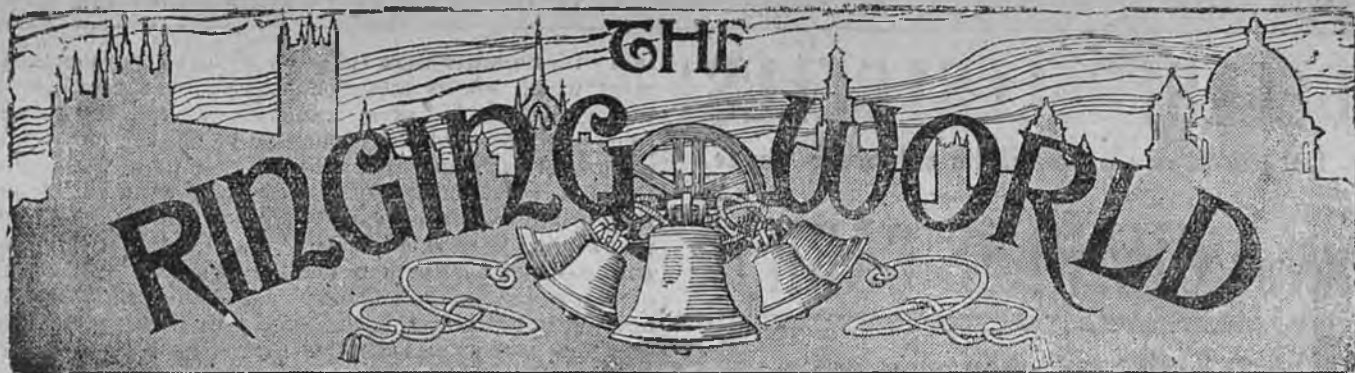




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THE PEALS OF 1920.

The peals analysis for the year 1920, compiled by the Committee of the Central Council, appears in this issue, and is again full of interest, for compressed into the compact tables and the concise report of the Committee is a wealth of detail which covers a twelvemonth's activities of the peal ringers. A study of the principal table reveals many features of a satisfactory nature and encouraging to those who are watching for the recovery of the art after the years of war. First of all we have the fact that the number of peals rung in the year was 423 more than in 1919, which is an increase of something like 40 per cent. The average point value of the peals has not increased, but there is one view from which it may be argued that this is not a matter for regret. A detailed comparison of the figures with 1919 shows that there was a hundred per cent. increase in the number of Surprise peals rung, the total being 128 in 1920 against 64 in the preceding year. That being the case, there must have been a large increase in the number of peals in the simpler methods, and it is only logical to assume that this indicates many ringers taking their first steps in peal ringing. There are very few instances indeed where peals of any particular class showed a drop last year; but one of the most noteworthy is Stedman Caters on tower bells, which fell from 47 to 37, although this is exactly compensated for by a rise of ten in the number on handbells. Possibly, some of the falling off is accounted for by the increase in the number of peals of Cambridge Royal. Compared with 1919, the peals in 1920 on twelve bells were 46 against 33; on ten bells 156 against 116, on eight bells 905 against 680, on six bells 270 against 162, on five bells 94 against 57.

Among individual Associations we find Norwich and Ipswich, who rang most peals (79) in 1919, again rang most in 1920—exactly 100 more, with 2490 points against 1089. Kent, who were third in total number in 1919, were second with 114 peals in 1920. In total number of points Norwich and Ipswich is also first for last year and the Middlesex Association is second, their 65 peals having produced 1696 points. In point value for peals, Durham and Newcastle, helped by their handbell peals of London Surprise, have a fine average of 33 points for each of the 21 peals rung. This is a much higher average than any Association gained in the previous year, when the College Youths had the best average with 26.54 for 24 peals rung. With three times as many peals, however, Middlesex is second with an average of 26, which must be looked upon as a very high standard, for out of their 65 peals, 22 were rung in plain or treble bob methods.

The performance of the Norwich and Ipswich Associa-

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tion with no fewer than 179 peals in the year is an achievement which merits attention, and shows a rapid revival throughout this big area. Norwich and Ipswich have for some years enjoyed the reputation of ringing the greatest number of peals, and this indicates that they have in their ranks a very considerable proportion of men of peal ringing ability, for, except at Leiston, there is no prolific peal scoring band at any one tower. One other thing cannot be passed over without mention, and that is the labours of the Peals Analysis Committee. Its work is growing heavier, but the task is discharged with the same accuracy and care as has always marked its efforts, and not only the Council but also the Exercise ought to be deeply grateful to the Committee.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2	*WILLIAM J. KEMP 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	ARTHUR MASON 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
*EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day. * First peal of Cambridge Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

F. HORACE STUBBS 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 7
GEORGE CLEAL 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
JOHN OLDHAM 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county, by the Association, and by all the band. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	GEORGE H. BARKER 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	JOHN W. WOOD 7
GEORGE LADD 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 8
*TOM TEBBUTT 4	*WALTER H. WOOD 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES 5	JOHN CURRY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Tom Tebbutt.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**WOOLWICH.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

CYRIL V. EBBERSON Treble	THOMAS A. EASTERBY 5
FRANCIS G. GROVE 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
WILLIAM WATCHORN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
DAVID F. WARD 4	WILLIAM H. DAYNES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's first peal 30 years ago, it being a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in this tower on April 18th, 1891, and in which he rang the treble. It was the tenth anniversary of Mr. Easterby's wedding day.

HORLEY, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, April 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**IN THE GRANTA VARIATION.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 5
JOHN RICE 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
GEORGE ILLMAN 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

This is the first peal rung on tower bells in this variation. Rung as a compliment on the 78th birthday of Mr. A. Songhurst, the respected secretary of the local society.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)**

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED CHAMBERS Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 5
†MISS M. HOULDSWORTH 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
WILLIAM RILEY 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a working bell. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise in Blackburn. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to the local company, the rest hail from Oswaldtwistle.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.****(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)**

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method ever rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey.

CRAYFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH SPOONER Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HARRY GIBBS 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	SPENCER MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SPENCER MARSHALL.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**HEYWOOD'S No. 1.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	HENRY LETTS 7
*HARRY HILL 4	HENRY C. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled on anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES.**THORSTANS' ONE-PART.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*THOMAS SMITH Treble	†SAMUEL H. COLEY 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	JOHN PERRY 6
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	ALBERT G. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar of the above church; and on St. George's Day. Also as a birthday peal to Mr. J. Perry and on the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. E. F. Mitchell. The band were hospitably entertained after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry.
* First peal of Stedman with a bob bell. † rooth peal for the above society. † First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*FRANK L. FISHER 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. ROMSEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

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

BAGSHOT, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****(YORKTOWN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES;**PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JONATHAN CORBETT Treble	THOMAS J. GOULD 5
*MABEL A. NYE 2	FREDERICK FRANCIS 6
*HERBERT J. GOULD 3	FREDERICK C. NYE 7
HENRY STAPLETON 4	*GEORGE PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by F. NYE.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. G. Pearce, a member of the Surrey Constabulary, who, having been promoted to sergeant, is leaving the neighbourhood after 11 years' faithful service in the tower of St. Anne's. His brother ringers wish him every success in his new station.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN CLAYPOLE Treble	†PHILIP J. MANNING 5
GEORGE BASFORD 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
GEORGE M. ETTEE 3	†THOMAS ABBOTT 7
GEORGE LINES 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY HALL Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	THOS. W. LAST 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First Surprise peal. T. Last's 50th peal! 150th peal by the conductor.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. PERVIN.

