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THE POSITION IN 12-BELL TOWERS.

The pointed comments upon the condition of ringing in the twelve-bell towers of the country offered by our correspondent 'Once a Beginner' will be read with interest. The writer of the letter has as wide a personal knowledge of the matter as most people, and, speaking generally, it must be admitted there is little that can be disputed in his review of the position. The centres where twelve-bell ringing is really seriously cultivated are far too few, compared with the number of twelve-bell towers, and 'Once a Beginner' puts his finger unerringly upon the principal causes.

In several cases, of course, the bells are not in sufficiently good a condition to make ringing an attractive occupation; in others, the surroundings are such that opportunities are exceedingly limited, and in either of these circumstances little can be effected, although, we think, the development of a greater enthusiasm might eventually result in getting the dilapidated rings put in order. In a considerable number of instances, however, neither of the foregoing reasons can be advanced for the lack of good twelve-bell ringing in the towers favoured with sufficient bells. Absence of real interest and enterprise and, as our correspondent puts it, the absence also of men with the necessary personality is, unfortunately, largely responsible. A man may be a clever ringer and a good conductor, and yet be a poor leader. This may be said with regard to ringers in every kind of tower, but it applies with additional force in the case of twelve-bell companies. Ringers are notoriously difficult teams to handle, and the man who can keep his band together and make them ringers of the first order, keen and capable, is not to be found in every tower. This kind of leader is born, not made, and we suppose the twelve-bell towers have only got their proportion of them.

At the same time, it is a pity that we do not find a more general activity in the twelve-bell towers. 'Once a Beginner' mentions some of those wherein there is real 'life,' and others could be added; but there is too long a list of places where, from one reason or another, little is done, and that little is all too poor. Those ringers who are privileged to have control of a peal of twelve ought to look upon their position as one carrying special responsibilities. They have the opportunity of extending the art of ringing in a direction which comparatively few can share, and if they really cherish the true interests of their calling, they will see to it that their bells are in the best condition, that their belfries are the best ordered, and that their ringing is of the best kind. Bad ringing is a source of annoyance to the public as well as to the good ringer;

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lack of unity and of enterprise in a single belfry is a weakness to the whole structure of the Exercise; and it is to the twelve-bell towers of the land that the rest should be able to look for leadership and example. Improvement cannot be expected all at once, but where ringing does not already reach the highest standard there is nothing to delay an immediate beginning if the ringers themselves like to will it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	*WILLIAM J. KEMP 7
*EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	*HAROLD W. CLARK 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	*WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 9
*ARTHUR MASON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of treble twelve, also first in the method by the Association. The above is the 100th peal the conductor has called on 12 bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON-BY-BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	JOHN JOYCE 6
ARTHUR GILL 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
WILLIAM JOYCE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 350). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This peal was rung in honour of the betrothal of H.R.H. the Princess Mary to a Yorkshire nobleman, Viscount Lascelles. This composition—the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's, and the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th's without the 2nd in 6th's—is now rung for the first time. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Pollie Gill, an esteemed member of the Bolton company.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST W. DAY Treble	HERBERT E. DAY 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	LEONARD FIDLER 6
*JOHN J. CAWDELL 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT 7
ERNEST J. NEWELL 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER 5
CHARLES COTTRELL 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
JOATHAN PRESTON 4	JOHN E. PYVELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. William Baden Preston, son of the ringer of the 4th, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Swann, wife of the conductor, and to the ringer of the 2nd.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
*GEORGE SEAMAN Treble	WILLIAM E. OAKLEY 5	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6	WILLIAM HEWITT 7
*JAMES A. HOWARD 2	HENRY J. WISE Tenor		
EDWARD JONES 3			
*ERIC M. ELLIOTT 4			

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, in January, 1920. It was rung by the local band, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Ayerst) for the great interest he takes in them. The ringer of the 3rd is in his 72nd year.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
BENJAMIN THORP Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 5	ALBERT ADAMS 6	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
SAMUEL WOOD 2	JOHN HARRISON Tenor		
JAMES H. RIDING 3			
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4			

Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

First peal as conductor in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 12, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*EDWARD GRINDLE Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
JOHN C. G. HAGGAR 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM JONES Treble	SYDNEY TUNNELL 5
JOHN G. HALL 2	JOHN C. POLLARD 6
JOHN W. PASSMAN 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. H. Stock, who has been Vicar of the parish for 15 years, and has now taken up the living of Westoe in the neighbourhood of Selby, Yorkshire.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
STEPHEN MADDISON Treble	JOHN W. WOOD 5
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN CERRY 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	GEORGE LADD 7
JOHN T. BROWN 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 518 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: W. Johnson 1, E. Hendley 2, E. Collins 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Green 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.	
*FRANK FOX Treble	ROBERT SPERRING 5
HARRY OVERTON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (160). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
GEORGE HARDY Treble	*JAMES M. BAILEY 5
JAMES G. ROMSEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. Morgan Jones).
* tooth peal on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	WALTER MASTERS 5
JAMES WHATMORE 2	WILLIAM POTTER 6
JOHN KENDALL 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
THOMAS WILLIAMS 4	ROBERT GORDON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member before starting. Rung by the local band on the fortieth anniversary of the first peal on the original six bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
RICHARD FORSTER Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (170). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First attempt in the method by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.
First peal in the method on the bells.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 6
*KEITH SALTER 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Major away from the treble. Believed to be the first peal of London Surprise in which a father and son have rung together.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, at SS. Peter and Leonard, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes): W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, J. Woffenden 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.			
HAROLD J. POOLE	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
JOHN OLDHAM	2	*EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
WILLIAM SMITH	3	*JAMES F. GEORGE	7
HARRY BROUGHTON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.			
FRYCE TAYLOR	Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
JOHN OLDHAM	2	JAMES F. GEORGE	6
*JOHN SADDINGTON	3	†HAROLD J. POOLE	7
*SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HARRY BROUGHTON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. The above peals were arranged for Messrs. E. C. Gobeys and J. F. George, of Ilkeston.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.			
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.			
WILFRED BOOTH	Treble	ROBERT J. DAVEY	5
ALFRED C. PANKHURST	2	GEORGE W. STOKES	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	BENJAMIN HOBBS	7
ARTHUR R. MILES	4	ALBERT READ	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
SIDNEY ANSTEAD	Treble	ISAAC EMERY	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	*RICHARD MORGAN	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	EDWIN BARNET, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.			
THOMAS BEVAN	Treble	EDWARD CHAPMAN	5
MISS KITTY SMITH	2	ERNEST PRYOR	6
FRANK SMITH	3	RICHARD BEVAN	7
CHARLES PRYOR	4	ARTHUR HARWIN	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.			
*BEN S. THOMPSON	Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
*GEORGE T. PEGNELL	2	WILLIAM E. BASON	6
WALTER CHANDLER	3	JOHN A. GODFREY	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	GEORGE MAYERS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in this method.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.			
THOMAS PAYNE	Treble	GERALD CAUDWELL	5
MRS. A. E. LOCK	2	WILLIAM STONE	6
HARRY HOLIFIELD	3	HARRY MILES	7
ALBERT E. LOCK	4	THOMAS STYLES	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY MILES.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.			
JOHN R. MAIN	Treble	*THOMAS ABBOTT	5
ARTHUR BELLAMY	2	THOMAS WILSON	6
*JOHN CLAYPOLE	3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...	7
LEONARD J. WYMAN	4	GEORGE BASFORD	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE BASFORD.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.			
GEORGE ALLDER	Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE	5
*ARTHUR MARTIN	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
FRANK BOREHAM	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
JOHN EVANS	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of London Surprise away from the treble.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.			
GEORGE BENNETT	Treble	JAMES ROSE	5
ALBERT FLEMING	2	GEORGE FLEMING	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	ERNEST E. LANHAM	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	4	T. WILLIAM LAST	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.			
ARTHUR LINTOTT	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ...	2	HERBERT LUDKIN	6
EDWARD CAUNCE	3	EDWIN BREEZE	7
CLAUDE I. DAVIES	4	JAMES MARTIN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.			
*JOHN W. CUPITT	Treble	FRANK F. HILL	5
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON ...	2	FRED W. HILL	6
KENNETH G. SHELDON ...	3	ALEX. HUTCHISON	7
THOMAS BETTISON	4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Author's Peal No. 75 B., now rung for the first time.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	JAMES R. KEMP ... 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... 7
ARTHUR GILL ... 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Queen and Princess Mary on their visit to Harewood House.

OAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARCHIE C. STOKES ... Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 5
*HENRY SQUIRES ... 2	GEORGE SCOTT ... 6
HENRY HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 7
*CALEB M. SIMCOCK ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

† First peal of Bob Major. * First peal on eight and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Mackears.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Katherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM BOLTON ... 5
HARRY PAGE ... 2	SIDNEY DAVE ... 6
WILLIAM B. BISS ... 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
ERNEST H. HUNT ... 4	HARRY WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

This peal was specially arranged as a welcome to the Rev. T. Parry Pryce, who was inducted as Vicar of the above church on the 14th inst.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Dec. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN WILLIAM SEAMER ... Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... 5
FRED OVERTON ... 2	EX-CP. F. METCALF ... 6
EX-CORPL. S. S. MINGAY ... 3	(Tanks) 6
(R.F.A.) 3	STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 7
ALONZA W. LONG ... 4	EX-SGT. R. S. LONG (Staffs) Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect on the occasion of the unveiling of the cenotaph erected in memory of the Grimsby men who lost their lives in the Great War.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Grassendale,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

†THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN ALLEN ... 4
THOMAS JENNION ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal on six bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas J. Morris, who had rung regularly at this church for upwards of 40 years.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, Dec. 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of (1) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk, (2) College Exercise and Norbury, (3) Bocking and Willesden, (4) Grove Delight and Neasden, (5) College Bob IV. and Wragby, (6) Poynton and Old Oxford Modernised, (7) Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

ASHER LOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 4
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	ADAM T. MARSLAND ... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3	FRED HOLT ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY ... Treble	CECIL J. BAKER ... 4
*R. ALLAN HICKTON ... 2	FREDERICK J. TITE ... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	JAMES F. GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short, through illness, for Treble Bob Major.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Kent, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

HARRY CROSSLAND ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHUR ... 4
ARTHUR GILL ... 2	LEWIS WILKINSON ... 5
JOHN BREARLEY ... 3	GEORGE HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the 60th year as ringer at the above church of Mr. H. Crossland. Great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang his bell, he being well over 70 years of age. The ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Wath, 3rd from Bolsterstone, and the 5th and tenor from Hoylandswaine. The treble ringer was elected a member before starting.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

H. BOYCE ... Treble	*R. ELLIS ... 4
E. STITCH ... 2	J. HAMMOND ... 5
J. E. BLOXHAM ... 3	A. J. PITMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

* First peal of Minor. This peal contains the 720 of Bob Minor, composed by H. W. Wilde, which appeared in the Ringing World, Oct. 21st, 1921, and is believed to be now rung for the first time.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4
GEORGE JONES ... 2	WILLIAM CLARKE ... 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Thomas.

EASTON, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
GEOFFREY LEWIS 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NEDAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE H. CARTER Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	ERNEST A. OVERALL Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

WIMBODON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

P. E. SUGG Treble	W. GIGG 4
R. E. SUGG 2	B. T. JEANES 5
W. T. LUCAS 3	*H. J. SUGG Tenor

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

* First peal, and elected a member prior to starting.

LITTLETON, CAMBS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, being 720 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER SERMONS Treble	HARRY HOWARD 4
WALTER MANSFIELD 2	ALBERT HOWARD 5
ROBERT HOWARD 3	*CHARLES BYSSOUTH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal in seven methods and hails from Barkway, Herts. The rest of the band hail from Barley, Herts. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Edwards) for the use of the bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
ALBERT FLEMING 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen and a half Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. BOUGHBY (Trin.) 1—2	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 5—6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3—4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by H. G. BENSON.
First peal as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3—4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7—8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9—10	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Witnesses: C. SAMPSON, A. KEEBLE and J. G. RUNSEY.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GOFTON 1—2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7—8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3—4	THOMAS T. GOFTON 9—10
WILLIAM H. BARBER 5—6	RICHARD A. GOFTON 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and a half Minute.
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. PARSONS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

PERCY O. LAFLIN 1—2	JAMES E. GROVES 7—8
ALBERT WALKER 3—4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Referee: ALBERT E. PARSONS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours.
AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.15.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 in B flat.

*REGINALD BROUGH 1—2	†JOHN SPARROW 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3—4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 7—8
THOMAS NEWMAN 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal of Bob Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, Dec. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN W. WOOD 1—2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5—6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3—4	TOM TEBBITT 7—8

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.
Witness: MISS PHYLLIS HARE.

Conductor's first peal of Major 'in hand.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Steeple Ashton on December 3rd, ringers being present from Keevil, Trowbridge, Steeple Ashton, and Westbury. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by tea at the Tongs Arms, and a short business meeting followed. Mr. W. Gale, of Molksham, was elected a ringing member of the Guild.

The Chairman reminded the members that that was the last meeting of the year, and they only had a month to look round and see who they were going to put into office for 1922. He would not be seeking re-election himself, as he felt the time had come when he would not be able to attend the meetings so regularly. He concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Knubley for the use of the bells.—The Canon, in reply, said he hoped the branch would come in the summer, when next they visited Steeple Ashton, as it was a very pretty place. He also hoped to have a young band of ringers ready to join the Guild by that time, as Mr. W. Baxter, of Trowbridge, had offered to instruct them.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.

