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### METHOD EXTENSION.

On slightly different lines perhaps, but very much the same in principle as the suggestion which we put forward some time ago in this column, Mr. J. S. Wilde writes from New Zealand advocating the investigation of method extension. Mr. Wilde, although now living on the other side of the world, where he has had little chance of practising change ringing, is nevertheless no mean composer, and in his detached sphere has been able to watch and to follow the disputation of the 'experts' in this country absolutely without bias. At the present time method extension is in a state of chaos for the ordinary student. And how can it be otherwise when the experts—men to whom the Exercise ought to be able to look for guidance in these matters—are divided on the very bed rock of the question? Each side honestly believes itself to be right, and at present there seems no possibility of their coming to any kind of agreement. Each is also convinced that the other is indubitably wrong, and either will not or cannot appreciate the truth—and so imagines there is nothing more to be said. While this kind of feeling exists we shall get nowhere, and yet the question of method extension is one about which, as the art progresses, the average ringer will want to know more.

For instance, it is absurd to leave the question of the extension of Superlative Surprise where it is, and we do not agree with the view put forward that there are not half a dozen people in the Exercise capable of forming a judgment on the matter. If this is the case it is rather a sorry outlook. As things stand at present two entirely different methods have been rung as the extension of Superlative Surprise Major. Whether the Royal or the Maximus, or either of them, is correctly named does not enter into the argument at the moment. What we want to see is some body which would command the confidence of the Exercise and which could weigh the arguments of both sides, and come to a decision which ringers would, through the Central Council, accept. There are a number of men in the Exercise—not necessarily in the Council, of course—who would be capable of forming a judgment on a matter of this kind, and to say otherwise is a slight to their intelligence. The case of Superlative, however, is that of only one method, but it is the most pressing at the moment, because of the unsatisfactory position in which it has been left, and the fact that the method is being rung on the higher numbers.

But the root of the question goes deeper than this. It affects all methods. We have settled rules for build-

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ing up the methods themselves; why should there not be equally well defined principles for making extensions of them? In the old days many methods were constructed which have long since been discarded because they do not come into line with present ideas of method building. In the same way the Central Council has only steadily to encourage method extension on right lines, and the Exercise in due course will accept it. At first there would probably be those who would not agree, but a new generation would doubtless be ready to adopt the principles laid down, assuming that they are correct ones. Mr. Wilde's suggestion is one which would make a start in the desired direction—and somewhere, sometime a beginning has got to be made.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	LESLIE J. CLARK ...	7
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JOHN W. WOOD ...	9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ...	10
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ...	11
THOMAS LINCOLN ... 6	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal on 12 bells. Rung as a 23rd birthday compliment to the conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ...	5
*MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY ...	7
*NORMAN SHORT ... 4	REV. W. PETER WRIGHT ... Tenor	

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.  
\* First peal in the method.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD HUNT ... Treble	WALTER ROSE ...	5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 2	WILLIAM DYER ...	6
HAROLD HALFORD ... 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS ...	7
ARTHUR CANDLE ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... Tenor	

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 6th, who hails from Charlton Kings. Ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th from the Prestbury company, the rest belong to the local band.

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PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BEATTIE ... .. Treble	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 5
FRED REED ... .. 2	JOHN HIRST ... .. 6
ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 3	† SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 7
ARTHUR BROWN ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.  
\* First of Treble Bob. † First inside. Composition now rung for the first time.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN, PRESTON & FYLDE BRANCHES.)

On Sunday, November 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	FRANK SHAW ... .. 5
MRS. WHEWELL ... .. 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... .. 6
ISAAC WHALLEY ... .. 3	JOHN BROWN ... .. 7
THOMAS HOWARTH ... .. 4	CHARLES SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by T. HAIGH. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
First peal of Oxford by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 8th.

ILKLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sunday, November 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALBERT DEAN ... .. Treble	*THOMAS H. GRANGE ... .. 5
ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. 6
*ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 7
*JAMES BAZELEY ... .. 4	*WILLIAM K. HORNBY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 15th centenary of Ilkley Parish Church.

SPALDING.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER STAPLES ... .. Treble	*SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 2	RICHARD SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 3	*CHARLES S. H. STILES ... 7
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	HARRY HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. STEERE.

First peal as conductor. This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Steere and also for the purpose of enabling him to call his first peal on the bells of the cathedral, before severing his membership of the society, owing to his removing to Carsbalton. At the conclusion of the peal the band tendered to Mr. Steere their heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for the future.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR PARSONS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 2	H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 6
*HERBERT L. COOK ... .. 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 7
WILFRED G. COOK ... .. 4	*H. T. JACK ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

\* First peal. Rung for the dedication festival.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7
*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

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

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALFRED KING ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 2	CHARLES FREEMAN ... .. 6
ABRAM WILKINSON ... .. 3	*ARTHUR BEAMISH ... .. 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

\* First peal in the method.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNANS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With 7-6-8 covering, 42 six-scores.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Treble	*THOMAS WERRETT ... .. 5
*GLYN WILLIAMS ... .. 2	*STEWART WILLIAMS ... .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	TIMOTHY POPNELL ... .. 7
† WILFRED L. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	FRANK MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of all who gave their lives in the Great War. All are members of the local band. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On October 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes from Thurstans') in 45 mins.: S. Cox 1, F. Lloyd 2, E. Soars (longest touch in any method) 3, J. E. Clarke 4, L. J. Willars 5, S. O. Cheney 6, E. J. Jelley (conductor) 7, H. Dexter 8. Longest touch in any method by the ringer of the 3rd.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY RAYNER ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
JOHN BURLS ... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 6
FRANK WALKER ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD BROWN ... .. 4	RICHARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day, and in memory of the glorious dead, incorporating the names of Lieut. T. Burles, Lieut. H. Mitchell and Pte. W. Audsley, killed in action, brothers of the ringers of 2nd, 6th and 7th respectively.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HADFIELD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 2	FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 6
THOMAS CHAMBERS ... .. 3	*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... .. 7
HERBERT CHAMBERS ... .. 4	†WILLIAM HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERS.

\* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. All Sunday service ringers at above church. Rung with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the war.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
CHARLES J. CHOYET ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
HARRY DYAS ... .. 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day in honour of the glorious dead.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 4	WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of fallen comrades.

## WILBY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	†JOHN NOLLER ... .. 5
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 6
*THOMAS MOYES ... .. 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

\* First peal of Major, and first attempt. † First on an inside bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers in commemoration of Armistice Day. It was originally intended to ring Double Norwich, but, meeting short, the above two 'firsts' kindly filled the vacancies.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR J. JONES ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BUSHNELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	*JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 4	ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal on inside bell. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the men who lost their lives in the Great War.

## CROYDON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPEN ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Mr. D. Cooper has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal, being the first ringer to do so.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 6
FRED PRICE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. DOWDING.

First peal as conductor by W. C. Dowding, who desires to express his thanks to the whole of the band, especially Mr. F. Price for the arrangements he made to enable him to call his first peal.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING

150th peal by Messrs. W. Henley and G. Wilson. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in ball bearings by Meurs and Stainbank, the 'go' giving every satisfaction.

## BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES CROFT ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 6
PHILIP THOMPSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM DALE ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal and member of local band. Rung as a silver wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobden, also as birthday compliments to Mrs. Hobden (who was married on her birthday), Mrs. F. J. Lambert and to the conductor. Mr. Wheadon, of Breachley, Kent, was elected a non-resident life member of the association.



## OTLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. O. ASH ... .. 5
* HARRY WARD ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 6
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 3	* GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 4	† WILLIAM HORNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells.

## FAVERSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary of Charity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

* WILLIAM C. STOCKLEY ... Treble	W. E. PITMAN, MRS. BAC. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2	* FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 6
† FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
SAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

* HENRY C. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOHN MARTIN ... .. 5
† JAMES F. PARROTT ... .. 2	FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 6
‡ JAMES H. PARROTT ... .. 3	HUGH HILLS ... .. 7
WALTER W. STEVENS ... 4	SIDNEY PENFOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SMITH.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peak ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. CLARK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM M. J. PEDLEY ... 5
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 6
FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
EDWIN YATES ... .. 4	* WILLIAM NEAL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. C. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of the Armistice.

## WEM, SALOP.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

GEORGE COWLEY ... .. Treble	WALTER LYCETT ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... 2	* ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4	† HARRY VICKERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN HAYES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	WALTER THOMAS ... .. 6
* JAMES SWAINSON ... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 4	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. ROSTRON.

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

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

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 2	WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	* THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. Rung with bells half-muffled in commemoration of the men who fell in the Great War.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Priory Church,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and 4,320 of Grandsire, A. J. Pitman's calling.	
JOHN GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. JAINE ... 4
CHARLES JAINE ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 5
* THOMAS COOKE, JUN. ... 3	* JOHN JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

\* First peal in two methods. Rung on the front six of the peal of ten, as a birthday compliment to ringer of tenor.

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(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*OWEN MILLER ... .. Treble	W. T. BOOKLESS BROWNE ... 4
FREDERICK LAPTORN ... 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
A. C. BOOKLESS BROWNE ... 3	BENJAMIN MILLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal and first attempt.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day to the memory of those who fell in the Great War.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON ... .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 4
NORMAN GEARY ... .. 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Minor for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. Rung half-muffled on the ninth anniversary of Armistice Day.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	*GEORGE R. DILBY ... .. 4
ALFRED PRATT ... .. 2	*HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 5
WALLACE G. CHURCH ... 3	TOM BARTRAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal in three methods.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF IMMANUEL SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... Treble	FRANK LEWIN ... .. 4
HARRY BAXTER ... .. 2	MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MISS KITTY MOORE.

Rung to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

LONG CLAWSON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Remigius,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores Canterbury Pleasure, 12 Plain Bob, and 18 Grandstire. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3
*HAROLD WILFORD ... .. 2	EDWARD TINSLEY ... .. 4

WILLIAM SMITH ... .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on these ancient heavy five, dated 1782, 1831, 1808, 1850, 1782 respectively. The treble ringer belongs to Sydney, Australia, and was on a visit to his native home. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are local, tenor from Hose, and conductor from Leicester.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	*WILFRED G. WILSON ... .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major. The conductor had not previously called a bob in any eight-bell method.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

WELL-KNOWN GUILDFORD RINGER MARRIED.

The wedding took place on Saturday last of Mr. George William Steere, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Steere, of Shalford, and Miss Winnifred Mary Howick, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howick, of Cranleigh, at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Cranleigh. Mr. Steere has been for many years an active member of the Holy Trinity Cathedral band, Guildford, and for some time was secretary. The Rector, the Rev. P. Cunningham, officiated, and the service was fully choral, with Miss B. Dodgson presiding at the organ. The hymns, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'Love Divine, all loves excelling,' were sung, and the organist played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal couple left the church.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. F. Howick, was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss C. Steere, and Mr. C. N. Burdock, the present secretary of Holy Trinity Society, acted as best man.

A reception, attended by about 30 guests, was afterwards held at the bride's home, and the newly-married couple later left for Worthing, where the honeymoon is being spent.

As a compliment to Mr. Steere and his bride, his colleagues from Guildford rang the bells of Cranleigh Parish Church before and after the nuptial ceremony, the chief item being 360 changes of Stedman Triples. Mr. and Mrs. Steere were the recipients of a large number of presents. Their new home will be at Carshalton.

On Sunday, October 30th, at Edenbridge, for the wedding of Mr. E. Jenner, son of Mr. R. Jenner, one of the local ringers, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: E. Leigh, jun., 1, J. Hensman (conductor) 2, W. Leigh, sen., 3, H. Leigh 4, G. Malyan 5, E. Collison 6, E. Leigh 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

**SURPRISE RINGING IN SOUTH WALES.**

At Penre Rhondda, on Saturday, November 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Crabb 1, G. Wines 2, H. Davies 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Cross 5, W. Page 6, H. Page (conductor) 7, T. Page 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and first quarter in the method by a local band for the association.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****BRANCH MEETING DISCUSSES DIPLOMAS FOR YOUNG RINGERS.**

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Aston Bampton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bad weather considerably affected the attendance, but there was a fairly good muster of members. The business meeting was preceded by a service in the church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. W. Preedy), who was assisted by the Rev. C. A. Ward-Jackson, the address being given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Guild. Before the service and after the business meeting the members made good use of permission to ring the peal of six.

The Master of the Guild, in the course of his address, said it needed a Christian man to be a bellringer; a man who was not a Christian could take part in bellringing as a sort of amusement, but that was a different thing to being a real church bellringer. Yet they knew that a weariness did come over them at times. It came to the young lad at his battle with the elementary stages of learning to ring, especially in these days when there were so many attractions, but they must not give way to that weariness, for 'in due season we shall reap if we faint not,' and they would soon get really to appreciate the joy of being a bellringer. He did not think there had been the number of young and dependable change ringers which he had hoped would come forward after the war, but, on the other hand, there had been an extraordinary forward movement in the putting of bells into proper order, and he believed that soon there would be a tremendous revival of bellringing. They, as Christian bellringers, had a great duty to perform in that connection.

In the absence of the chairman (Rev. F. R. Marriott), the Master of the Guild presided at the annual meeting which followed tea in the schoolroom.

The Rev. W. W. Preedy extended a cordial welcome to the members, and especially to the Master.

Mr. W. Evetts, jun., the hon. secretary, reported that the branch was in a very flourishing condition. Membership had been maintained, and one tower had been gained, while there was a substantial balance at the bank.

The Rev. F. R. Marriott was re-elected chairman, and Mr. J. Monk, moving the re-election of Mr. Evetts as hon. secretary and treasurer, paid a glowing tribute to his work. On the motion of Mr. Flanders, seconded by Mr. Smith, Messrs. W. T. Bond, W. Judge and N. Spendlove were reappointed representatives on the Guild Committee, and, on the suggestion of the secretary, seconded by Mr. Brooks, it was decided to hold the spring meeting at Kidlington.

**GRANT TO RESTORATION FUND.**

The Secretary brought forward the question of a grant to the Guild Restoration Fund. He pointed out that it was quite a voluntary matter, but said it had been stated it was the duty of branches to make a donation.

