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**AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE NEW YEAR**

To all ringers everywhere 'The Ringing World' once again extends hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. It is an old wish which, by reason of its age, has to some extent become a convention, but surely there never was a time when it was uttered on all sides with greater sincerity than it is to-day. For some time past the nation, indeed all the world, has been looking from beneath the clouds of depression towards the coming of brighter days, which seem just beyond the horizon, but whose advent is so long deferred that it is not surprising that many who are suffering are in the grip of despair. The hope is in every breast that the new year will bring with it a new tide of prosperity and that from this dear old country of ours the grim spectre of unemployment will be banished. In many quarters its presence is having an adverse effect even on ringing; meetings are suffering because men cannot afford to attend them; associations are finding it a little difficult to get in a certain proportion of their subscriptions because men who are without work cannot afford even this small sum from their straitened means.

In spite, however, of the difficulties of the times, there is no need for pessimism over the outlook for ringing. The art is more than holding its own in face of many handicaps. But if there is one thing more than another to which attention might be devoted in the coming year it is in the direction of creating a greater interest in the work of the ringing organisations. Unless a ringer can take the wider view of his work and all that appertains to it he loses a good deal of the interest and inspiration that is to be gained from an active share in and an appreciation of what is being done by the county and diocesan associations and guilds. Parochialism in ringing is as stifling as parochialism in any other department of church or civic life. The limitation of activity and interest when a ringer is concerned only with what goes on in his own tower can never lead to real progress; indeed, this confined outlook will almost inevitably result in evaporation of any initial interest there may have been and a growing indifference to the real objective of church bell ringing. There are greater ideals and possibilities to be achieved from sharing in the work and forwarding the objects of an association; the wider view and activities of a diocesan or territorial organisation are much more interesting than those of the individual tower, and more stimulating; just as a wide panorama is better worth looking at and more inspiring than a courtyard. During the coming year, then, let the efforts of all who have the welfare of ringing at heart be bent to awakening in the indifferent an interest

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

### RECORD PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Nine Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 16,271 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 1 Treble	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 7
FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 8
RICHARD POST ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
WILLIAM F. JUDGE ... .. 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 10 Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.  
Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

The longest peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM TANDY ... .. 1 Treble	JOHN SIMONS ... .. 6
J. HOWARD R. FREESBORN ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 3	HERBERT IMPEY ... .. 8
HARRY MILES ... .. 4	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 9
ERNEST PEARSON ... .. 5	ROBERT HIGHAM ... .. 10 Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 1 Treble	THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 5
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 2	FRANK WEST ... .. 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 3	* WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 7
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 8 Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

* JAMES T. STEVENS ... .. 1 Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLY ... .. 6
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 8 Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

\* First peal of Major.

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**DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM**

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5858 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALWYN TAYLOR ... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... .. 5
OGDEN MOORES ... .. 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 3	STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 7
JOSEPH OGDEN ... .. 4	JOHN H. G. MASSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung to commemorate the 77th birthday of Mr. J. Fitton, who has been a regular service ringer at St. James' Church, Milnrow, for more than 50 years. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and wardens of Newhey for the use of the bells, Milnrow bells not being available.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.  
The first peal in this method. Rung at the first attempt.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 22.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 6
CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. Treble	JACK TOWELL ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	JOHN S. SADDINGTON ... .. 6
CLARENCE BOLLARD ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 4	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Trigg, who was interred the same day. A peal to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Trigg was rung at Stanford on October 31st last.

GRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHERRMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Saturday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. Sear (conductor) 1, R. A. Hall 2, G. Boon 3, J. Mapley 4, H. C. Beard 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, V. Sear 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. Moxon, who is leaving for Weston Turville.

