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TO REACH THE OUTSIDERS.

A very gratifying state of affairs exists in the Suffolk Guild, for it is reported that, with one exception, every change ringing tower in the area is fully affiliated to the organisation. We wonder how many other associations can boast of an equally good record. The ideal state of affairs, of course, would be that every tower with a peal of bells should be affiliated, and it is towards this end that associations should ever be striving. That the majority are always working to achieve this result cannot be denied, but we are not so certain that more could not be done than is done to bring in the towers which, for no special reason, except, perhaps, neglect or indifference, remain outside. We realise the difficulties with which associations are faced in their task, but no stone should be left unturned in the process of 'converting' those who remain outside the pale. There are some associations who use very little effort of the missionary kind; some who never make a point of officially visiting an un-affiliated tower, and simply wait until private influence or spontaneous desire prompts an application for admission.

There are, of course, other associations who carry on well organised efforts to reach these outside towers, but we should like to see a much more general endeavour to bring them into the 'fold.' Instead of leaving it to casual private invitation, as is often the case, a zealous official campaign might be inaugurated, and, just as a business man seeking a new customer does not give up trying at the first rebuff, so a persistent attempt should be made. Let formal invitation be followed up by interview with ringers and clergy, and the importance of affiliation with the county or diocesan body stressed. Pressure such as this, if continuous and tactfully exercised, would be bound to tell. We believe that the plan which is followed in some associations, of providing for the affiliation of the tower—as distinct from the ringers—is a step in the right direction. This is usually effected through the incumbent or the Parochial Council, and where the church authority can be influenced to support officially the diocesan organisation it almost goes without saying that the support of the ringers would follow. We do not always emphasise sufficiently the fact that a ringer, in joining the association, is joining a body formed not merely to cater for his amusement or instruction, but established as a part of the Church's organisation in the diocese. It is the diocesan aspect, indeed, which would make the strongest appeal, if all associations were to endeavour to introduce the system of tower affiliation. We believe that in future our ringing associations will see the importance of such action as we advocate, instead of the 'go-as-you-please' methods so common to-day.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	FRANK BELSEY 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CHARLES WINNER 7
FREDERIC M. MITCHELL ... 3	EDWARD A. ALLEN 8
HERBERT AUDSLEY 4	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of spire and eight bells. First peal of Royal on the bells, and first peal of Royal by ringers of 6 and 8.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

JAMES BULLOCK Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 6
WILLIAM H. LANGDON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 8
JACK CARMAN 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

VARIAION OF A PEAL BY EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Rung in celebration of the 80th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*JOHN DOVE Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
FRED HOPPER 2	WILLIAM FAREY 7
*HARRY MARLOW 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 8
FRANK ROLLINGS 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
THOMAS LAW 5	TOM TEBBITT Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on 10, and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of St. Giles (the Rev. A. J. Treloar). Also to commemorate the 71st birthday of Mr. James George, an attempt the week previous being lost owing to a shift course, after an hour's ringing.

SHREWSBURY.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

JAMES BAIN Treble	JAMES EVANS 6
CHARLES W. LEE 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	WALTER FAIRHEAD 8
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY 9
DENIS J. BOUCHER 5	HERBERT JONES Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells by the society, and by all the band except ringers of 4th and 9th. Also their first 10-bell peal. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday. This is the youngest band to ring a peal of Caters in the county of Salop, five of them being only 17 years of age. It is also the first local peal of Caters rung in Shrewsbury since April 5th, 1808. All the above are Sunday Service ringers.

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CRAYFORD, KENT

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	JOHN HALL... .. 6
ROBERT C. KNOWLES... .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
SIDNEY T. HOLY... .. 3	†OLIVER ATTWOOD 8
MISS NELLY JOHNSON 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5	*HAROLD STREETS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as the annual peal for the association. Two unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal of Erin Caters, but, owing to the sudden illness of one of the band, Grandsire had to be substituted. Mr. O. Attwood kindly filling the vacancy at a day's notice. Mr. J. Hemming has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ALFRED F. HILLIER Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
*CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE... .. 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 8
RICHARD A. GOFTON 4	R. ALDER GOFTON 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON... .. 5	*WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Richard A. Gofton.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	*FRANK E. DARBY 8
FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 5	WILLIAM H. HEWETT Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM J. HUXTABLE Treble	CHARLES G. GLASS 5
JOHN C. OKE 2	FREDERICK J. MILFORD 6
HARRY POOK 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
JOHN ARBURY 4	ROBERT B. FORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal, and rung at first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Shaw) for the use of the bells.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

*GEORGE A. HUGHES Treble	CHARLES DYKE 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
*STEPHEN HOARE 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

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

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra, and also of the mother of the ringer of the treble.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	JOHN J. MAWBY 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
THOMAS LAW 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Ringers of 3rd and 4th hail from Weston Favell, and Kettering; 1st and 7th from Finedon; the rest from Irthlingborough. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 6
THOMAS H. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR... .. 7
ALLAN E. GWYNNE 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Rung on eve of harvest festival, also as a thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the church, the reopening having taken place on the previous Sunday by the Bishop of Hereford.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*THOMAS GOODCHILD 2	ARTHUR MARTIN... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE MARTIN... .. 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Alder.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON 7
*ERNEST E. FERRY 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

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

* First attempt for a peal of London. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday.

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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra. First peal of New Cambridge rung in Norwich, also on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Rung at the first attempt.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*SIDNEY G. HOPCROFT ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
JOHN W. CHANDLER 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
LESLIE BRAMALL 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ALFRED G. GRANT 4	ERNEST E. LINES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra, and the 71st birthday of Mr. James George, a much-respected member of the above society.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BELBY Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS 5
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES RAISON 4	SIDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITH Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
FREDERICK WEBB 2	† JOHN SIMONS 6
JACK JUDGE 3	WILLIAM JUDGE 7
CYRIL BENNETT 4	* ALBERT MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK J. ROOPE 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
* WILLIAM MUSK 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method by the ringer of the fourth bell.