The General Secretary of the Guild (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) spoke of the inauguration of the fund by the general treasurer, and said that last year seven parishes were given grants so that their bells could be put in order. That number being greater than was anticipated, the fund had become sadly depleted, and the general treasurer would welcome donations from branches with balances in hand, so that next year help would be available without calling on the general funds.

After discussion, it was agreed to grant £5.

The Master said their action was in conformity with the principles of Guild work. Their branch, he thought, was particularly fortunate in their bells, and, therefore, had not the same strain upon their funds as others had. Their action that day would no doubt be an incentive to other branches.

A letter was read from the Master of the Guild stating that at the last meeting of the Central Council he put forward a motion that the Council should issue a diploma with a view to encouraging young ringers. This action, it was explained, was the result of a suggestion dealt with by two young ringers in letters to 'The Ringing World,' but the question had been deferred until the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime, ringers generally were asked to consider the matter and express their opinions to the representatives on the Council.

The Master explained that he was not pressing the question on the Council or on ringers, but, as much had been written as to how the interest of the young ringer could be maintained, and as the suggestion came from young men, he thought it would be well to have the question discussed. At the present time he did not think he would value a certificate saying he was proficient in a certain method, but no doubt in his early bellringing days it would have been a great encouragement.

The General Secretary thought a diploma would be an encouragement to young ringers. In the absence of many of them that day, he thought that was not the proper place to discuss it, and he suggested the views of the young men should be ascertained in the various towers.

After further discussion, it was decided that consideration should be given the question in the manner suggested by the general secretary.

The Master expressed thanks to the Rector of Aston Bampton, to all who had taken part in the service, and to the ladies who served the tea. The Rev. W. W. Preedy having replied, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Master.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Kent County Association members will congratulate Mr. F. G. Brett, of the Canterbury Cathedral company, on ringing his first peal of Bob Major on Saturday last at Faversham. Having rung close on two hundred peals, including Cinques, this is a noteworthy performance. We are informed that he did not slumber once.

On November 27th, Mr. Jas. George will celebrate his 74th birthday, and all his many friends will wish this 'grand young man' of the Exercise 'many happy returns of the day.' A birthday party of personal friends will be entertained by Mr. George at Birmingham on Saturday, the 26th.

A ringer's wedding of much interest to the Exercise is to take place on February 4th next, when Miss Edith K. Parker, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, is to be married to Mr. George W. Fletcher.

Congratulations to the two youths who took part in the handbell peal of Bob Major at Ealing last week, and particularly to Ernest Turner, who called it. He and Wilfred Wilson are schoolboys, who belong to a band of lads now being taught ringing at Christ Church, Ealing, by Mr. J. A. Trollope. The youthful conductor began ringing only last spring. The instructor has evidently some promising material, and the pupils are fortunate in having so capable a teacher.

A big gathering of ringers is expected at Guildford to-morrow for the first general meeting of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. All contentious business is to be disposed of in order to pave the way for the formal inauguration on December 31st, when the Bishop of Guildford will preside and will, it is hoped, be supported not only by leading Churchmen in the diocese, but also by official representatives of all the neighbouring associations.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was rung on November 19th, 1758. This famous peal of bells has been rung as regularly through the centuries as probably any other ring in the country, but in their present form they have nearly seen their day. A restoration scheme is promised, and it may be on a big scale. 'Many happy returns of the day' to that well-known pillar of the Exercise, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who will be 64 years old to-morrow.

Even in these days 'family' peals are a rare occurrence. What was probably the first of these performances took place at Soham on November 20th, 1809, when eight Tebbits rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

An old society, of which we now know little or nothing, the Society of City Scholars, rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate on November 23rd, 1732.

The first peal on the present ring of twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was rung on November 23rd, 1775.

It was not long after the introduction of peal ringing that devotees of the Exercise began record breaking, and as early as November 25th, 1737, a peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at West Ham, by the Eastern Scholars. It took them 8 hrs. 40 mins.

## ON EXTENSIONS: A SUGGESTION.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Many years ago there was lengthy discussion as to correct versions of Double Norwich Caters and Cinques. In recent years, Bristol Surprise has had tacked to it, by publication, no less than four separate extensions, by as many different authors, each of whom advanced the claim that theirs was the only correct version. In Superlative Surprise there are at present two notable versions contending for preference. Further, in this latter instance peals in both versions have been rung, and there is no reason why more peals in each version should not be rung again under the same claims. Not only so, a similar undesirable state of things may happen in the case of Bristol or other methods, leading to a state of chaos from which, as time goes on, it will become increasingly difficult to establish order. All this points to the urgent need of legislation. The fact that such legislation will not please everyone does not, in any way, lessen either its importance or its urgency.

In order to help to bring this about I suggest a patient consideration of the laws governing Mr. George Baker's proof of extensions by means of round blocks and transpositions. His published extensions of the many methods he has dealt with exhibit a uniform regularity of progression which may only be attained by rigid adherence to standard laws supporting the principles of a science.

Other systems, if so they may be called, have so far entirely failed to show such uniform results. Indeed, extensions under such conditions appear to qualify for separate rules for each version, and each progressive version, produced. So long as this want of order obtains, so long, then, will confusion, as to what is or is not correct of extensions, prevail.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES S. WILDE.

Dunedin, N.Z.,  
October 10th, 1927.

## OXFORD TREBLE BOB IN NEW ZEALAND.

At Opoko, Dunedin, N.Z., on October 5th, on handbells, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Charles Wilde (conductor) 1-2, James S. Wilde 3-4, Joseph Whipp 5-6.



## A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

## BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fourteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

## PROVING A PEAL.

The first thing to be done, in applying to a peal our 'proof scale' of false course-heads, is to find out what courses, or portions thereof, will be introduced by the composition into each course of the peal.

We know that courses are joined together by means of bobs and singles, and that each time a call is made a fresh course is introduced. This fresh course continues until another call is made, when another new course is brought in. The fresh courses are not necessarily introduced from their commencements; the point (within themselves) where they begin depends upon the 'position' held by the tenor at the 'call.'

If, for instance, in the plain course of Superlative, the tenor is at 'M' (or in sixth's place in the row) at lead-head No. 4, 14263(8)57, and a bob be called, this lead-head will be displaced by 16423(8)57, and a fresh course will be introduced; but the tenor is still at 'M' IN THE FRESH COURSE. Therefore, the new course commences at ITS FOURTH LEAD, cutting out its leads Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

If, in the plain course, the tenor is at 'W' (or in seventh's place in the row) at lead-head No. 5, 135274(8)6, and a bob be called, this row will be displaced by 123574(8)6, we then commence a fresh course from ITS FIFTH LEAD, cutting out its leads Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and so on.

If a bob at 'M' be followed by one at 'W,' then, into our plain course is introduced a fresh course for its FOURTH LEAD ONLY, and the following bob (at 'W') introduces another course, which starts at its fifth lead. If the bob at 'W' be omitted, then we CONTINUE with the course that was introduced at 'M,' until another call is made.

These calls do not affect the paths of the tenors, and every time they complete the circle (and come 'home') a 'peal course' has been rung, although this 'peal course' may be made up of various portions of differing courses. The peal courses vary in length—there are 'long' courses and 'short' courses; in some methods the calls lengthen or shorten the paths of the tenors, without 'disturbing' their plain-course positions, which has the effect of adding to, or cutting out, whole leads in the peal courses. In Superlative, however, the peal courses here consist of seven leads each, the ordinary number in the plain course.