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

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER ... .. Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7
* REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. E. PARSONS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 5
* CHARLES CLARK ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

\* First peal of Triples. W. C. Rumsey has now completed the circle here, and this is the ninth tower at which he has rung all the bells to a peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE LILLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 7
H. W. FOULGAR ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

BENINGTON, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	† ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 2	HERBERT ELSE ... .. 6
* SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 3	* BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 7
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 4	JOHN WELCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SHORTER ... .. Treble	* WALTER D. JOLLEY ... .. 5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... .. 6
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. PERKINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. 6
MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 3	ERNEST WAKELING ... .. 7
JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The band thank Mr. Smith and local company for raising the bells and having made the necessary arrangements. A birthday peal for Mr. A. J. Ginn, of Over, Cambs.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PYSTOW. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

A birthday peal for Lord Burnham, of Beaconsfield, Bucks (aged 70), a life member and supporter of the Guild.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY CLAYFIELD ... .. Treble	HORACE MOULT ... .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 2	CHARLES DAVIES ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 7
†WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHEWTON MENDIP.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 2	*THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. 6
*JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... .. 4	JOHN LORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.  
Tenor 24 cwt.

*THOMAS HILL ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5
DANIEL MATKIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
GILBERT HARDING ... .. 4	†JOHN W. PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Master Philip Matkin and Mr. W. Fisher. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.)  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Four Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8000 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY PLATT ... .. Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 5
OGDEN MOORES ... .. 2	HARRY A. MELLOR ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	TOM COCKING ... .. 7
FRANK LAWTON ... .. 4	IVAN KAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HARRY PLATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor. Longest peal on the bells without 'splitting' the tenors.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Treble	†GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 2	*JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 7
*GEORGE CLARK ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES R. JONES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. 2	ERNEST PARKER ... .. 6
JACK CARMAN ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 4	RICHMOND ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PARKER.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE ... .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDERED ... .. 5
ROBERT ROFFEY ... .. 2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. LANGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Deane.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 5
GEORGE LINES ... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 6
AMOS SMART ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
*ROGER D. H. J. SMITH ... .. 4	†REUBEN TWELVETREE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt. Mr. Perkins' 100th peal as conductor. Arranged for Mr. R. D. Smith, of Yardley Hastings.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on December 7th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Swan 1, W. Fright 2, W. Flisher 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, W. Bidnell (conductor) 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. Amos 7, W. J. Prebble 8.



ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR ALFORD ... .. 5
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
GLYN SHAW ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ERNEST COX ... .. 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS ... 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 4	JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This was the 1,000th peal by the Guild.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 7
CHARLES E. PRYKE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 3	WILFRED G. WILSON ... .. 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 4	*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle with an 'inside' bell.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Monday, December 26th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 33 mins.: Miss Amy Kynaston (longest length) 1, R. T. Evans 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. This was rung in an attempt for a peal, the bells being called home at half-way owing to the bad going of the tenor.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*RICHARD LONGDEN ... .. 5
*MISS ELSIE LAKIN ... .. 2	NORMAN HRAPS ... .. 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3	ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 7
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Miss E. Lakin, who returned to her home in Lincolnshire the following day. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. Arthur Knights.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble	*ARTHUR W. LEIGH ... .. 5
*ROBERT WALMSLEY ... .. 2	*ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 6
EVEREST FORD ... .. 3	EDWARD IDDON ... .. 7
MRS. MARY A. TONGE ... 4	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6400 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Cawthorne. 50th peal on the bells. The composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, in 18, the minimum number of courses, and is now rung for the first time.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*NORMAN SMITH ... .. Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER ... .. 5
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
KENNETH C. TAYLOR ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 7
JACK W. TAYLOR ... .. 4	JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung on the ninth anniversary of the opening of the bells for the Christmas festival. Also a birthday compliment to A. Butler, a member of the Tettenhall band.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERTRAM GRIMSHAW ... Treble	*THOMAS ISHERWOOD ... .. 5
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
JOSEPH WOODS ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Dale 1, A. Rolph 2, J. Blay 3, J. Cross 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, G. Playle 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON, JUN. Treble	FRED HOLDSTOCK ... .. 4
ELVIN HOWSAM ... .. 2	GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 5
JACK NEVIN ... .. 3	GEORGE BLANCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BLANCHARD.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal at this church by an entire Sunday service band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TYDD ST MARY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*OWEN PEARSON ... .. Treble	JOHN SMITH ... .. 4
GEORGE L. HOLMES ... .. 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ... 5
MISS F. HUTCHINSON ... 3	*JAMES W. KETTERINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

\* First peal.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE BIDDULPH SURPRISE, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720 extents, each called differently.

