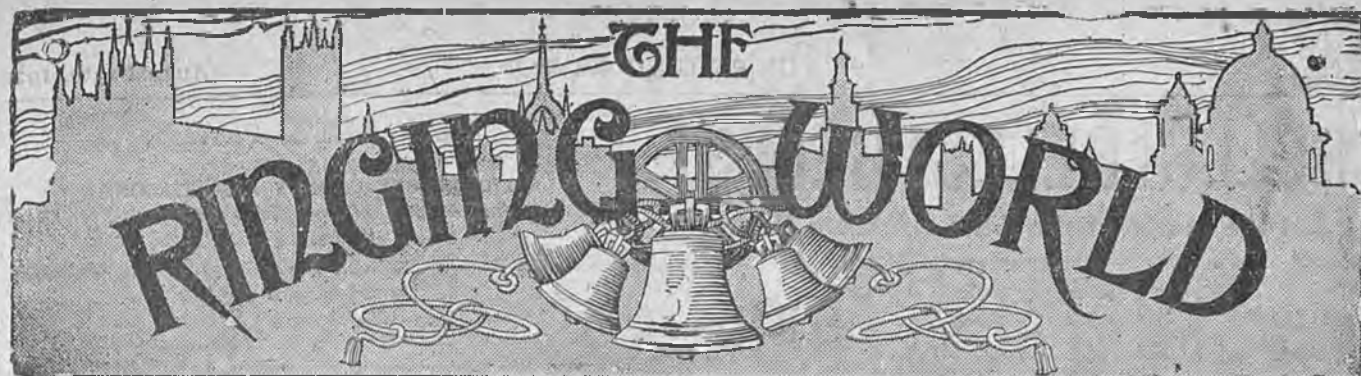




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To ringers generally it must have been very gratifying to notice the activity there has been up and down the country in the opening of new or augmented peals of bells in recent months. Very largely, of course, this has been due to bells erected in celebration of victory and peace, for in a large number of parishes the provision of a memorial of this kind has appealed to the public as a type which will for all time serve as a permanent reminder of the sacrifices of this generation in the world's greatest conflict, and yet fulfil a useful purpose. In not a few cases the proposal for the bells, and the provision of one or more, has originated with the ringers themselves, specially to perpetuate the memory of fallen colleagues. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild are among the associations that are now raising funds for the same purpose, the former to add two trebles to increase a peal of eight to a ring of ten, and the latter to raise the bells at the Cathedral to a ring of twelve. The Peterborough Association has just decided to follow the same lead, and funds are to be raised to add one of the new bells which it is hoped to place in the Cathedral. Inspired by the sacrifice which was made by those of their members who gave all for their country, the Association will doubtless raise the required sum, and thus substantially help further to enrich the mother church of their diocese.

Apart, however, from the impetus which is given to ringing by these numerous additions to the peals of the country, the work which has thus been created has come at a time when stimulus to the bell founding industry was vital. The war had brought bell founding practically to a standstill, but the provision of memorial bells has resuscitated the industry quickly and effectually, in spite of the heavy rise in costs, which might, under other circumstances, have proved an almost insuperable obstacle for long years to come. The foundries would, of course, have gone on without bell making; the enterprising management which is behind the firms who to-day lead the world in the bell making industry would not have collapsed because there were no bells to make—they would have made other things, as they did during the war. It is the Exercise that should be gratified that they have been able to return so successfully to their pre-war activities, and at present there is every indication that the revival, made with such unexpected rapidity, will be a lasting one. The success of the industry is inseparably wrapped up with the success of the ringing Exercise, for though one might exist without the other, it has only been—and can only be—by the continual advance of each that the limits of expansion can be widened.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	ALBERT D. STONE 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART 9
ALFRED CRIPPS 5	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

C. W. CLARKE Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	KEITH HART 9
MAURICE SMITHERS 5	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5048 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