We proceed, then, to discover what courses are introduced by the given calls, and which portions of these courses will be rung. Our golden rule all along has been 'refer to rounds,' and the first thing we do is to see what effect EACH CALL will have upon rounds. The lead-heads are transposed by the plain first lead-end (15738264), until a bob is called, when we use the bob row for transposition (13578264).

We will presume that our peal is composed of calls at 'M,' 'W' and 'H' only (i.e., when the tenor is due to appear in sixth's place, seventh's place, or in eighth's place in the bob rows). The following three columns show the effects that each call will have upon rounds. The course-heads given are found by comparing each bob row with its fellow in the plain course in the usual way:—

'M.'	'W.'	'H.'
2345678	2345678	2345678
5738264	5738264	5738264
8674523	8674523	8674523
— 6423857	4263857	4263857
Introducing	— 2357486	3527486
course-head	Introducing	7856342
43652	course-head	6482735
	52436	— 4235678
		Introducing
		course-head
		42356

Then, the course-head 23456 is transposed into 43652 by a bob at 'M,' into 52436 by a bob at 'W,' and into 42356 by a bob at 'H.' Therefore, if the peal be started from course-head 23456, and a bob at the first 'M' is introduced, the new course-head will be 43652, which will continue until another bob is called. If the next bob is at 'W,' then 43652 will be transposed by the 'W' formula (52436), giving 54632 as the new course-head. Or, if the 'W' be omitted, and the next bob is at 'H,' then 43652 will be transposed by the 'H' formula (42356), giving 64352 as the new course-head. Or, if BOTH the 'W' and 'H' be omitted, and the next bob is at 'M' again, then 43652 will be transposed by the 'M' formula (43652), giving 63254 as the new course-head; and so on throughout the peal, transposing the previous course-head by the formula which applies to the following call. By this means we can produce all of the course-heads that will be introduced by the composition.

The next step is to tabulate those PORTIONS of the courses which will be rung, as we are not concerned with those that are cut out, and we have to apply our false course-heads ONLY to those portions which they will affect, as we shall see. Notice (in the columns above) that the bob at 'H' occurs at the row where '7-8' have completed their plain-course paths, and are BACK AGAIN in those positions that they occupied at 23456(78); therefore, rounds is a theoretical 'home.'

Examination of the columns will show that between 'H' (2345678 or 4235678) and 'M' (6423857) three full leads are rung; the 'M' position row COMMENCES the fourth lead. We also notice that the 'W' position row (2357486) commences lead No. 5. Therefore, BETWEEN the positions of 'M' and 'W' ONLY lead No. 4 is rung. The 'H' position at 4235678 commences lead No. 1 of the following course (or, if you prefer, 2345678 again). Therefore, between the positions of 'W' and 'H,' leads Nos. 5, 6 and 7 are rung.

This applies to every peal course, whether bobs be called at every position therein, or whether bobs be omitted at some of the positions, because the tenors are undisturbed by the calls, and thus occupy the same positions in every corresponding row of the courses. We can tabulate the result of our investigations as follows:—

Between the positions of ... .. H. and M. M. and W. W. and H.	
We ring (in every course) leads	
numbered ... ..	1, 2, 3      4 only      5, 6, 7
And course-head 23456 (at a call)	
becomes ... ..	(H) 42356 (M) 43652 (W) 52436

## DEATH OF MR. W. J. KEMP.

## A WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. William J. Kemp, of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, who died in the Hackney Hospital on Tuesday, November 8th, after a short illness, the cause of death being pleurisy. As recently as October 29th, he had rung in a peal of Bob Major at St. John-at-Hackney, but a day or two later he became sick with a severe cold, from which he never recovered.

He was buried on Saturday last at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, the first part of the service being held at St. Matthew's Church, where the deceased was for some 20 years a ringer. The Rev. H. Wilde (curate-in-charge) officiated, and besides the widow and parents of the deceased, there were present a large congregation, which included several members of the local band and well-known members of the College Youths and the Middlesex Association, amongst whom were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, A. R. Macdonald, H. Pasmore, H. Langdon, C. T. Coles, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, R. Maynard, E. J. King, etc.

After a short, simple, but impressive service, which included the singing of the 23rd Psalm and the hymn 'On the resurrection morning,' a short touch of Stedman Triples, with half-muffled clappers, was rung, whilst the funeral cortege was on its way to the cemetery. After the committal, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by H. Langdon, G. R. Pye, H. R. Pasmore and E. J. King—a fitting requiem to one who was devoted to the art.

The deceased, who was in his 36th year, was an accomplished ringer and a capable conductor. His ringing career started at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, about 20 years ago, where he was mainly instrumental in building up an efficient local band, and in August, 1913, had the satisfaction of calling a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first peal ever rung on the bells by a band composed of Sundry service ringers. Two of this band, alas! made the great sacrifice in the war, as did two other members of the same company.

Although no record of William Kemp's peals is at present available, they were of a very varied nature, extending from Grandsire Triples and Bob Major (in which methods he had conducted peals) to Stedman Chimes, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus, and London and Bristol Surprise Major. He was a very safe ringer and a good striker. He was a member of the Middlesex County Association, the College Youths, the Essex, London County, and Hertford County Associations, and had been for 16 years assistant hon. secretary in the North and East District of the first-named society. For many years he was regular in his attendance at the annual dinner of the College Youths, and would have been at the recent gathering but for his fatal illness.

During the war he served in the A.S.C., attaining the rank of C.Q.M.S., and spent a considerable time in Egypt and Palestine. He was a member of the company that, on the second anniversary of the fall of Jerusalem, rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, when the band was composed of ex-Service men who had served in the war in the East. By a strange coincidence, another member of that band, Harold J. Walton, has recently passed away. May they rest in peace!

## EX-LORD MAYOR'S THANKS.

Sir Rowland Blades, the late Lord Mayor of London, having so courteously received ringers at the Mansion House on the occasion of the meeting of the Central Council, it was decided by a party of College Youths to show their appreciation of his kindness by ringing handbells from one of the balconies of the Great Hall of the Law Courts, during the passage of the civic party through the hall on November 9th. Unfortunately, Major Hunt, the superintendent of the Law Courts, could not see his way to allow the innovation, but Sir Rowland Blades nevertheless fully appreciated the intended courtesy.

He wrote to Mr. E. Alex Young as follows:—

'Thank you very much for your kind letter of congratulations on my Mayoralty on behalf of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. I must also thank the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths for the compliment they wished to pay me, which, although not permitted, is none the less appreciated by me. Will you kindly convey my warm thanks to all concerned?'

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' FESTIVAL. OLDEST MEMBER DISCOVERED IN AUSTRALIA.

The large and representative gathering of ringers that attended the 290th anniversary festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday week spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the London Tavern, where they were genially presided over by the Master (Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.). The most interesting feature of the speeches was the announcement that the oldest College Youth, in point of years of membership, had been found in Australia, where Mr. Harry Henden, who was elected in 1867, had been living for many years.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master proposed 'The Church,' which, as ringers, he said, they were all proud of and loved. In coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, he said he hoped the historic bells of Bow would soon be heard again sending forth their melodies over the city (applause).

The Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, in replying, said it was a little difficult for any man to-day to respond on behalf of the Church, because he must have a very wide sympathy and a very large heart. Before he came to Bow Church, famous for its bells, he was in charge of a Cambridge church, famous for its architecture—the Round Church; and when a friend of his was asked by an inquisitive stranger what sort of a Churchman he (the speaker) was, the friend replied that he was 'Round Church' (laughter). He had always tried to live up to that idea, and live in love and fellowship with his neighbours, trying to find out what was good in all of them, and humbly trying to follow what was best in them (hear, hear). He hoped that in the days to come they would have a larger charity among those who professed and called themselves Christians. Greater unity could only come in a better knowledge of the Gospels and a closer life in union with the Lord whom they revealed.

Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths.' When he was asked, he said, again to propose this toast, he wrote to Mr. Cockerill that he was like a bearing run dry. He had proposed the toast so often that he really had nothing new to say ('Oh' and laughter). Some of them might laugh, but when he told them it was 32 years since he first came to the College Youths' annual dinner they would realise the position. On that first occasion he was put down to reply for 'Queen Victoria and the rest of the Royal Family' (laughter). The toast was joined to 'The Church,' but, nevertheless, he responded for the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. The next year he was lower down the toast list, but he did not make his speech, because, on account of the long interval after dinner, they did not reach that part of the programme before he had to leave to catch his train (laughter). Canon Coleridge entered a polite but emphatic protest against the waste of valuable time by an extended interval after the loyal toast, which caused many to have to depart before the programme had been got through. Canon Coleridge went on to refer to many of the distinguished names to which ringers owed something—men who had given bells to churches or had interested themselves in the actual ringing. He mentioned the generous gifts of the late Lord Iveagh to St. Patrick's Cathedral, and of Lord Carysfort to Arklow Church. He recollected that the gentleman who afterwards became the Earl of Winchelsea used to ring with the Oxford University Guild in the days when he (the speaker) went up to Oxford. He mentioned the fact that a granddaughter of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith had not only shown her interest in ringing by visiting a tower and watching the operations of the ringers during the recent Somerset tour, but was also actually learning to ring at Oxford. In the Ancient Society of College Youths they had Lord Breton as one of their founders, and he believed he was a practical ringer. They found other noble names in the preface of the College Youths' 'Rule Book,' and in more recent years they had a distinguished baronet, the late Sir Arthur Heywood, who did a tremendous lot for ringing in general and for the College Youths in particular. In the rank and file they had men in all walks of life doing their part in carrying on this great work of service to God in their churches. In conclusion, Canon Coleridge said he was quite sure one hundred per cent. of the ringers of England would join with him that night in wishing success and prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and tender, through him, their good wishes to their esteemed and excellent secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

### MESSAGE TO THE OLDEST MEMBER.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who replied, said he had received letters regretting absence and wishing success from Canon Haldane, Canon Perkins, Rev. Bullock Webster, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Rev. F. L. Edwards (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. Prebendary Isaacs, Rev. J. H. Ellison, Hon. and Rev. S. H. Phillimore, Alderman Pritchett, Mr. J. E. Groves and Mr. A. Prince. During the year the society had lost by death Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. Pitfield Chapple, Mr. W. H. Godden, Mr. G. Durling, Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. H. F. Ewins, Mr. Sam Tillett, and Mr. Harold Walton, who six years ago presiding at their dinner. The number of new members made was 26, and the bells rung during the year were Stedman Triples 9, on handbells 3, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 5, Grandsire Triples 2, on handbells 1, Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Royal 2, Treble Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1, total 30. The number of practices held at city churches and Southwark during the year was 74, which, on the whole, were very

well attended. Since the last dinner, continued Mr. Cockerill, it had come to their knowledge that they had a member in Mr. Henry Henden, a jeweller, of Summer Street, Orange, New South Wales, who was elected in 1867 at Lewisham. He took it he must be the senior College Youth from a membership point of view. He was over 81 years of age, and he (Mr. Cockerill) thought it would be a very nice thing to send him a message of congratulation from that meeting (applause). Mr. Henden heard nothing about ringing or the College Youths except through 'The Ringing World,' which had been sent to him for about twelve months by Miss E. K. Parker. Proceeding, Mr. Cockerill said that during the last year they had had eight of their books repaired, one of them being the old autograph name book, which contained the names of members back to 1760—something. There were some extraordinary writing and signatures in the book, some of the leaves of which had become loose and were in danger of being lost. The books had now been put into an excellent state of repair at a total cost of about £30, but, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Young, the amount which the society had had to bear was about £20 (applause).

Mr. C. H. Horton, in submitting 'The Visitors,' said November the fifth was a notable date in the annals of that great city. Two episodes which left their mark in the country happened on November 5th. One was the fusing of the gunpowder plot, and the other the founding of that Society of College Youths. Although, doubtless, the College Youths was founded practically for the purpose of change ringing in their wonderful city churches, he was sure that the great men who founded it had other thoughts in their mind, and they thought of the social side of the question. At their dinner, which no doubt they held in that first year of their existence, they most likely felt they would not keep all the good things to themselves, and they probably had a few visitors. That night they were honoured by the presence of a number of visitors, among them the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, Rector of Bow, and he (the speaker) believed every man in that room would be a Dick Whittington could he but hear the music of those wonderful bells again. They also had with them Canon Hawkins, of St. Paul's, the Rev. Fynes Clinton, of St. Magnus', the Rev. E. C. Bedford, of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. Pennington Bickford, of St. Clement Danes. They owed a great debt of gratitude to the clergy and other visitors who interested themselves in that society. 'They gave them the use of the towers most willingly for practice, and the members appreciated it (applause).

### 'FOND OF OLD THINGS.'

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, who replied, said he was very jealous of them all. He had often wished to ring. He had tried, but had not continued, so he would never be highly skilled enough. All the same, he appreciated and honoured what the ringers did in the ringing chamber. He knew what a high art it was, and what patience it required to ring long peals, and he appreciated what was done in the church towers in ringing for services. The speaker paid a tribute to the services Mr. Young rendered to the Exercise, and said he did not know what he would do at St. Clement's without him. Although there might be some who differed from him, they would all admire him for what he did to save the bells at Coventry (hear, hear). He (the speaker) was very fond of old things, and if he had had anything to do with those bells he would have moved heaven and earth to retain them, despite all the money that was offered. When St. Clement's bells were restored he set his face strongly against the removal of the cannons of the bells, and Mr. Hughes managed to do the job for them without cutting the cannons off. Those old bells might be a few vibrations out, but, generally speaking, he always heard good things said about the bells of St. Clement's (applause). He did not want to be misunderstood, because he knew there were differences of opinion, but he had a great love for old things, and he liked to retain them.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. H. R. Newton) submitted 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and said no fewer than nineteen societies were represented in that gathering. Whenever he had gone out to represent the College Youths he had met with the greatest kindness and hospitality, and he hoped members of visiting associations that night would take back similar feelings. He urged that the feelings generated at such gatherings as that should be carried into the towers, and every visitor accommodated with a pull, even if it was only rounds.