ELLIOTT COOPER ... .. Treble	JAMES STANWAY ... .. 4
ALFRED H. COTTRELL ... 2	WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5
JOHN BRECH ... .. 3	JONAS COTTRELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN.

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

Rung in honour of the jubilee of the association, which was founded on December 16th, 1882. First peal of Double Surprise Minor for the association. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. All the band are Sunday ringers at the above church. There are 111 bobs in the composition.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

LESLIE AINGER ... .. Treble	JOHN LONGLEY ... .. 4
*MISS A. WHITE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. RENTER ... .. 5
JOHN H. MYHILL ... .. 3	EDWARD A. KEMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. KEMP.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the christening of the daughter of the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Collwyn Hargreaves.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARK Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 4
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 5
OLAVE E. BROYD ... .. 3	THOMAS BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob, and first attempt. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all except the conductor. Rung on the back six. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

EALING.—On November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire: B. Gilbert 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, J. A. D. Webb 4, A. Harding 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8.

TRENT, DORSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH ... .. Treble	JIM K. LAVER ... .. 3
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

MELLING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*KENNETH HOLMES ... .. Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... .. 4
*JOHN MCLEAN ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
THOMAS W. VARRY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

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

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JOHN GIDDINGS ... .. Treble	FRANK A. PENN ... .. 4
REGINALD H. NEWTOWN ... 3	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... 5
WILLIAM CHAPMAN ... .. 4	TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY.

First peal of Minor by all.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TANSELL.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED GARTSIDE ... .. Treble	JOHN E. FIELDING ... .. 4
LESLIE DAWSON ... .. 2	HAROLD SHAW ... .. 5
HARRY NUTT ... .. 3	JOSEPH BURGESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED GARTSIDE.

Rung with the bells muffled prior to a memorial service to the late Capt. G. A. Schofield.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

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

Seven different 720's.

TOM HARTWELL ... .. Treble	WALLACE CHORCH ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 3	TOM HARPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Gilbert, widow of the late Rev. J. E. Gilbert, who was Rector of St. Peter's for many years.

## TEMPLE COMBE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. JOHN YOUNG ... .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
ANTHONY E. F. TROYMAN ... 3	P.C. RICHARD STUCKEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

At 3, BELL STREET.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	*CHARLES BUTTON ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on handbells, and rung on the 41st birthday of the ringer of 7-8. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Stevens, of Kelvedon, on his 84th birthday. The conductor's 666th peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At 23, GREEN STREET.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—PETER LAFIN.

\* First peal in the method in hand. Also first for the association on handbells.

## A LEICESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

## TREBLE BELL ADDED AT BILLESDON.

Possessing but five bells for twenty years, the Parish Church of Billesdon has been able to boast of an enthusiastic band to ring them. Although the 'go' was anything but good, the company manfully stuck to it, and some nine or ten good ringers regularly 'pealed' them week by week. For a long time they agitated and worked for an extra bell, and at last their desires have been gratified. The old tenor is one of the few pre-Reformation bells left to us, and like all village bells its weight 'grewed.' Eventually it was reputed to be 16 cwt., but those interested will like to know that she is but 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in P. Other bells were added in 1624, 1628, 1862, and the treble to make the five put in in 1912. A number of peals of Doubles have been rung on these five, including the longest by the Midland Counties Association—6,600 changes in 1926.

The five bells have now been retuned and a new treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and all rehung in ball bearings on the old frame, with a new portion added to take the extra bell.

The service of dedication was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon F. B. Macnutt, M.A., F.R.Hist.S., Provost of Leicester Cathedral, on Monday evening, December 19th. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the new treble was pulled up, then all six bells rung in rounds while the clergy proceeded to the chancel.