The death occurred at Liverpool, on Wednesday, November 30th, of Mr. Thomas J. Morris. Deceased had been a ringer of St. Mary's, Grassendale, for upwards of 40 years, and had taken part in 15 peals for the Lancashire Association at Garston, Grassendale and Halewood.

The funeral took place at Allerton Cemetery, on Monday, December 5th, prior to which a service was held at St. Mary's, Grassendale, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Jobling) paid an eloquent tribute to the loyalty and faithfulness shown by the deceased. The coffin was borne to the grave by four of the late Mr. Morris's fellow ringers, viz.: T. Jennion, J. Allen, senr., J. Allen, junr., and S. Finch, assisted by T. Hammond, junr., and J. H. Moore. Among the numerous floral tributes were wreaths sent by St. Mary's, Grassendale, company, and also from St. Nicholas, Liverpool.

On Sunday, December 4th, the bells were rung half-muffled for each service, and on the Monday evening following, a peal of 5,040 changes. Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Morris and her family in their sad bereavement.

FINE 'CENTURIES.'

Mr. Arthur Mason, who the other day completed his first century of peals, almost all of which have been rung since the war, has a list which few ringers of a hundred peals can equal. It includes 55 Surprise peals, among them 10 of Cambridge Royal, and 12 peals of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Mason has had the opportunities, and he has made the most of them.

The peals comprise Grandsire Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 16 (conducted 1); Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Cinques, 12; Bob Major, 4; Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 19; Superlative Surprise Major, 11; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 11; Bristol Surprise Major, 15; London Surprise Major, 10; total, 100.

With a peal of Bristol Surprise at Leiston, Mr. J. M. Bailey completed his 100 peals on the bells, and is the fourth member of his family to do so. The century includes peals in no fewer than nine Surprise methods, and the following is the list:—Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob, 14; Oxford Treble Bob, 5; Double Oxford, 1; Double Norwich, 10; Superlative, 19; Cambridge Surprise, 16; New Cambridge Surprise, 4; Yorkshire Surprise, 1; Norfolk Surprise, 1; Guildford Surprise, 2; Suffolk Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 11; London Surprise, 3; total, 100.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—First of all to answer Mr. Powell. He says that my statement is ambiguous, and gives three possible meanings. Of course, I agree with his first statement, but I am really at work trying to bring home to the practical ringer the fact that the scientific extension of a method is the only one that is possible, whether it be practical or not. The third of his statements is not, to my mind, a possibility at all.

Now we turn to Double Oxford.

The Minor is obviously a combination of Double Court and Double Bob; Triples is the same with a bell in the hunt added; Major is a combination of Double Norwich and Double Bob, and so it is not the same method as the Minor, and, as far as I know, it is the only case in which Shipway made a mistake, but Shipway's mistake may stand, because the real Major is not a practical method, but Shipway's Royal is wrong, and the true extension is much better. I add a lead of the Major and Royal, and anyone who has followed my previous letters will be able to practise a similar formula to extend the method, and also to ring it by; proving what is true of all plain hunt methods, that the extension is nothing but an extension of the plain hunt.

Major.

12345678

21436587

24163857

42613587

46231857

42638175

46283715

64827351

46283751

etc.

Royal.

1234567890

2143658709

2416385079

4261830597

4628135079

6482310597

4628301957

6482039175

6840293715

8604927351

6840293751

etc.

The Major is useless, and the Maximus is also useless, as they involve four blows in front and four blows behind, but the correct Royal is a fine method.

Next week I shall deal with Double Norwich.

H. LAW JAMES.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday evening, December 11, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. H. Kilby (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, W. G. Matthews 3, E. Lankester (first quarter with a bob bell) 4, A. Tennant 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6, R. Kilby 7, P. Norton 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Sixty years a ringer at one church is a proud record, and the Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. Harry Crossland, of Cawthorne, Yorks, upon completing such a long period of service in one belfry. A peal was rung to celebrate the event, and Mr. Crossland, happily, was able to take part in it.

Another veteran ringer takes his place in the belfry every Sunday, wet or fine, at Stowmarket. This is Mr. C. Souther, who is in his 84th year. He resides two miles from the church, and goes regularly to and from the belfry. On Sunday, December 11th, on the occasion of the dedication of a war memorial chapel, he took part in ringing before and after morning service, and then walked home to dinner, and back again to ring for afternoon service. We raise our hat to the Stowmarket veteran, whose example should be an inspiration to many men 50 or 60 years his junior.

The ringer of the 7th, at Colwall, Herefordshire, on November 19th, should read Edward W. Turner, instead of Ernest W. Turner, as published. It was Mr. Turner's first peal in the method.

The Christmas holidays have always been a favourite time for long peals. Among those rung on Boxing Day have been 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Elland, in the year 1831; 8,066 Double Norwich, at Leiston in 1885; 9,312 Superlative Surprise, at Crawley in 1895; 9,728 Superlative Surprise (record), at Clent in 1910; and 11,111 Stedman Cinques (record), at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1901.

On December 27th, 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich was rung at South Wigston, and 10,106 Double Oxford Bob at Brierley Hill on the same date in 1909. On December 28th, 1820, 6,600 Stedman Cinques, the longest length in the method at that time, was rung on the famous peal in the Bull Ring.

Mr. John Bernard Woolley, elder son of the Vicar of Long Stanton, has been awarded a scholarship for science of the value of £80 at Jesus College, Cambridge.

We extend to all our ringers the best wishes for 'A Happy Christmas.'

BOY'S EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE.

An extraordinary performance has been done by Gordon Turner, an 11-year-old boy, of North Anston, near Sheffield. He cannot ring, but has been visiting the belfry fairly regularly for the last six months. He has proved very observant, and has grasped the idea of composition and the way in which touches are called. On Sunday evening, December 11th, he stood in the belfry and conducted 729 of Anston Surprise Minor, the bells being rung by R. Smith 1, W. Platts 2, H. Stenton 3, H. Turner 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler 6. The ringer of the 4th is the father of the boy, who has already surpassed his parent in his knowledge of figures. The lad gives promise of a great future in connection with ringing.

INSTRUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader of December 16th covers a subject that is very much in need of attention by all the associations that there are. None of them pay the attention they ought to do to the novices: as you say, a short course of instruction is nothing to what should be done, and it would do a power of good if all the instructors were gathered together and a good course of instruction given to them on 'how to instruct,' for they sadly need it.