C.C. Collection, No. 222. This composition is believed to be now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST V. BEAGLEY ... Treble	†GEORGE CHANDLER 4
†MISS AVENELL 2	SAMUEL PETTER 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Miss Avenell is the first resident lady member of the Winchester Guild to ring a peal in seven methods.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED CLARKE Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4
EDWIN YATES 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Cecil Valentine.

STURRY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD FRENCH ... Treble	HARRISON SMITH 4
†WILLIAM GOLDFINCH ... 2	CLARENCE HADLOW 5
†GEORGE SIMPSON 3	†ERNEST SLINGSBY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST SLINGSBY.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal. ‡ First as conductor. Rung as a 'welcome home' to Lord and Lady Milner, of Sturry Court, on their return from France. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, as he has only just learnt the art.

NEWCHURCH, NEAR WARRINGTON LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW 4
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	JOHN J. YATES 5
GEORGE POWNALL 3	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

The conductor has now called peals on all numbers of bells from 6 to 12 inclusive.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Queen Bess, Sandal Exercise, Snowdrop, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BROMHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM WOODCOCK 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	CHARLES WALSH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. F. J. Burman, the Vicar's Warden, who was accidentally killed while cycling on Friday, April 15th, and interred at Wath cemetery on Monday, 18th inst.

BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Chester, Beverley, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, London and Wells. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	W. H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWSE-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

First Association peal on the bells. Supposed to be the first 5,040 changes on the bells. The above peal was attempted on the Saturday previous, and came to grief in the last course, after two hours and 51 minutes' good ringing. All the above belong to the Killamarsch company.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM STOCK ... Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW 4
CHARLES MORTIMER 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANCES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 7-8
EDWARD H. KING 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First handbell peal.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Upper House of Convocation, at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May, 1921, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard only.

AGENDA, 1921.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Bells of Belgium.
 - (g.) Records.
9. That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.
10. That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.
11. To call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee, and to move a resolution.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

Dean Rectory,
Overton, Hants.
St. Mark's Day.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.
Hon. Secretary.

P.S.—Since the notice in last week's issue, only one affiliation fee has come in. Any that do not reach me by Ascension Day will be too late.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The Analysis of peals rung in 1920 shows a substantial increase in the total, which was only three less than the total of 1908. It is still a long way (888 peals) behind the record of 1913, but it was not to be expected that that huge figure should so soon be reached once more.

Of the 1,471 peals, 1,301 were rung on tower bells, and 170 on handbells. Our instructions from the Council are to arrange the Associations in alphabetical order (cf. 'Ringing World,' Vol. xiv., p. 241, and Vol. xv., p. 315), and we accordingly present the Analysis in that form.

The Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association has the largest number, both of peals and points, viz., 179 and 2,490. Of these peals, 153 were rung on tower bells, and 26 on handbells. The only other Association to reach a total of three figures is the Kent County Association, 114, all on tower bells. The second-highest number of points belongs to the Middlesex Association, 1,696, 56 peals on tower and 9 on handbells. The Winchester Diocesan Guild rang the greatest number of handbell peals, 32, 21 of these being Grandsire Triples.

New Methods and new arrangements of old Methods give evidence of a 'forward movement' amongst ringers. Little St. Lawrence Major is an example of the first, and of the second we find two peals of Little Bob and Plain Bob Major spliced together, one on tower bells and one on handbells, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob spliced on the particular plan to which has been given the name of 'Worcester,' of which we say more below.

There are still instances of extraordinary dilatoriness in reporting peals, one, e.g., rung on January 14th, was not published till May 7th! With the welcome enlargement of 'The Ringing World,' there can be no further excuse for this. It is not too much to ask that those who send reports of peals should see that any errors, either their own or the printer's, be immediately corrected. One ringer, for example, allowed a peal, described as 'Stedman Triples—Holt's Original,' to be uncorrected, and his excuse was—'Printer's error, not mine.' We would point out that, by not correcting the error, he

made it his own. Among other evidently incorrect statements, we find a peal of Minor, which is said to consist of 'two 520's of St. Clement's and two 520's of Plain Bob.' This can hardly be a 'printer's error.' One peal was published as rung at Brighton by the Surrey County Association, which we strongly suspect should belong to the Sussex County Association, but no correction has been made by the conductor or by either of the Associations, and, therefore, it is included in the Surrey peals. When the Analysis was completed, two more peals were published on March 18th; one, a peal of Grandsire Doubles, 'first peal of Doubles by all except the conductor,' whose name was not given, rung as long as September 18th; the other, a peal of Treble Bob Minor with two conductors, rung on November 27th. It is to be hoped that those responsible are not so dilatory in their business as in this matter. In accordance with the Council's instructions, these peals are not included in the Analysis.

Our Chairman's letter to 'The Ringing World' of January 14th has given rise to the suggestion that the Analysis Committee should deal with the question of the names to be given to peals in two or more already named Methods spliced together, such as the so-called 'Worcester Treble Bob Major.' The letter, of course, only referred to the names given to Minor Methods, several of which have been rung under two or more names, and the Committee hope to receive the help of Minor ringers in the matter. The other question seems to be out of the province of the Committee, but it is one with which the Council or the Methods Committee might be asked to deal. With regard to 'Worcester,' the name is already given to a Minor Method, and the Committee think it would be better to keep to the nomenclature, already to be found in Soltanwall (pp. 583 and 588), and Snowden's 'Treble Bob,' p. 18.

The number of ringers taking part in their first peal was 490, including several ladies, and lads of the age of 11 and upwards; first with a bob bell, 51; away from tenor, 12; first as conductor, 53, of which 4 were on handbells, one of these conductors being only 13 years old.

There was a very great increase in 'first peals on the bells,' the total being 81, including 22 since rehanging or augmentation, 57 of these being on 5 or 6 bells; a welcome evidence that six bell ringers especially are extending the knowledge of the Exercise in new directions.