The Archdeacon, in a powerful sermon, congratulated the Billesdon parishioners on their effort, and appealed to the congregation to make an effort to clear the debt balance of some £60. He quoted many historic facts from the late T. North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' and also Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' He especially welcomed in the congregation the presence of the latter author, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., well known throughout the diocese for his keenness on all matters referring to bells, and a valuable consultant to the Bishop's Advisory Committee. He gave many personal reminiscences of bells and ringing, and especially he recalled his wedding day when, in leaving the church amid the excitement and ringing of bells, he left his top hat in the vestry.

After the service Bob Minor, Grandsire and Plain Doubles were rung by the local band and visitors from Hallaton, Leicester and Loughborough. Everyone concerned was pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and the new treble is a perfect splice to the rest. The louvres have been boarded up, and the sound immediately below outside the tower is much softened, while the carrying effect is greatly marked. Billesdon now has a fine ring of six, and we look forward to seeing abundant peals of Minor by the locals.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Sussex County Association, one of the first to be organised on 'district' lines, has for over forty years comprised three divisions—East, Central and West. An increasing number of towers and greater activity has now led to a rearrangement, and from January 1st there are to be four divisions—East, West, North Central and South Central.

A peal of Stedman Triples rung at Erdington last week was the one thousandth peal by the St. Martin's Guild. Mr. G. F. Swann, who is the peal recorder of the Guild, supplies us with the following interesting particulars. Of the total number, 823 have been rung on church bells in 81 towers, and 177 on handbells, by 506 ringers. No fewer than 178 of the tower bell peals have been rung at St. Martin's Church, while 84 have been rung at Erdington.

There was a time when change ringing for Sunday services was not encouraged; in fact, in some quarters it seems to have been deprecated almost as much as prize ringing. In the issue of 'Church Bells' of January 10th, 1874, a 720 of Bob Minor was recorded as having been rung for evening service on Sunday, December 21st, 1873, at Belbroughton, Worcestershire. Appended to it was the following footnote by the editor: 'The next time the Belbroughton ringers go in for Bob Minor we hope they will not do it on Sunday, there being six days a week for work and pleasure.' We have progressed since then!

## NEW GRANDSIRE CATERS RECORD.

### SUCCESS OF THE APPLETON PEAL.

At Appleton, Berks, famous for many noted ringing performances, a new record for Grandsire Caters was set up on Tuesday, when a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were successful in ringing the peal of 16,271 changes in this method. The bells started into changes at 8.40 a.m., and 'This is all' was called at exactly six o'clock, the peal having thus occupied 9 hours and 20 mins.

Excellent ringing was heard in the peal, which was rung at an average rate of nearly 29 changes per minute, and the band were heartily congratulated upon the successful completion of their great effort. Among those who visited Appleton during the day to listen to the ringing were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales.

Many long peals have been rung at Appleton, including the greatest length ever achieved by one set of men, the 21,363 Stedman Caters on April 22nd, 1922, in which were three of the ringers who took part on Tuesday, Messrs. George Holifield, jun., Richard White and Frederick White.

The 16,271 Grandsire Caters supplants as a record length of Grandsire Caters the 15,227 rung at Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1889, in 9 hours 43 mins., which, in its turn, had beaten the 13,265 rung at Appleton on April 11th, 1888.

The congratulations of the Exercise will go out to the band of Tuesday last upon their successful performance, with which must be associated that Appleton veteran, Mr. George Holifield, sen., who composed the peal and who took part in most, in fact we believe all, of the previous long lengths rung in this tower.

## THE ATTEMPT FOR LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

### FOUR HOURS' PERFECT RINGING, THEN—!

The attempt for the record length of London Surprise Major, the 14,144 composed by the late Rev. H. Law James, at Warnham, Sussex, on Monday, ended after four hours' ringing in a 'shift course.' There had been perfect striking, and 31 courses had been rung when the first serious trip occurred, and the bells 'turned over' before it was righted. This happened while the tenors were parted; in a few more courses they would have been together for the rest of the peal. The ringers were: Walter Charman 1, George Olliver 2, Kenneth Snelling 3, Jack M. Cripps 4, C. Ernest Smith 5, Nelson Elliott 6, Alfred J. Bull 7, Oliver Sippelts (conductor) 8.