The gift of being able to teach is not granted to many. Many men are good ringers, and can conduct in a lot of methods, but they have not got the ability to impart their knowledge to others, and are never in sympathy with their pupils. I know a number of good ringers who are used by their associations as instructors, who never get their hands to grasp their meaning, however hard they work, because they have not got that one gift which really good schoolmasters possess—the ability to retain the attention of their class and concentrate it on the object in view. If one man with the bump of teaching well developed is sent as instructor to a young band, though he can only ring Plain Bob, that band will make more progress than the band taken in hand by a Surprise ringer who has not got the gift of imparting knowledge, and associations would do well to recognise that fact.—Yours truly,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

BREDENBURY.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor and 360 Bob Minor: A. Tomkins 1, W. Watkins 2, W. Mantell 3, J. Hamer 4, A. Tomkins (conductor) 5, R. Bethell 6. Rung in honour of Remembrance Day.

CHELMSFORD.—At All Saints' Church, Springfield, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, in honour of fallen comrades. Afterwards the muffles were removed, and 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by the following local band: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Prail 2, J. Poulton 3, A. E. Davis 4, B. Kemp 5, E. Buckingham (first quarter as conductor) 6. This is the first attempt in this method by the first five ringers.

THE TWELVE-BELL TOWERS OF ENGLAND

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leader on this subject in your issue of December 9th, you say it is a very gratifying feature to see the steady growth of the number of rings of twelve bells, and you are quite correct; but it would be just as gratifying if you could publish the fact that all those in existence were used as they ought to be. New-castle-on-Tyne have a twelve-bell company, who are whole-hearted, and use their bells. Yorkshire is in 'proud' possession of no less than five rings of twelve, and in not one of the five is it a pleasure to ring on ten, never mind the twelve. In one of them, the twelve have not been pulled up for years, and a prominent ringer told me that there had not been a new ringer taught in that tower within his memory. In two of the others it would be advisable to take a course of Sandow's developer before trying to ring; in yet another the two trebles are so sweet that it is nicer to leave them alone; in still another when there are twelve there to ring 'em, it is something like this: 'Get hold for Cinques; go, Stedman, bob!!! Stand—let's have another start,' and so on till time is up.

In Lancashire only one of the three 12-bell rings are worth visiting, one lot won't 'go,' and the other lot can't go. West Bromwich want a little delicate attention from the bell doctor. Wolverhampton are awake, and Birmingham—well, if you spend much time in the historic Bull Ring you won't visit many of the 12-bell towers between there and Newcastle, as it is like cold bacon and fried up 'veg.' for breakfast, after a Johnson Dinner. Worcester have got men who ring the twelve bells, but they have a lot to contend with. Cambridge and Oxford are worse off still, and we hear but little from a dozen other twelves. Why is this?

One reason I know only too well, and that is that the person or persons in charge of these towers have not got a twelve horse-power personality. It takes a man with an enormous personality to keep together a band who can ring twelve bells as they should be rung, and to override all the little petty spites and jealousies which crop up in any tower, and on twelve these are, of course, quadrupled. The person who would pull his tower out of the rut and keep his band together and keep them in peal form must have exceptional abilities, and when there is such a one in the vicinity of a 12-bell tower the band should take care that they have his services, and not be held back because the one in charge is apathetic or incapable of being a 12-bell leader.

Let me say, in conclusion, that I heartily endorse the letter by Mr. Baker, re a C. H. Hattersley Memorial Dinner, and would point out that no doubt the very best tribute to the memory of a great composer was to ring someone else's composition as his funeral peal. The late Mr. C. H. Hattersley was a gentleman who would never have countenanced that.—Yours truly,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 17th, when about 30 members were present. Ringing on the beautiful peal of eight bells commenced shortly after 2.30, and was continued until 4 p.m., when a short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. — Varley) officiating, and giving a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Church House, after which the business meeting was held, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding.

The Master moved a vote of deep sympathy with Mrs. and Mr. A. Wilkins in the very great loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. R. J. Wilkins. The late Mr. Wilkins was a very keen ringer, and although living out of the diocese of Bath and Wells, very seldom missed a meeting of the association, if it was within reasonable distance of Bristol.—The motion was carried in silence, the members standing.

A few new members were duly elected.

The Chairman then brought up the matter of affiliation fees, and, referring to the circular letter which had been sent to all Vicars where the ringers were members of the association, said it was hoped that the Church Council would see their way to pay the fee.

The place for the next meeting was fixed for Ditchat, after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. — Varley for arranging and officiating at the service, and for the use of bells, and to the ladies who arranged the tea, brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing then took place.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice was held at Winchester Cathedral, on Wednesday, December 14th, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung.

A meeting for combined practice was held at Romsey on Saturday, December 17th, those present including Mr. G. Williams, Mr. P. Cave (late of Bristol), and members from Southampton, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, and the local band. The methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and a touch of 448 Cambridge Surprise Major.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

PROOF AND EXTENT WITH THE TENORS TOGETHER.

By the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

TABLE I.

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7	6	2	1	4	8	7	3	5	+	6843257	4
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11	2	7	6	4	1	8	3	5	+	5347862	6
12	7	2	4	6	8	1	5	3	+		
13	2	7	6	4	8	5	1	3	—	4326578	7
14	7	2	4	6	5	8	3	1	—		
15	7	4	2	5	6	8	1	3	+	8347652	8
16	4	7	5	2	8	6	3	1	+		
17	7	4	2	5	6	8	3	1	—	4326578	7
18	4	7	5	2	8	6	1	3	—		
19	4	5	7	8	2	6	3	1	+	6347652	8
20	5	4	8	7	6	2	1	3	+		
21	4	5	7	8	6	1	2	3	—	4382576	9
22	5	4	8	7	1	6	3	2	—		
23	5	8	4	7	6	1	2	3	+	8342756	10
24	8	5	7	4	1	6	3	2	+		
25	5	8	7	1	4	6	2	3	—	3628475	11
26	8	5	1	7	6	4	3	2	—		
27	8	5	7	1	6	3	4	2	—	4268375	12
28	5	8	1	7	3	6	2	4	—		
29	5	1	8	7	6	3	4	2	+	5783624	13
30	1	5	7	8	3	6	2	4	+		
31	5	1	7	3	8	2	6	4	—	5234768	14
32	1	5	3	7	2	8	4	6	—		

In the foregoing table is given a lead of Cambridge Surprise Major, the rows of which are numbered in the column to the left of it. On the right the nature of each row, positive or negative, is intimated by the sign plus or minus. Note that the lead as here given is the true scientific lead. In this particular lead rounds occupies the place of the backstroke blow of the treble's whole-pull lead, and the thirty-one rows which follow are obligatory. The row preceding rounds may be one of two, i.e., it may be either 12436587, or 13246587. Similarly, the row following 15372846 may be either 15738264, or 13578264. There is, therefore, a break before rounds, and after 15372846; but the rows beginning with rounds and ending with 15372846 form one unbreakable block, and rounds is not the 'lead-end,' but the 'lead head,' and stands as the characteristic of the 31 rows which follow it. These 32 rows constitute lead I. of the plain course. Similarly 5738264 is the lead head of lead II. Similarly also in any other course (as we are assuming throughout that the tenors are together) the number of the lead may be immediately deduced from the position of the tenors in the lead head. Thus 6547283 is the lead head of lead V. in the course whose course-head is 4625378, or, more briefly, 46253.

