melandra, 17 Castleton, 16 Bucknall, 20 Peveril, 13 Beeston, 22 Leasowe.
- 4.—4th's Place Delight: 16 Crowland, 3 Abbeyville, 5 Canterbury, 7 Combermere, 9 Vale Royal, 4 St. Werburgh.
- 5.—4th's Place Delight: 11 Marple, 15 Taxal, 34 Newdigate, 17 Old Oxford, 21 College Bob IV., 13 Willesden.
- 6.—4th's Place Delight: 10 Braintree, 14 Humber, 35 Charlwood, 16 Neasden, 20 St. Albans, 12 Wragby.
- 7.—3rd's Place Delight: 27 Disley and Treble Bob, 25 Ockley, 6 Morning Star, 3 Duke of Norfolk, 8 College Exercise, 19 Norbury.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

#### MR. J. GOODMAN, JUN., RETIRES FROM RINGING MASTERSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock, and were kept going merrily until 4.30, when the beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted in the church by the Rev. P. R. Hayes (assistant priest). The Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd) read the lesson and gave a very helpful address.

An excellent tea was provided from funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent ladies and gentlemen of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends. The tea was admirably served in the Parish Hall by a contingent of ladies, among the following presided at the tables: Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Tait, Mrs. J. Goodman, sen., Miss C. J. Payne and Miss Bessie Sheppard. It was regretted that Mrs. Shepherd, wife of the Vicar, was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

At the business meeting which followed, the president occupied the chair, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. E. Barry and J. McDougal Tait), Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. A. E. Meredith (vice-presidents), Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer) and the secretary. Before commencing the business, Mr. Mason, on behalf of those present, congratulated Mr. John Goodman, sen., the father of the Dudley band and one of the pioneers of the Guild, upon his attaining his 81st birthday. He proposed that the secretary send Mr. Goodman a congratulatory letter. Mr. Mason also mentioned that one of their old members, Mr. W. Short, of Clent, who is also Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association, had just lost his wife by death, and suggested that the secretary send him a letter of condolence and sympathy in his sad bereavement. This proposition was carried by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet for the past year, which was considered satisfactory. He stated that the membership, both

honorary and performing, had increased during the year, and financially the Guild was still in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Mason, in a happy speech, proposed that the Vicar of Dudley (the Ven. A. P. Shepherd) be again elected president, the proposition being received with acclamation. The following were re-elected vice-presidents: Messrs. J. W. Naylor, O. E. Lloyd, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. A. Spittle, H. Mason, A. E. Meredith, W. E. Barry, J. McDougal Tait, W. Shuttleworth, A. Winbow, T. W. Watson and the Rev. E. L. Warren, Vicar of Netherton.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, was unanimously elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. John Goodman, jun., who had decided to retire from the position after 16 years' valuable service to the Guild. Mr. Sheppard proposed that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the retiring Ringing Master in appreciation of his valuable services so unstintingly given to the members of the Guild for so many years.—Mr. Goodman briefly thanked the members for their thanks of appreciation.

Mr. Herbert Sheppard was again unanimously elected hon. secretary and was accorded a special vote of thanks for his valuable services during the past year.—Mr. S. J. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. T. Justice and T. A. Townsend, were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

It was proposed that the annual peal be attempted at Dudley, and that the next quarterly meeting be held at Bilston, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

Several new members were added to the roll.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Mason proposed that a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Dudley for kindly consenting to the meeting being held at Dudley, for the use of the tower and bells, for his address at the service and for presiding at this meeting. Also to the Rev. T. R. Hayes for conducting the service. Special thanks were also given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables, to those who kindly gave their time in preparing and serving the tea, and to the organist, Mr. Cutler.

At the close of the meeting the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock in various methods, and another happy and enjoyable meeting at Dudley was then brought to a close.



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**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

All resolutions to be proposed at the next meeting must be sent to me as soon as possible.

Secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st.