First peal by local band, 10, including one by all railwaymen, and one by a Cathedral band. First on Handbells, 29; first on Tower bells, 11; Peace peals, 30; Muffled peals (including those in connection with the war), 68; Dedication of War Memorials, 19; Wedding peals, 50, including 4 Golden Weddings, one of these being that of the Chairman of the Analysis Committee (to whom his colleagues here offer congratulations and good wishes); Welcome and Farewell peals, 32; Centenary peals, 5; Tercentenary peals, 2; 1,000th anniversary of the freeing of Leicester from the Danes, and a 1,251st Dedication Anniversary; Church Festivals, 12, including one peal of 8 Georges on St. George's Day; first Archbishop of Wales, Bishop's Jubilee, Consecration and Enthronement, and new Incumbent, produced 20 peals; Empire Day, 7; Harvest Thanksgiving, 3; Royal Birthdays, etc., 6; peals by ex-Service men, 4.

Ringers' ages continue to extend both upwards and downwards. We find them ringing peals at the ages of 11, 12, 13 (one conducting), 14, etc., up to 74, 77, 81 and 82! If boys begin at 11, and go on to the age of Messrs. Small and Horex, what will be their total peal record? The latter rang a peal of Treble Bob Maximus on his 82nd birthday. Most of us find two arms none too many in a peal; Cpl. H. Churchill, 'whose right arm was entirely shot away on the Somme,' rang a peal of Minor in 4 Methods at Belton, Rutland, 'striking it perfectly throughout.'

Other peals of special interest were: One by four married couples, Grandsire Triples at Epsom; a peal of Maximus on handbells by six brothers, and Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major on tower bells by eight brothers at Leiston.

ARTHUR T. KING, Stevenage, Chairman.

A. T. BEESTON, New Mills.

E. W. CARPENTER, Croydon.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to point out, and protest against, an extraordinary mis-statement in your 'Belfry Gossip' column of yesterday's issue. Speaking of Arundel Parish Church, you say that 'part of the same building is used by the Established Church and part belongs to the Catholic Church.' By the latter title I am afraid you mean the Roman Church which always likes to call itself the Catholic Church. But it is deplorable that we of the Church of England who believe our own church to be just as much part of the Catholic Church as the Church of Rome, should by such statements as this, aid and abet the Roman Church in her extravagant claims. As a matter of fact I believe the part used for Roman services is the private property of the Dukes of Norfolk, and, therefore, does not belong to the Roman Church as such.—Yours faithfully,
W. R. INGHAM.

DEATH OF MR. FERRIS SHEPHERD. ONE OF DEVON'S PIONEERS.

The death of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, senr., took place at Hersham, Surrey, on Friday last. For some time past he had been a great sufferer from asthma, and during the past winter his strength gave way. During the two last months he was obliged to keep to his bed, and slowly, but surely, in spite of a good constitution and careful nursing, his strength ebbed away.

During his illness, which he bore with great patience, he maintained a cheerful spirit, and displayed quiet endurance to the end.

Mr. Ferris Shepherd came from a good old family of ringers, well known throughout Devon and the West of England. Born on April 30th, 1857, he commenced ringing early in life, and his first peal was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, in which he rang the 4th. Change ringing in Devonshire was practically unknown in those days, and the attitude towards half-pull ringers and ringing was very hostile in many places. This opposition continued for many years, but step by step, by sheer hard work and by the influence of the Devon Guild, a small number of workers, of whom Mr. Shepherd was one, gradually made change ringing more widely known. In 1884, Mr. Shepherd conducted a peal, in which his three brothers also took part. In 1887 he conducted the first peal in Dorset, and shortly after the eight at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was increased to ten, he conducted the first peal of Caters ever rung in Devonshire. The first peals of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples in Taunton were conducted by him.

From 1879 to 1904, Mr. Shepherd rang nearly 70 peals in the West of England, mostly for the Devon Guild. Of these he conducted over 30, and when one comes to weigh these facts—scattered districts, the few change ringers, the opposition to half-pull ringing, and other difficulties—such a record is very worthy of a ringer who spent the best part of 25 years in teaching bands the art of change ringing throughout a county such as Devon. On October 6th, 1902, Mr. Shepherd took part in the first peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, and when he left Exeter for Ireland in 1904, he was presented with a beautiful address, together with a handsome gold chain and pendant by the Devon Guild.

From 1904 to 1909, Mr. Shepherd was resident at Arklow, Ireland, and during his stay there rang a number of peals, mostly at Arklow, with Mr. J. W. Washbrook. For the last twelve years deceased lived at Hersham, Surrey, and, together with his sons, took up tune ringing, in addition to the other branches of the art. Always cheerful in disposition, his delight was to train young hands, and many a hand owe their early steps in ringing to his untiring energy. His total number of peals was 113, including three handbell peals, one of which was rung by himself and his three sons. Just over twelve months ago he ran his last quarter-peal, the band comprising four Woodrow's and four Shepherd's. He had long desired to ring a quarter-peal with Mrs. W. Shepherd, wife of one of his sons, and this event practically brought his ringing life to a close. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Hersham.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Whitby on Bank Holiday, there being a good attendance of members from Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Saltburn, Middlesbrough, and Darlington (St. John's). The bells, a peal of ten, were kept going throughout the day in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. The striking was generally very good, and several ringers took part in methods that they only get the opportunity of ringing on these rare occasions. Dinner was provided at the Pier Cafe, and presided over by the Rev. C. R. Hone (Rector of Whitby), supported by Vice-Presidents G. F. Alexander (Robin Hood's Bay) and J. M. Fassman (Middlesbrough), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

After the loyal toast, the Rector welcomed the Association to Whitby, and spoke very highly of these meetings in bringing ringers together. Although he did not understand very much about change ringing, he had paid various visits to the belfry, and was very much taken up by the enthusiasm of his own ringers and the welcome he received. He eulogised the work which his ringers did, and specially mentioned their attendance at the church services, which he hoped the ringers generally did not forget.

Mr. G. F. Alexander, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Whitby for presiding over the meeting, and also for the use of the bells, said the clergy should take a greater interest in church bell ringing than they usually did, so that the ringers themselves would come more into touch with the clergy.—The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. Fassman, who said that a good many of the clergy never took the slightest interest in ringing.—This vote having been carried by acclamation, the Rector responded, expressing the hope that the Association would not be long before it paid Whitby another visit.

Several new members were elected, including the Rector of Whitby as an honorary member.

CARISBROOKE BELLS.

ROYAL BELL CASTING.

The Croydon Foundry has been honoured by another royal visit. On Friday last the Princess Beatrice, who is Governor of the Isle of Wight, visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's establishment to witness the casting of the new peal for Carisbrooke Church. The princess was naturally much interested in the proceedings, which were explained to her by Mr. Cyril Johnston, and she also inspected the work in connection with bells and clocks going on in other parts of the factory.

The original bells at Carisbrooke were cast in 1770, and the old inscriptions have been reproduced, including the following:—

Musick is medicine to the mind.
To honour both of God and King
Our voices shall in consort ring.
In wedlock bands all ye who join,
With hands your hearts unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.
Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round.

A new inscription which is being added reads:—

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory.

