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LONDON BELFRIES.

About a year ago, in this column, we commented upon the neglected state of some of London's bells, and suggested that combined action might be taken by the London ringing societies to endeavour to bring about an improvement. As far as we are aware, however, nothing whatever was done, but at the College Youths' dinner the other night, the Master of the Cumberlands referred to the very unsatisfactory condition of some of the belfries of the Metropolis. There were belfries, he said, which were not fit for pigs, let alone ringers. Now this is a strong indictment, and it is a disgrace to the authorities of any church that such a stricture should be possible. There ought to be means of bringing home to those responsible the urgent need for improvement in the condition of these neglected belfries.

The bells are some of the most valuable of church property, and to permit their dilapidation is, in principle, as blameworthy as to allow the organ to remain in disrepair. The organ, however, is a favoured instrument, and has to be maintained at all costs, but the bells—well, if they cannot be rung, let them be chimed; if they cannot all be chimed, let one suffice. The bells are not a part of the service in which the clergy are concerned—therefore it does not matter whether they are in usable order or otherwise. This, we fear, is the line of thought which influences the action, or rather inaction, of those authorities where long years of neglect has told its sorry tale among the bells.

And the same unfortunate views must, apparently, be held in regard to the ringing chambers. Clergy and Church Councils would no more think of allowing the choir vestries to become places unfit for pigs than of permitting the chancel to become derelict or 'uninhabitable,' but some of them do not seem to realise that the ringers are entitled to equal treatment in that part of the church to which their duties call them. Mr. Matthews did well to ventilate this subject in the presence of a number of London's clergy, and we could only wish that his audience had included some of the 'culprits,' instead of those whose presence showed that they, at any rate, appreciated the services which ringers render to the church. It is, however, open to the London ringing societies to bring these matters home to the powers that be, and we would repeat the suggestion that there should be combined action between the organisations covering the London and Suburban areas. Let this fact not be lost sight of: the opportunities for peal ringing in London are not as great as they were, say, four years

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ago, and, if the Metropolitan Societies are to maintain their facilities, it looks as if they will have to extend the number of available towers, as peal attempts in specific belfries become more limited. If for no other reason, the renovation of bells and belfries is an important one to them all.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	*WILLIAM DOWDING 7
JAMES E. GROVES 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
HERBERT SPENCER 4	ERNEST MORRIS 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
GEORGE F. SWANN 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung on the festival of St. Martin. * First peal on twelve bells. This was Mr. Swann's 100th peal of Stedman Cinques, 75 of which have been rung on handbells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 9
EDWARD H. KING 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. LANGDON. Rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Society.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT TYNEMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... Treble	JAMES E. GOFTON 6
JOSEPH E. R. KERN 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	*JOSEPH W. PARKER 8
EDWARD A. HERN 4	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 9
RICHARD A. GOFTON 5	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON. * First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a compliment to Churchwarden A. E. Hill who has recently been elected Mayor of the county borough of Tynemouth, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Scott, a local ringer.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WALTER FISHER ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
JOHN WILKINSON 2	JAMES MARTIN 7
†GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 8
THOMAS C. LARKEY 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 5	ARTHUR LINTOTT Tenor

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to commemorate the signing of the Armistice.

SOUTHGATE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK Treble	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6
SIDNEY WADE 2	HARRY MILLER 7
GEORGE BESTER 3	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 8
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	NORMAN TOMLINSON 9
JOHN E. MILLER 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

READING.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM J. HENSLEY Treble	†JOSEPH W. HIGGS 6
†MISS VERA ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 8
†STANLEY C. DAVIS 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN 9
FRANK HOGGOOD 5	*WILLIAM H. RAMFSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Mayor of Reading on entering upon his third year of office.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE STUBBS Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*JOHN SADDINGTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
JOHN OLDHAM 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
GEORGE S. MORRIS 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble. This was the first peal of Royal on these bells, the lightest peal of ten bells hung for ringing. It was rung at the first attempt, and is believed to be the quickest peal of Royal ever rung on tower bells. The band would like to thank Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the permission given to make the attempt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 lb.

*FREDERICK RADFORD Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6
MRS. C. HAZELDEN 2	GEORGE J. NICHOLLS 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	GEORGE TOMSETT 8
WILLIAM CHIVERS 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
EDWARD RADDON 5	EDWARD HEATH Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DERENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
JOHN C. G. HAGGAR 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells and by the above Guild. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the eve of Armistice Day.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

†HARRY DURLING Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JAMES FORD 2	PERCY BRETT SMITH 6
†CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
*THOMAS BRETT-SMITH 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung, quarter-turned, and the frame strengthened by T. J. Groombridge, junr., of Crayford. It is the quickest peal of Major on the bells, and was rung in honour of the installation of Sir Alfred Bower (a resident of Chislehurst) as Lord Mayor of London. The previous peal of Major on the bells was in the same method, in honour of the installation of Sir George Truscott (also a resident) as Lord Mayor in 1908.

CRADLEY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GROVE Treble	HECTOR BIRD 5
HARRY WYRE 2	ARTHUR WYRE 6
JOSEPH H. BLOOMER 3	JOSEPH H. COX 7
HAROLD SHUCK 4	*DAVID ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOS. H. COX.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Armistice. * First peal. First peal in the method by all.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

Rung on the sixth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	JAMES F. DUFFIELD 5
GEORGE P. BORTON 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method rung by a local band in the City of Norwich, also on the bells, and by the ringers of the 5th and 7th. It was rung at the first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK WALKER Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HARRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the fallen.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED BARRETT Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
*THOMAS WISE 2	*ISAAC BENNETT 6
FRANK BURGESS 3	BERTIE O. SODEN 7
TOM TEBBUTT 4	*PERCY AMOS Tenor

Conducted by BERTIE O. SODEN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in commemoration of Armistice Day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
†THOMAS LIGHTFOOT 2	*BERTRAM RUTTER 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. REWES.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal. † First peal inside. All the above are regular Sunday Service ringers at Frodsham. Rung for Armistice Day.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	*THOMAS HASTINGS 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4	FRANK ROUSE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the Stoke men who fell in the war, particularly F. Andrews, late member of the Stoke band.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JOHN JAGGER 5
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
BENJAMIN COUGH 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung in honour of the veteran ringer of the Midlands, Mr. Wm. Rock Small, who attained his 85th anniversary on Nov. 12th.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

BERNARD V. COLLISON Treble	*EDWIN W. COLLISON 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	GEORGE MALYAN 7
Miss FRED A. ORR 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