G. W. FLETCHER,  
Hon. Secretary.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Referendum of Title.—The voting is as under: Essex Association 412, Chelmsford Diocesan Guild 178.—E. P. Duffield, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 21st, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal.

ALBURY, NEAR GUILDFORD.—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 23rd, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. All ringers invited. Bells available after opening touch.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall to follow. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions welcomed. All ringers cordially invited—members and non-members, learners and veterans.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, March 23rd, for election of officers, etc. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., in St. Mary's Hall, at 5. Tower open 3. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

LADIES' GUILD (Lincoln and Northern Branches) AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Collingham, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.15, conducted by Canon Williams.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—Next meeting will be at Queen Camel on March 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Forthcoming Events.—Social and Dance, St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, March 23rd, 7.30 p.m., 1s.; April 8th (same room), pictures of human parasites, bacteria and common inflammations, also movie pictures by Mr. Rupert Richardson, including the famous reels taken on Australian tour, 7.30 p.m., silver collection. Charabanc week of tours, August 12th to 17th inclusive. Cricket match, July 13th, at Wrington. Watch for details of Directory, fourth edition.—Edgar Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings.—Sunday evening, 24th, service ringing, Bow, Cheapside; Monday, 25th, committee meeting, St. Clement's, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 27th, practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 p.m.; Monday, April 1st, practice, St. Clement Danes, 7 p.m., also same evening quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Northiam on Saturday, Mar. 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m., Councillor Eggleton presiding. The following towers open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary de Crypt (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. (Ladies invited.) Tickets, 3s., can be obtained, with remittance, not later than March 26th, from W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. Canon Tonks, the next by-meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, March 30th. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castle Road, Walmer, near Deal, on or before Thursday, March 28th?

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 30th. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) from 3 p.m., Cathedral bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting to follow. After the meeting Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his Australian tour cinematograph pictures. All ringers welcome, but those who desire tea must let me know by Tuesday, March 26th, or they will not be provided for.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, with further ringing till 8.30. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Tuesday, March 26th. This is very important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. (Please come.) Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviours, Bolton, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York on Saturday, March 30th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, March 29th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due and annual report available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Next branch meeting at Daresbury, Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 27th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged only for those who send in their names to me by Thursday, March 28th. Business meeting immediately after tea. Nominations required for all officials.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends will be made welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Management committee meet at Gloucester, Spread Eagle Hotel, 3 p.m., March 30th. Annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, Saturday, May 18th. One month's notice of proposed alteration, addition, or deletion of rules must be given.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol, 2.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Vicar for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, the 27th. A good attendance is desired. Everybody welcome, and please do not forget to send in for tea.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The restored and augmented peal at Earls Barton Parish Church will be dedicated at 6 o'clock on Sunday, March 31st. An open ringing day will be held the following Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 6th. For tea, please send names to Mr. H. Lomax, Avendal, Park Road, Coppull. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by April 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, April 6th, at Liversedge. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than March 3rd to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, April 3rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 and after the meeting. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) from 3 to 4. Service at Reigate Parish Church 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. F. Hoad, 20, Warren Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, April 3rd.—Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Wednesday, April 3rd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Rochester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting 11. Service in Cathedral, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester (12 noon). Luncheon

at 1, followed by business meeting. Full particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**PROPOSED CLERICAL RINGING WEEK,** May 13th to 18th.—If any clergy who would like to take part have not received an invitation to do so, will they please communicate with me at once?—Rev. E. V. Cox, The Vicarage, Bramford Speke, Exeter.

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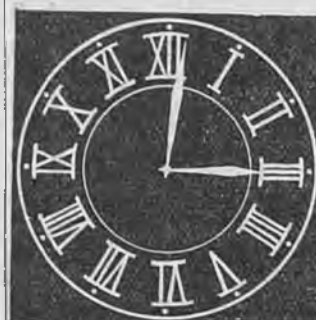
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