MISS HILDA WILLSON ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE HOLLIS 3	JOHN FLINT 8
* ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
FRANK JACOBS 5	WILLIAM BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 400th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 26, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK PITSTOW, SENR. Treble	GEO. F. WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	HENRY DEW 6
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. George F. Williams, of Hull.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR ARNELL Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
* MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	EDMUND H. LINDOP ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Major on tower bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Saturday, July 31st, meeting short for a peal of Major, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung on the back six as follows: S. Binfield (Folkestone) 1, C. W. Player (Stone) 2, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 3, H. S. Humphery (Romney) 4, F. S. Ruck (Mersham), conductor 5, H. Castle (Ashford) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. ... 5
JAMES R. MACKMAN 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
WALTER G. ROWE 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
HENRY W. WILKES 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HARRY V. W. HARRIS ... Treble	CHARLES R. FORFITT ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JOSEPH W. WHITE 6
EDMUND KING 3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH ... 7
†ARTHUR W. FLOWERS ... 4	*EDWARD GARRETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Messrs. White and King were elected members in the tower previous to starting.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Treble	ALFRED WATSON 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	CHARLES F. WOODS 6
GEORGE MAYES 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
ERNEST LINCOLN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. V. EBBERTSON. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the 5th twenty times in 6th's and 6th the extent home. The peal was a 'peace peal' for the town and district; also a centenary peal for the bells, which were cast by T. Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, and placed in the tower about this date 1820.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31st, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*CECIL W. PIPE ... Treble	ALBERT FLEMING 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	*FREDERICK BOWELL 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal. No. 49 C.C. collection. The ringer of the treble is but thirteen years of age, and he only commenced to learn change-ringing this year. This was his first attempt for a peal, and he had only rung on eight bells on two previous occasions.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

HENRY C. COLLYER ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5
*WILLIAM D. WASE 2	GEORGE JONES 6
BERT RIXON 3	WALTER LAGO 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Composed by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. William Mead for all he did to make their visit an enjoyable one. The band were also members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

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

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL ... Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
WILLIAM STORY 4	RICHARD THOMPSON, JUNR. ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

The first peal on the bells.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburg.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JACK STEER ... Treble	EDWARD RUCK 5
GEORGE CULLUM 2	HENRY CASTLE 6
FREDRICK NYE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
ERNEST CHEESMAN 4	†THOMAS WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the Kent County Association before starting.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS ... Treble	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
STEDMAN HARRY SYMONDS ... 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Messrs. E. E. Grimes and W. C. Rumsey hail from Debenham, Messrs. W. G. Crickmer and E. Jenkins from Earl Soham, Messrs. A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds and W. R. J. Poulson from Lavenham, Suffolk. The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Souter for his kindness in having the bells ready.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
At the Priory Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

JOHN H. CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	ARTHUR M. C. FIELD ... 5
CHARLES P. BRADLEY 2	HARRY RODMELL 6
FRANK WILLEY 3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7
*ALBERT E. SELLERS 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
*WALTER FISHER 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUNR. ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Major. The ringer of the treble hails from Newport, Mon., the 5th and 7th from Husbome Crawley and Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and were elected life members of the Association before starting the peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. ORGILL Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
WILLIAM A. PARSONS 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
JOHN HAYNES 3	GEORGE FREEBRY 7
*GEORGE W. BRAME 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal on a Bob bell.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FRANK JACOBS 5
FREDERICK E. SMITH 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ALFRED E. PARSONS 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS 4	WILLIAM JACQUES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung in celebration of the knighthood of Dr. Josiah Court, of Staveley.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	CHARLES S. TUTHILL 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CHARLES WYEROW 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
GEORGE COOKE 4	FREDERICK T. COOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

The composition contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, in 5—6, Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th, also of a daughter of the 5th ringer and two sons of the conductor, all of which were within a few days of this date. F. T. Cooke, now residing at Peterborough, was originally a member of the local company and was on a visit to Fakenham.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR UNSWORTH Treble	CHARLES BOYERS 5
*JOHN EDWARD BIBBY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
WALTER WOLSTANECROFT 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT 7
*FRANCIS BIBBY 4	*ROBERT GLEAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BIBBY.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. The ringers of 4th and tenor are 17 years of age.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HENRY FERGUSON Treble	THOMAS HAIGH 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	HARRY GIBSON 6
FRED MOULSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
JOHN R. BARTON 4	FRANK DAVISON Tenor

Conducted by T. TEBBUTT.

The ringers of 2nd, 7th and tenor were elected members of the Association before starting. Arranged specially for Miss Hare and Mr. Tebbutt, of Woodston, Peterborough.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK MITCHELL Treble	W. ELDERED 4
WILLIAM MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
TOM GREENACRE 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Each ringer conducted a 720, the ringer of the tenor conducting two 720's.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK H. ALLEN Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
MISS KATHLEEN JUTSON 2	HARRY GAYTON 5
W. ARCHDALE NORMAN 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung in honour and just before the wedding of E. P. Duffield (Hon. Sec. to the Beds. Association) and Miss M. A. Willoughby. This is the first peal on the bells in which a lady ringer has taken part. It was H. Gayton's 100th peal, and he rang the same bell as on the occasion of his first peal.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	FRED POLE 4
GILBERT JONES 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
WILLIAM CLAPP 3	*GEORGE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First attempt. Ringers of 1 and 4 are from Fitzhead, 2 and 6 from Chipstable, 3 from Halse, 5 from Milverton.