Mr. F. W. H. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths) first responded for the London Societies, who, he said, appreciated the kindness of the College Youths at their annual feast in always remembering the other societies. They all knew what the College Youths had done for ringing in London. They trained young men to handle a bell and helped them to ring a quarter-peal, and the next thing they saw them at the Coffee Pot (laughter). Sunday ringing at the London churches was dropping off, and one of the reasons was the high fares which the men had to pay to get to the churches. The ringers were fast moving out of the centre of London to the suburbs, and it cost some of them a good deal to perform their duties at the churches.

Mr. J. T. Dyke (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association) replied for the provincial societies in an amusing speech. He compared the differences in the conditions under which ringing could be carried out in London and in country districts such as that in which he lived, instancing, in connection with the enthusiasm which some provincial ringers displayed, that recently one of a band with which he rang cycled 35 miles to practise Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. LAST MEETING OF THE YORKTOWN DISTRICT. PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY.

The members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in the new diocese of Guildford are now reaching the parting of the ways. The Guildford Diocesan Guild will come into being on January 1st, and on Saturday the last meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild was held at Hawley. This district has embraced the area from Yateley, in Hants, to Esher, in Surrey, and on account of its poor means of intercommunication has been one of the most difficult to work. Nevertheless, it has been not the least successful of the districts of the old Guild, and a great deal of this success has been due to the quiet but painstaking efforts of Mr. J. B. Hessey, of Chertsey, the hon. secretary.

At Saturday's meeting the members showed their appreciation of his services by presenting Mr. Hessey with a handsome barometer, with a suitable inscription. There were representatives present from Ash, Bagshot, Chertsey, Camberley, Egham, Hawley, Pirbright, Weybridge, Woking, Yateley and Yorktown, and visitors from Finchampstead and Maidenhead.

The presentation was made by the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, who was formerly at Chertsey, and who paid a warm tribute to the work which Mr. Hessey had done for the Guild.—Mr. Hessey, who was taken by surprise, suitably acknowledged the gift.

Prior to the presentation, a service, at which the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood gave an address, and the final business meeting had been held. The latter was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Armitstead. The year had closed with a membership of 95 in the district, and a balance of nearly £7. Mr. Hessey thanked the members for the support which they had given him, and particularly Mr. Chaffey (Chertsey) and Mr. Armstrong (Weybridge) for their assistance during the time that he was laid aside by sickness.

A vote of sympathy was passed, by the members standing in silence, with the widow of the late Mr. G. Attfield, of Ottershaw, an old member of the Guild, who had died suddenly on the preceding Monday.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, and also to the ladies who had provided the tea.

The hope was expressed that, although the towers in that district would now be divided, there would be a frequent interchange of visits in the future.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who is hon. secretary of the Organising Committee of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, gave an outline of the proposals which it was hoped to carry through, and made an appeal to the ringers in all the churches not only to come into the Guild, but to pull their weight in the endeavour to make it a success.

Ringings took place on the bells of the Parish Church, both in the afternoon and evening.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Portsmouth on Saturday last, when over 50 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Netley Abbey, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Wickham and Winchester.

Ringings at the cathedral was indulged in until 4.30, when the Guild's form of service was used at the special service, at which the Archdeacon of Portsmouth (Ven. H. N. Rodgers) officiated and preached, assisted by the Vicar of Portsmouth (Rev. Bernard Williams). At the conclusion, the members adjourned to the Parish Rooms, where an excellent tea awaited them.

The business meeting followed, the Archdeacon occupying the chair, supported by the Vicar, the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), Master (Mr. G. Williams), district secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), the Central Committee representatives (Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone), and the auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds). At the outset the Chairman referred to the keen enthusiasm the new Vicar had taken in the Guild, despite his short time in the city, and also to the eagerness and thoroughness the members took in performing their duties.

The balance sheet for the past year showed that the membership of the district was now 17 hon. members, 124 full members, 14 probationers, 3 unattached and one compounding member. The receipts amounted to £18 2s. 6d., and expenditure to £5 2s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £11 19s. 10d., and to the treasurer of £11.

It was decided to hold the inaugural meeting of the district in the new Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on January 28th next, when it is hoped that representatives of all towers in the district, affiliated and unaffiliated, will attend. The present district officers were re-elected en bloc, to serve until that meeting.

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Mr. E. Alex Young submitted 'The Press,' and remarked upon the fact that the Exercise was fortunate in having a journal of its own. Without it, they would be badly handicapped, and such gatherings as that would be almost impossible. He spoke in complimentary terms of the service which 'The Ringing World' rendered to the Exercise, and of the importance of giving the paper wholehearted support.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') responded. This concluded the speech-making, and the evening was brought to a conclusion with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The Vicar of Portsmouth was elected an honorary member, and D. Halliday (Gosport) a probationer.

A complete peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), written in full and executed by Mr. J. D. Harris (Portsmouth), was presented to the district, and the Vicar readily acceded to the request that it should be framed and hung in the cathedral tower. The cost of the frame was guaranteed by the members present.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Archdeacon, Vicar, organist and caterers for their various services. The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for the warm welcome they had given him that day, especially in electing him an honorary member. As the late Dean of Grahams-town, South Africa, he had greatly missed the beautiful bells of the motherland, and it was a source of delight to him to hear them ringing again. He added that he would always be willing to do what he could for the Guild, and promised to be present at the inaugural meeting in January.

After the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. A few made the journey across to Gosport to try the rehung bells at Holy Trinity, and it was arranged with the Vicar to have a Guild opening on Monday, December 5th, when a service will be held in the evening and the bells rung afterwards.

### WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on Saturday, November 5th. The bells at the cathedral (12) and St. Maurice's (6) were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and the members attended the ordinary evening service at the cathedral at 4 p.m., at which special prayers were offered for the work of the Guild. Tea was served and the business meeting took place at St. Maurice's Hall. Rev. Canon Braithwaite, district chairman, being in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Southampton, Rev. N. C. Woods, hon. treasurer of the Guild, Mr. Geo. Williams, Master, Mr. Geo. Pullinger, general secretary, Mr. W. Andrews, Central Committee, Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary, Portsmouth District, and Mr. W. T. Tucker, district secretary of the Winchester District. The district secretary gave a brief report of the work in the district during the year. This was considered very satisfactory and was accepted with thanks to Mr. Tucker. The secretary also presented the balance sheet for the year, which showed total receipts £21 9s. 5d., payments £8 3s. 0d. The sum of £9 was handed over to the hon. treasurer of the Guild, leaving a balance in hands of secretary of £4 6d. 5d. This was approved and passed, on the motion of Mr. Loveland, seconded by Mr. Brown.

In view of the rearranging of the various districts to take effect early in the new year, it was proposed by Mr. Pullinger, seconded by Mr. Fray, that the officers be asked to carry on until the new districts were brought into being.

It was proposed to hold inaugural meetings in three districts, the first at Southampton on January 7th for the Southampton District, at Winchester on January 14th for the Winchester District, and at Alton on January 21st for the Alton District.

It was proposed by the District Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Andrews, that the Bishop of Southampton be elected a life member of the Guild.

On the proposition of Mr. Loveland, seconded by Mr. Brown, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Pullinger, of Guildford, on the accident recently sustained by Mr. Pullinger, and the Rev. Canon Braithwaite consented to convey this to them.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the cathedral bells, and Rev. T. M. Watson for St. Maurice's bells. Mr. Watson was unable to be present at the meeting.