* First peal. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Charles W. Roberts. The ringers of treble and 3rd hail from Tunbridge Wells; 5th and 7th are local men; the rest from London. They wish to thank Mr. B. V. Collison for kindly making the necessary arrangements.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD EVANS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
FREDR. J. BAILEY 2	ALFRED TALBOT 6
WILLIAM BOLTON 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
FRANK J. BAILEY 4	JOHN W. JONES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH Treble	ALLAN F. BAILEY 5
GEORGE POWNALL 2	TITOS BARLOW 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise in the tower.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBREY Treble	WALTER WALLACE 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
W. RICHARD DRAGE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	FREDR. J. HOWCHIN 5
*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method, and first attempt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
FREDERICK BORRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*STANLEY ROBINSON Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
*THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	*FRED KILSHAW 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	FRED SEAGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bertha Kendall, daughter of the 2nd ringer. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th are from Headingley, Leeds; 2nd, 7th and tenor from Shipley; 6th from Idle; and 5th from Pudsey.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by S. GROVE.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK A. SMITH Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	GEORGE R. PYE 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR Treble	*GEORGE JAMES 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	THOMAS F. KING 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	JOSEPH DYKE 7
*JESSE HALLETT 4	CHARLES W. BELL Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. W. BELL.

* First peal of Major. First peal for C. W. Bell as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells, and first attempt. The band is indebted to the Rector for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WALTER STEPHENSON ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
WILLIAM H. HUNTER 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JONATHAN WHEWELL 3	EDWIN OGDEN 7
JAMES SHAW 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung by ex-Service men to commemorate the signing of the Armistice, and in affectionate remembrance of all brother ringers who laid down their lives in the Great War.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
HENRY BOWER 2	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6
WILLIS WHITHAM 3	OLIVER CANWOOD 7
GEORGE LEWIS 4	*JONATHAN GREAVES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* Elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
THOMAS CATTELL 3	*CYRIL WINWOOD 7
*ALBERT CLARKE 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WINWOOD.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Evans and Miss Hobson (of Tipton). Mr. Evans is a member of the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FREDERICK W. HAGYARD Treble	WILKINSON MASSEY 4
GEORGE F. ADLEY 2	*ROBERT BULLEN 5
*WILLIAM A. TAYLOR 3	*ALBERT BRISTOW Tenor

Conducted by G. F. ADLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th from St. Mary's, Wimbledon; tenor from Esler Parish Church; 2nd and 4th belong to the local band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HEMINGBROUGH.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., 720 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 2880 Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TERRY Treble	AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 4
GEORGE CURTIS TERRY 2	†FRANK HATFIELD 5
*FRED TERRY 3	WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*GEORGE DEAN Treble	THOMAS P. FINCH 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
†CHARLES JENNINGS 3	†HARRY HARVEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HARVEY.

Rung, with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute to the men of the parish who fell in the Great War. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. * First peal. † First on inside bell. ‡ First as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*ALLAN BROMLEY Treble	FRED. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
FREDERICK BUTCHER ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
†GEORGE BURT 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War. * First peal, and first attempt, and elected a member of the association before starting. † First in five methods on an inside bell. First peal as conductor in five methods. The ringer of the 5th has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's College Single, two Oxford Single, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SIMPSON Treble	ROBERT PARKINSON 4
THOMAS MARTIN 2	JOHN MASTERS 5
STEPHEN ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM SHERATON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. PARKINSON.

Rung to commemorate the end of the Great War, and as a tribute to the fallen.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*E. BULLOCK Treble	A. BACON 4
*J. R. SMITH 2	*J. H. RAPER 5
T. GREENACRE 3	W. N. ASHBY Tenor

Conducted by T. GREENACRE.

* First peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Robertson, a local ringer.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

As arranged by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	WALTER F. SERMONS ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

EAST CARLTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOSEPH CHESTER Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 2	*C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 5
HARRY BAXTER 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1755, when they were recast and rehung by Jos. Eayre, of St. Neots. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins on Nov. 11th. After the peal, the ringers, and also the local band, were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. E. Robinson).

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ROWLAND BARROW ... 5
*ALBAN DISNEY 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Minor by all the band, and first attempt. * First in the method.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Oxford, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAYSON 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. approx. in F sharp.

*GEORGE JENNINGS ... Treble	*JACK CARMAN 4
*FRANK E. DARBY 2	JAMES E. COOPER 5
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal for the above Association.

STOKE PAGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*JOHN SHUKER Treble	†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4
*HERBERT C. ALBROW ... 2	*EDWARD C. HARTLEY ... 5
†ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	*WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The ages of the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th are 16 years, and of the tenor man 17 years.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of Grandsire, four of Oxford Single, and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. C. MOULE ... Treble	ARTHUR WILSON 3
KITTY WILLERS 2	HENRY WILSON 4
WILLIAM RAYNER Tenor	

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

This is believed to be the first time a lady ringer has called a peal for the Ely Association.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. YORKTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, a very enjoyable meeting was held at Hersham, 22 visiting friends and members attending. The meeting was favoured by a visit of the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger, of North Stoneham), also Mr. and Mrs. Melville, of Guildford. Ringing commenced shortly before 4 p.m., and at 4.45 the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Lefroy). Tea was afterwards served at the Parish Hall, having been arranged for by Mr. Woodrow.

At the business meeting, the Vicar occupied the chair. The report and balance sheet for the year were presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. B. Hessey). The receipts amounted to £10 11s. 10d., and expenditure to £4 11s. 9d., leaving a balance of £6 0s. 1d. in hand.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) gave a report of the work in the district. He was pleased to say that the Farnborough band had rejoined the Guild, and a meeting was to be held there next year. Proposed meetings for 1925 were: Ottershaw, Farnborough, Egham and Yorktown (annual).

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for his kindness, and also to Mr. F. Shepherd for his valuable service at the organ. Further ringing was afterwards enjoyed up to 8.30 p.m.

AN INTERESTING RESTORATION.

Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, has recently rehung the bells at Denstone Parish Church, Staffs. It was on these bells that the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood learnt to ring, and his son, Lieut.-Col. Sir Percival Heywood, Bart., D.S.O., is the present churchwarden. The bells (4) are hung in a round turret only 5ft. 11in. in diameter. Among other work Mr. Groves has in hand is the restoration of the bells at Harborne, Staffs; Bromyard, Herefordshire; Bromham, Wilts; St. Nicholas', Hereford, etc.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Barrett 1, W. Gamunage 2, I. Bennett 3, J. Netherell 4, J. Mackay 5, B. Soden (conductor) 6, T. Tebbutt 7, H. Marlow 8. Also on the following Sunday, for morning service, 1,120 Rob Major: F. Barrett 1, G. Townsend 2, H. Marlow 3, T. Tebbutt 4, J. Mackay 5, I. Bennett 6, B. Soden 7, J. Metherell (conductor) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE OXFORD GUILD.