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	*CHARLES H. YOUNG 4
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	JOHN W. JONES 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	WILLIAM H. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

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

HANDBELL PEAL.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOLROOM;

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½ in D flat.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. P. Duffield and Miss M. A. Willoughby, of Sharnbrook. The bride and bridegroom and all the local ringers heard parts of the peal.

BALCKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening June 13th, for Divine service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1920 changes) was rung upon the bells of St. Margaret's, in 1 hour 15 mins.: E. G. Cottis 1, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 2, A. Worboys 3, C. Feun 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, E. Smith 6, R. Feun 7, A. C. Hardy 8. This touch has the 4th four courses in 6th's place, with jobs at 'home' at every course, and the 6th the last two courses at 'home.'

THE PEAL AT BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

For some years the Newcastle Cathedral Guild have contemplated ringing a 5,000 on the fine peal of bells at Bamburgh in one of the most beautiful and historic villages of the county, but on the outbreak of war all ringing was stopped, the result of the loyalty of the ringers, who joined the forces to a man, except one or two who were beyond fighting age. No less than six members of the Bamburgh Guild made the supreme sacrifice—a record which we doubt, any other guild of ringers in the country can equal. The bells are by Mears and Stainbank, augmented from two old bells to four, then to six, and finally to eight in 1913. All this was carried out by the energy and interest of the Vicar himself, the Rev. E. Williams, who is not only a ringer but has taken to himself the task of raising a new band of ringers to fill the place of the old Guild, so terribly depleted by war.

While the peal was going on, the other members of the Guild, and four of the ladies who honoured the event by their presence, were taken round the church, which dates back to the 10th century, and were much interested in the beautiful and artistic monument to Grace Darling, who lies buried in this ancient and romantic churchyard, which overlooks the scene of her heroic efforts in saving so many lives from the good ship *Porfarrshire*, in 1847 when she and her father were in charge of the lighthouse on the outer Fern Islands.

By kind permission of the present occupant, Mrs. Pease, the visitors were allowed an interior acquaintance with the keep of the grand old feudal castle of Bamburgh which stands like a grim sentinel, guarding the shores and islands round about. Then they had tea at the *Crews Arms Hotel*, and left by motor to catch the last train to Newcastle at 4.50 p.m.

The Vicar himself kindly made all the arrangements, and also sent his own car to meet the train at Belford, four miles away, at 8.36 a.m., a very welcome service which all appreciated, as the party had to leave Newcastle as early as 6.20 a.m.

Mr. Edmund Williams, the Vicar's son, kindly photographed the band who rang in the peal at the church door, and promised to have the photo placed below the peal board, which the Vicar has generously promised to have erected in the belfry to commemorate the first 5,000 on the bells.

The members of the Guild wish to place on record their warm appreciation of the kindness and interest of the Vicar in their visit, and also wish to thank the steeplekeeper, Mr. Wallace, for having the bells in good going order for the peal.

C. L. R.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Aylsham on August Bank Holiday. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon J. Gurney Hoare) the ring of ten bells at the Parish Church were open for the use of members throughout the day, as were also the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church of Marsham, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Fitch).

Dinner was served at the Dog Hotel, the president (the Dean of Norwich) being in the chair, supported by Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. G. P. Burton (Ringing Master), Messrs. G. H. Cross and T. Fitzjohn (district secretaries), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. F. Knights, Miss V. Robinson (of Wokingham, Berks), Misses G. M. A. George, A. M. Durrant, H. L. Durrant (Norwich) and representatives from Aylsham, Fakenham, Hevingham, Marsham, Norwich, Reepham, and Thetford, etc.

The President gave all those present a hearty welcome, and said that the Vicar (the Rev. Canon J. Gurney Hoare) much regretted not being able to attend the dinner, but hoped to be at the general business meeting.

During the interval, before the commencement of the business proceedings, Messrs. F. and F. H. Knights very kindly gave some tunes on the handbells, which were much appreciated by the members.