A model bell was cast from the metal of the old Carisbrooke peal, and presented to the Princess, who also heard tunes played on the fine new peal of ten for Rochester Cathedral, which were standing mouth upwards on the foundry floor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter branch of the Devon Guild was held at Exmouth on Saturday, April 9th. It opened with a service in the Church of All Saints, at Withycombe, the Rev. G. E. Davies (Exeter) giving an address. Ten was subsequently provided in the All Saints' Institute, by the kindness of Mrs. R. B. Ponsford and other ladies.

Mr. E. Shepherd presided over the quarterly meeting, and among those present were Mr. W. J. Southwood (secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Revs. G. E. Davies, J. E. B. Ball (Littleham), and F. H. Franklin (Withycombe). Messrs. S. Hull and R. B. Ponsford (churchwardens), and about 33 members of the Exeter and district branch.

It was decided to suspend the next quarterly meeting in July, and to hold the annual assembly on Saturday, November 26th, at Heavitree.

The Devon Guild annual meeting has been fixed to take place at Torquay on Whit-Monday, and in view of the Prince of Wales' visit to Exeter on that date an expression of opinion was asked for from the general secretary as to the advisability of holding the meeting on that day or on the previous Saturday afternoon.

A suggestion was thrown out that Torquay might be asked to give up the meeting in favour of Exeter on the occasion. This led up to an interesting discussion. One speaker suggested that if the ringers met at Exeter the four towers could be opened up and the bells rung in honour of the Prince's visit. Whether this would be in keeping with the unveiling of a County War Memorial to the fallen was questioned, and a member considered that the ringing of a knell would more suitably mark the occasion. It was eventually agreed, on a vote being taken, to adhere to the holding of the meeting at Torquay.

Votes of thanks were extended to the clergy and to the ladies for providing tea, and to Mr. Skinner for making the arrangements.—Replying to a similar compliment for presiding, the Chairman remarked that ringing, like everything else, if they wanted to push things forward, must have help from the younger generation.

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

It was only right that the claims of Cullompton to have one of the quarterly meetings of the North-East Branch of the Devon Guild held there should have received recognition, seeing that less than a year ago the bells were rehung and augmented to ten by Messrs. Taylor and Son, and are the only ring of ten within the area of the activities of the branch. The meeting was held on April 2nd, and the attendance numbered 36, including Mr. E. Shepherd, who kindly superintended the ringing in the absence of the hon. secretary, through indisposition, and other ringers from Exeter. A service was held in the fine old Parish Church, and a very interesting and practical sermon was preached by the Vicar (the Rev. R. N. F. Phillips).

After tea, the Vicar was thanked for conducting the service, and regret was expressed that he was so soon leaving the neighbourhood. Reference was also made to his work in connection with the bells and to the impetus he had given to the introduction of change ringing in Cullompton.—Mr. Elsworthy (Halberton) was heartily thanked for his help in instructing the local band, members of which showed how they had profited thereby.—Ten local ringers were elected members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for the excellent manner in which they had arranged the tea, and general regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the hon. secretary (the Rev. B. V. Cox). It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Hantsam, probably in July.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A comparatively well-attended meeting was held at Petersfield on Saturday week, when, despite the threatened railway strike, members attended from Alverstoke, Havant, Curdridge, Petersfield, Portsmouth and Portsea, visitors from Maidstone and Liss, and also the Ringing Master, Mr. George Williams (North Stoneham). Ringing began with Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major followed. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, to which over 20 ringers sat down. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. G. Williams was voted to the chair, in the absence of the Vicar. One performing member, one honorary member, and one compounding member were admitted, and it was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Soberton on July 16th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Petersfield for the use of the bells was passed, after which further ringing took place.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Puttenham on Saturday, April 9th, and was attended by ringers from Aldershot, Cranleigh, Godalming, Guildford (two towers), Haslemere, Shere, Seale, Worplesdon, as well as the local company. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Cooke, Yarborough, officiated at the service, and tea was served in the old Schoolroom, the Rector presiding. Eight new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round on the church bells.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCES.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Hindle 1, W. Aarons (1st 720) 2, F. Hollins 3, A. Chadwick 4, L. Rostron 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, 588 Stedman Triples: A. Gilbert 1, W. L. Darlow 2, W. B. Manning (conductor) 3, R. Wilketson 4, E. Bonnett 5, S. E. Roberts 6, R. G. King 7, P. Muncey 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Vigors and All Saints, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins.: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8.

OPENING PEAL ON NEW SHEFFIELD BELLS.

When the war memorial peal of eight bells, by Taylor and Co., of Handsworth, Sheffield, was opened last December by an ex-service band it was arranged that at the first convenient opportunity this band should ring the first peal on them, and this was successfully accomplished on Saturday week, when at the first attempt a well-struck peal of 5,036 changes of Bob Major (already recorded) was brought round in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

The bells are a fine-toned peal tuned on the Simpson principle, and the steady striking brought the beautiful harmonies well into evidence, causing much pleasure to many listeners belonging to the parish, who were round about, and several of whom came up the tower at the conclusion of the peal to express their gratification.

It is of interest to note that the third bell, presented by the Handsworth Girls' Club, was rung by a lady, Miss W. M. Hague, so that at the opening of the bells she took this bell, although unaware at the time of its association.

After the peal, the band, in company with Mr. Watkinson, late of the Cathedral, who is training the Handsworth ringers, were most hospitably entertained by the Rector of Handsworth, and Mrs. Baker, who expressed the pleasure they felt in now possessing such an excellent peal of bells, and in hearing them put to such good use. After tea, some of the band entertained those present with some well-struck touches on the handbells, Grandsire Cafers, Duffield and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being successfully brought round.

The band, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' would like to express their hearty appreciation of the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Baker in entertaining them so hospitably, and in showing so much interest in all their doings, and to Mr. Watkinson and the local ringers for making all the necessary arrangements for the peal.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, April 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: W. E. Meffen 1, F. Overton 2, S. Bromfield 3, J. B. Budd (conductor) 4, F. Metcalfe 5, R. S. Long 6, E. Brown 7, J. W. Seamer 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 44 mins.: F. Overton 1, H. Mingay 2, S. Bromfield 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. W. Long 5, R. S. Long 6, F. Metcalfe 7, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 8. First touch of Double Norwich by all and in Grimsby. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at this church.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS

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ASSOCIATIONS.		MAXIMUS.		CINQUES.		ROYAL.		CATERS.			
Points per peal		Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge Surprise	Double Oxford	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire
		18	15	32	13	40	22	16	12	28	10
1	Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	2	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	3	—
2	Bath and Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
3	Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Cambridge U. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Central Northants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
6	Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Cleveland and N. Yorks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
8	Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Dudley and Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
10	Durham and Newcastle	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
11	Ely & St. Edmundsbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
12	Essex County	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
13	Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	2(c)	1	—	—	—	3	6
14	Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15	Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
16	Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1
17	Lancashire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
18	Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Llandaff Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	7
20	London County	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	4	1
21	Middlesex County	—	—	5	—	2	—	3	—	6	—
22	Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2
23	Norwich and Ipswich ...	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
24	Oxford Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
25	Peterboro' and Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	R. Cumberland Youths	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	St. Martin's Guild	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
28	Salisbury Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Salop Archidiaconal	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
30	Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Stoke Archidiaconal ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Surrey County	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	1	1
33	Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Warwickshire Guild	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	2	2
35	Winchester Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
36	Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
37	Yorkshire	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
38	Independent Societies	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
TOTALS...		3	1	23	3	11	1	23	8	37	36

(a) 1 Double Oxford.
(b) Little Bob.