## BELLS IN A 16th CENTURY PLAY.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—Here is a faint indication as to early dates of change ringing. Act III., Scene III., of Nicholas Udall's comedy, 'Ralph Roister Doister,' written between 1552 and 1553:—

'And come forth parish Clarke, let passing bell toll.

Pray for your mayster, sirs, and for hym ring a peal.'

At the end of the play is the following extra passage:—

'The peale of belles rong by the parish Clerk, and Roister Doisters foure men.

The first Bell, a Triple (Treble).

When dyed he? When dyed he?

The seconde.

We haue hym. We haue hym.

The thirde.

Royster Doyster. Royster Doyster.

The fourthe Bell.

He commeth. He commeth.

The greate Bell.

Our owne. Our owne.

Harlepool.

F. A. YORKE, Major, R.A.



## A NEW RING OF TWELVE.

### HEAVIER PEAL FOR LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

The bells of the Parish Church, of Leeds, Yorkshire, have been recast and rehung, and are to be dedicated tomorrow (Saturday).

According to the history of the church it would appear that in the early part of the eighteenth century the church had six bells; these were increased to eight in 1746, then to ten in 1798, and, when the new church was built in

form a handy light ring. The entire peal has been remodelled and hung with the most modern type of fittings in a massive iron and steel framework, which accommodates all the thirteen bells on one level.

The bell chamber windows have been treated with sound deadening material so as to reduce the sound of the bells in the immediate vicinity of the church. Five of the bells of the peal are utilised for the sounding of the Westminster quarters and hours, whilst to each of the thirteen bells are fitted two additional striking hammers which are operated by a carillon playing machine, which is automatically set into operation at certain hours by a connection with the clock movement. There is a further hammer fitted to each of the bells, so that the entire peal of thirteen bells may be operated by one person from an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.



LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

1841, a peal of thirteen bells was installed, i.e., a ring of twelve, with tenor approximately 35 cwt., and an additional semi-tone bell between the treble and 2nd so as to form a light ring of eight.

The going order of the bells had been very unsatisfactory for some years, until in February, 1931, the 8th bell collapsed in its bell pit owing to a breakage of one of its gudgeons. The question of restoring the peal was then taken in hand. It was eventually decided to entrust the work to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who have recast the thirteen bells and added sufficient new bell metal to form a peal of twelve in the diatonic scale in the key of C natural, but the semi-tone bell is now between the 6th and 7th bells of the peal, i.e., commonly known as 'a flat 6th,' which produces another diatonic scale of eight in the key of F natural. The tenor bell of the peal of twelve weighs approximately 42½ cwt., and the tenor bell of the peal of eight weighs approximately 17 cwt. This latter will

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—The gift of William, George and Samuel Smith, 1840.

On opposite side, Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

2nd.—Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

3rd.—This ring of 13 bells was originally cast in 1840 by Messrs. Mears and Sons, London.

On opposite side, Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

4th.—This ring of 13 bells was recast and rehung in 1932 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

On opposite side, Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1932.

5th.—The record of a connection with the Parish Church of ten generations of one family, from John Kitson, of 1667, to Edwin Fripp Clark, of 1927.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

6th.—To the glory of God. This bell was recast as the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1932. Emma Barron, Founder; F. Hopkins, G. M. Walcott, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

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## DEATH OF MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS.

FORMER MASTER OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, who passed away at the age of 67 years, on December 23rd.

Mr. Parsons' chief ringing interests were centred in the Worcestershire Association, which he had served in many capacities, having been one of its representatives on the Central Council and Master for nine years from 1912. In 1921 he was elected a vice-president of the association. He was also actively identified with St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and was frequently one of the speakers at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

When Worcester Cathedral bells were recast in 1928, Mr. Parsons made himself responsible for collecting the subscriptions for the 8th bell, which was recast by the Worcestershire Association. He was also treasurer of the association's War Memorial Fund.