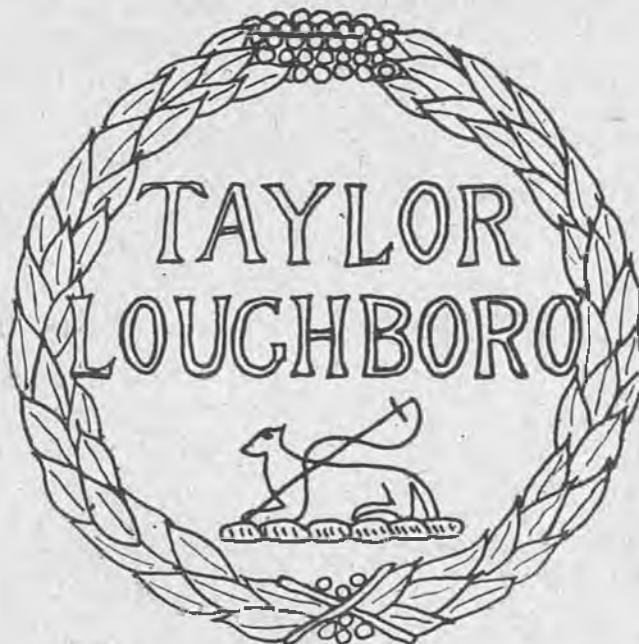
The following members were elected, viz.: Messrs. W. C. Pooley, G. Bussey, J. Warnes, E. Eldred, E. W. Fuller, J. Mickleburgh, A. Burrell, J. C. Dicken and W. H. Miller.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon J. Gurney Hoare and the Rev. C. H. Fitch for placing their bells at the disposal of the members, and the motion was carried with acclamation.—Canon Hoare, in addressing the meeting, said it was a pleasure to him to receive the Association at Aylsham, and invited the members to visit and enjoy a rest in the Vicarage gardens.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the Dean of Norwich for coming specially to preside, and this the president kindly acknowledged with pleasure and thanks.

This concluded the business and later other members arrived, including Mr. C. T. Coles, secretary of the Middlesex County Association, to whom the members gave a hearty welcome.

Many excellent touches were rung during the day in the standard methods. The ringing, too, was above the average of general meetings and a most successful and enjoyable meeting was passed. The total attendance of members was approximately 35. It was announced that the annual general meeting of the Association would be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 6th, 1920.



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BATH AND WELLS WAR MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read Mr Farley's letter, and whilst I do not wish to enter into any argument as to the conclusions arrived at by those attending the meeting at Minehead, yet I must at once point out to your correspondent that the actual time allowed for ringing at the Bath Abbey was decided by several local ringers after taking into consideration the then existing circumstances. I hasten to explain this in case your readers wrongfully attribute the limited ringing to the Rector of Bath. On application to him for the use of the bells, he at once granted them, telling me to see the tower master, but pointing out at the same time the reason why they should not be rung too long. However, it was left to my committee's judgment. The Rector of Bath is second to none in his wishes for promoting the association and has given up very many hours of his time for our benefit. In conclusion, we all regret that the Vicar of St. Cuthbert's should suffer because of the ban on Wells, yet, in spite of your correspondent's concluding remark I have confidence in the ability of both our Master and the Rector of Bath in approaching the Dean and Chapter of Wells in a proper manner, and that all the vital facts well explained to him.—Fred C. Rich, local secretary, Bath branch.

BEDFORDSHIRE SECRETARY MARRIED.

On July 31st, at the Parish Church Sharnbrook, the wedding was solemnised between Miss M. A. Willoughby, of Sharnbrook, Beds and Mr. E. P. Duffield, hon. secretary for the Bedfordshire Association. Amongst the ringers present at the church were Miss E. Steel, Miss K. Jutson, Messrs. R. Richardson, A. H. Pulling, E. M. Atkins, J. Gayton, A. B. Peck, etc. Several touches were rung during the afternoon by the visitors and the local band, and, as recorded elsewhere, a peal of Minor was rung during the morning, and a peal of Bob Major on the handbells in the afternoon by Miss Jutson and Messrs. Pulling, Atkins and Richardson.

Afterwards, the visitors with the local band, were entertained by the bridegroom to an excellent meat tea at the Swan.—Mr. Pulling moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Duffield for his hospitality, and wished the bride and bridegroom every happiness.

DEATH OF A VETERAN SUSSEX RINGER.

On July 23rd, after only a few days' illness there passed away at Chiddingfold, Sussex, James Brook, a veteran ringer of the Parish Church, at the age of 74 years. He had been ringing since the age of 15, and was one of the most regular and conscientious of the parish ringers. Although age was creeping upon him, he was ringing for service only ten days before his death, and within the last six months had taken part in his first quarter-peal. Nine of his sons fought for King and country in the great war, and he was a well known and greatly respected figure in the neighbourhood, having worked on one farm for over 40 years.

On the morning of Sunday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) with bells half-muffled, as a mark of affection and esteem, was brought round in 45 minutes by the following fellow ringers: C. Vine 1, W. H. White 2, Rev. C. H. Clarke 3, W. Jenner (Waldron) 4, A. Reed (Waldron) conductor 5, W. Ellis 6.