(c) Including 13,001—4 peals.
(d) 1 Erin.

PRESENTATION TO MR. EDWIN HORREX.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Tuesday evening, April 19th, held at the Coffee Pot, the worthy and respected 'father' of the College Youths, Mr. Ted Horrex, was presented with an enlarged photograph, suitably inscribed and framed, together with a sum of money.

The photograph was taken by Mr. F. Ball, a member of the society, on Mr. Horrex's 83rd birthday, the inscription reading as follows: 'Presented to Mr. Edwin Horrex by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, with their hearty congratulations, upon his having rung a peal of Stedman Triples on Easter Monday, 1921, at the age of 83.'

The presentation was made by Mr. T. Faulkner, acting chairman, who, in a brief but appropriate speech, assured Mr. Horrex that the society were very proud of him, and further expressed the wish that he might be spared long to remain their 'father'. The photograph would ever remind him of the happy times spent among them, and the real affection in which he was held by the society and the whole of the ringing fraternity generally.

The 'Grand Old Man' briefly responded, thanking the members for their kindness, and Mr. Ball for taking the photograph.

Postcards of Mr. Horrex can be obtained from Mr. T. Ball, 9, Galveston Road, East Putney, at 5d. each, post free, or enlarged and mounted, 3s. 6d., post 1s. 3d.

RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1920.

appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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(e) 1 Guildford.

(f) Including 7185 Kent Treble Bob=2 peals.

(g) 1 ' Worcester ' Treble Bob.

(h) Little St. Lawrence.

(k) including 7104 Kent T.B.=2 peaks

(m) 1 Little Bob and Plain Bob Major.

(n) Including 10,050 in

14 Minor Methods.

Points for Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, 12

Points for Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, 12.

Points for Little St. Lawrence Major, 16.

1 (The other statistics are given on page 243.)

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Of all the anniversaries that ringers might well celebrate, that of the first recorded peal might well take precedence. This was Grand-sire Bob Triples (probably what we now know as Plain Bob), and was rung on May 2nd, 1715, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The peal board is still in existence.

On May 1st, 1842, the first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire was rung at Leeds, and May 7th is the anniversary of a 12,312 Grandsire Caters in 7 hours 44 mins., at Painswick, 104 years ago.

Our recent reference to James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, has led Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, to send us some interesting particulars. He has a copy of James Barham's book, in which are recorded 96 peals by this great ringer with the Leeds Youths, and 20 with the Lenham Society. His last peal was rung on July 8th, 1817, at the age of 91 years.

Mr. Slater sends us a quotation from the 'Bury Post' of 1788, which will put all previous claims by ladies into the shade. The first peal in which a member of the gentler sex took part was, according to this, rung 133 years ago. Under the heading of 'Bury News,' the paragraph states: 'A few days since was rang at Newton, near this town, on a set of handbells, a complete peal of 5,040 changes, 1506 Major, in 3 hours and 14 minutes, the tenor of which was rang by a girl only 13 years of age.'

The band at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, South Wales, have presented the Rev. D. A. Jones with a silver bell inkstand as a mark of their esteem, upon his leaving the parish. Mr. Jones has been one of the ringers at St. Catherine's Church, and the ringers have much appreciated his fellowship.

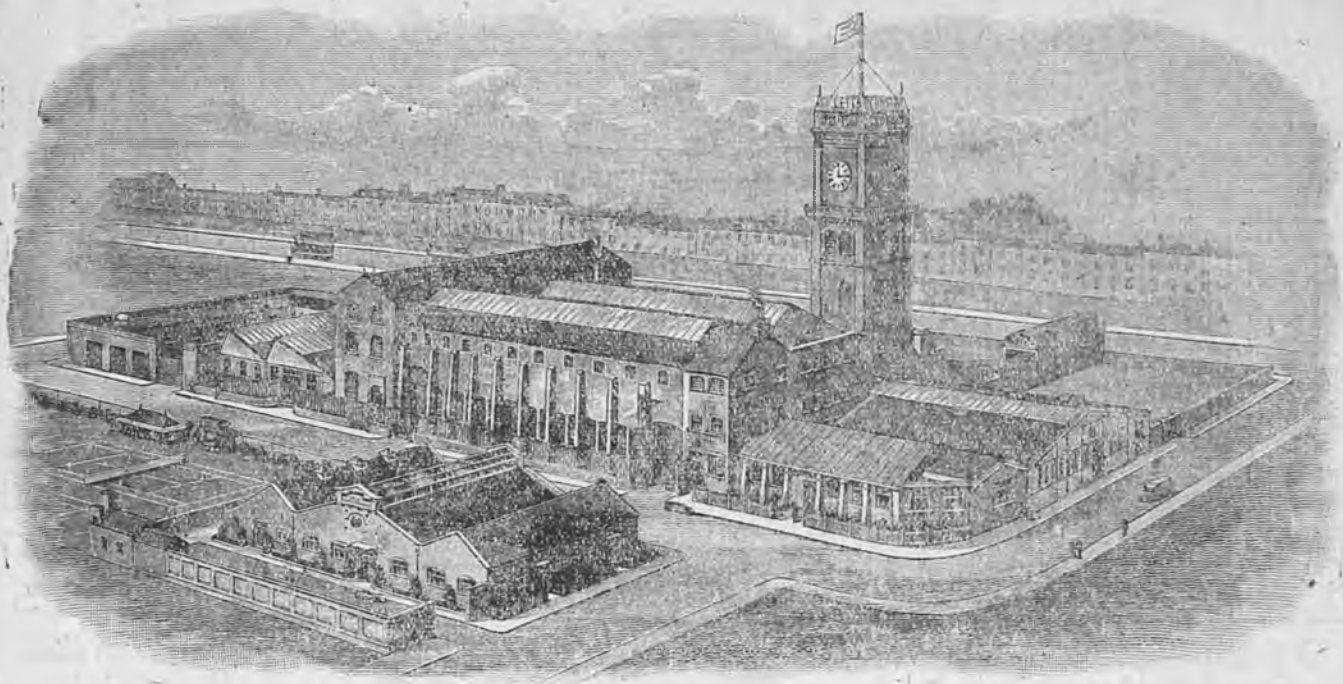
It is now quite certain that 13 years is not the earliest age at which a boy has rung a tower bell peal. At the age of 11 years 4½ months, Frederick James Bowley rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5,160 changes) at Kirby Muxloe, on July 6th, 1920, having been a service ringer before he was nine. He has a younger brother also aged nine, who can ring the treble. Another who scored a peal while he was eleven was Mr. James F. Duffield, who rang the treble to a peal of Bob Major, at Pulham, Norfolk, on Feb. 10th, 1912. We have some recollection, however, that a son of Mr. J. W. Washbrook rang a peal even younger than this.