ABBOTS LEIGH. — On December 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 28 mins.: G. Bennet 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells, and by all the band.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

* ALFRED STEVENS Treble	* WILFRED TUCKER 5
* ELIZABETH E. EMM 2	* ROBERT WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM OSMENT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
† HARRY SANGER 4	* ARTHUR WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM OSMENT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* DAVID COLLINS Treble	† HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5
ERNEST E. BISH 2	† JAMES H. RUMLEY 6
† T. JEFFREY HOLLOWAY ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal with a working bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	ALFRED A. WAITE 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3	JOSEPH A. WAITE 7
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 4	THOMAS BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late William J. Sevier, who was a member of the Barnwood band in 1888, and also one of the first members of the St. Michael's Juniors.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	ALFRED PARNELL 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM HEATH 6
GEORGE LARGE 3	ERNEST COOMBS 7
* WILLIAM RICHARDS 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

† First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Jones and William B. Biss, both born the same day, and in the same year, and arranged to give the conductor the opportunity of conducting his first peal of Triples.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE CAM VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN. †

This is the first peal of Cam Treble Bob by all the band, and by the association.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—At the Parish Church, for Armistice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 53 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: E. John 1, Wm. Samuel 2, E. Thomas 3, A. Hannington 4, Ed. Coles (conductor) 5, Wm. Coles 6. Afterward the bells were rung open.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Threes Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT... ..	Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... ..	2	SAMUEL GROVE... ..	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	*WILLIAM T. COX	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	GEORGE F. SWANN	Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. G. F. Swann's 50th peal on these bells.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

RICHARD HAYES	Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD	5
WALTER CHARMAN	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
GEORGE W. STERRE	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... ..	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ALFRED H. POLLING	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast. Mr. W. Charman took part in the first peal on the old bells in 1892. The peal was of special interest to the conductor, as Petworth was his birthplace.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ...Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	SAMUEL COTTON	6
SHIRLEY BURTON... ..	*EDGAR VALLANCE	7
E. HARRY STONELEY	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First touch of London. The peal was a birthday compliment to E. Vallance, who received the hearty congratulations of the band on his excellent ringing.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALBERT D. STONE	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ROBERT J. DAWES... ..	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
KEITH HART... ..	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
JOHN FEIST	4	WILLIAM STENNING	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Miss A. Tuppen, an old resident of the parish.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LT. W. A. COOKE, R.N. ...Treble	THOMAS JULL	5
*VICT. P.O. R. UCKWELL, R.N.2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
Ex-CHIEF-STOKER S. E.	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.	7
TAYLOR, R.N.	CHARLES BELSEY	Tenor
WILLIAM SPICE		4

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal 'inside.' For calling, see C.C. Collection, Section II., peal No. 59. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, honorary general secretary of the Kent County Association.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

GEORGE MAYERS... ..	Treble	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	2	JOHN MOY	6
JAMES RAMPLEY	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
B. E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE... ..	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenos

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*JAMES GARDNER... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
*PETER BOARDMAN	2	BENJAMIN TREVITT	6
THOMAS C. LARKEY	3	ARTHUR LINTOTT... ..	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	4	EDWARD CAUNCE... ..	Tenor

Composed by the late J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
GEORGE PULLINGER	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	7
WILLIAM TATE	WILLIAM J. READ	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SIDNEY WYATT... ..	Treble	*WILLIAM COLES	5
ALFRED WYATT... ..	2	JAMES HUNT	6
*ARTHUR HAYWARD	3	PERCY MERSON	7
HENRY NORMAN... ..	4	*FRANK CAVILL	Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	2	JACOB FILBY... ..	6
GEORGE FILBY	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
CHARLES CLARKE	4	ALBERT RICHES	Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*GEORGE VERNON	Treble	†ALBERT BOOTH... ..	5
ERNEST BOSTOCK	2	LEONARD BOSTOCK	6
HENRY C. COLLYER	3	*JOHN H. DAVENPORT	7
WILLIAM BIBBY... ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Oxford on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*HERBERT A. HARDING ... Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 5
ROBERT A. FARDON ... 2	ROBERT HOLLOWAY ... 6
JAMES H. HUNNISSETT ... 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 4	ALBERT E. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by R. A. FARDON.

Rung on St. Nicholas' Day, and arranged as a birthday complement for the conductor. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST HAWKINS ... Treble	HAROLD MILLS ... 4
*FREDERICK GARDNER ... 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY ... 5
REUBEN GUY ... 3	THOMAS MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MARTIN.

* First peal.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 5
CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Faith.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire Minor, and two each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT HARRIS ... Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD ... 4
FRANCIS MILES ... 2	FREDERICK W. HARRIS ... 5
THOMAS HARRIS ... 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

First peal in four methods by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. This was the quarterly peal for the branch.

THE CHART, LIMPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Westminster, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS FIRMAGER ... Treble	CHARLES CLINCH ... 4
HYLTON TIDY ... 2	EDWARD TIDY ... 5
PERCIVAL TIDY ... 3	LEONARD TIDY ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TIDY.

This peal was rung to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. First Treble Bob peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, B. Redgwell (aged 14) 4, W. G. Melbourne 5, E. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WHITMINSTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On St. Andrew's Day, Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST HAWKINS ... Treble	HAROLD MILLS ... 4
REUBEN GUY ... 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY ... 5
RALPH HAZELL ... 3	THOMAS MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MARTIN.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Gillett and Johnston. All the ringers belong to Frampton-on-Severn, and wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Perrett for getting everything ready.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CYRIL D. NICHOLLS ... Treble	TOM GARLEY ... 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	ROBERT G. BLACK ... 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... 3	HARRY BAXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First, and birthday peal, aged 15.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Treble	MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 4
HENRY HOARE ... 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 5
JOHN J. JUTSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES ALLEN ... Treble	JAMES R. NEWMAN ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2	†JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt approx.

*WILLIAM C. SLOCOMBE ... Treble	*ARTHUR REED ... 3
†FREDERICK G. SPARKS ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4
PERCY H. SPARKS ... Tenor	

Conducted by PERCY H. SPARKS.

First peal on tower bells by a band residing in Staplegrove. The average age of the ringers is 19 years. * First peal. † First peal on tower bells.

**COLD HIGHAM, NORTANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

JAMES HAYNES	Treble	*PHILIP C. ASPLIN	3
HARRY MARLOW	2	*JOHN M. GRAY	4
TOM TEBBUTT	Tenor		

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in three methods on five bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT 61, NEW PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor, approx. size 7 in D flat.

*E. HARRY STONELEY	1-2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	7-8
ERNEST MORRIS	9-10		

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: MR. S. POOLE.

* First handbell peal. First peal on these handbells which went through the Great War with their owner, Mr. E. H. Stoneley.

BLOXWICH, STAFFS.—On Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Sharrat (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Elton (first quarter-peal of Triples) 2, J. Birch 3, A. Painter 4, E. J. Stafford 5, J. C. Adams 6, T. J. Elton (conductor) 7, A. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a compliment to W. Scarlett, of the local band, on his 21st birthday.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BIRTHDAY.

The following touches were among those rung for Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday:—

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Monday, Dec. 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, S. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Monday, December 1st, at St. Giles' 1,280 Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, H. E. Tompkins 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, W. Pedley 4, H. C. Edwards 5, W. W. Bonham 6, E. Yates 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs (conductor) 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. T. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Butler, senr. — On November 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the same band, conducted by W. S. Higginson.

ELHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's, in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, tenor covering: A. Tanton, F. Castle, S. Baker, G. Webb, F. Verney, A. Casile (conductor), T. Friend. First 720 in method by all, and 720 Kent Treble Bob.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—At St. Peter's Church, on December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Wakeling 1, A. Barker (conductor) 2, W. Seekings 3, J. Rowlinson 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.—Also for evening service, on Sunday, December 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Smith 1, A. Barker (conductor) 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, W. Seekings 5, A. Abrams 6.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On December 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, T. B. Kendall 2, F. Davison (Idle) 3, H. Davison (Idle) 4, H. Stott 5, J. Broadley (Bradford) 6, F. Dixon (Guiseley, first quarter-peal in the method) 7, H. Foster (Idle) 8.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,620 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins.: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Brion 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, P. S. E. Aston 8.—Also on Sunday, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples: A. Hooper 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, J. Gardner 4, N. Brion 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, A. White 7, H. Hlatk 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The fine little handbells used in the peal at Leicester last week went to France and Flanders with their intrepid owner, Sergt. Harry Stoneley, R.G.A., and were under bombardment in the trenches many times. Often when things got too hot, and E. Harry had to run for it, his little bag of handbells were invariably his first thought, and whatever else was left behind, these never left him.

The Royal Cumberland Youths will hold their annual meeting on January 17th next.

As mentioned in the footnote to the report published last week, the peal at Torquay on November 29th was the first on the bells for 29 years. The bells have a long draught, and do not go well. The previous peal rung there (in 1895) was by the Oxford Guild, and the band included the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

On December 12th, 1848, St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 7,392 Stedman Cinques, which was composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, and was the longest length in the method up to that date.

A peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 15th, 1735, and long stood as the record length in this method. In this peal 'Benjamin Annable call'd bobs.'

The first peal in South Africa was rung twenty years ago next Monday, this being Grandsire Triples at Woodstock.

Yesterday, in the evening was rung by our ringers at St. Mary's tower in this town 5,040 changes, being the whole peal of Grandsire Triples on eight bells; the persons were James Kerridge, aged 61, 8th; Isaac Whitehand, 7th; Stephen Bond, 6th; George Bond, 5th; Stephen Kirby, 4th; Robert Hogger, 3rd; Thomas Bennett, 2nd; George Weston, treble, which was done in three hours and eleven minutes by the above said persons to the satisfaction of all the lovers of that science.

The above is quoted from the 'Ipswich Gazette' of December 13th, 1735, so that the 189th anniversary of this peal occurs to-morrow. There is no board in the tower relating to this peal.

William Banister, best known of the famous Woolwich ringing family, called the first peal in Exeter, a peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Sidwell's on December 18th, 1875. Mr. Banister was then at Plymouth Dockyard. It is interesting to note that the back eight bells of St. Sidwell's were bought from All Hallows' Church, Goldsmith Street, in 1767, when the latter church, being much in debt, was glad to raise money in this way.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1888. Probably more Canterbury Pleasure Major has been rung in this tower than anywhere. A band once started there for a 20,180 in the method, and rang a long way.

The handbell peal at Northrepps, published last week, was rung for the Norfolk Guild, to which E. L. Risbrow was elected a member before starting.

The peal of Stedman Caters on handbells at Nuncaton was rung on November 29th, not the 22nd, as published.

St. Mary-le-Tower bells, Ipswich, will not, we learn, be available for some months, owing to the extensive work that has to be done to the masonry of the tower.

The Bishop of Peterborough has granted a license as Lay Reader to Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. He was instituted on Saturday by the Rev. J. P. Friend, R.D., who is president of the Northampton Branch of the Guild.

Mr. Wilford was one of the first advocates of services at ringers' meetings in Northamptonshire, where they have since grown to be a strong feature of such gatherings.

On December 9th, 1889, the late Mr. James Motte called the first part of Day's peal of 16,608 Treble Bob Major, which was rung on handbells.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at St. Martin's, Epsom, published last week, was in the Kent, and not the Oxford Variation.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT GOOLE.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole, on Saturday, November 29th, and was attended by representatives from Eastrington, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Pontefract, Selby and Thorne. A short choral service was held in the Parish Church, when the address was delivered by the Vicar of Goole, the Right Rev. Bishop G. D. Iliff, D.D., and was much appreciated by those who were privileged to hear it.

Tea was afterwards provided in the National Schools, to which some 35 members sat down.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair. Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. Tate (Goole), and Messrs. P. J. Metcalfe and B. Scaife (Withernsea).

It was unanimously decided that the annual meeting be held at Selby in March, 1925, subject to the usual permission being granted. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, organist, choir, and the local ringers, for their efficient arrangements during the day.

THE LATE MR. W. J. SEVIER. RECOLLECTIONS OF MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

My first meeting with the late Mr. Sevier was whilst at Burton, when he turned up at St. Paul's Church on an Easter Sunday morning and at St. Modwen's at night, he being then on the road to Manchester. The next day (Easter Monday), the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Duffield, and W. J. S. turned up, having walked from Burton. Afterwards he made his way to Manchester, as far as I know with little success, for shortly afterwards he was back in Gloucester. On my leaving Burton for that city, the deceased was the first ringer I met, and he introduced me to the St. Michael's Juniors at their practice on Thursday night, and from that time we were continually out ringing together. There is not a tower round about Gloucester which the deceased had not visited. He would think nothing of walking five or six miles for a practice, and occasionally would go off for a twenty or thirty mile walk at the week-end to visit some tower which could not be reached in the week-day. One Sunday evening, after ringing at Thornbury, he walked back to Gloucester twenty miles, and, on one occasion, when on the road from London, he walked from Reading to Gloucester, 75 miles in one day.

As a ringer he was a good striker, and always ready, if there was a bell going badly, to tackle it. Although he never mastered Surprise methods he was well at home in Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He was always willing to go and assist any band wherever his services were required. He was a member of the St. Michael's Juniors from the commencement until he left Gloucester.

Unfortunately the news of his death came too late for the society to be represented at the funeral, or to send a wreath, but as the Gloucester and Bristol Association was meeting at Barnwood, where Mr. Sevier was a member of the band in 1888, it was suggested that a muffled peal be rung as a token of respect. This peal was successful, and will be found recorded in the peal columns. J. A.

In memory of Mr. Sevier, who was one time Master of the Old Basford Guild, Notts, a half-muffled touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung at Old Basford Parish Church on November 25th: Miss Florrie Hooton 1, G. Hooton 2, F. Barks 3, F. Turner 4, A. Marsh 5, S. Pinder 6, H. Lewin (conductor) 7, W. Kinton 8.