'SOLIHULL DOUBLES.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—At the risk of incurring severe censure from our method experts I beg to place before the Exercise the following method of Doubles which I constructed a year or two ago. Although the work is somewhat irregular, it consists of 'pure' Doubles throughout, and contains some interesting points, a marked feature being the peculiar work of the 2nd in the plain course.

Six-scores are called as in Grandsire.	12345	B
The method was rung last year by the Solihull Handbell Band, and we wish to give it the above title.	21435	14523
	24153	15432
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	42135	14532
	41253	
	14235	
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The method is reversible, the two places being made when the Treble is in front in which case the 4th becomes the bell in the last in the plain course.

If the method is an old one, I shall be pleased to receive any information respecting its history. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

MR. R. H. BARTRAM'S 100 PEALS.

By a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at St. Mark's Church, Leicester (where his first peal was rung) Mr. R. H. Bartram brought his total of peals up to one hundred. The following is the list: Doubles, 3, conducted 3; Minor (including 3 in 7 methods) 12, 7; Plain Bob Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples, 24, 19; Bob Major (including 7,056), 6, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 13; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 12; Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 9; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; total 100, conducted 30. These peals have been rung in five counties and in 26 towers.

DEATH OF MR. JOEL HERN.**A LOSS TO DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

It is with deep regret we have to announce the passing of the oldest ringer in the two northern dioceses, Mr. Joel Hern, of North Shields. He was an original member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and served many years as one of its vice-presidents. Some years ago he celebrated his jubilee as a ringer, having started his career in 1867 in Norfolk, and with his brother, the late Mr. Johnson Hern, he joined the Parish Church band at North Shields in 1873. The leader of this band at the time was the late Mr. Wm. Reed, the first president of the Association, whom the writer often heard express the opinion that 'Joel' was the most elegant handler of a rope, and the finest striker he had ever had the privilege to ring with. The deceased rang in a great number of peals in a large diversity of methods, including London Surprise Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Major, Stedman Triples and Caters Double Norwich and Double Oxford Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Triples, etc.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard at Preston, North Shields, but owing to the short notice of his interment few of the prominent ringers of the Association were present, much to their regret, as they would have counted it a high privilege to pay the last solemn tribute to so worthy a man and to such a sound ringer. However, a band was quickly got together to ring a muffled touch on the afternoon of the funeral.

The members of the Association feel his loss very keenly as leader of a band who not only promoted the best of ringing, put his heart and soul into the work, but kept the band together and in union by his own strong and genial personality.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**BANK HOLIDAY MEETING AT SOUTHGATE.**

On August Bank holiday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Poploe, M.A.), ringers were afforded the opportunity of a 'pull' on the renowned peal at Christ Church, Southgate, which have recently been augmented into ten by the gift of two trebles by the children of the late Mr. Arthur Rowland Barker, as a memorial to their father and mother. Despite the inclement weather, ringers from all parts (even as far distant as Grantham, Northampton and Beaconsfield) took full advantage of the opportunity thus given to them, and over 80 were present. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and all present spoke highly of the splendid 'splice' which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have effected. Southgate may well be proud of its bells.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barker, a sumptuous tea was partaken of at their residence 'Churchfields,' which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Unfortunately ringing had to cease about 6 p.m., owing to a case of illness near the church, but the four hours during which the bells had been available was made good use of.

Evening was afterwards held in the church, when an excellent and most fitting address was given by the Rev. Professor R. de G. Hampson, who took his text from Ecclesiasticus, parts of 44, 1-15: 'Let us now praise . . . our fathers that begat us . . . such as did bear rule . . . leaders of the people by their counsels . . . Rich men furnished with ability living peaceably in their habitations . . . these were merciful men whose righteousness hath not been forgotten . . . Their seed shall stand fast, and their children for their sakes. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregations will show forth their praise.'

At the business meeting, which was held in the tower, presided over by the president (Mr. Arthur T. King), one new member was elected and it was decided to hold a mid-week meeting on Thursday, August 26th at Finchley, if it were possible to arrange this.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. Barker for providing tea, and to all who helped to make the meeting so pleasant.

Various touches were rung on the handbells during the evening.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Cheddar on July 31st, 24 members being present, representing Burnham, Bristol, Cheddar, Ilminster, Midsummer Norton, Brent Knoll, Mark, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, Wells and Wear. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Wallis), who gave a very appropriate address. After tea at the Valley Restaurant, the business meeting was held. With the president (the Rev. M. I. Holme) in the chair, one new honorary member and two performing members were elected. East Brent was selected for the next meeting, to be held in about eight weeks' time.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**A MEMORIAL BELL TO FALLEN MEMBERS.**

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, among those present being the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. F. Wilford, R. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Miss Lumley, and Messrs. Moorhouse. The towers represented were March, Chatteris, Wisbech, Whittlesey, Fleet, Maxey, Deeping, etc. Owing to illness, only St. Mary's bells were available.