A sign of the progressive times. The first peal of Cambridge Royal for the Midland Counties Association has been at All Saints', Loughborough.

At Glossop Parish Church, a marble tablet has been unveiled to the brave and honoured memory of Gunner Maurice Cooper, a service ringer at the church, who was killed in action on September 1st, 1918. Muffled touches of Treble Bob, etc., were rung before and after the service, at which the unveiling took place.

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BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

(Continued from page 241.)

The 16 peals rung by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Derby, 5; Glamorgan, 2; Middlesex, 2; Norfolk, 2; Northampton, 1; Nottingham, 2; Stafford, 1; Worcester, 1.

The 206 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: In the Kent Variation: Maximus, 6; Royal, 27; Major, 146. In the Oxford Variation: Royal, 3; Major, 22. In the spliced: Kent and Oxford Variation, 2 peals of Major.

The 237 peals of Grandsire Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 56; Holt's 10-part and variations, 34; Parker's 6-part, 11; Parker's 12-part, 71; Carter's 12-part and variations, 13; Taylor's peals, 17; Hollis' peals, 6; Thurstan's peals, 6; Day's peals, 3; Vicars' peals, 3; and other peals, 17.

The 150 peals in Plain Methods comprised: On Tower Bells: Maximus, 1; Royal, 8; Major, 93. On Handbells: Maximus, 2; Royal, 9; Major, 37. There were also rung one peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal, one peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, one peal of Oxford Bob Triples, and two peals of Union Triples.

The 163 peals of Stedman Triples comprised: Thurstan's 1-part, 1; Thurstan's 4-part and variations, 135; Washbrook's peals, 10; Carter's peals, 6; Rev. E. Bulwer's peals, 4; Sir A. P. Heywood's peals, 4; Parker's peals, 2; Lates' peal, 1.

The number of methods rung in the various peals of Minor and Doubles are shown in the following tables:—

(1) PEALS OF MINOR.

	TOWER BELLS.												Total Tower.	HAND- BELLS.				Total Hand.	Grand Total.	Minor.
	No. of Methods.													No. of Methods.						
	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	14	13	12	11	10		
Bath & Wells.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1		
Bedfordshire.....	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	4	24	—	—	24		
Central Northants ..	—	—	—	—	2	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	11	—	—	11		
Chester Diocesan.....	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	7	—	—	7		
Durham & Newcastle Ely & St. Edmunds- bury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1		
Essex Association ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	8	—	2	1	2	5	13
Gloucester & Bristol Hereford Diocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	12	1	1	1	2	5	13
Hertfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	1	1	10	15	—	—	—	—	—	45
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	11
Lancashire	—	—	—	—	—	13	1	1	4	7	3	5	5	34	—	—	—	—	—	34
Lincoln Diocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	4
Middlesex County ..	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	3	1	4	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Midland Counties ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich & Ipswich ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	5	7	9	1	17	50	—	—	3	—	—	—	53
Peterborough & Dist. St. Martin's Guild ..	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	2	1	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Salop Archdiocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Stoke Archdiocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	2
Surrey Association ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	1
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	3
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—	1
Winchester Diocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Worcestershire & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
Independent	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	8	8	—	—	—	—	3
	1	1	2	4	3	13	21	31	15	76	257	1	3	2	7	13	270			

(2) PEALS OF DOUBLES.

	TOWER BELLS.					Total Tower.	HAND-BELLS.				Grand Total.	Doubles.
	No. of Methods.						No. of Methods.					
	5	4	3	2	1		1	2	3	4		
Bath & Wells.....			2	1	16	19						19
Bedfordshire.....	1			3	1	5						5
Central Northants.....					4	4						4
Ely & St. Edmundsbury.....			1	1	2	4						4
Essex County.....				2	1	3						3
Gloucester and Bristol.....				1	3	3						4
Hereford Diocesan.....			1		6	4	3		3		10	
Hertfordshire.....					1	7						1
Kent County.....					1	1						1
Lancashire.....					1	1						1
Lincoln Diocesan.....					1	1						1
Midland Counties.....		1			12	13	2		2		15	
Norwich & Ipswich.....			2			2				1	3	
Oxford Diocesan.....					2	2					2	
Salisbury Diocesan.....					3	3					3	
Salop Archdiocesan.....							1			1	1	
Stafford Archdiocesan.....					1	1					1	
Sussex County.....					5	5					5	
Worcestershire & Dist. Independent Societies.....		1	2	1	4	8					8	
					3	3					3	
	1	2	8	9	67	87	5		7		94	

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following list. Figures in brackets added to a name denote the number of handbell peals conducted.

65 peals, A. H. Pulling (49); 40 peals, W. E. E. (1); 34 peals, C. F. Bailey (17); 30 peals, G. H. Cross (2); 23 peals, G. Williams; 21 peals, F. Bennett (1); 20 peals, E. Morris; 19 peals, E. M. Atkins (9); K. Hart; 18 peals, C. R. Lilley (1); J. Thomas (9); 16 peals, C. W. Clarke; 15 peals, T. Groombridge, senr.; 14 peals, O. Sippetts; 13 peals, C. Edwards, F. W. Richardson (1); 12 peals, J. E. Groves (6); G. F. Swann (5); T. H. Taffender (4); 11 peals, C. T. Coles, F. H. Dexter, E. C. Goby, W. C. Medler (4); 10 peals, N. R. Bailey, C. E. Fisher, J. D. Sykes, A. Wright; 9 peals, T. T. Goffon (3), W. H. J. Hooton (8), H. Langdon (2), F. W. Naunton (1), G. Pigott, R. Sperring, J. W. Washbrook; 8 peals, W. E. Bason (1); 9 peals, O. Broyd (5), A. W. Gayton, S. Grove; 7 peals, J. Austin, G. H. Daynes, J. T. Dyke, F. A. Holden (3), F. J. Lambert, J. Lord, G. R. Newton, A. Belle, W. C. Rumsey, S. Thomas, A. Tout; 6 peals, W. J. Allen, E. Barnett, senr., A. D. Barker, F. Chamberlain, A. E. Edwards, J. Hunt, W. Keeble, R. Matthews, F. M. Mitchell, J. Motts, H. R. Pasmore (3), W. Poston, J. Potter, G. E. Symonds, J. H. W. White, W. Willson; 5 peals, W. Ayre; W. H. Barber, A. Davies, E. P. Duffield, J. Hemming, Rev. H. L. James (1), W. J. Jeffries, E. Jenkins, P. J. Johnson (3), D. T. Matkin (3), C. W. Player, W. Short.