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Barker shows a change of front. After writing an epistle in which he accuses the Wycombe men of unfriendliness to the Guild, hindering the efforts of others, the wilful clashing of dates, and such like, he leads off this week with 'sobstuff' about personalities and the mixing of colours. May we suggest that this official saw 'red' when our notice appeared in your columns; but that this has now changed to 'white.' He would have us believe he is anxious for less criticism of one who, he says, is unable at present to defend himself; yet at the same time he accuses that person of open defiance; and then seeks confirmation from a third party. How consistent!

Again, when refused a tower, put out of court by a higher authority than his, he professes to repudiate that ruling; but when the same tower announces a meeting 'on their own,' he blusters and raves about no official status or authority. When taken to task for an impudent interference in the affairs of an individual belfry, he yells loudly about abuse. He started the ball rolling—we still have a kick left. He suggests that Wycombe is trying to force their will on the Guild. May we remind your readers, sir, that at largely attended meetings at Boyne Hill and Wooburn, a resolution asking for a change of meeting-place was carried enthusiastically, with one dissentient—Mr. Barker, then an unattached member? But, after all, let us get back to the point at issue in this controversy, which seems to resolve itself into this 'That no tower can hold a meeting of its own, for fear some "Jack-in-Office" will butt in either to approve or condemn.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE TWITCHEN.

Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry.

MEMORIAL TO MAIDSTONE RINGER.

On Sunday evening, November 2nd, the Rev. T. K. Sopwith, M.A. (Vicar) dedicated a tablet erected in the tower of All Saints' Church, Maidstone, to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Mannering. The ceremony took place in the presence of deceased ringer's relations, and many ringing friends.

The tablet is of Sicilian marble, with polished slate back, and the inscription reads: 'In memory of Thomas Mannering, a faithful son of the church, for 22 years captain of All Saints' ringers, district representative on the Central Committee, conductor of many peals rung in Kent, member of St. Peter's choir, who died May 4th, 1923, aged 53. Deeply respected and greatly valued. The tablet was erected by the Kent Association of Change Ringers.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to notice that the committee of the Kent County Association has led the way in voting four guineas to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. If the other associations will follow suit, the task before the committee will be greatly lightened, and a scheme, even larger than that proposed, may be possible.

The lightest peal of ten in the country, the bells at Loughborough Foundry, were rung on Saturday to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The tenor is only 6½ cwt., so that the bells at the light end, which run on ball bearings, require delicate handling.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, who have been training a band of youths at Stoke Poges, have now had the satisfaction of ringing a peal with four of them. Of the boys, who have now scored as their first 5,000, seven 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three are 16 years of age, and one 17.

After having been laid aside for 13 months with septic rheumatism, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, of Lincoln, has been able to resume work. His many friends will congratulate him on his restored health.

The Lord Bishop of Bristol has promised to attend the Bristol United Ringing Guild's fourth annual dinner. There is great hope that the Lord Mayor of Bristol will also attend. He will do so if his civic arrangements permit him.

Peals will be arranged for visitors attending the Bristol United Guild's dinner. Start 2.30 p.m., and anyone desiring to take part should communicate early with the hon. secretary.

This week we record the first peal on another ancient ring of bells. A peal of Minor was rung on Saturday at East Carlton, Northants, where Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, installed the bells in the year 1755.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Burton-on-Trent on November 20th, 1886. The band was C. H. Hattersley, J. Carter, H. Bastable, J. Griffin, S. Reeves, W. Wakley, J. Jaggard, and A. Thomas.

The Society of City Scholars rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate, London, on November 23rd, 1732.

The first peal on the present ring of twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was 5,170 Grandsire Cinques, rung on Nov. 25rd, 1775.

Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells are a very rare occurrence. The first was rung on November 24th, 1816. Can any of our readers give us particulars of one rung since?

November 25th is the anniversary of a peal of 15,120 Bob Major, rung in 8 hrs. 40 mins., at West Ham, by the Society of Eastern Scholars, in the year 1737.

A peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on November 25th, 1799.

At Chislehurst, Kent, where the bells have just been quarter-turned and rebung by Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., a peal of Bob Major has been rung in honour of the installation of Sir Alfred Bower as Lord Mayor of London. Sir Alfred is a resident of Chislehurst. It is an interesting coincidence, as well as something of a record, that the last peal of Major in the tower was rung for the installation of Sir George Truscott as Lord Mayor in 1908. He was also a resident of Chislehurst.

Mr. James George, who rang the treble in the birthday peal at Tipton, for Mr. Wm. Rock Small, was the only member present who took part in the peal when the composition (one by Mr. John Carter) was rung for the first time at St. Alkmund's, Whitchurch, on October 9th, 1894. Mr. Small also rang in the peal at Whitchurch. By the way, Mr. George will celebrate his 71st birthday on Nov. 27th.

Mr. R. Richards, of the Cathedral band, Newcastle, has just been operated on for the fifth time in two years. It has been found necessary to amputate one of his legs, but on Sunday he was reported to be doing well. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery, and hope soon to see him among them again.

In our columns this week will be found reports of peals in no fewer than six Surprise methods. In addition to peals of Cambridge Royal, there are peals of Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Rochester Surprise.

PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will the Exercise please take notice that 'On the preservation of bells, etc.' is again included in the list of Central Council publications in your advertisement columns? A considerable number of new copies, which were purchased in bulk some time ago, have been offered to me. From applications I have had to refuse recently, I believe there is still a demand for this book.—Yours truly,
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**FOUR GUINEAS VOTED TO THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.**

The Central Committee held their November meeting last Saturday at Canterbury. Among other items of business it was decided to hold the annual general meeting next year on Easter Monday at Folkestone.

The sum of £5 was granted from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the augmentation of St. Lawrence, Thanet. The sum of £4 4s. was voted towards the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

The possibility of establishing some headquarters was mooted, but no definite conclusion was reached. The secretary was empowered to approach the authorities at the Maidstone Museum, the Canterbury Free Library, and the Cathedral Library.

It was also decided to affiliate the association to the 'Association of men of Kent and Kentish men.'

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Tenterden on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung before service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. M. L. Man) officiated. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ, and the Vicar gave a very helpful address on unity, fellowship and brotherhood. About 50 afterwards sat down to tea, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting, the Vicar was elected as an honorary member of the association.—A vote of thanks was accorded him for the service and address, and in reply, he heartily welcomed the association, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again at Tenterden.

The tower was then visited, and the ringing included a course of Double Norwich.