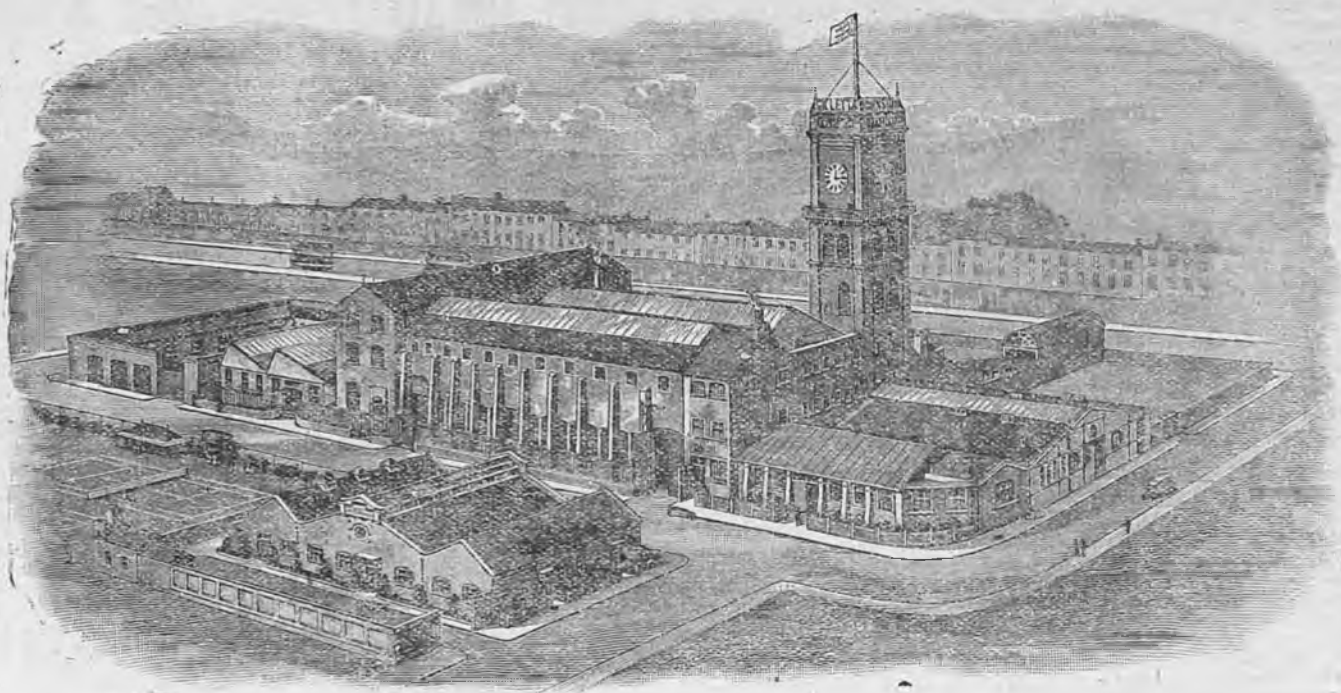
The fourth column in Table I. gives the lead heads which will produce in the other possible position the two rows opposite which they stand. An example will make this clear. Take No. 6—5347862. This stands opposite the two positive rows 27641835 and 72468153 (rows 11, 12), and what it tells us is that these same two rows will be produced in rows 23, 24 (the other two positive rows with the treble in 5—6) in the lead whose head is 5347862. And similarly with all the other 13 lead heads in this column. It will be seen that though 16 are given there are in reality only 14, as Nos. 7 and 8 occur twice. This column is, therefore, the column of 'False Lead-heads.'

In Table II. the top horizontal row of figures with the Roman numerals above them are the lead-heads of the seven leads of the plain course. In column I are given the fourteen false lead-heads, each with its number to the left, taken from Table I. By employing these as operators we can get the fourteen false lead-heads of the other leads of the plain course; or, in fact, of any lead of any course. For instance, take No. 6 (5347862) in column I. If the corresponding false lead-head in, say, lead IV. is wanted, then by applying 5347862 as an operator to 4263857 we get 3265784, which is the false lead-head required. This last is not given in the Table for the reason now to be explained.

We are considering the method only so far as the tenors (7, 8) are kept together, i.e., are kept in the relative paths which they pursue in the plain course. So long as this feature is preserved it is manifest that no lead-head can occur in which the two tenors taken together occupy positions not found in the plain course. Now, in the lead-head just instanced (3265784), the tenor is in 7th's. But in the plain course lead-head, with the tenor in 7th's, the seventh is in 5th's.

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whereas in 3265731 it is in 6th's. This lead-head, therefore, cannot possibly occur, and we need not trouble about it. This being so, only those false lead-heads are given in the Table which have the tenors together, except in column I., in which of necessity all the false lead-heads are given, those with the tenors together (Nos. 3 and 7) being underlined. Counting the number of effective false lead-heads we find fourteen in all, two each in leads I., II., VI. and VII., three each in III. and V., and none in IV.

TABLE II.

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
2345678	5738264	8674523	4263857	3527436	7856542	6482735
1 7582634					4627385	
2 3452768		6748253				
3 6547283				472 8365		
4 6843257	2437586			4625378		
5 5326874						
6 5347862						
7 4326578						
8 8347652						5483726
9 4382576						
10 8342756						
11 3628475		6583724			8372546	
12 4268375		7853624				8675432
13 5783624				7865432		
14 5254768	8573624					

46253-V 32546-V 24765-II 32546-II 46253-III 32465-VII
43265-I 24365-III 32546-VII 46253-VI 24365-V 32546-III

Beneath the columns are given the course-heads and the number of the lead in the course in which the false lead will be found. Take, for instance, 6583724 in column III. This is lead VII. from the course-head 3254678. The precise meaning of this must be thoroughly understood and carefully borne in mind. It means that if 23456 III. (i.e., the third lead of the plain course) occur, then 32546 VII. must not occur, as, if it does so, then rows 25, 26 in the one lead will repeat with rows 27, 28 in the other.

Since, as stated above, we are considering the method only in so far as the tenors are kept together, it will be found that there are only four points in the course at which bobs can be called. These are: (1) Between leads III. and IV., (2) between IV. and V., (3) between VII. and I., and (4) after lead II. But as this has the effect of cutting out leads III., IV. and V., we shall dispense with it—at least for the present. The first of these is called 'Middle,' from the fact that in the row in which it takes effect the tenor is in 6th's; the second is 'Wrong,' from the fact that the tenor is the 'wrong' way behind, and the third is 'right' or 'home' for a similar obvious reason. The bob, after the end of lead II., is called 'Before,' from the fact that the tenor is in front.