BELL RINGING BROADCAST. A SUGGESTION FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The following letter has been addressed by Mr. J. M. Poyntz, himself a wireless expert, to the director of programmes of the British Broadcasting Co., London:—

Dear Sir,—Can you not broadcast some genuine change ringing from 2 L.O. instead of the chiming of the St. Martin's bells, which you give us so frequently?

Some time ago your Birmingham station transmitted a course of change ringing from the tower of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which, judging from the reports in the ringing press, was thoroughly appreciated by campanologists all over the country.

The London ringing societies would doubtless be only too pleased to make the necessary ringing arrangements, were you to approach them on the subject, and I am sure that the result would be much appreciated by all ringers who have receiving sets, as well as by all lovers of bells.

The chiming of bells is not the true English method of using these beautiful instruments, and is, at best, only a make-shift.

While on this subject, I should like to suggest that, on New Year's Eve, you would be giving us all a great treat if you would broadcast the ringing out of the old year and the ringing in of the new. By this I mean, the muffled ringing of the bells before midnight, the striking of the hour, and then the open ringing to welcome the new year.

This is carried out at many churches, it is very impressive, and you could doubtless easily arrange it with the ringing authorities referred to above.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The last meeting of the year of the North and East District was held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, and although the attendance was at first below the average, members turned up in good numbers after tea, and enjoyed some excellent practice in all sorts of methods.

A short service was held at 4.45, when the members were addressed by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Denton Jones). This was followed by tea, and at the subsequent business meeting four new members were elected whilst Edmonton was chosen for the next meeting, on January 24th, this being the district annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. Denton Jones, and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland for arranging the meeting. Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 9 p.m., and as is usual at these meetings everybody had as much as they desired, and in almost any method they wished, from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The committee's proposals re the above are evidently unsatisfactory to ringers, both inside and outside the diocese. One hopes the suggestion of adding trebles to the present peal of six at St. Ebb's will be dropped. St. Giles' would make a very decent peal of eight, but experience has taught most ringers that it is folly to put additional bells into a church adjoining a hospital. The authorities at the hospital may be all right now, but what of the future, when the bells are wanted for peals? Apparently there are too many bells in Oxford now, the fact that some towers are closed for ringing altogether, and others are available only two or three times in the year should prove this.

May I suggest to the committee and the Exercise the claims of Kidlington for the Washbrook Memorial? In the first place, the late Mr. Washbrook was born in the parish of Kidlington; secondly, it was at this tower where he achieved one of the greatest performances in the history of ringing; and, finally, permission is always readily given for peals at any time within reason. Two trebles in front of the existing peal of eight would make a really nice peal of ten. A fitting memorial to a great man.

Banbury.

MAURICE SMITH.

GLOSSOP RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Just a few lines to inform my friends in and around greater Manchester, that we have lost a very old friend by the death of Mr. Joseph Maloney, late of Glossop, Derbyshire, and better known as 'Joe Loney.'

He died on Friday, November 14th, suddenly, although he has been ailing for a long time. I have just received a letter from Mulville, Manitoba, Can.

'Dear old Joe,' his memory will never die amongst bell ringers for 20 miles from Glossop. Everybody knew 'Joe Loney.' His favourite method was Kent Major, and he had the honour and privilege of conducting the last peal on the old Mottram bells, and, I think, but am not sure, that he called the first on the new bells in the same tower, again Kent Treble Bob Major. I had the honour and privilege of a rope in each peal. Joe and his dear wife, Harriet, sailed to Canada about 12 years ago, and I don't think another Loney has turned up in his place. He was happiest when he was either ringing or singing—'knocking sally up.' If the ringers of either Dinting, Whitfield or Old Glossop, ever think of putting up a small tablet to his memory in either tower I will very gladly contribute my mite towards it. Thanking you in anticipation, and wishing you and all my ringing friends in and around Manchester a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD NEWTON.

Late of Manchester City Police.

c/o Merchants' National Bank, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALL BUT ONE CHANGE RINGING TOWER AFFILIATED.

The meeting of this Guild, which was held at Stowmarket on Saturday last, was one of the most successful ever held there. Members came from all over the diocese, even from distant Bungay, while one 'youth' of 74 walked eleven miles to the meeting. Tea was provided in the Church Hall.

At the meeting afterwards, presided over by the Vicar, there was discussion on the prevailing practice of clacking bells, or tying a cord to the clapper, which is sure to result in the bell becoming cracked.

It was announced that there is now only one change ringing tower in the diocese which is not fully affiliated to the Diocesan Guild.

Touches in many different methods were rung in the tower during the afternoon and evening.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF AN OLD QUESTION

Apocryph of our leading article last week, the following cutting from a London daily newspaper published some time ago, may be read with interest.

THE RINGER'S POINT OF VIEW.

A Vicar chides ringers who call people to church and then walk out themselves.

I loves the old bell in the steeple,
That swings i' the marnin' sky,
An' I loves fur to call the people,
But, bless ye, the job's full dry;
An' if I was stayin' to listen
Till passon an' choir amen'd,
Why, that 'id be givin' o' this un
Two dry old jobs on end!

I don't mind a-callin' the people
To coom in their Sunday best,
But when I've done wi' the steeple
The passon can do the rest;
Sakes: wouldn't poor passon grumble
If axed for to do his spell
An' set in th' porch while yer 'umble
Was dingin' that blessed bell!

A. W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. A 'LIVE' DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division held on Saturday at Great Bentley, when 30 members, representing 15 parishes, were present. The Vicar conducted the service at the Parish Church, and later presided over the tea at the Lion Hotel, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mr. W. J. Nevard. Mr. Nevard (Master) and Mr. Stannard (hon. secretary) were for the fourth time re-elected unanimously, one member stating in a humorous speech that it was best to leave well alone.—Mr. Stannard, in thanking the members for their confidence, stated that every name in the annual report was that of a live member, everyone having paid the last year's contribution, so that the North-Eastern Division was up to date.

Ringling was indulged in till a late hour, one ringer of 13 boasting that he had not left the belfry till he had rung the 2nd to a course of Cambridge.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. GLOUCESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Barnwood on Saturday, November 29th, when 29 members from various towers attended, including visitors from Swindon and Stroud. Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. V. Paton), who extended a hearty welcome to the members, and gave a very helpful address on the vocation of ringers. Following the service, the company adjourned to the Schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided, through the kind generosity of the chairman of the branch (Mr. W. B. Wood) and the Rev. F. H. V. Paton.

After tea, Mr. Wood took the chair for the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary presented his report, which showed that nine meetings had been held during the year, with an attendance of 150 members, and an average of just over 10 per meeting.