The visitors from other districts included Messrs. Pitman and Castle from the Canterbury district; C. H. Sone, district secretary, Maidstone district; and T. E. Sone and W. H. Lambert, Tonbridge districts. There were also present four lady members of the district, viz., Mrs. Gatehouse, Mrs. H. Baker, Mrs. Button and Miss Rose Thomas.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF HARTHILL BELLS.**

On Saturday last the members of the North Notts Association met at Harthill. The day had been looked forward to for some considerable time, as the members were anxious to meet the new Rector (the Rev. P. E. Boswell) and enrol him as vice-president, and also to ring in the cool weather, which November affords, on the hard going and heavy ring at All Hallows' Church. When the weather is warm it is almost impossible to ring these bells for more than 15 minutes at a stretch.

Ringers were present from Anston, Barlborough, Killamarsh, Shire-oaks and Worksop, and the local company also mustered well. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Kent, Violet, Duke of York, and Cambridge and London Surprise.

Tea was provided at the Church Institute in good style by the members of the Ladies' Working Guild, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their kind services. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Tuxford early in the New Year.

The Rev. P. E. Boswell was enrolled a vice-president, the Rector thanking the members for their unanimous vote.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) remarked there was one matter that had been in the minds of all the members for many years, viz., the bad 'go' of Harthill bells, and also the fact that they were very much out of tune. The late Rector (Canon Darley), who was for 28 years a vice-president of the association, and for 17 years of that time the honorary secretary, had a great desire to have the whole peal recast and rehung, and made into a ring of eight. This was one of the most interesting subjects Canon Darley discussed whenever he met the ringers, and but for the war there was no doubt they would have had a beautiful peal of eight bells in that tower instead of the heavy-going peal of six of to-day. He (the speaker) understood steps were to be taken very shortly to restore the church, and if the bells could be included in the scheme the association would do everything possible to help it forward.

Several members joined in the discussion, and the Rector replied showing his hearty sympathy with the ringers in their work on Sundays and practice nights throughout the year. He loved to hear bells skillfully rung, although he was not a ringer himself, and he promised to bring the subject before the Church Council and the church working party with a view to including the restoration of the church generally and of the bells in one comprehensive scheme.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Rector for his sympathy and support, and mentioned that the late Rector was a practical ringer, and invariably attended all the association's ringing meetings during the time he was honorary secretary, and the restoration of the bells would gladden the heart of one who had done so much for the association. Let them ever keep his memory green!

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding over tea and meeting, brought the meeting to a close.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting was held at Portsmouth on Saturday last, when the peal of eight at St. Mary's were available during the afternoon and evening. Members and visitors to the number of 30 attended from Fareham, Gosport, North Stoughton, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Swanmore, Wickham and Winchester. The visitors included Mr. G. Williams (Master), and Messrs. A. D. Stone (Brighton) and A. T. Lovejoy (Reading).

A short service was held in the church, the curates officiating, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. L. Southam). The members were very grateful for the services at the organ of Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., who added to the enjoyment of the service. The members afterwards proceeded to the Institute, where a good spread awaited them.

The business meeting was next proceeded with, Mr. W. Tate occupying the chair. The district report for the past year was read by the secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers). It stated that during the year meetings had been held at Fareham, Curdridge, Privett and Titchfield, the attendance at each being 31, 39, 45 and 21 respectively, an average of 34 members and friends, and also 12 towers. The ringing, which had been quite up to standard, had included the standard methods, also Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Berkeley Surprise Major. The number of full members accounted for was 83, compared with 97 in the previous year, not due to a numerical reduction in numbers, but rather to the fact that there was a slackness on the part of some to pay subscriptions due. It was hoped an improvement would be effected during the coming year. There was an increase in unattached, compounding and probationary members, but the district had lost one of its honorary members due to the removal from Wickham of Col. Farquhar to Winchester. At all the meetings arranged during the past year a service has been held, at which the incumbent had addressed the members assembled. The secretary asked, in conclusion, for the co-operation during the coming year of the members with the district secretary and representatives so that they might embark on a year of brotherhood, prosperity and progress.

The balance sheet, which was presented to the members by the district auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds) showed receipts amounting to £11 9s., and expenditure to £5 2s. 11d., leaving a balance to the general treasurer of £6 6s. 1d.

Three full members and one probationer were elected viz., Messrs. Hennings, Lovejoy, Paterson and R. Page.

All the district officers were re-elected, viz., Chairman, Mr. W. Tate; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; Central Committee, Messrs. W. Tate and H. G. Smith; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Petersfield on Saturday, March 7th, 1925 due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks, on the proposition of the Chairman, were accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist, and also to Mrs. Fuller and her helpers for providing the tea. This concluded the business meeting, after which the members adjourned to the tower. During the day, the ringing included the standard methods, and also Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern district of the above Association held a very successful meeting at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday. Members attended from various parts of London, and the bells were set going a few minutes after the appointed hour of four o'clock. A good many touches of the most popular methods were rung until a stop was called for tea.

At the business meeting, it was resolved that Mr. J. Herbert should act as auditor for the year. Afterwards a move was again made to the church, where more members had arrived. Some good touches of Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round. Unfortunately a stop had to be made at eight o'clock, and brought to a conclusion a very pleasant meeting.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and also Mr. Bolton for the use of the tower.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade district was held at Southill on Saturday, November 8th. The attendance was small, but the ringing was good. Tea was provided at the White Horse Inn, to which ten sat down, being members and friends from Sandy, Roxton, Everton, Clifton, Letchworth and Buckdon with Canon W. W. C. Baker.

It was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Biggleswade on Saturday, December 6th, if convenient, or, failing Biggleswade, at Sandy, when it is hoped a good company will be present.

A vote of thanks to Canon W. W. C. Baker for the use of the bells and for providing tea for those present, brought the business to a close.

The tower was again visited, the methods practised being Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Plain Bob.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION TO BE SUB-DIVIDED.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association, was, at the kind invitation of the Rev. E. Drage, Vicar of Pickering, and vice-president of the Association, held at Pickering on Saturday, November 8th.

There was a large and representative gathering of ringers present, the chief towers represented being Thirsk, Helmsley, Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Salthurn, Scarborough, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, and Pickering.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, the fine peal of eight bells, which were placed in the tower of the Parish Church as a war memorial, were kept in full swing, the methods rung including Grand-sire, Stedman and Treble Boh.

Apart from the splendid ringing enjoyed by the more experienced ringers, the meeting proved a valuable help to the younger members.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Pickering, through indisposition, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the association, presided at the meeting, supported by Mr. J. Cotterell (treasurer).

The principal business of the day was the consideration of plans for the more efficient working of the Northern Division. Although considerable progress has been made in this district since its reorganisation in 1919, it has long been felt that it would greatly help the work if this widespread and scattered area could be divided into two districts.