The Rev. H. L. James conducted the service and the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Neely) gave the address. Afterwards, 50 sat down to tea in St. Mary's Schoolroom.

The president (the Dean of Peterborough) presided at the business meeting which followed, supported by the Rev. A. C. Neely (vice-president and treasurer).

A statement of accounts showed a balance of £6 10s. 10d. in hand.—The Secretary stated that 14 peals had been rung during the year, including one of Minor in ten spliced methods (the only one rung last year); also one of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Peterborough, the only other previously recorded at this church being a peal of Grandsire Triples in March, 1773.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. Puppitt (March) and Mr. J. Barker (Peterborough) on the committee. Mr. J. Barker was also elected assistant secretary.

After a statement by the Dean with reference to the Cathedral bells, and the proposal to erect a tablet as a war memorial had been referred back to the committee, it was decided to raise a fund for a treble bell to a peal of ten or twelve, the names of the fallen members of the Association (seven in number) to be inscribed thereon.

The subscription was increased to 2s. 6d. 1s. 6d. of which is to be devoted to this fund. The profit on the tea, £1, was also voted for this purpose.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**SUMMER MEETING AT BLYTH.**

The mid-summer meeting of the North Notts Association was held on Saturday at Blyth—an ideal place for a summer gathering. Blyth is three or four miles from the nearest railway station so a waggonette, a motor charabanc, the poor man's useful hack, the bicycle, or shank's pony has to be called into the service of the North Notts brethren when they meet there, and a very pleasant ride or drive it is from whichever point of the compass they come all the roads (either traversing a well-timbered undulating country until they converge upon the picturesque village. Standing on the banks of the River Ryton, embowered with noble beech trees and other fine timber, the village is grouped on either side of a remarkably wide main street, which opens out at one end into a well-shaded glen. At the other end stands the venerable church which, architecturally, is most interesting. Members and friends turned up for the meeting in good numbers, and the following towers were represented: Worksop, Gainsboro', Tuxford, Sutton-on-Lunt, Oxsall, Norton Cuckney and Blyth, and a number of interested ladies were also present. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and tea was provided at the Commercial Hotel. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Hind, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Phillips), and he was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), ex-Sergeant W. H. Johnson, V.C., and 30 others.

The Rev. G. E. Summers, Rector of West Retford, was elected vice-president, and the next meeting was arranged for Tuxford, in September.—Mr. Hind, in the absence of the Vicar, gave the association a very hearty welcome to Blyth and the members were enthusiastic in their praise of him and the hon. secretary for the splendid arrangements for tea and meeting.

Some very good touches were rung on the bells in Plain Bob, Kent and Stedman. The Worksop ringers early in the afternoon also rang at Harworth (by the kind permission of the Rev. F. D'Arblay Burney). This ring is considered to be one of the most musical peals of six in North Notts. The villagers took a keen delight in some well struck touches, and the bells were raised and lowered in peal in good style.

A pleasant drive home in the cool of the evening, after a gloriously fine day, formed an agreeable ending to a successful meeting. L. H.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

His many friends will be deeply sorry to hear that Mr. R. James, of Lye, passed away on July 29th, after a long and very painful illness, most patiently borne. Deceased was a member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and although he had not rung many peals, he always obliged and helped wherever he could.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 3rd, at the Lye Cemetery. At the same time at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, 1344 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the deceased by the following ringers: C. W. Cooper 1, J. Bass 2, T. Heathcock 3, W. Short 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, S. Grove 6, R. Mathews (conductor) 7, W. A. Pugh 8. The ringers came from Clent, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Wollaston and Selly Oak.

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RINGERS' EXCURSIONS.

The six-bell band at Leytonstone, Essex, usually accomplish a good day's work when they go for their annual outing, and this year's excursion was no exception to the rule. Leaving Liverpool Street at 5.53 a.m. they breakfasted at Audley End, started ringing at Wenden's Ambro at 8.45, and thereafter were busily engaged in scoring 720's of Minor for the greater part of the day in various towers with touches of Superlative and Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples thrown in at Sawston.

The day's touches included the following:—

WENDEN'S AMBRO (Essex).—720 Durham Surprise: H. Torble 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Prior 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

LITTLEBURY (Essex).—720 Ipswich Surprise: W. Riches 1, W. Theobald 2, T. Faulkner 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—720 Lincoln Surprise: W. Theobald 1, H. Torble 2, A. Prior 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

WHITLESFORD (Cambs).—720 Wells Surprise: W. Riches 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, W. Smith 4, W. Miller 5, J. Moule 6.