The towers represented were Hursley, Southampton, Fareham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), King's Somborne, Oakley, North Stoneham, Upham, Winchester, Twyford, Stockbridge, Salisbury (St. Edmund's and St. Martin's), and Bishopstoke.

### LECTURE ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, a lecture on bells and bellringing was given at the Church Room, Northenden, under the auspices of the Northenden Literary Society. The lecturer was the Rev. F. P. Cheetham, M.A., principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester, a former member of the Cambridge University Guild, and the lecture was illustrated by demonstrations of change-ringing on handbells by the following well-known Manchester ringers: A. Barnes, H. Jackson, F. Page, P. Laffin, M. J. Morris and A. F. Bailey.

After referring briefly to the origin of bells and their use in worship, the lecturer proceeded to explain the various ways of ringing bells now practised, and expressed his own decided preference for change ringing. The method of hanging tower bells was illustrated with the help of a model bell kindly lent by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A short explanation of the fundamental principles of change ringing followed, illustrated by leads of Bob Minor, Major and Royal and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. The ringers afterwards rang plain courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Grandsire Cinques, all of which were given with admirable striking and rhythm.

The lecture was followed attentively by a large audience consisting almost entirely of non-ringers. The handbell ringing was particularly appreciated by all those present, most of whom had never heard anything of the kind before.



## NEW BELLS AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—After 30 years of silence (not having heard chime or ring in this inland of Canada), the music of the bells was again borne on the air to me (this time in Regina, Canada, instead of England), the occasion being the chiming on a ring of 12 bells, installed in the Metropolitan United Church. The bells were given as a memorial by a Mr. Darke of the city.

The bells are a splendid ring by Mears and Stainbank, of London, and the chimes as given by Mr. Jesse B. Tyler, the representative of that firm, brought out many of their beautiful properties. As the tunes and courses of Grandsire Treble and Bob Major rang out again, old times were recalled. Unfortunately, this ring has only been fixed for chiming, and so the full beauty of change ringing will not be heard. However, I am content at having once more heard a course on the air again.—Yours faithfully,

G. H. DEAN,  
(once a Cumberland).

October 27th, 1927.

## THE PEAL AT LONG CLAWSON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

*MEN'S BELLS.*

As reported elsewhere, another Leicestershire tower has 'fallen' for a peal to Mr. Ernest Morris, this time one of those heavy-weight fives with a long draught of rope which tend to make the critics say 'impossible.' After ringing a peal on the light five of its sister church of Rose, with the Framland Society, Mr. Morris expressed a wish for one at Long Clawson, and Mr. W. Smith at once responded with assistance and men. It so happened that his namesake, of Australia, was over in the 'old country' on a visit to his native home, and being very keen for a peal at the church where he learnt to ring before going 'back under,' he was included in the band, which was made up of two of the best local worthies who 'knew the ropes.' These bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church between the chancel, nave and transepts, being open on all sides, and without a single guide to the roof 40ft. above (even higher than the similar lot at Asfordby), but much heavier bells. They are consequently a 'hefty' lot to handle, and are aptly described as 'men's bells.' With so long a draught of rope, they require more than ordinary skill in handling. Before starting, Mr. E. Morris very reluctantly climbed the thin iron ladder which is let down for the purpose from the roof to the floor of the church, nowhere near a wall, to visit the bells and verify the ancient inscriptions which are in Roman, Gothic and black letter. Returning was even a greater ordeal, happily performed without anything worse than a bad scare at the thoughts of such a perilous descent. The Vicar (Rev. Jordon) said a prayer before the ringing commenced, and, happily, all went well, and a well-struck peal scored, verified by Mr. R. Mount, of Waltham, who came specially to listen, and who timed many of the six-scores. The band, with the Vicar, were entertained to a most welcome tea by Mrs. Wilford, which was much appreciated, and, needless to say, all were very pleased with themselves, especially the 'first pealers,' but none so much as our friend of the treble, who returns to Australia during the week. This was the 104th Leicestershire tower in which Mr. E. Morris has rung a peal.

## LADIES' PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, November 12th, in memory of the fallen, there was rung at Christ Church, Dore, with half-muffled clappers, the first quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) ever rung by a band of ladies in the North of England. The band was composed of the following: Mrs. C. Ryder (Rotherham) 1, Miss Elsie Smith (Norton) 2, Miss Dorothy Tarlton (N. Wingfield) 3, Miss Eva Hopkins (Handsworth) 4, Miss Molly Davenport (conductor) (Dore) 5, Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth) 6, Miss Amy Taylor (Worksop) 7, Miss Elizabeth Foulk (Duffield) 8. This was rung subsequent to the failure of a peal attempt, but the band hope for success in the near future.

## THE PEAL AT TRING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A peal of Single Oxford Bob Major (Oxford Bob Major) was rung at St. Mary's, Pulford, by the Chester Diocesan Guild on Wednesday, October 20th, 1909. It was not claimed as the first in the method. The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

5,184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

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S. at \* in 3rd and 6th parts.

## BRAVERY REWARDED.

Police-Sergeant W. J. Dowding, of 10, Goldsmith Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, a well-known member of St. Martin's Guild, has just received, at the hands of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for courageous conduct. Last July Sergeant Dowding rescued a boy of twelve, named Edward Morgan, of 5, Lower Darwin Street, Highgate, from the River Cole. Fully dressed in uniform, he jumped into water 8ft. deep and brought the boy to the bank.

## BISHOP'S VISIT TO HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

A date touch of Minor (1,927 changes) was rung at Husborne Crawley, Bedfordshire, before the dedication of stained glass windows erected to the memory of the late Rev. Alfred Sasse, by the Bishop of St. Albans on Sunday, October 23rd. The touch consisted of 1,207 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor, and was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins.: H. Fleet 1, A. Fleet 2, C. Sinfield 3, W. Peacock 4, E. J. Hobbs 5, H. H. Smith (conductor) 6.

## 'SILVER BELLS.'

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The following quotation is taken from the 'Scotsman' of November 5th:—

'H.M.S. "Nelson," the world's largest battleship, built by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company, on the Tyne, is to be presented with the largest solid silver ship's bell ever made, to commemorate the fact that she was built on the Tyne. The making of the bell has been entrusted to Messrs. Reid and Sons, silversmiths, of Newcastle. It will weigh, when finished, nearly 2,500 ounces, that is, about 1½ cwt. The difference in tone between bells of the ordinary metal and those of pure silver of the same size is remarkable. A bell of solid silver gives an exceptionally clear, ringing, and "silvery" note.'

The Rev. G. S. Tyack, in his book about Bells (p. 26), states that 'silver, if used at all, in the casting of bells, was in almost inappreciable quantities. It is, in fact, alleged by experts that the employment of that metal would have precisely the contrary effect upon the tone of the bell to that which tradition assigns to it, silver being in its nature too closely allied to lead to permit of its use in this case.'

Again, Lord Grimthorpe tells us in his book on 'Clocks, Watches and Bells' (eighth edition, 1903, p. 364): 'The most inveterate of all popular delusions about bells is the notion that old bells had silver in them, and that all bells would be improved by it. There is not the slightest foundation for that belief. Nevertheless we had some experiments made for the purpose of being quite sure that silver was of no use, either with reference to sound or strength of the metal; several different proportions were tried, beginning with sixpence in a bell of nearly a pound weight, and it was clear that the silver rather did harm than good in both respects.'