After careful consideration it was decided to try this plan for a time, appointing a Ringing Master for each district. Mr. Barker, of Marske, was elected Ringing Master for the Northern District, and Mr. Ferguson, of Scarborough, for the Southern District.

Each district is to hold three ringing meetings every year, and there is to be one annual meeting of the whole Northern Division, to be held in June. It is hoped all towers affected by these plans will do their best to help those in charge to make the work a success.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. C. Marshall and to Mr. Cotterell for coming the long distance from Leeds and Bradford, respectively, in the interests of the ringers in the North; and to the Rev. E. Drage and the ringers of Pickering for the enjoyable day they had afforded their ringing friends.

Mr. Cotterell and his friends were able to stay the night in Pickering, and assisted in ringing for the special Armistice service on Sunday morning.

CHANGING THE RINGERS.

DEVON VICAR'S ACTION.

The Witheridge, Devon, correspondent writes as follows in the current issue of the 'South Molton Ruridecanal Magazine':—

'The time has come when, in the considered opinion of the Vicar, new arrangements should be made in the important matter of ringing the bells for service, and on other occasions. In the first place, it is well to remember that a bell ringer is an office-bearer in the church. It is, therefore, most expedient that anyone who executes this office should be a convinced churchman. It is also desirable, in these times of progress in campanology, that a ringer should be willing to take at least a little step forward in the art to which he is dedicating his services. For these and other reasons, it has been thought wise to make two simple conditions for those who aspire to a place in the belfry. First, they should be churchmen who recognise the duty of attending the services to which they are summoning others. Secondly, they should be ready to attend some instruction (which will be provided) in change ringing as an addition to the ordinary round-ringing which has prevailed for so long.

'Simple as these conditions are, we find any number of persons ready to point out difficulties. Of course, there are difficulties, especially in country places. But difficulties (in the common phrase) were made to be overcome. At the moment, we are asking for men who are ready to join a band of ringers formed, as we believe, on the only possible lines which will give satisfaction. The Vicar will be glad to hear from any who are interested in the work, and who are willing to offer their services in accordance with the simple terms that are specified above. To those of the late band of ringers who, for various reasons, have found themselves unable to accept the conditions, the Vicar has already expressed the thanks of the parishioners for their past services. To such of them as are able to accept the new arrangement, the door is as wide open as it is to others who are willing to do so.'

CENTENARIAN HONOURED.

At Ford End, near Chelmsford, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, Mrs. Archer celebrated her one hundredth birthday. In honour of the event, members of the Felsted Guild rang 720 of Bob Minor and 120 Grand-sire Doubles on the bells of Ford End Parish Church: R. Haslen 1, A. Shuffelbottom 2, A. H. Farrow 3, H. Ebert 4, W. T. Farrow 5, J. Wood 6. This is the first 720 that has been rung on the bells for over 30 years, as the tower was considered unsafe. Through the energy of the Vicar and friends, however, the fabric has now been restored.

BLETCHLEY BELLS RE-OPENED.

The opening of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, was carried out on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints' Day), when they were re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham (the Right Rev. H. P. Elliot). There was a very large congregation, and a number of clergy, who were hon. members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, were present, those taking part being the Rev. F. W. Bennett (Vicar of St. Mary's, Bletchley), the Rev. G. H. Field (Milton Keynes), who read the lesson, the Rev. E. Mostyn Ellis (Newton Longville), and the Rev. C. R. Wheeler (Fenny Stratford), who acted as Bishop's chaplain. The service was fully choral, and hymns taken from the ringers' service book. An anthem, rendered by the choir, was taken from Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out, Wild Bells.' During the service the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop handed the care of the bells to the Rector, and, as the procession returned the bells were rung by the local ringers.

The Bishop's address dealt with bells and their uses, expectation, but, thanks to the ladies, there was sufficient to go round, and everyone was satisfied.

After the service, both ringers and congregation adjourned to the Schools, where tea had been provided by the ringers' wives and lady friends. About 130 sat down, a number greatly in excess of expectation.

After tea, the Rector cordially welcomed the Bishop, and thanked him for attending. Thanks were also expressed to Major Chadwick for his professional assistance as architect, both in giving advice and supervising the work during construction, and to mark this appreciation he was presented with a pair of oak candlesticks made from the old bell frame which had been in the tower since 1712.

—Major Chadwick suitably responded, and thanked the contractors, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the thorough and efficient manner in which they had carried out the work. He was glad to say that there was no apparent vibration in the bell frame.

Mr. Harry Sear said that he would also like to thank Mr. Taylor, and to let him know that the ringers were well satisfied with the way the bells went. It appeared to them that the whole peal had practically been recast instead of only the 5th bell.—Mr. Taylor, in reply, said how pleased he was the work had given satisfaction. From the ringers' side it would be good to know that the bearings of the bells would not require lubrication for ten years. He hoped soon to see a peal rung on them.

Mr. W. Sear, secretary of North Bucks Branch, expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), but he was pleased to tell them that the Oxford Guild was represented by the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert). He also thanked the visiting ringers for attending on such a wet day, which showed a certain amount of interest existed among the kindred associations, those represented including ringers from Bedfordshire, Northants, Towcester and District Association, also the veteran, Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

After the meeting, all were anxious to have a pull on the bells, and they were kept going until 8 p.m., the methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Major.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not think that Mr. J. R. Jerram is by any means 'playing the game.' He should realise: (1) That the committee appointed to deal with this matter have had the advice of competent bell founders and bell hangers; (2) have weighed the 'pros' and 'cons' of the two towers suggested; (3) that one job can be done £100 less than the other; and (4) that if sufficient money be forthcoming the committee are open to consider a larger scheme.

Bell founding of the present day is a very different proposition to that of one hundred years ago; and little bells are cast and tuned and admired, which are quite as light as the two trebles would be if added to St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

Letters like the two from Mr. Jerram will have the effect of preventing some people from sending a subscription at all. I would suggest that instead of throwing a 'cold douche' on this laudable endeavour, Mr. Jerram should send a substantial donation, or, better still, give one or both the bells. I would ask any member of the Exercise who reads 'The Ringing World' to remember that every little helps, and to send his contribution to Mr. A. J. Wright, 40 Hamilton Road, Reading.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

THE BRISTOL NON-CONDUCTED PEAL.

On Tuesday, November 4th, the Bristol United Ringing Guilds held their monthly practice at St. Stephen's, instead of at St. Nicholas.

During the meeting, the Rev. R. H. Whitford unveiled a peal board recording the non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples rung on November 3rd, 1923.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford spoke of the Bristol towers being well equipped with capable conductors, and this wonderful performance proved that.