Mr. W. B. Wood was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year; Mr. W. H. Harris, secretary; and Mr. J. Austin as representative on the management committee.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Harris thanked the members for the confidence placed in them by re-electing them, and said they would both serve the branch to the best of their ability.

Mr. J. Austin informed the members he had heard that afternoon of the death of an old and respected friend of that association when living in Gloucester, Mr. W. J. Sevier, and he asked the members to stand in silence in their places to show their respect for the departed.

The Vicar also said that their veteran, Mr. H. Mitchell, had been removed to the Gloucester Royal Infirmary to undergo an operation, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. H. Mitchell.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. H. V. Paton and Mr. Wood for their kindness in providing tea, and to Mrs. J. Waite for arranging same; also to the Misses Waite for kindly waiting upon the members at the tea-table.

The next meeting is to be held at Brockworth, it being left to the secretary to arrange a date.

The members then returned to the tower, and further ringling was indulged in.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday last the wedding took place of one of the lady ringer at the St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, the bride being Miss Maud Gough, and the bridegroom, Mr. Albert Downing. The members of the Ringers' Guild attended the service, after which three short touches of Bob Major, Kent and Stedman Triples were rung. Owing to the funeral of a prominent resident of the village, a pause had then to be made in the ringling until after tea, when a quarter-peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major was attempted, all going well until the last course, then, too many bells desiring to stop in the slow, the ringling came to an end. A jolly evening was then spent among a happy party. The Guild members presented the happy couple with a timepiece, which was greatly admired.

TABLET UNVEILED AT AUDLEY.

On Saturday week, members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association from Burslem, Bucknall and Norton-le-Moors, paid a visit to Audley Parish Church to take part in the ceremony of unveiling a marble peal tablet which has been placed in the tower to commemorate the ringling of a peal of 5,040 changes on February 14th last in two hours and 52 minutes by visiting ringers, this being the first complete peal on these bells which have been in the tower for 60 years. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Sykes), who said that he would be glad to repeat the task at any time, especially if his ringers would emulate the performance. He also gave all a hearty welcome to Audley.

After the ceremony the following ringling took place: 240 Oxford Treble Bob, and the whole pull and stand, as a token of respect to the two men who were accidentally killed at the local colliery on the previous evening. Further ringling took place during the evening in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD. VISIT TO ANCIENT RYE.

A meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, November 15th, when ringers from Ashford, Wye, Wilesborough, Rye, Mer-sham, Aldington, Burmarsh, Stone-in-Uxney, Frittenden, Rolvenden, Appledore, Biddenden and Idon, were present.

The party was met at Rye Station by Mr. J. L. Deacon, F.R.Hist.S., a member of the Guild, who conducted them to the church, where Mr. J. Price, the aged sexton, explained the architectural features and the stained glass windows, talking as one having a thorough knowledge of his subject, and loving every corner of his church. Amongst the historical things shown were the 'Vinogar' and 'Breeches' Bibles, the stone cannon balls used by the French at the invasion of Rye, and the beautiful spanish mahogany table in St. Claire Chapel, for which £2,000 had been offered and refused, the value being put at £25,000 by a former Rector.

The party then went to the Town Hall, under the guidance of Mr. Deacon, and were shown, among other things, the borough maces, said to be the finest in existence, dated 1767 (they are silver gilt, and weigh 986 ounces); a pair of Elizabethan maces, and the Mayor's bell, dated 1555, and the valuable town records. They were also privileged to be the first in Rye to see the latest addition to the town's treasures, a silver coffee pot, tea pot and cream jug, made from a part of the canopy carried at the Coronation of George III. These were the property of Mr. Slade, of Rye, one of the canopy bearers, and were only the previous day presented to Rye by one of his descendants, Mr. Deacon having brought them down from London. Amongst other objects seen in the Town Hall were 'the names of the Mayors of Rye since the time of Edward I.'; 'the pillory,' the engagement to serve under Cromwell, 1649; the skull of Breeds, the murderer; and the irons in which he was hanged in 1742. Mr. Deacon then took the party to the Gun Garden, pointing out and explaining the various objects for two hours, both instructing and interesting his hearers.

The ringers then went to the belfry, and rang touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire until 5 p.m., when they adjourned for tea, after which the business meeting took place, Mr. Deacon being in the chair. Short speeches were made by the chairman (the Rev. G. Long (Aldington) and Mr. G. J. Capeling, encouraging and complimenting the ringers, remarking that sick people often asked for the windows to be opened so that they might hear the bells, and that many a downcast one had been cheered by the sound of the bells.

Mr. Young then drew the attention of the members to the presence of the 'Father' of the Guild, Mr. H. Slingsby, of Aldington, who is 87 years of age, and had that day taken part in the ringling. He also expressed the appreciation of the Guild of the kindness of the Rev. G. Long for bringing Mr. Slingsby over.

Mr. H. Balcombe (secretary) expressed his pleasure at such a good meeting, and Mr. C. Franklin then proposed that the next meeting should be at Great Chart, which was carried.

Mr. W. Everett (Ringing Master) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. G. J. Capeling for arranging the meeting, and the Rev. G. Long proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Deacon for his kindness to them that afternoon, saying how thoroughly he had enjoyed listening to him.—The appreciation of the members was shown by applause being given in the style known among Kent men as 'Kentish Fire.'

The members then returned to the belfry, and continued ringling until 8 p.m., when a very pleasant day concluded.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS.

Closely following upon the dedication of the recast peal of bells of the Parish Church, King's Norton, a meeting of the local ringers took place on December 1st. It was decided that the band be known as the St. Nicolas' Guild of Change Ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Dunn, M.A.) was appointed president, and the following were elected as the officers of the Guild: Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates; Deputy Ringing Master and conductor, Mr. P. O. Laffin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. E. Moore. Several useful rules were adopted, and a most enthusiastic meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the president.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Saturday. Members attended from Bath, Bristol, Portishead, Clapton-in-Gordano and Evercech.

The Guild's service, with an address, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Hazledene).

A splendid tea was prepared in the Parish Room, and the business meeting followed.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Portishead in the beginning of March.

Ringling was enjoyed both at St. Michael's and St. Philip's, the latter tower being open to the members during the evening.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO REV. E. S. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—What sophistry! What jugglery! When it suits Mr. Powell's argument, the constructional shunt is the only thing that forms a method, but if it suits him to call the hunt bells the shunt then he does it!

I will give him two more examples by making the same place, as made in the two-bell shunts, on six bells; perhaps then he will be able to make up his mind which are the hunts and which are the working bells.

654321	123456
563412	214365
536142	241635
351624	426153
315264	462513
132546	645231
123564	465321

Once more the great little WE have evaded the real issue, which was the explanation of the construction of London Surprise Major, by their particular formula. Why are they so reticent about these matters when they possess such a wonderful formula to explain them?