In addition to the foregoing, 25 persons conducted four peals; 38 three peals; 95 two peals, and 236 one peal. One peal on tower bells was non-conducted, two peals on handbells were conducted in 720's by all the band in turn, and two peals were published without the name of the conductor. Miss E. K. Parker conducted two peals, viz., London Surprise Major for the Hertfordshire Association, and Superlative Surprise Major for the Middlesex Association; and Miss O. L. Lumley conducted two peals on handbells, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the other of Kent Treble Bob Major, both for the Yorkshire Association.

Four peals above 7,000 changes were rung in 1920. The longest, a peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, was rung by the Painswick Youths; another, of 10,080 changes, was rung on handbells in 14 Minor Methods for the Essex Association, and two other peals of 7,186 and 7,104 changes respectively; the one, Double Norwich for the Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and the other, Kent Treble Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association. The number of peals rung on tower bells was 1,301, and on handbells 170.

The peals rung month by month in 1919 and 1920 are appended for comparison.

	1919.	1920.		1919.	1920.
January.....	54	135	July.....	138	90
February.....	58	114	August.....	116	123
March.....	50	81	September.....	87	105
April.....	41	131	October.....	61	141
May.....	63	132	November.....	143	169
June.....	67	93	December.....	150	157
	353	686		695	785

Total for 1919, 1045; for 1920, 1471.

The total number of peals on tower and handbells rung year by year since 1881 is as follows:—

1881...155	1883...759	1895...766	1902...1313	1909...1628	1916...217
1882...244	1889...757	1896...791	1903...1459	1910...1725	1917...130
1883...330	1890...699	1897...905	1904...1513	1911...1739	1918...277
1884...419	1891...878	1898...1002	1905...1519	1912...2329	1919...1046
1885...500	1892...802	1899...912	1906...1313	1913...2359	1920...1471
1886...555	1893...705	1900...924	1907...1339	1914...1415	
1887...646	1894...859	1901...1194	1908...1474	1915...259	
			Grand total, 39,580.		

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The many ringing friends of Mr. W. S. Wise will regret to hear that he has been laid up for twelve months, and is now confined to his bed with no hope of recovery. His long illness has resulted in bringing him into very low circumstances, and I should welcome for his assistance any subscriptions, however small, forwarded either to me, or to Mr. W. Wise, 19, Cromwell Road, West Croydon, direct, which will be duly acknowledged. ARTHUR MASON.

99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday week at Farnham, about 40 ringers and their friends being present. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. O. Crum, Rector of Farnham, who gave an extremely interesting address. After tea, a short business meeting was held, when three members were elected, and Hershaw was chosen for the next meeting in June. The Rector had, at his own suggestion, kindly obtained permission for the ringers to visit the castle and grounds, and under his able guidance the majority of the ringers spent a very pleasant hour. Ringing was afterwards resumed. The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Bagshot, Binsted, Cranleigh, Farnham, Farnborough and Guildford.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, F. Skevington 4, A. Outmore 5, G. C. Hes 6, W. E. Judd 7, A. Harding 8, H. Belcher 9, N. A. C. Smith 10.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on Sunday evening, April 24th, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): F. Belsey 1, Chr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M. (conductor) 2, H. Hogarth 3, H. Springate 4, S. Shellock 5, F. Richardson 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, April 17th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, 832 Bob Major, in 33 mins., by the local band: H. Watts 1, R. Allred, jun. 2, H. Allred 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, T. Allred 6, H. Allred 7, R. Allred, sen. (conductor) 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Padgham 1, W. Marshall 2, A. Relfe (conductor) 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, H. Price 6. All belong to the local band, and this is their first 720 of Cambridge since the war. Also recently, 720 Worcester Treble Bob: H. Padgham 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, H. Price 6.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor: W. Sambles 1, G. Jones 2, J. Thomas 3, W. Thomas 4, J. W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method ever rung on these bells for Sunday service.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 17th, at the Parish Church, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of Stedman Triples (1921 changes), composed by A. J. Pittman, and published on this page on April 8th: A. Walker, jun. 1, J. H. Lenton 2, W. Hawley 3, A. Walker, sen. 4, J. Fryer 5, J. Jackson 6, H. Walters (conductor) 7, T. Holder 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Bush 1, G. Warinton 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, Miss L. Stevens 4, J. B. Hessey (composer and conductor) 5, A. E. Gray 6, J. Crocker 7, H. R. Stevens 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Thorley (1st 720) 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, W. Hobson 6.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—At the Church of All Saints, for morning

service, on Sunday, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles, by J. R. Penning), in 39 mins.: T. Williamson 1, H. Baker 2, C. Cousins 3, C. Donald 4, W. Rose, junr., 5, F. Rose (conductor) 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. Paulinus, on a recent Sunday evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Garner 1, W. Coe 2, H. Audsley 3, J. Spooner 4, E. Barnett, sen., 5, H. Gibbs 6, E. Barnett, jun. (conductor) 7, H. Childs 8.

WOOLWICH.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), at St. Mary's Church, in 47

mins., by the following: W. H. Horsley 1, F. Grove 2, W. Aldridge 3, W. W. Horsley 4, W. Watchorne 5, A. J. Horsley 6, N. North (conductor) 7, E. Pollard 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Trappitt 1, J. Trappitt 2, A. Arnold 3, Mrs. R. Whittington 4, T. Tulbot 5, J. Ploverman 6, A. Trappitt (conductor) 7, R. Whittington 8, A. Claxton 8, J. Fowler 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of treble and tenor.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a spliced 720 in 4 methods, Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley Surprise: J. Neal 1, F. Blood 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, J. Osborne 4, A. S. Allen 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Also 360 of London, Cuneastre and Walls (spliced): A. E. Larkinson 1, rest as before. For evening service, an attempt to ring Lincoln and Coldstream (spliced) failed, but 360 of these methods were rung by: A. E. Larkinson 1, F. Blood 2, J. W. Lake 3, J. Osborne 4, A. S. Allen 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Arranged for F. Blood, late member of the Bourne Company.

EDENHAM.—On Easter Day, in the afternoon, an attempt for a Surprise peal was lost in the second 720 owing to a change course. Afterwards touches of Double Court and Worcester Treble Bob.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, 476 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. Dew 5, W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgewell 8. Also 350 Oxford Bob Triples.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Cooper 1, G. T. Mitchell (conductor) 2, R. Ingram 3, M. Watts Read 4, F. Horton 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, E. Weston 7, H. Cook 8. All are members of the local band.

RINGING FOR ETERNITY.

By the Rev. H. DRAKE.

Sir Oliver Lodge tells us that his son Raymond, from the other world, said that the vicious are sent to a place which is 'not hell exactly,' where 'they gravitate together, but get so bored.' To which a theologian has retorted, 'One might venture to say that it is exactly hell.' It is not necessary to believe in these revelations in order to learn a lesson from them.