Mr. W. Knight, in the absence of the umpire, Mr. T. King (of Bath), thanked the Rev. Whitford for unveiling the board.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The 47th annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, October 25th, in Newcastle. The bells of all the churches in Newcastle, also of Gosforth, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers for the day by the respective Vicars. The committee meeting was held at 12 noon, the service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, and dinner at the Collingwood Restaurant at 2 p.m., following which the annual meeting took place, and lasted until 5 o'clock, when the ringers dispersed to the different towers, and kept the bells going during the evening in various methods.

The service was conducted by Canon G. E. Newsom, Vicar of Newcastle, Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, read the lesson, and the Right Rev. Bishop Wood (Vicar of St. George's) gave the address. His lordship said one of the association's objects was to secure recognition for bell ringers. Sometimes parishioners passed their work over unthinkingly, the sound of the bells being so familiar. Yet theirs was a common purpose with the clergy in the service of the church. Let them see that they performed that task with conviction and sincerity, developing a sense of responsibility, for it was not purely imaginary to say that the bells in a parish did, in some sense, represent the souls of those who rang.

Luncheon was afterwards served at the Collingwood Restaurant. The president (Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington) presided and was supported by Bishop Wood, Canon Newsom, Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, and six of the clergy, the secretary, treasurer, auditor, one vice-president, district secretaries, and others, including Mr. C. C. Ellis, of Edenborough, and Mr. J. W. Falconer, of Gosforth. The company numbered 105. After the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, Mr. Story gave the toast of 'The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses,' and expressed regret that the Bishop of Newcastle was not yet well enough to be present.—Bishop Wood responded briefly, saying that a great many of the clergy looked on the bell ringers as co-partners with them in their parochial work.

The annual business meeting followed. The annual report was presented by the hon. sec. (Mr. E. Ferry), who deplored the deaths of four members, and recorded the fact that Mr. T. Stephenson, of Stockton, whose death occurred during the year, was one of the original members, having been elected at the formation of the association in 1877. Mr. W. Newton, of the same town, is now the only original member left.

On eight, ten and twelve bells, Whitley Bay took first place for the fifth year in succession for the Sunday Service ringing. With 1,712.92 points, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, took second place. Next in order were Newcastle Cathedral, North Shields, All Saints', Gosforth, St. John's, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, St. Michael's, Sunderland, Skildon, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street, and Consett. For the six-bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place for the third year in succession, and had won the certificate outright with 930.53 points. Hurworth-on-Tees were second with 404.24 points. Next in order were Newburn, Benfieldside, Newton Hall and Houghton-le-Spring.

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

Twenty-eight peals were rung during the year, against 23 last year, 58 members taking part, against 66 last year. Seventeen of these peals were rung on tower bells and eleven on handbells. Eight members rang their first peal during the year, and Mr. E. Lowrey entered the list of conductors this year. The peals included a spliced peal of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major rung at Whitley Bay, composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and conducted by Mr. J. A. Goffton, and was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung; a peal of London Surprise rung at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, was the first peal of London in Scotland; and a peal of Stedman Triples at Chester-le-Street, when Miss A. Donnison rang the treble, this being the first peal of Stedman by the association with a lady taking part. Miss Donnison is to be congratulated upon scoring her first peal of Stedman. The report mentioned that the association was unique in having the support of five bishops, viz., the Bishops of Durham and Newcastle, the Bishop of Jarrow, Bishop Weldon, Dean of Durham, and Bishop Wood, Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond. Bishop Wood had recently come amongst them, and they extended to him a most hearty welcome. It also recorded a unique and interesting event which took place at Monkseaton on Thursday, April 15th, 1924, when a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on handbells by the Brothers Goffton. This was Mr. J. A. Goffton's 200th peal, his 50th on handbells, his 50th as conductor, and he had rung 50 on his own tower bells. It would be very interesting to know if any other ringer has accomplished this feat.

The Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom) presented the certificates to the winners for the best Sunday Service ringing during the year.

The Rev. A. E. Cornibee, Vicar of St. John's, referred to the satisfactory progress being made with the restoration of the bells at St. John's, Newcastle. This has been termed the 'Ringers' Church,' as so many North Country ringers were taught in its tower. It is hoped the bells will soon be in the bell founders' hands.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Story, that the subscription

of the clerical honorary members be reduced to a minimum of 5s. instead of 7s. 6d.

Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington, was re-elected president; Mr. E. Ferry, hon. secretary; Mr. Arthur Payne, treasurer; Mr. C. L. Routledge, auditor; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. E. Keen, R. B. Robinson, R. Patterson, and the Rev. A. W. Lister. All the district secretaries were re-elected. The following were elected hon. members: The Right Rev. Bishop Wood, the Rev. E. P. Pestle, Vicar of Tanfield; Alderman A. J. Robinson, the Rev. F. J. Burt, Vicar of Whitley Bay; and Messrs. J. W. Falconer, Gosforth; T. Nixon, Darlington; and J. Dunlop, Hexham. Sixteen new ringing members were also elected.

Meetings to be held during 1925 were fixed as follows: Pre-Lent, Hurworth-on-Tees, Saturday, February 21st, 1925; Whit Monday, North Shields and Whitley Bay, May 23rd, 1925; summer meeting, Allendale, July 25th, 1925; annual festival at Durham on Saturday, October 31st, 1925.

SALISBURY GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

On Monday, November 3rd, the war memorial chapel in Salisbury Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, after the unveiling of a memorial to his predecessor, a great friend of ringers, by the Bishop of London.

The chapel is flanked by a handsomely carved screen of dark oak, which bears the following inscription: 'This screen is erected in memory of 58 members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and other bell ringers of the Diocese, who gave their lives in the Great War.'

The Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild; the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards, secretary, were present at the ceremony.

OXFORD GUILD.

On a recent Saturday, in spite of inclement weather, a successful meeting of the E. Berks and S. Bucks branch was held at Hughenden. The following towers were represented: Beaconsfield, Bledlow, Chalfont St. Giles, Cookham, Hitcham, Hughenden, Marlow, Stoke Poges and West Wycombe.

Although the organist did not turn up, he was not missed very much, the quality of the singing giving the impression that all present were choir members.—The Vicar gave an excellent and interesting address.