STAPLEFORD (Cambs).—720 London Surprise: T. Faulkner 1, W. Theobald 2, A. E. Austin (first in the method) 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. 720 York Surprise: H. Torble 1, G. Dawson 2, A. Prior 3, W. Miller (conductor) 4, J. Moule 5, A. Hardy 6.

SAWSTON.—448 Superlative Surprise: G. Hayden 1, H. Torble 2, T. Faulkner (conductor) 3, W. Miller 4, A. Prior 5, W. Theobald 6, J. Moule 7, A. Hardy 8; and touches of Stedman and Treble Bob, with some of the local men standing in.

The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, also to all the local ringers who met them and made them so welcome, and especially to Mr. A. E. Austin, to whose assistance the splendid success of the outing was largely due.

Penwortham (St. Mary's) Society paid a visit to several towers to the north of Lancaster for their outing. Travelling by charabanc from Lancaster they moved swiftly through the fine country which skirts the coastland of Morecambe Bay, towards the village of Beetham, which was the first of the halts. Here the bells were raised, and while a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was in progress, the non-ringing members of the party found much to interest them in the quaint architecture of the church, the historic relics of the vestry, and the fine archway of roses, stretching half-way from the gate to the tower. Over the hill to Burton was the next step, and here also some good ringing took place, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor being added to the list; the fine roomy belfry and the good 'go' of the bells making it a specially attractive tower. A fine rolling country opened out before the party on leaving Burton, and the winding, switchback roads from there to Silverdale afforded much pleasure and made them keen to try conclusions with the bells of Silverdale. A 720 of Bob Minor resulted followed by a touch in conjunction with three of the local band. At Milnthorpe a meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was in progress, but owing to the great distances to be travelled in order to arrive at these meetings, only a few other ringers were met. However a further 720 (making one at every place visited), this time of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was successfully brought round, and after a final touch the bells were rung down and the party set off on the homeward journey. Thanks are due to all who so willingly offered the use of the various towers, and to those who had everything in readiness to give a great welcome to the visitors.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BANK HOLIDAY GATHERING.

A most enjoyable day was spent by members and friends of the above who visited Hythe and Folkestone on August Bank Holiday. In spite of long queues at the booking offices and trains going before you could get a ticket, missing trains, flat tyres, loaded buses and other 'ills' that flesh is heir to, all turned up smiling and made the bells pay full compensation. The towers of Sellindge (6), Saltwood (6) and Hythe (8) were visited in the morning, and Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob Methods were rung.

A full complement was present at Folkestone in the afternoon, and after the local ringers had rung a well-struck touch for a wedding the visitors took the ropes and made full use of this fine peal of bells, all the four standard methods being enjoyed. Two ladies took part in the ringing, Miss Thomas ringing the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples, and Miss Jarvis the third to a touch of Stedman Triples.

Two visitors, Mr. W. Dyer of Gloucester, and a 'brother string' from Hull, joined in during the day, and they also rung a quarter-peal for the Sunday evening service. There were also several experts from the Canterbury district, and the striking (on the whole) was very good throughout. Best thanks are due to Mr. Binfield, of the Folkestone tower; Mr. S. Gower, of Hythe, and Mr. Gower, of Saltwood for helping to make for the visitors a very happy day.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE STORY OF AN ANCIENT PEAL BOARD.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Finchingfield, when 33 members were present from Sible Hedingham, Rayne, Dunmow, Black Notley, Braintree, Wethersfield, or Yeldham, Stedding, and Stisted. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. H. Jordan, officiating, and an excellent address being given by Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., C.C. an honorary member of the Association.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and followed by a business meeting, at which Mr. H. F. Cooper, District Master, presided, supported by the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary, and Mr. B. Redgwell, hon. district secretary.—The Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, and the Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree, were elected honorary members. Messrs. P. French, T. Wollard, W. Dare, S. Chapman, R. Hardy, Finchingfield; J. Bloomfield, Wethersfield; and H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, were elected probationary members.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the preacher for his address, remarking that it was the first time the ringers had been addressed in church by a layman.—The Master, in thanking the organist for his services, and the local ringers for making all the arrangements, expressed a wish that the restoration of the bells might be undertaken in the near future. In their present state it was quite impossible to ring the bells for any length of time. The bells, a very fine ring of eight in E flat, with a tenor of 19 cwt., were erected in 1781. They needed rehanging and quarter-turning. On account of the great need of restoration, it was very doubtful if the present generation had ever heard them at their best.—The Vicar and Mr. Brise responded.

The Vicar said they had an estimate for the work needed to restore the bells which amounted to a very considerable sum, but he hoped they might be able to raise the money at some not far distant date.