The reason is this, they know quite well that I sent Mr. Trollope an alternative set of essential shunts to those which he is pleased to call the constructional shunts of London Surprise Major, and they are very much afraid that I should do the same thing in regard to London Surprise. They are quite right in thinking so, because if they take the obvious shunts according to their own theories, I can checkmate them at once.

I have said before, and I repeat it, that we were all dolts in years gone by not to see that composition and construction are one and the same thing. When the late Mr. H. Dains began producing peals of Original Major we all ought to have seen at once that here was the real key to method construction.

It is waste of time arguing with people of the calibre of the great little WE, so with your permission I will submit a proof that London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major are one and the same method.

THE SHUNTS OF LONDON SURPRISE.

MINOR		MINOR AND MAJOR		MAJOR	
Shunt	Lead head	Place made	Lead head	Shunt	
1 4 bell	125364	Slow 3rds	12537486	6 bell	1
2 4 "	125364		12537486	6 "	2
3 3 "	125463	Quick 4ths	12547386	5 "	3
4 2 "	143256	" 2nds	14325678	2 "	4
5 3 "	163254	" 3rds	16325478	3 "	5
6 4 "	153264	Slow 4ths	18325476	4 "	6
7 4 "	153264	" 4ths	18325476	4 "	7
(Major only)		Quick 5ths	17325486	5 "	8
" "		Slow 6ths	15327486	6 "	9
" "		" "	15327486	6 "	10
8 3 bell	123564	Minor Q. 3rds	12357486	5 "	11
(Major only)		Major Q. 5ths			
" "		Slow 6ths	12537486	6 "	12
" "		" "	12537486	6 "	13
" "		Quick 5ths	12547386	5 "	14
9 4 bell	125364	Slow 4ths	12547683	4 "	15
10 4 "	125364	" "	12547683	4 "	16
11 3 "	125463	Quick 3rds	12547638	3 "	17
12 2 "	125436	" 2nds	12543678	2 "	18
13 3 "	163254	" 4ths	17325486	5 "	19
14 4 "	153264	Slow 4ths	15327486	6 "	20
15 4 "	153264	" "	15327486	6 "	21
16 5 "	135264	Extreme	13527486	7 "	22

Very little explanatory matter will be needed in regard to the proof given above. The fixed bells in the shunts are denoted by italic type. If the fixed bells in the shunts are not sufficient evidence that Minor and Major are one and the same method, I suggest to any readers who are in doubt that they examine the coursing order of the shunt bells, the Minor with the Major, and if they are not convinced, then nothing will convince them.

I have tried to make the proof as clear as possible. I do not think your readers will have any difficulty in understanding it, and I have no doubt at all that if a vote could be taken of those who know anything about composition or construction, that the vote would be overwhelmingly in favour of my arguments, that London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major are one and the same method.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

MR. POWELL'S 'MURDER' CASE.

Dear Sir,—I had not intended to trouble you again on this subject, for those who belittle the 'place' have put up a very poor case. Mr. Powell's 'murder,' however, is so interesting that I ask for a little space to refer to it.

If questions of criminal law, such as the charge against the perpetrator, are left out, the reasoning attributed to me is quite sound. I say, without juggling, that the unchecked bleeding is the cause of death, and not the cut artery. If Mr. Powell thinks that the cut is the cause, his postscript only shows how even a trained mind may arrive at wrong conclusions.

In writing of the real meaning of 'cause,' he says, in your issue of Oct. 10th: 'Let us try to come to some agreement as to what we mean exactly by the term. Suppose it is found in our experience, some one event always accompanies or follows another, then the first event may be said to be the cause of the other.'

It follows then that the cut, to be the cause, must always be accompanied by death, but we have many living examples that a cut artery does not cause death.—Yours sincerely,

JOSÉPH W. PARKER.

5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.
December 5th, 1924.

SHUNTING.

Sir,—Had I been able to see Mr. Powell's letter the day before it was published, I could myself have followed his advice to Mr. Baker; as I unfortunately had to spend a considerable time that day in Brighton Station. Or had I been able to get to Lavenham, where I have a friend who is both stationmaster and change ringer, I could have readily obtained from him the information Mr. Powell asks for. Failing either of these, it would seem as if the stationmaster at Woodbridge would do as well. I have accordingly inquired there for the desired information, and find that Mr. Powell is quite mistaken. What he calls a railway shunt, the railwayman himself calls 'marshalling the train.' It is true that the men who do the work are called 'shunters,' but the word 'shunt' as a noun is not used on a railway. 'To shunt' means to put a train on a siding so that another can pass by.

These people who used this foolish and pedantic term are now convicted by their own Court of Appeal by using the wrong word. It is bad enough for the 'Glossary' to use the term wrongly: but for ringers to use it in a sense which is both glaringly wrong, and differs from the 'Glossary,' is inexcusable, as well as unworkmanlike.

The result is that these ringers, whose knowledge of language is not equal to their knowledge of our science—their pre-eminence in this we readily acknowledge—are misunderstanding one another, and confusing us.—Yours etc.,

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

COINCIDENCES AT SHREWSBURY.

The peal rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, to celebrate Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday, was the first 'local' peal of Caters at this church for 116 years, the previous peal having been a 10.097 rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins., on April 5th, 1808. It is a coincidence that in both these peals there took part, a schoolmaster, a saddler and a butcher, while a Leo also rang in each.

The band who rang the peal on Saturday have learnt their Cater ringing at St. Chad's, under the tuition of the Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Lilley, and his band (including five youths of only 17 years) is the youngest to ring a peal of Caters in Salop, and probably the youngest anywhere to ring a peal of Caters on such heavy bells. The striking was excellent from start to finish, and the band were afterwards complimented by listeners upon their performance.

TANFIELD GUILD PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, the Tanfield Guild had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting Mr. F. Lowe, the 'father' of the band, with a gold bell pendant upon his leaving the parish, after spending close on 60 years in the village, and working for the church all the time, first as a Sunday School teacher, then for 21 years in the choir, and after that for 34 years as bell ringer, and three years as people's churchwarden, a record to be proud of.

The Master of the Guild, after referring to the many happy days they had spent together, called upon the Rev. A. W. Lister to make the presentation, which he did in a very happy speech, in which he alluded to the good work Mr. Lowe had done in the church. He hoped that he would live many years yet, and still come to the belfry when the weather permitted.

Mr. Lowe, on rising, was deeply affected, and said he was sore at heart at leaving the church and friends among whom he had spent the best part of his life, but he would still come among them when the weather would permit him. He very warmly thanked the Guild for their gift.