Now, as for the present, we are ignoring B (Before), and are considering only bobs M, W and H, it is manifest that the course divides itself into three parts or blocks, that is (1) the first three leads, (2) the fourth lead, and (3) the last three leads. The first, i.e., leads I., II., III., I call x; the second, lead IV., I call y; and the third, i.e., V., VI., VII., I call z.

We are now in a position to assemble and put in order the false course-heads at the foot of Table II. A moment's inspection will show that though these, as they there stand, are fourteen in number, they are capable of considerable compression. Against the part x of the plain course (more briefly written 23456x) we have the following false course-heads, viz., 24365x, 43265x, 32546z, and 46253z; while against 23456z we have 32546x, 46253x, 24365z, and 32465z—four false blocks against each of the blocks x and z of the plain course. The block y is clear throughout.

We can now proceed on a voyage of discovery with the object of finding how many of the sixty courses can be selected as true with each other, and of setting against them the courses with which they are false. Since in this attempt we are dealing with whole courses we can for the time being dispense with the marks x, y, z altogether. This being so, the 24365x false against 23456x, and the 24365x false against 23456z merge into one (24365), and by treating the others in similar fashion we get five false course-heads, 24365, 43265, 32465, 32546, 46253, shown in the top row of Table III. The heads of the courses which are found available for use are given in the left-hand column of the Table.

We are much helped at the outset of our search by the three false course-heads ending in 65. When these are fully worked out against the three in the first column ending in 56, it is found that each of the 85's is false against each and every 56, so that we at once get the fundamental principle that courses with the bells reversed in 5—6 are false to each other, and that, therefore, having had any two bells in 5—6, we cannot have them reversed in those places.

Accordingly we write down three course-heads ending with 56, and twelve more in similar sets of three with the bells in 5—6 in a regular rota. The meaning of the rota may be seen by running the eye down the bells in 6th's, which will be found in the order 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, those in 5th's showing the same rota beginning with 5.

Note here that we have as yet nothing to do with the ten courses, and all their belongings below the transverse line. That portion of the Table is for the present to be taken as blank. We shall come to it presently.

TABLE III.

23456	24365	43265	32465	32546	46253
34256	32465	24365	43265	43526	26354
42356	43265	32465	24365	24536	36452
26135	24653	46253	62453	62315	45236
64235	62453	24653	46253	46325	25634
42635	46253	62453	24653	24365	65432
45623	46532	65432	54632	54263	63425
56423	54632	46532	65432	65213	43526
64523	65432	54632	46532	46253	53624
35642	36524	65324	53624	53462	62345
56342	53624	36524	65324	65432	32546
63542	65324	53624	36524	36452	52643
23564	25346	53246	32546	32654	54263
35264	32546	25346	53246	53624	24365
52364	53246	32546	25346	25634	34562
35426	34562	45362	53462	53246	46325
54326	53462	34562	45362	45236	36524
42563	45236	52436	24536	24653	53462
25463	24536	45236	52436	52613	43265
56234	52643	26543	65243	65324	24536
62534	65243	52643	26543	26354	54632
23645	26354	63254	32654	32465	65243
36245	32654	26354	63254	63425	25346
64362	63425	34625	46325	46532	32654
43652	46325	63425	34625	34562	62453

(To be Continued.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel, on Saturday, December 17th, the following towers being represented: Angmering, Arundel, Amberley, Brighton, Heene, Billingshurst, Kirdford, Pulborough, and Shoreham. Messrs. Harding and Rodgers, from Portsea, were also present. Some very good touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative, Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich were rung.

A short service was held, and an address by the Rev. C. Winn (Rector of Arundel). Afterwards the company adjourned to Owen's Restaurant, where 27 sat down to an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. C. Winn presided. No new members were elected. Goring was selected for the next quarterly meeting, in March.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Caldwell for making the arrangements for the meeting. These gentlemen suitably responded.

It was announced by Mr. Burdfield that the Vicar of Billingshurst (the Rev. R. O. Johns) invited members of the association to the opening of the bells on Saturday, December 31st. Tea will be provided. Members accepting the invitation are requested to advise Mr. Burdfield, High Street, Billingshurst, by Wednesday, Dec. 28th.

After the meeting, the company again visited the belfry, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO BELFRY LEADER.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the annual meeting of the above association was held, and the ringers of the Stoke Parish Church (N. Staffordshire) took the opportunity of unveiling a fine peal board, which had been erected in the belfry, commemorating the ringing of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major on July 16th, 1921—the first peal rung in this method on the bells. It was conducted by Mr. C. H. Page, one of the local ringers. The tablet was unveiled by Mrs. G. J. P. Fleet, wife of one of the churchwardens.

Later in the meeting another pleasing incident took place, a presentation, consisting of a gold watch chain and bell pendant, being made to Mr. S. Churton, who had been leader of the ringers for 21 years.

The Rector (the Rev. H. V. Stuart) made the presentation, and remarked that he was pleased to see such good feeling existing among the ringers.—In acknowledging the gifts, Mr. Churton said a great surprise had been sprung on him, and he greatly appreciated the handsome present and the kind feelings which his brother ringers had for him.

Mr. Churton is well known in the North Staffordshire ringing circles, and has rung between 30 and 40 peals in various methods. He took over the leadership at Stoke from Mr. H. Page, who resigned in June, 1900, but Mr. Churton has been connected with the belfry for about 37 years, and, as the presentation indicates, is much respected by his brother ringers.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on December 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 43 mins., for morning service: W. H. Stevens 1, W. H. Wood 2, H. Folkard 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Belcher 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. F. Rivers (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Belcher.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 18th, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 1,260 Stedman Caters: E. H. Lewis 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, C. W. Roberts 3, R. Congreve-Pridgion 4, G. W. Frayne 5, A. B. Bennett 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, A. F. M. Tuke 10.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. T. Pye 1, W. J. Schofield 2, W. Button 3, R. W. Stannard (conductor) 4, H. Evers 5, S. Hull 6, W. Chalk 7, C. Lloyd 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for Sunday evening service, on December 18th, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, *W. H. Wood 2, *W. H. Hollier 3, *A. Cutmore 4, *W. E. Judd 5, *F. Skevington 6, *G. C. Iles 7, G. Spencer 8, *A. Harding 9, H. Belcher 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Belcher. * First quarter in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Jacques 2, F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, D. Renshaw 8. This quarter-peal, composed by H. Franks, of London, contains the 24 7-4's, each one occurring at a call.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Crowsley 1, C. Lord 2, G. Foster 3, J. A. Jones 4, A. Sheldrick 5, E. Hookham 6, J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Good 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Triples rung by a local band for over a century, and the first by all the band except the conductor.