The catering arrangements of the Hughenden band left nothing to be desired, and, given fine weather, the next meeting there ought to run into three figures. Touches in various methods, up to Cambridge Surprise, were rung, everyone enjoying themselves to the full.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

The three peals following are the first published in sixteen courses (towers together) in two equal parts. They also all have the quality of being reduced to 5040 by the simple expedient of omitting three consecutive bobs as bracketed. The shortened form of the last peal is shown:—

5760					5760
23456	M	W	H		23456
52436	—	—	—		52436
42635	—	—	—		34625
56234	—	—	—		23645
35264	—	—	—		63542
25463	—	—	—		53246
45362	—	—	—		42635
63254	—	—	—		56234
25634	—	—	—		25634
Repeated.					Repeated.
				5040	
23456	M	W	H		23456
52436	—	—	—		52436
34625	—	—	—		34625
23645	—	—	—		23645
42635	—	—	—		42635
56234	—	—	—		56234
35264	—	—	—		35264
63254	—	—	—		63254
25634	—	—	—		25634
32654	—	—	—		32654
62453	—	—	—		62453
34256	—	—	—		34256
53246	—	—	—		53246
45236	—	—	—		45236
23456	—	—	—		23456

First rung at Tynemouth on November 10th, 1924.

ARMISTICE CELEBRATION.

Among the many touches rung throughout the country, in connection with the celebration of the sixth anniversary of the Armistice, were the following:—

RAINHAM, KENT.—For the memorial service, for those who fell in the war, with the bells half-muffled, 840 Grandsire Triples: Lieut. W. A. Cooke, R.N., 1, W. Segar 2, Col.-Sergt. J. Bennett 3, W. Rayner 4, T. Jewell 5, W. Walker 6, C. Belsey (conductor) 7, V. Tucker 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Nov. 11th, after the two minutes' silence, 720 Doubles, 480 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire (six callings), half-muffled: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, W. Leaning 3, J. Bray 4, G. Hobbins (longest length as conductor) 5, T. Mann 6.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, for special Armistice service, on November 11th, 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major, in 43 mins.: G. Petter 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, J. A. Coles (longest length in the method) 4, H. Hutton 5, H. Burdock 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

WARMINSTER.—At the Minster, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, for special Remembrance Day service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: J. Gard 1, E. F. White 2, Mrs. W. T. Wills 3, F. A. Ashworth 4, G. E. Webster 5, W. Fletcher 6, F. Procey (conductor) 7, H. Kneel 8. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band, and first quarter-peal by H. Kneel.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, for Armistice memorial service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: Idris Mitchell 1, Ivor Mitchell 2, F. Thyer 3, A. Gray 4, S. Ridgway 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Darch (conductor) 7, R. Derword 8.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—Rung on the eve of the anniversary of Armistice Day, as a tribute to all who fell in the Great War, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks', in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, A. Haynes 2, A. Allen 3, G. H. Edwards (conductor) 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

OLDHAM.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal (half-muffled) of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 1,259 changes, in 52 mins.: J. Lees 1, J. Cox 2, M. Newton 3, H. Lawton 4, E. Geary 5, A. Waites 6, R. Greenwood 7, J. W. Taylor 8, S. M. Butterworth (conductor) 9, C. H. Marsland 10.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—At St. John's, on Armistice Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (half-muffled), in 27 mins.: R. McMillan 1, H. McMillan 2, H. Roberts 3, F. J. Williams 4, P. Roberts 5, J. Owen (conductor) 6, D. E. Evans 7 (covering).

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—At St. Martin's Church, on Armistice Day, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled; and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells open, in 45 minutes, the following taking part: G. Cooke, H. Broughton, W. Pike, P. Jones, T. Love, A. Addicott, B. Addicott, S. Addicott, E. Dare. Conducted by G. Cooke and A. Addicott.

ROCK FERRY.—On Tuesday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Withers 1, F. C. Amos 2, W. Dean 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cook (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 5th, and the longest length in two methods by the ringers of 2nd and 4th, and the first quarter-peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: R. Turrell 1, J. Brunt 2, C. Carr 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung on Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, in commemoration of the fallen, and also as a token of respect to the ringer of the second, on the death of his eldest daughter. Mr. John Brunt, who is captain of the local band, has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church for 50 years, and for many years member of the Midland Counties Association. The deepest sympathy of his ringing friends is extended to him and his family in their sad bereavement.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 9th, with the bells half-muffled, for the Armistice memorial service, 216 Plain Bob. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: W. Jay 1, A. Cardy 2, F. May 3, R. Whetton 4, C. Jay 5, F. Jay (conductor) 6.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War: S. Gardner (first quarter-peal) 1, P. S. Parker 2, Miss E. M. Burnett (Portsmouth) 3, A. R. Ward (conductor) 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, W. Kemp 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Armistice evening, Nov. 11th, half-muffled ringing as follows: 420 Stedman Triples, conducted by Jack Garbett; 432 Bob Major, conducted by Leonard Hewitt; 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Walter Lago. Also a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells: J. Hanley 1—2, W. Wase 3—4, Walter Lago 5—6, William Saunders 7—8, Alfred Bayley 9—10. Richard Jones, Robert Evans and Arthur Garbett took part in the tower bell ringing.

PORTISHEAD.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, in 47 mins.: Miss G. Shaddon 1, Miss Alice Stokes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Dobbs (conductor) 4, Mr. Goldstone 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, Mr. W. Gillingham 7, Mr. Nisbett 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: B. A. J. Yeates 1, R. Warrilow 2, B. Garbett 3, A. H. Taylor 4, J. Warrilow 5, W. G. Curtis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, R. Silberry 8. First quarter of Triples by 1st, 3rd and tenor, and first inside by ringer of 2nd. The tenor man is aged 17, and the ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 4th are each 15 years old.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, for evening service, 432 Grandsire Caters: B. A. J. Yeates 1, B. Garbett 2, A. H. Taylor 3, W. H. Jones 4, R. Warrilow 5, G. Booth 6, W. G. Curtis 7, J. Warrilow 8, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 9, R. Silberry 10.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, with half-muffled bells, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Harper 1, G. Biddulph (first 720 inside) 2, Tom Arrowsmith (first 720 in the method) 3, W. Longman 4, J. Cook 5, W. Rigby (conductor) 6. With bells open, 720 Plain Bob: R. Arrowsmith (first 720) 1, G. Biddulph 2, E. Harper (conductor) 3, W. Longman 4, T. Arrowsmith 5, W. Rigby 6.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—To commemorate Armistice Day, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church: A. Taylor 1, Miss G. Snell 2, T. Orscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balmont 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: H. Mingay 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, N. S. Dales 4, J. B. Rudl 5, F. Metcalf 6, R. S. Long (conductor) 7, C. Taylor 8. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major, with the bells open, also in 45 mins.: F. Overton (conductor) 1, N. S. Dales (first quarter in the method with a bob bell) 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Metcalf 4, J. B. Budd 5, R. S. Long 6, C. Taylor 7, H. Mingay 8. First quarter as conductor in the method, and first attempt.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, for commemorative service in St. Andrew's Church, in 49 mins.: A. Greedy 1, E. Barrington 2, J. Parkman 3, W. Baker 4, W. Hartnell (conductor) 5, J. Hartnell 6, H. Rawle 7, S. Furze 8. The bells were rung open, after the service.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day, the bells were first rung half-muffled, including the 'whole pull and stand,' after which, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., composed by the late Mr. A. P. Wakley whilst in the trenches in Flanders: F. Allwood 1, S. H. Ward 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, L. Payne 8.