The Saffron Society on May 30th, 1825, rang 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob—the only peal ever rung upon Finchingfield bells—and erected a handsome board in the church recording it. When the church was restored the board was taken down and found its way into the Green Man Inn adjoining the church. A few years ago, Mr. E. Pitstow, a present member of the society, made arrangements with the owners of the inn for the board to be restored to its former position in the church, but before this could be carried out the inn was burned down, and the board was destroyed. Fortunately Mr. Pitstow took a copy of the record, which was read to the meeting by the Master.

The Vicar and churchwarden expressed their regret that the board should have been allowed to be taken from the church, and asked for copies of the record to be placed in the archives of the church.

Although the bells go very heavily indeed, several very fair touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round.

It has been recorded by more than one writer that Finchingfield is the prettiest village in Essex. The same might be said of the Vicarage garden and grounds, to which the ringers were invited and heartily welcomed by the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan, who, with their friends present, very much enjoyed the touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob, etc., and tune ringing on the handbells by mixed bands.

NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Great Horkesley, on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing commenced at Wormingford, on the recently restored and augmented peal of six bells, and afterwards at Little Horkesley, where some six-scores were rung on the five bells, and a touch of Triples upon the handbells. At Great Horkesley some good touches of Bob Minor and Treble Bob were brought round. At the business meeting which followed tea at the Rose and Crown Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, Master of the Association; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Witham, secretary; Mr. E. T. Pye Colchester district secretary; and Mr. E. J. Nevard, churchwarden, Great Horkesley.—The last-named, in the absence of the Rector, gave the members a hearty welcome, and expressed his pleasure in once again meeting the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre amongst the members.—Mr. E. J. Nevard was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Messrs. G. Balls, E. Leggett and R. Leggett of Wormingford, ringing members.—Tollisbury was selected, if convenient, for the next meeting, and Mr. C. H. Howard congratulated the Vicar and churchwardens on the excellent condition of the church and bells, and the splendid manner in which the churchyard is kept.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the District Master for presiding, and also for his kindness in providing the tea. Afterwards the belfry was again visited and a well-struck 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung. Ringers were present from Langham, Great Bromly and Thorington.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On Sunday, August 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: A. Davis 1, E. Dady (aged 75) 2, W. Gedddard 3, A. H. Hoodless 4, W. H. Hoyhoe 5, W. Ayro (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 14th, at Mildenhall. Bells 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., Newmarket.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and four representatives for Central Council.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. Business: Nominations for President, General Secretary, Treasurer, four Central Council representatives, Branch Secretary and Committeeman.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, August 14th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Naunton, Hon. District Sec.

WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.—The unveiling of a memorial peal tablet will take place on Saturday, August 14th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Bells available after the ceremony.

LLANFAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (Peterston Station) on Saturday, August 14th, at 4.30. Tea provided free.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Vicarage, 5.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Talbot, Hon. Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, August 14th.—Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. The bells at Whiston will also be available.—S. J. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—The dedication of the two new trebles, to make a ring of eight, will take place on Saturday, August 14th, by the Archdeacon of Rochester at 7 p.m. All ringers invited. Bells available after.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 4 and 9 p.m. Other meetings more central are to be arranged later.—C. D. Potter, Sec., Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 15th, at 6 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—Combined practice will be held on Thursday, August 19th, at St. Mary's, Putney, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available at 3. Short service at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Barrett). Tea at 6 at the "Maypole" Inn, followed by the business meeting. Tea will only be supplied to those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, August 18th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, N., on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing from 3.30 till 7.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on August 21st. Bells available from 3. Meeting at 5.30. Business: Election of Branch Sec. and nomination for President and General Sec.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Kildgrove on Saturday, August 21st. Please notify me on or before August 16th how many intend to be present from your Tower.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Hanley Castle on Saturday, August 21st. Service at 4 o'clock, business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided for only those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division of the above was held at East Grinstead, forty members being present. After ringing during the afternoon a short service was held in church, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Youard), who emphasised in his sermon that bells were placed in the towers to be rung for service.—The Vicar presided over the tea and meeting, supported by the Master (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman). Fifteen new members were elected, and Mr. Markwell, representing the Henfield branch, invited the association to Henfield on August Bank Holiday. This invitation was accepted, and particulars will be announced later in 'The Ringing World.'—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, for his address, and great kindness in providing tea for those attending the meeting; also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

It is expected to hold the next meeting of the division at Withyham, in September.

The methods rung throughout the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Burgess Hill, Crawley, Cuckfield, Henfield, Lewes, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, the local branch, and independent members (including Mr. F. W. Richardson, London).

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