He joined the association in 1888 and rang his first peal under its auspices in January, 1889. Altogether he had rung 94 peals, of which he had conducted 21, for the Worcestershire Association, his total peals being about 120. During the period 1890-1900 he was associated with the then famous Kidderminster band which, under Mr. Richard Matthews' conductorship, was doing much ringing in the higher methods. In recent years his peal ringing had been much curtailed, but in 1930 he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples by past and present officers of the association.

Mr. Parsons had been in ill-health for a considerable time, and his death brings a great loss to the association, among whose members he was held in the highest esteem and respect. The sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to the widow.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Halesowen Church. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was to have been attempted at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on that day, was postponed on account of his death.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Benhilton, Surrey, for morning service, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) by members of the local band: R. Foreman 1, H. Good 2, F. Randall (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Smardon 4, G. Chiverton 5, G. Reed 6, E. Enticknap 7, W. C. Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 7. First quarter-peal of Major as conductor.

At Diss, Norfolk, on Christmas morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with tenor covering: A. G. Harrison 2, Geo. Archer 3, C. J. More 4, A. Leeder 5, D. Whiting 6, W. Steggall (conductor) 7, W. Musk 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on Christmas night, for carol service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. J. Jutson (conductor) 1, Sister Jutson 2, C. Woods 3, W. Alderman 4, W. H. Waldron 5, F. Rowlinson 6.

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Half tone.—Me and my brethren around me were cast from a design of Mr. William Gowkrodder, of Leeds, being the first peal of thirteen bells ever cast in this kingdom. 1840.

On opposite side, Cast 1840 (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

7th.—To the glory of God. This bell was recast as the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1932. Emma Barron, Founder; F. Hopkins, C. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

8th.—To the glory of God. This bell was recast as the gift of the Bartholomew Trust, 1932. William Hamond Bartholomew, Founder; Rev. S. C. Harris, G. E. Hudson, Secretaries.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark).

9th.—Rev. W. Thompson Elliott, M.A. Vicar; Edwin Kitson Clark, Vicar's Warden; Herbert Bacon Smith, Arthur Hollis, Robert James McLeannan, Louis Schofield, Cecil James Frankland, Henry Schofield, Albert Riding, Wardens.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

10th.—His Campanis in Dei Gloriam Renovandis Large Interfuit, Carolus Franciscus Tetley, LL.D., A.S., MCMXXXII.

On opposite side, (Taylor's Mark). Recast 1932.

11th.—Rev. W. F. Hook, D.D., Vicar; Rev. J. W. Clarke, B.A., Lecturer; Rev. G. Elmhurst, B.A., Curate; Rev. E. Brown, M.A., Clerk in Orders; Rev. W. D. Morrice, B.A., Assistant Curate. 1840. (Taylor's Mark.) Recast 1932.

On opposite side, His Campanis in Dei Gloriam Renovandis Large Interfuit, Carolus Franciscus Tetley, LL.D., A.S., MCMXXXII.

Tenor.—The gift of Jas. Rhodes, Esq., of Knostrop, and his wife, Maria, 1840. (Taylor's Mark.) Recast 1932.

On opposite side, Recast as the gift of Clorinda Woodhouse, in memory of her parents, Edwin and Charlotte Woodhouse, of Leeds, 1932.

The Leeds peal is the sixteenth entirely new or recast ring of twelve bells to have been installed during the past sixty years, and of this number twelve of them have been cast at the Loughborough Foundry.

It is interesting to note from the inscription on the half-tone bell that Leeds was the first tower in which a ring of twelve was supplemented by a thirteenth bell.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## A VICAR'S EXAMPLE.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association took place at Sunderland on Saturday, December 17th, ringers being present from London, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Whickham, South Shields, Chester-le-Street, West Hartlepool and the local band. Ringing first took place at Holy Trinity Church, and afterwards a substantial tea was served at St. Ignatius' Institute.

A short meeting was held immediately after, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. P. N. W. Strong.

The loyal toast was honoured, and the chairman made a sympathetic reference to the death of the late president, Mr. E. Ferry, the members standing in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The vice-president welcomed Mr. Thomas, of London, and Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and also ringers from the outlying districts, and said what a great pleasure it was to the officials when they were supported by members of other districts. Their presence was greatly appreciated. He went on to say that their Vicar was a good friend to his ringers. He often visited the belfry and offered a short prayer before they commenced ringing. He would like to see that happen in all belfries.