MONK'S KIRBY.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 720 of Bob Minor: L. Kilby 2, E. Oakes 2, J. Beale 3, F. Harrison 4, R. Hodgetts 5, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (conductor) 6, with E. R. Head and R. Hayes covering. All members of the local band except No. 3, who comes from Welvey. Up to February of this year there were only call change ringers at this tower.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the late James Moulton), in 42 mins.: E. Harrison (first peal as conductor) 1, F. Fox 2, H. Lewis 3, R. Sperring 4, S. Burton (first with bob bell) 5, A. Newell 6, G. R. Jones 7, J. W. Davies 8.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 11th, 360 Bob Minor, with half-muffled clappers, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells open: L. Warner 1, R. Heath 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, P. Pindar (conductor) 6.

ROWLEY REGIS.—At St. Giles' Parish Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. J. Hackett 1, T. Clarke 2, G. Detheridge, junr., 3, W. H. Detheridge 4, G. H. Detheridge, senr., 5, E. Homer 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, A. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the 'glorious dead.' First quarter-peal, half-muffled, which has been rung on these bells since they were rehung in the new tower.

STONE, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Armistice night, for the united service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Buckley 1, J. Head 2, J. Coulson 3, C. Templeton 4, T. Hodson 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Baker 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Lovatt (first attempt for a quarter-peal in any method) 1, G. Wines 2, H. Davies 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, T. Page (conductor) 6, W. Page 7, H. Crabb 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung, with the bells half-muffled, in 49 mins.: G. Large 1, W. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells open: W. H. P. Evans 1, J. Davies 2, G. Large (first quarter as conductor) 3, F. Chamberlain 4, W. Heath 5, W. Richards 6, E. Coombes 7, S. R. Barker 8.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For some unknown reason my 'Ringing World' for 31st October did not reach me till 5th November, hence the delay in replying to the Rev. E. S. Powell's latest communication. Will that gentleman kindly scan the following figures, and then explain what inference is, or can be, gained by comparing a two-bell shunt with a four-bell shunt.

TWO-BELL SHUNTS.

12345	12345
21435	21435
24153	24153
42513	42513
45231	45231
54321	45321
53412	43512
35142	34152
31524	31425
13254	13245
12354	12354
00504	

FOUR-BELL SHUNTS.

12345	12345
21435	21435
24153	24153
42513	42513
45231	45231
54321	42531
53412	45213
35142	54123
31524	51432
13254	15342
13524	13524
31004	
30140	

The great little We, are they beaten? If not, will they for my benefit, and for the benefit of interested readers, explain, prove, reveal, or show the construction of the following method by their particular formula? ('by whose means ALL KNOWN methods and thousands of unknown methods can be turned out as mechanically as sausages are discharged from a sausage machine').

Londonthorpe.

Shunts.

12345678	12537486
21354768	*12347586
12537486	12547386
21357846	14325678
	16325478
23158764	18325476
32517846	18325476
32158764	*12385476
23517846	15327486
	15327486
32571486	*13527486
35274168	12537486
53721486	12537486
57324168	*12347685
	12547683
75342618	12547683
73524681	12547638
37256418	12543678
32765481	17325486
	*12375486
23674581	15327486
Lead head	13527486
13527486	

The above method is another near relation of London Surprise, the number of shunts is the same, and there are only five, denoted by asterisks, which differ. The 2nd and 20th shunts are four bell shunts instead of six, the 8th and 14th shunts are three bell shunts instead of five, and the 11th shunt is a seven bell shunt instead of five, as in London, consequently there are only six less bells shifted than in London, the lead-head being 13527486, while the lead-head of London is 14263857.

When the great little We can show the Exercise as accurately, by their wonderful formula, as I have shown how the above method is constructed from the Treble Bob Principle, I shall be open to conviction, until then I think your readers will agree that their statements are not worth the paper they are printed on.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th; 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Langport on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — A ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Burnham, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham Wood, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Free tea at the Church Rooms at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, the 22nd Nov. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Beale's Tea Room at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Presteign-Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Stream Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Old Basford on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing from 4 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting will be held in the tower after ringing. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Thursday, Nov. 27th. St. Thomas' Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid forthwith.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Aldate's Church on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea in Rectory Room at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, Branch Sec., 64, Norreys Avenue, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 29th (not the 22nd as previously stated). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Free tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 'The Welcome,' High Street. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, the 25th, at latest, so that proper arrangements can be made? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, in National Schools, to those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, before Nov. 25th. Meeting afterwards. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. All Saints' tower will be open for ringing after tea. Members intending to be present please notify me before Nov. 25th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 29th. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 o'clock. The Cathedral bells will be available after tea. The tea arrangements will be made on the day.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Burton Districts.—A meeting of the two districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at a reasonable price can be obtained near the church by those who will inform Mr. J. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton, not later than Nov. 27th.—G. C. Wallace and C. Sanders, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8 and 10) available at 3. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea at Brett's at 5.30, followed by the usual business meeting. At the conclusion of the business a smoking concert will be held.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Nov. 29th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 25th. Committee meeting after tea. Subscriptions to the Thorne Bell Restoration Fund should be sent in as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Nov. 25th.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Ossett on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 29th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free to all who notify me not later than Nov. 25th.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the Church Hall. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. each to all sending word to Mr. W. Souter, 23, Church Walk, Stowmarket, by Dec. 1st). Meeting follows. A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m. at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Street, Lavenham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Bristol, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, in the Abbey, with address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Will those who wish to attend the tea kindly let the secretary know by Dec. 1st? Lillington bells (5) also available.—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Particulars next week.—C. T. Cole, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 15th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fourth annual social of the Preston branch will be held at Preston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Preston parish bells will be available from 2 o'clock to 4.45; also the bells of Preston St. Mark and Penwortham from 2 o'clock to 4.30. Tea in Parish Church Schools at 5 o'clock prompt, followed by whist and social. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to be made to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS will hold their fourth annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Chairman: Mr. F. G. Leaker. Vice-chairman: Mr. W. Knight. Tickets are now obtainable from stewards, Guild secretaries (6s. each), or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michaels, Bristol.

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