The observations of any of your readers on these apparently conflicting statements would be interesting.—Yours faithfully,

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

## PRESENTATION AT TILEHURST, BERKS.

On Tuesday, October 18th, the ringers at Tilehurst, Berks, with Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, met in St. Michael's tower, and, after several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, adjourned to the Church Room, and there found the table laid with sandwiches, cakes, etc., and various kinds of liquid refreshments. The venerable Rector, Dr. Cooper Smith, took the chair, and in a short speech said they were met together to show their regard and appreciation of one who was leaving them after many years of faithful devotion to his many duties in the parish, viz., the Rev. W. F. Lane. The ringers would miss him more than most people, as he had always been keenly interested in their work, and had always enjoyed ringing with them on every occasion that he could get to the tower. To show that the ringers had really appreciated his work, and his ringing with them, the Chairman asked Mr. Lane to accept a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed, and he hoped he would use it often with happy memories of Tilehurst.

The Rev. W. F. Lane, who was greatly surprised, said how pleased and touched he was by the beautiful present, and assured one and all that it should be used and valued, both by Mrs. Lane and himself. Messrs. Goodger, Hopgood and Hibbert expressed their regret at losing the Rev. W. F. Lane from the neighbourhood, but wished him and Mrs. Lane all happiness and prosperity in their new home at Bishop's Stortford.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Cooper Smith for providing the refreshments, and a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. E. G. Foster, who was prevented by illness from being present.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, November 7th, at Clifton, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Price 1, A. Parker 2, Mrs. Wilkins 3, C. Andrews 4, E. Parker 5, S. J. Hector 6, W. H. Parker 7, Richard Clarke (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringers of 4th and 6th, who hail from Trowbridge. This was their first quarter-peal in the method.



## ARMISTICE.

**PORTMADOC.**—At St. John's Church, on Armistice Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, half-muffled: R. McMillan 1, H. Roberts 2, H. McMillan 3, P. Roberts 4, F. Williams 5, John Owen (conductor) 6, Edmund Humphreys 8.

**BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.**—On November 11th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, by the local band: G. R. Edwards 1, J. Owens 2, J. F. Smith 3, W. J. Jones 4, R. G. Edwards 5, S. Woods (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

**OVERSEAL.**—At St. Matthew's Church, with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice, on Sunday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor for evening service: W. Bosworth 1, L. Freeman 2, C. Jewsbury 3, W. Brooker 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. E. Clayfield 6.

**KNIGHTON, RAD8.**—At St. Edward's Church, on Remembrance Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) with bells half-muffled in 45 mins.: W. Watkins 1, J. Price 2, A. Jones 3, J. Evans 4, G. Abley 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Wellings 7.

**LEEDS.**—At St. Peter's Church, Bramley, on Sunday, November 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, F. Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, J. W. T. Holgate 5, F. Jackson 6, H. Blackith 7, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled in connection with the Armistice services of this parish.

**BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 240 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain Bob, and 540 of Grandsire: H. D. Baxter 1, F. W. Randall 2, P. J. Lenton 3, A. Stapleton 4, H. Baxter (conductor) 5. Rung half-muffled for a remembrance service for those who fell in the war.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—Prior to a united memorial service held at St. Mary's church, on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung, the bells being fully muffled: B. Douglas 1, J. Hutchinson 2, W. Norman 3, A. Ellbeck 4, J. H. Rothery 5, W. H. Cook (conductor) 6, G. W. Tembey 7, J. E. Whittam 8. First quarter in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th, and first as conductor.—On Saturday, November 12th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of the fallen. This was successful, and is duly recorded in our columns. The churchwardens generously entertained the ringers at the close of the peal to a 'potato pot' supper, to which full justice was done, and thanks were accorded to the churchwardens for their kindness.—On Sunday for morning service 640 Kent Major was rung.

**DORE.**—At Christ Church for evensong on November 13th, with half-muffled clappers, in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: Miss M. Holmes 1, Miss M. Davenport 2, Miss J. Davenport 3, A. S. Robinson 4, W. Bingham 5, M. Short (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, R. E. Johnson 8. Ringers of treble age 14, 3rd age 15, tenor age 16.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Friday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): W. Spice 1, A. Manktelow 2, W. Seager 3, S. Taylor 4, C. Belsey 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, R. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled after meeting short for a peal.

**EALING.**—On November 11th, at Christ Church, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 56 mins.: J. H. Burton 1, E. J. Walsom 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. Thompson 4, E. C. Turner (first quarter-peal) 5, J. A. Trollope 6, W. G. Wilson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. A. D. Webb (first quarter-peal) 8.

**GREAT STAUGHTON.**—At the Parish Church, after the evening service on Armistice Day, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: G. Franklin 1, F. W. Lack 2, J. Cresell 3, H. Bosworth 4, T. H. Loursend (conductor) 5, J. Leasley 6.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Armistice Day for remembrance service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, E. J. Goldstone 4, J. Nisbet 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Berg (first quarter-peal) 8.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service at Great St. Mary's Church, 719 Grandsire Caters by members of the Ely Diocesan Association and the Cambridge University Guild: Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Cheney 2, B. D. Buttress 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, W. Duffield 5, T. R. Dennis 6, F. E. Haynes 7, S. H. Wood 8, A. G. Rivers 9, P. Taylor 10.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, November 13th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss Annie Brown 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, F. W. Wade 3, I. Long 4, P. C. Williams 5, W. Hunter 6, F. E. Tyler 7, E. Tyler (first quarter) 8.

## NOTICE.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Coddington (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 26th.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus' on November 24th. \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A general meeting to approve rules, select officers and transact other important business will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 19th. All ringers residing within the new diocese are specially requested to attend. Service (in conjunction with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild) at St. Nicolas' Church, 3.45 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street, 4.30. Meeting 5.15.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The final meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 19th. Business meeting in St. Saviour's Hall at 3 p.m. sharp. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 3.45. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall immediately after the service. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—Annual district meeting at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (about 1s.). Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-. Business meeting afterwards.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the Rose and Crown.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Saturday, November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 with an address by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30, close to the Church. All will be made welcome, and a good attendance is hoped for.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Reply to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 5.30, 1/- each to those who advise me by the 23rd inst. Business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District. — A bye-meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Members intending to be present please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. Day, 92, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 2.45 till 5; after tea, St. Mary's. Bus No. 65 from Ealing Broadway and Station runs near church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 22nd? —T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at moderate charge. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 24th.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector at the Church Rooms, Heene Road, at 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly advise me four days before the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The recently restored ring of 5 bells will be available from 6 to 9 p.m.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Lane End on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available at 5.30 p.m. Buses run from High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Faversham on Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those intending being present kindly notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped to have the memorial peal board to the late Mr. William Rock Small unveiled on this date.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. All those intending being present please notify me by the 29th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoneham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Dec. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea, free to members of the Guild, at 5.15. Will those intending to be present please inform the secretary by Nov. 29th?—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Meeting at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Service at 5.30. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**DERBY CATHEDRAL.**—Sunday Service Ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, Monday 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

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