CIRENCESTER.—At Holy Trinity, Watermoor, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, W. G. Cook 2, J. Butler 3, W. C. Cuss 4, S. R. Hicks 5, H. C. Bond 6, V. R. Williams 7, J. Hayward 8.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday evening, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Scambler 1, W. Tanner 2, R. Turner 3, E. Smith 4, J. Scholes 5, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, T. Baker 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, 514 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, J. H. R. Freeborn (Kidlington, Oxon) 3, E. R. Coles 4, G. White 5, J. W. Wilkins 6, A. J. Hoing 7, G. Twitchen 8, F. Boxall 9, P. Sergt. C. A. Smith 10, J. Gransbury 11, S. T. Goodchild 12.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples: T. Lincoln 1, G. W. Sorrell 2, H. W. Kirton 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Rung as a farewell touch to H. W. Kirton, who has left for Birkenhead.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Dixon (first quarter-peal) 1, G. T. Mitchison 2, Wm. Cooper 3, R. C. Ingram 4, F. W. Richworth (first as conductor) 5, M. Watts Read 6, E. Weston 7, H. Cook 8. All are members of the Sunday Service band.

SKIRBECK, BOSTON.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Eastern Branch).—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. E. Clarke 1, F. Staffurth 2, F. Darby 3, Arthur H. Palmer 4, Harry Palmer 5, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 4th, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins., composed by John Carter: A. Hickman 1, W. Weatherby 2, T. Tudor 3, W. Lycett 4, J. Clark 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, H. Tyler 7, G. Hall 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Cutmore 1, F. Skevington 2, W. E. Judd 3, W. H. Wood 4, A. Harding 5, H. Belcher 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Composed by W. A. Cave, and published on the Sunday Service page of 'The Ringing World.' Rung on the 118th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples. Rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Sunday, Dec. 4th, at St. Giles', for the christening of the infant son of the late Mr. Cecil Valentine, 1,260 Minor (consisting of 720 York Surprise, 240 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and 60 Double Court: A. Clarke 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates 6.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—West Wales Association.—For morning service, at St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 38 mins., being 560 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, and 420 Grandsire: A. F. Hatton 1, J. Hammond (conductor) 2, H. Boyse 3, R. Ellis 4, C. Hatton 5, A. Hatton 6.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, 1,008 Bob Major, in 56 mins.: F. Watkinson (conductor) 1, Eva Hopkins 2, Maud Gough 3, Wm. Taylor 4, Wm. Godden 5, E. Cardwell 6, Hy. Wilson 7, Jos. Garth 8. With the exception of the treble ringer, the whole of the band have learnt ringing since the bells were erected as a war memorial in December, 1920, and this is the longest length they have rung.

MARKET DEEPING, Lincs.—On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, 360 of Double Bob Minor: T. Henson 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6.—For evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: F. Simpson (first 720) 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. Landon 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6.

LONDON.—London County Association. — On Sunday, November 27th, at St. John-the-Divine's, Kennington, S.E., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. King 1, T. W. Taffender, junr., 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, J. R. Gammon 4, G. A. Card 5, J. Attwater 6, R. G. Chapple 7, W. Rushton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, November 26th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Bailey 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Bailey 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Wade 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Bailey 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Mr. A. J. Naunton is in his 78th year.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: T. Furick 1, T. Ducker 2, J. Porter 3, T. Kelly 4, C. Mackenzie 5, E. Mullins 6, T. Miller (conductor) 7, T. Miller, junr., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Mullins, who attained the age of 40 on the 18th November.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456	1	2	3	4
42356	—	—	—	—
64253	—	—	S	—
26453	—	—	—	—
52654	—	—	S	—
43256	—	—	S	—
24356	—	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	S	—
43265	S	—	—	S
24365	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—

F. DENCH.

272 BOB MAJOR.

23456 W B H

23564 — 1
23456 — 2

240 BOB MAJOR.

23456 W B M

35264 1
23456 —

160 BOB MAJOR.

23456 5ths 4ths M

54326 — — —

Repeated.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

23145 3 8

43125 S —
13524 —

Twice repeated with Bob for Single produces

23541

43512 S —
53124

13425

These three courses twice repeated with Bob for Single.

J. CARTER.

720 LONDON SURPRISE

MINOR.
23456

64235 1

52643 1

36524 1

62153 3

62534 4

62345 4

53624 1

24653 2

56245 1

23645 5

56234 1

56342 4

P.L. 23456 2

H. W. WILDE.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE RECAST RING.
A £100 ROADSIDE COLLECTION.

Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th inst., were memorable days in the history of Leicester, for on the former, the newly recast bells of St. Margaret's returned from Messrs. Taylor's foundry, and were paraded round the city, accompanied by St. Margaret's ringers, with handbells, and the Ivanhoe Prize Band. A collection en route amounted to nearly £100, and on returning to the church, the bells were unloaded and placed under the tower in readiness for the re-dedication on the following morning by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

On Saturday evening, the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, and a representative from each of the other local towers, while Mr. Denison Taylor and Miss Taylor, of the bell foundry, were also present. After tea a very pleasant evening was spent with music, handbell ringing, etc., which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

On Sunday morning, in the presence of a large congregation, which included the High Sheriff of the county (Mr. J. E. Faire, J.P.), the Mayor (Councillor Heath), and members of the Corporation and Board of Guardians, the Bishop dedicated the new ten bells, and gave a most interesting address, speaking from the words, 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us ring out our joy unto the God of our salvation'—a translation of Psalm xcvi. 1. He spoke entirely on bells, their history, peculiar uses, change ringing, and foundries, and rightly said that St. Margaret's would have a peal of bells which would compare favourably with any in the country, and would be the proud possessor of the first peal of twelve in the Peterborough Diocese.

The offertory on behalf of the bell fund amounted to £174, and in the afternoon the children came forward splendidly with a collection of over £10.

The services were continued in the evening, when the late Vicar (the Very Rev. Provost Lethbridge, of St. Mary's, Glasgow) preached a powerful sermon. The collection at this service amounted to £27, and the Vicar announced that a gentleman whose name was withheld, but who had already given £105 to the fund, had been so touched by the splendid service, that he would provide the cost of the two new trebles.

Thus in two days, by a united effort, a sum of £500 was raised, and it now requires but £250 to clear the whole debt and St. Margaret's people are hoping that ere the bells ring out their first peal on Christmas morning, they will go so free from all charges. Mr. Ernest Morris again earnestly appeals to all ringers who can to help in this great scheme. Mr. Morris's address is 24, Coventry Street.