Afterwards some good touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor were rung, and brought the happy proceedings to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at St. Giles' Church, a silent 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Smith 1, A. J. Barker 2, E. King 3, A. Vaughan 4, W. A. Allman 5, H. Vaughan 6, C. Morley 7, C. E. Morley 8. Umpire: S. Morley.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evensong, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 56 mins.: W. Jones 1, S. Jones 2, J. Freeman 3, J. Bolton 4, J. Ridyard 5, A. Ridyard 6, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8. Longest length for the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Rayson 1, Miss E. Lewis 2, Miss G. Godds 3, A. E. Beamish (conductor) 4, Miss M. Godderidge 5, H. Wright 6, J. S. Moreton 7, R. Moreton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Wright.—On December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: Miss G. Godds 1, C. Rayson (first 720 with a bob bell, and first attempt) 2, C. Draper 3, H. Wright 4, A. E. Beamish (conductor) 5, J. S. Moreton 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: F. Cherit 1, F. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, P. Blake 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, F. Tubb 3, B. Tubb 4, F. Blake 5, F. Barker 6. Rung for the special service for the institution of the new Rector for Finchley, Rev. Bernays, late of Stanmore.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Webb 1, T. Pendry 2, H. Newman 3, W. Yeend 4, J. Causon 5, C. Tovey 6, W. Hale (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor for his 61st birthday.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, W. E. Garrard 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, F. A. V. Sinkins 4, R. Congreve-Pridgen 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, A. E. Bradley 7, J. Carman 8, H. G. Miles 9, G. W. Frayne 10.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. H. Winch 1, A. Harman 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, J. Hoyle 4, A. C. Otway 5, G. Cook 6, G. Marriner 7, J. H. White 8, E. Hull 9, A. Dean (conductor) 10.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, (St. Andrew's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Caseley 1, A. S. Crane 2, F. Chandler 3, J. A. Dart (conductor) 4, J. Sumpter 5, F. A. Milne 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, G. Herbert 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Advent Sunday, upon the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service: Miss G. Baker 1, Miss D. G. Peltham 2, H. Chandler 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, P. Jones 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, J. H. Lucas 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday evening, Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe (first quarter-peal) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples: H. Sargeant 1, H. Allcock 2, P. A. Dale 3, P. E. Eardley 4, S. Sargeant 5, J. Prophett 6, S. Cardell (conductor) 7, W. H. Degg 8.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Thomas's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooper 1, H. Smith 2, W. Whitlock 3, R. Shimmons 4, L. Williams (conductor) 5, J. Barker 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rev. Canon Boot, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was the preacher at morning and evening service.

RISHTON, LANCs.—For evening service, on Sunday, November 23rd, 1,008 Bob Major: C. Ayres 1, P. France 2, F. Winfield 3, C. Blakey 4, A. Ingham 5, B. Crabtree 6, L. Williams (conductor) 7, H. Boardman 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Vale 1, R. E. Summers 2, H. Kemp 3, W. Colwell 4, H. Taylor 5, A. Bushnell 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, J. Bushnell 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, November 9th, for morning service, 224 Double Norwich, and for evening service, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, J. D. Harris 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, O. H. Giles 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.—For afternoon service, at St. Mary's, Southampton, 336 Bob Major and 336 Stedman Triples. These touches were arranged to meet Mr. J. D. Harris, of St. Mary's, Portsea.

COLESHILL.—On Sunday, Nov. 7th, 504 Bob Triples: R. Hancet 1, F. Clayton (conductor) 2, E. Morris 3, J. Fildes 4, T. Goldby 5, C. Dale 6, J. Bayliss 7, W. Simmonds 8. Also 252 Canterbury Pleasure, and 168 Grandsire Triples.—On handbells, 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Dale 1—2, F. Clayton 3—4, J. Bayliss 5—6; and another: F. Clayton 1—2, J. Bayliss 3—4, C. Dale 5—6. These are the first 120 on handbells, double-handed, by Messrs. Dale and Bayliss. Also 180 Bob Minor and three leads of Kent Treble Bob.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Cathedral, for evening service, on November 9th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, T. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, G. W. Kirk 8. Longest by the local band. Also 112 Grandsire Triples.—On the preceding Sunday, 360 Stedman Triples, G. E. Padgett conductor.

ERTH, KENT.—On Sunday, November 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 minutes, by the following: L. J. Culham 1, W. Axtel 2, F. Axtel 3, F. J. Culham, senr., 4, R. Culham 6, H. A. Holden 6, F. J. Culham, junr. (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8.

LYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Walker 1, F. Payne 2, T. H. Payne 3, H. Humphrey 4, A. H. Mansfield 5, E. F. Payne 6, W. Moore (conductor) 7, W. Wright 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss K. Hensman, interred at Clipstone, Market Harborough, on November 1st, who was for nine years school teacher, and an ardent church worker in this parish.

WILESDEN.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss R. Hawksworth 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, W. G. Matthews 4, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 5, F. H. Crook 6, H. Kilby 7, C. V. Ebberson 8.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Taylor (conductor) 1, B. A. Knights 2, J. T. Bimson 3, J. R. Taylor 4, W. E. Loxham 5, J. Gornall 6.—On Oct. 19th, 720 Kent: J. R. Taylor 1, B. A. Knights 2, W. J. Hazel (London) 3, E. W. Hutchinson 4, W. E. Loxham 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6.

LEYLAND.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Hazel 1, E. Watkinson 2, P. Watkinson 3, J. T. Bimson 4, H. France 5, B. A. Knights (conductor) 6, E. Bannister 7, W. Heald 8.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for Matins, on harvest thanksgiving Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Richardson 1, J. Jennings 2, C. H. Howard 3, E. Townsend 4, A. Piper 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, G. Clarke 3, W. Leggett 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, F. Clarke 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Withers (conductor) 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, J. Withers, senr., 5, J. Withers, junr., 6.

DESFORD.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins.: H. Paul 1, G. Wright 2, A. Langton 3, F. Mears 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5, W. Sargeant 6. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to Thurlaston.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: C. H. Walker 1, F. Fraser 2, J. J. Lamb 3, H. Warnett, senr., 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung on the occasion of harvest festival.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Cutmore 1, Miss F. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, H. Dyas 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. W. Roberts 7, E. Davis 8. After service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. These touches were rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 5th, at St. Margaret's, 686 Grandsire Triples: J. Morris 1, F. Sharman 2, L. Whitehead 3, A. Ballard 4, T. Bent 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, E. Morris 7, J. Grant 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at St. Chad's for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. (1,259 changes): J. Bain 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, J. Evans 6, W. Fairhead 7, W. T. Goodfellow (first quarter-peal) 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10. First quarter peal of Caters by 1st, 2nd and 6th.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 11th, for the Armistice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., with the bells open: J. Parker 1, J. Brassington 2, G. Addison 3, J. Mathews 4, J. Bradshaw 5, R. Sherratt 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury 8. First quarter-peal for treble and 3rd. All are Sunday Service ringers.