Ringers can get a better idea of the infinity of God than most people. We know that we can only understand our Art by strictly limiting it. We begin with changes on a very few bells, and never go beyond those on twelve. Yet we know that there are an infinite number of changes, which are quite beyond our power to conceive, and yet (like everything else) are held in being by God, the Absolute and Infinite. We can imagine how much more glorious and beautiful the changes on sixteen bells would be either to listen to or to ring, than any we now use. We can imagine all the uninteresting changes in the one octave rendered attractive by what is missing being added in the other octave; or we can imagine now principles by which all uninteresting changes are eliminated. And all this is only a step out of our reach. What are the possibilities of Infinity?

On the other hand, how unending may be the tedium of dulness. Think of 'Plain Changes' on 16 bells; or of a parody of Stedman in which all the bells behind make places instead of dodging. Or imagine men who know about the best there is of change ringing, and are capable of appreciating it, deliberately spending all their lives in discussing the possibilities of changes on four bells only. Would they not 'feel so bored' and have made their own hell?

There is nothing that can prepare a ringer's heart for the worshipping of the God of order and of change, like the harmony of well-struck changes, leading to their fore-ordained end in a musical order. But if after having thus received 'boldness to enter into the holiest,' he turns away and 'neglects so great salvation,' has he not in similar manner made his own hell? Nay, but we will 'draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,' and hear those things 'which it is not lawful for a man to utter.'

HERBERT DRAKE.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567

1243576	3	5
1423567	3	6 8
2134765	5	7 8
3241567	5	7 8
4312765	5	7 8
4132756	3	6 8
3421657	5	7 8
2314756	5	7 8

Twice repeated.

The late Henry Johnson.

1376 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
36245	—	2	3	
23564	—	—	3	
24536	—	—	2	
25346	—	—	2	
23456	—	—	2	

Reduced to 704 by calling W and M after first 5 courses.

F. W. Rogers.

1299 STEDMAN CATERS.

231456789 5 16

515482978*	
314265	2
412365	2
413265	8 2
512465	2
214365	2
214365879	12S 19

* 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 14 16

A. Walker.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567

752634	1
237546	3
372546	4
653472	1
536472	4
725643	2
367425	1
253746	2

Four times repeated. Can be brought round after any part and without further calls. H. G. Miles.

NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on April 30th. Service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Dis. Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield (Stainforth G. C. Station), on April 30th. Bells (8) ready at 12.30; tea at 4, followed by short service.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, April 30th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Est. 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Vicarage Rooms at 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11 Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. A Monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

SALOP RINGERS' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing and short service at St. Oswald's Church. Tea 1s. 4d. at Oswestry Castle Refreshment Rooms and meeting. Local ringers invited.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Short Service 5.30. Tea in Parish Room 6 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly acquaint Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, a few days

before the meeting? The charge for tea will be 1s. 6d. per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will be arranged, at a moderate charge, for all those who advise me by Monday, May 2nd. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church, Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 7.—I. Schofield, Hon. Sec., 12, Kersley Street, Oldham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Parker. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring same let me know by May 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on May 7th. Service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Peter's Parish Room 4 p.m. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2 to 3.30 p.m., from 6.30 p.m. No tea arranged this year.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Guild service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided) and meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting of this Society will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 till 9 p.m. The general business meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Central Council and friends heartily welcomed) on May 17th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A Quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Guild will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, visitors 1/6 each; those who intend being present must advise me by May 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided if possible.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at Vicarage 5.45, 1/- each; those requiring tea must notify me not later than May 4th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 7th. Please notify me on or before May 1st how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street, at 5.30 p.m. Those likely to attend will oblige by kindly notifying me.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Watford District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. East Retford bells (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea at Howard's Restaurant at 4.45 p.m., 1/6 per head to members, 2/6 per head to visitors who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than Wednesday, May 4th. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker (8 bells) on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will (D.V.) be held at Mobberley on Saturday, May 7th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on May 7th at Cawthorne. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Buses run from Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Wrentham on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Church School Room, 5.30 p.m., to elect District Sec. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Naunton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Marlborough on Monday, May 9th. Annual meeting at Town Hall, 2 p.m. The Earl of Shaftesbury will preside. Service in St. Mary's Church, 3.30. Preacher, Rev. C. D. Hoste, Rector. Tea at Town Hall, 4.45, 1/-. Please give Secretary a week's notice. Bells available: Marlborough, St. Peter (8), St. Mary (6); Aldbourne, Bishop's Cannings (near Devizes), Calne (8); Ogbourne, St. George, Pewsey, Savernake Forest (6 and 5).—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at

3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—W. Hughes and J. Halsall, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th, instead of Heywood, as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Rochester Cathedral. The new Ring of Ten will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester on Whit Saturday, May 14th, at 3.30. H.E. the American Ambassador and the Lord Bishop of Rochester will be present. Further particulars next week.—A. Osborne, Secretary.

VISITORS TO LONDON.—Whit Sunday, May 15th. Help will be appreciated at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, S.W.1, close to Victoria Station, S. E. & C. R. Ringing from 6 to 7 p.m. Grandsire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Walbamstow on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Short Service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m., with a valedictory address by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary. Tea (1/3 each) at 4 p.m., at the Church House, to be followed by the Annual meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: St. Mary's (10), St. Saviour's (8), Chigwell Row (6), Leytonstone (6), Wanstead (6) and Woodford (6). Those intending to be present at tea must notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 10th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) tenor 20 cwt., Sharrow (8) tenor 13 cwt., are available for ringing. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/-, non-members 3/-, those intending to be at lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday first post, May 11th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday Meeting will be held at Darlington. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the Fleece Hotel, Blackwellgate. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. General meeting afterwards. Important business: Ringers' War Memorial. The bells of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available for ringing during the day. All those intending to be present should inform me not later than May 12th.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches will be held at Lowestoft on Whit-Monday, May 16th. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. The general business meeting will take place at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Gen. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 12th.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 15th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in Upper Vestry (All Saints' Church). Service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 p.m., at 3/6 per head to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton, by Tuesday, May 10th. Business after luncheon. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8). All Saints (8), if possible.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and War Memorial. See last week's Notice for particulars. Motions: To alter Rule III. and addendum, Rule IV.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind invitation, a joint meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. It is proposed to journey by charabanc, via Huntingdon. All ringers wishing to attend please notify me as soon as possible. Further particulars later.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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CLANDON, SURREY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 17th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. Melville (first 720) 1, F. Day 2, J. Goacher 3, W. R. Melville 4, W. Savage 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

KILDWICK.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 56 mins.: P. Duffill 1, T. Rogers 2, C. Brown 3, R. Robinson 4, H. Wilcock 5, H. Roe 6, W. Billows (conductor) 7, C. Law 8. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. P. Duffill, who sailed for Canada on Saturday, April 16th, his brother ringers wishing him every success and the best of luck.

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