The old tenor weighed under 30 cwt., but the new bell is 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. net. The old marks and inscriptions have been faithfully reproduced, with the addition of the founder's mark, and 'recast 1921' on the waists, and on the tenor:—

Recast 1921
in memory of
W. Quinton Lander,
Corporal, 4th Leicesters,
who fell
at the Hohenzollern Redoubt,
October 13th, 1915.

The two new trebles will simply bear the date and founder's mark. St. Margaret's, Leicester, will thus be the first church to possess a peal of twelve in the Peterborough Diocese, and they will also be the heaviest in the county.

DEATH OF MR. JACK COOKE, BEDFORD.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. P. J. Cooke, better known as 'Jack' Cooke, of the St. Peter's company, Bedford, who passed away on Friday, December 9th, after a long and painful illness.

The deceased was only 34 years of age, and for many years was a member of the St. Peter's company. There is no record of his peals, but he was in the first peal of Surprise Minor rung in the county, and by the Association.

The remains were laid to rest on Monday in the Bedford Cemetery. After the funeral at St. Peter's Church, a 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung with the bells half-muffled: T. Harpin 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, Miss E. Steel 4, C. A. Robinson 5, H. L. Harlow 6; and a 720 London Surprise: T. Harpin 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, H. L. Harlow 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

Several wreaths, including one from the St. Peter's and St. Paul's ringers, as a token of respect and deepest sympathy, were laid on the grave. The ringers were represented at the graveside by Mr. H. L. Harlow, the district secretary.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available after 12 o'clock. Service at 3.45, to be followed by tea and meeting in Water's Lane Mission Room. All Saints' bells (8) available during the day.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Sunderland on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, the three towers being available for ringing. Ringing begins at 1.30 at Bishopwearmouth, to which church ringers will proceed on arrival, and where bands will be arranged for the other towers. All ringers welcome. Tea 1/6 to those who write by Dec. 24th.—Joseph W. Parker, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

LEICESTER, ST. MARGARET'S.—The new peal of 12 will be available for visiting ringers on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Ringing from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea (2/- each) at 5 p.m. Afterwards a social evening will be held in the Schools. All ringers welcome.—A. Cattell, Hon. Sec., 67, Hinckley Road, Leicester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke (8), Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Also St. Thomas', Newport. Service 4 p.m. Tea free to branch members. Visitors, 1s. 6d.—W. Upton, District Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W., who will be glad to know by the 26th how many require tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided by local friends). Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. A record attendance is requested. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by January 4th to enable necessary arrangements to be made?—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting at Devizes, Jan. 7th, at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Bells available in three towers (8, 6 and 6). The Devizes Branch will unveil the Memorial Tablet erected to commemorate the muffled peal rung in honour of the fallen ringers of the diocese, and all are

welcome.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch committee will meet at the Church Room, Bray, near Maidenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 4 o'clock. Each tower in union should be represented, and subscriptions owing for 1921 forwarded without delay. Tower bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who order it three days previously.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar of Penkridge. Tea (1s.) at 6 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, January 3rd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A General meeting will be held at Halesworth on Saturday, Jan. 7th. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., the bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting immediately following tea, which will be served at the Swan Hotel at 4 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each. In accordance with the revised rules, adopted at the annual general meeting held at Norwich in October, the election of officers will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 2nd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The two new trebles by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of eight, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5 to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 4th.—R. T. Turner, District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Swindon Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and during the evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 4.45, 1/6, to those who send in their names not later than Jan. 4th.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.45, at the Vicarage. All those intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th, or tea will not be provided for them. Please note this.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7n, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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GREETINGS.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild desires to send greetings to his many ringing friends at this festive season. May they all enjoy a very happy Christmas and a brighter outlook in their lives for the year that is coming.—'The Summit,' Stevenage, Herts.

I beg to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' kind regards and best wishes to all ringing friends.—J. Hunt, New Road, Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and all ringing friends, is the sincere wish of W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. S. & W. District.

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CRANLEIGH RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Cranleigh band and the Winchester Diocesan Guild have lost one of their oldest members, in the person of Mr. William Streeter, who, at the age of 62 years, fell dead in his bedroom on Saturday, December 3rd. The deceased had been a regular service ringer at Cranleigh for 46 years. He was of a particularly jovial disposition, and a general favourite with his fellow-ringers and workmates.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 7th, the Rev. P. Cunningham (Rector) officiating at the church service and at the cemetery. At the end of the service he added a few kindly words of appreciation and consolation, which had their effect on all assembled at the graveside.

The bells were rung half-muffled for both services on Sunday, and, although owing to the fact that the 5th bell is cracked and away from the tower for recasting, and it was not convenient or desirable to do much ringing under such conditions, a 360 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the funeral by the following: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Tidy 2, J. Goacher 3, H. Charman 4, A. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6. Mr. Goacher kindly stood in to make up the band. He is a member of the Clendon band, and a nephew of the deceased.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—For evensong, on Dec. 11th, at All Saints' Church, in 1 hr. 2 min., a quarter-peal (1,306) Stelman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, J. Gransbury 3, E. R. Coles 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, F. K. Biggs 6, G. White 7, G. Twitchen 8, F. Boxall 9, P. S. C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, H. C. Ingram 12. First quarter of Cinques by P. S. C. A. Smith, and first quarter of Cinques by the local band since the return of the service men. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, December 17th, and was well attended, between 50 and 60 ringers being present. The ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and was kept up in various methods till 7 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal owing to there being an organ recital in the large hall.

The business meeting was presided over by Councillor A. Trippier, of Eccles, who asked the members present to stand in silence a minute as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Richard Massey, of the Cathedral band, who died suddenly in the tower under circumstances already reported.

The Chairman called attention to the small number of peals being rung, and thought it showed a lack of interest in change ringing. He asked the members to try and bring it back again to the usual standard, and get younger persons to take to the ringing art. He also made a strong appeal for support of 'The Ringing World,' saying it was still not supported as it ought to be, as it was the only paper the ringers had, and it would be a misfortune if it were allowed to die out through lack of interest.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss A. Brierley, of Miles Platting, and Mr. E. Jenkins, of Warrington, late of Suffolk. The members were treated to some good handbell ringing from Triples to Cinques in Grandsire and Stedman, by Messrs. A. Bailey, J. W. Washbrook, senr., J. W. Washbrook, F. Page, H. Chapman, A. Ridyard and E. Jenkins.

The Branch Secretary would like to receive subscriptions from the members at the next meeting, which is to be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 14th.

Votes of thanks to the town hall officials, the local ringers, and the chairman, closed an excellent meeting.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. White 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman (conductor) 6, F. Vickers 7, A. E. Seddon 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. T. H. Liddiard, formerly curate at Linslade, who was preaching at St. Barnabas.

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