ASHCHURCH.—On Sept. 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: R. Niblett (first 720 Minor) 1, F. Harris 2, J. Attwood 3, T. Harris 4, T. Price (Stonehouse) 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for morning service, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief in the last course: A. J. Taylor 1, F. Blowitt 2, T. Perry 3, G. Warner 4, A. G. Hunt 5, J. J. Taylor 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, H. G. Booth 8. This was arranged for Mr. Taylor and his son, of Stafford, and was the treble ringer's longest length of Stedman.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but which came to grief after 800 changes had been rung.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30; meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to the Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

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.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 2.30 p.m. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The next meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a short business meeting. The bells of St. Saviour's will also be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service and tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1925.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dis. Sec., 49, The Portway, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle and Peterborough Branches.—A meeting will be held at Warmington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s., to follow.—F. Wilford, Master.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—At Lyonshall, reopening of the bells and combined practice on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Hereford. Tea provided free to ringers.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open 4.30 to 6.30. Lecture in St. Mary's Institute, Barkergate, at 7 p.m., by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson; subject: 'History of Church Bells and Founders of Notts.' Lecture to commence at 7.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Fen Ditton, near Cambridge, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening.—A. E. Austin, Hon. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Horbury (SS. Peter and Leonard).—The reopening of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Short service in church at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation is offered to all ringers. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Chequers Hotel.—F. Dench, 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. All members are requested to attend. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower of St. Mary's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by invitation of Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Sub-Dean. Committee meeting at 3 p.m., to draw up rules for ringing competition.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.40. Tea at 5 (St. John's Parish Room). Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. If tea required please write to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Consett on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Blackhill (8), Consett (8) and Benfieldside (6) will be available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send me notice.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

THORNBURY, NORTH DEVON. — Re-opening of the bells at St. Peter's Church, recently restored by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, to-morrow (Saturday), Dec. 13th, at 2 p.m. Ringing at intervals. Tea and entertainment to follow. Ringers welcome.—A. J. O. Roberts, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at S. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing from 2.30; Service at 4.30. Address by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Gundry. Tea at Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on December 30th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and St. Mary, Whitechapel, from 4.30 to 6. Tea by invitation of the Rector of Whitechapel at 6 p.m., in the Vestry. Business meeting at 6.45. Tower open till 8.30. Northern members specially requested to attend, all others heartily welcome.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. — E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the belfry.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

REDENHALL.—Rehung bells open for ringing on Boxing Day. Dinner, 3s. 6d., at Swan Hotel, Harleston, at 1 p.m. Names by 22nd to Fred R. Borrett, Pulham Market, Diss.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Committee meeting at 3.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells available from mid-day and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The following arrangements have been made for the next quarterly meeting at Long Eaton on Jan. 17th: Tower (8 bells) open for ringing 2.30 to 4.45, and after general meeting until 9 o'clock. Sawley tower (8 bells) open from 6 to 9. The committee meet at 4.15 at the Co-operative Cafe Committee Room. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Cafe, 2s. per head. General meeting to follow after tea, in the same room. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Geary, 25, Park Street, Long Eaton, Notts, by Jan. 15th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derby.

LONG MELFORD.—Holy Trinity Church. — Bells available for visitors every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Also from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. first Sunday in each month. Intending visiting companies to inform me not later than first post Saturdays.—H. S. Richold, Westgate Street, Long Melford.

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The members of St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham, and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, met on Tuesday night of last week at the residence of the captain, Mr. W. T. Pates, for their annual supper. After a very enjoyable repast, and the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the evening was spent under the chairmanship of Mr. W. W. Bastin. Songs, recitations, and selections on the handbells were rendered by the members present, different touches being most artistically given, including some well-known hymn tunes. One feature of the evening's entertainment was the song rendered by Miss Humphris, daughter of Mr. A. W. Humphris, who was, with the captain, one of the ringers of the celebrated long peal of 1889. The members present who included Mr. Macpherson, a friend of Mr. Pates, were Messrs. Humphris, Brinkworth, Parsons, Hayward, Clements, Collier, Harley, Whittle, and Lewis. After a good time, the evening, which each member said was one of the best of many held, concluded at midnight, with all joining in the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

BRIDGNORTH RINGERS IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Nov. 8th, the ringers of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bridgnorth, had a most enjoyable outing. Leaving Bridgnorth by motor, shortly after 10 a.m., the first stop was at Droitwich, where the light musical ring of six bells were soon set going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The next stop was Worcester, where a substantial dinner was partaken of at Mr. Watkin's Restaurant, after which a move was made to St. John's Church, where the visitors were met by Mr. W. Lewis, and the local ringers. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and a move then made for Madresfield. The Master and hon. secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and Mr. C. Camm, of Upton-on-Severn, met the party. The bells of the Parish Church were set going to Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Going on next to Malvern Link, the visitors enjoyed a pull on the fine ring of eight bells, and three of the younger members rang their first touches of Triples and Major, with the help of Messrs. R. G. Knowles, S. T. Holt, C. Camm, and some of the local ringers. A good tea was the next item, and tracks were made for home, which was reached about 9.40. The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking the respective Vicars for the use of the bells; Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, and Mr. W. Lewis, of St. John's, Worcester, for so kindly making all arrangements; and Messrs. Holt and Camm and the local ringers for meeting them and making the outing such a success.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday evening, December 1st, at All Saints' Church, Retten- don, a date touch (1,924 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 4 mins., consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 384 of Plain Bob, and 100 of Grandsire Doubles: Gunner A. D. Whetton, R.H.A., 1, A. Cardy 2, Gunner W. S. May, R.G.A., 3, R. Whetton 4, F. May (conductor) 5, F. Jay 6. This was especially arranged for the ringers of 1st and 3rd, who were home on leave from Woolwich. It was also the longest touch for ringers of 1st and 4th, and the longest touch for F. May as conductor.

LONDON. — On Friday, October 3rd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. King (conductor) 1, W. Hardy 2, W. E. T. Hewson 3, F. Warrington (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, G. W. Harris 5, F. Martin 6, T. H. Tuffender 7, R. Newman (first quarter-peal) 8. F. Warrington is from Long Stanton, Cambridge.

READING, BERKS. — On Tuesday, Sept. 30th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Simmonds 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Jeffery 3, A. Evans 4, G. Wiggin 5, F. Humphrey 6, G. Cook 7, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 8. Rung previous to the opening ceremony of the new hall adjoining the church, which was performed by Mrs. G. W. Palmer.

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