Mr. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and went on to say how pleased he was with the vice-president's remarks with regard to the Vicar and his ringers. He hoped the day would come when that procedure was a general rule. —The Vicar, in reply, thanked the ringers for their welcome, and said, although he knew nothing about ringing, he admired the ringers for their devotion to their art and their great service to the Church. He had noticed that the ringers were certainly no strangers to each other, and he thought this was a great testimony to the ringing associations. He hoped the ringers would come again soon to Sunderland, where a welcome would always await them.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea was carried with acclamation.

The next meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 11th.

Ringings afterwards took place at St. Ignatius' Church, the methods rung being Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

## DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The Method.	A Peal of 5,600.
12345678	23456 W. M. H.
21354768	
12537486	52436 —
21573846	45623 —
25178364	65324 —
52713846	
52178364	26354 —
25713846	32465 —
52731486	42563 —
25374168	
23571486	64523 —
32754168	56342 —
23574618	36245 —
32756481	
23765418	43265 —
32674581	24536 —
23765481	54632 —
32674518	
23647581	26435 —
32465718	42635 —
23645178	64235 —
32461587	
34265178	52643 —
43621587	65243 —
34612857	26543 —
43168275	
43612857	35264 —
34168275	23564 —
31462857	52364 —
13426587	
31245878	43526 —
13254768	54326 —
	35426 —
13527486	
Bob.	23456 —
12357486	* Omit 3 H for 5,152.

The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on December 12th, 1932, conducted by L. G. Brett.

### THE LATE MR. HERBERT HAIGH. MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT ORDSALL.

The memory of the late Mr. Herbert Haigh, of Worksop, who was one of the founders of the North Notts Association in 1886, and had served the association in various capacities from that time until his death, in January, 1932, has been tangibly perpetuated by the setting up of a library in the tower of All Hallows' Church, Ordsall, in which place he was born in 1866. For many years Mr. Haigh was one of the mainstays of the association, and for sixteen years from 1912 served it as hon. secretary. He was a member of the committee from the foundation of the association, and at the time of his death was hon. treasurer. He also represented the association on the Central Council.

After his death the whole of Mr. Haigh's ringing books and papers were placed by the family in the care of the Rector of Ordsall, and these form the nucleus of the library. The brass tablet bears the inscription:—

North Notts Association of Change Ringers. Founded 1887.

In memory of Herbert Haigh, who lies buried in this churchyard. Secretary, 1912-1929. Treasurer, 1912-1931. Member of the Committee 1887-1931.

The oak base on which the memorial is placed is the gift of Mr. R. W. Stockdale, the present hon. secretary of the association.

#### MEMORIAL DEDICATED.

The dedication of the memorial took place at a largely attended meeting, and was performed by the Rev. A. Parkinson, Rural Dean and Vicar of East Retford. The service was conducted by the Rector of Ordsall (Rev. R. F. Wilkinson). Members of the association were present from Retford, Worksop, Gainsborough, Anston, Barlborough, Creswell, Everton, East Markham, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Shirceaks and Sutton-on-Trent; Mr. William Haigh, brother of the late Mr. Haigh; Mrs. Hodson, Huddersfield (sister); Mrs. Haigh (niece); Mrs. Turner, Worksop (daughter); Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Rowsell, Lancham; the Revs. R. E. Rogerson (East Markham), T. H. J. Eling (Sutton-on-Trent), and B. Hughes (curate of Ordsall), and the clergy taking part: Mr. P. P. Barlow (churchwarden) and Mr. H. M. Cafferata, Sutton-on-Trent.

The Rural Dean's text was, 'He was a good man' (Acts xi. 24), which words he associated with the late Mr. Haigh. After referring to the influence of bells on the lives of Christian people and their inspiration to poets, the preacher said: 'Though the music of the bells is sweet, the service of the bellringers is sweeter. I speak with all sincerity when I say how deeply I personally value all that you do in whatever tower you serve as bellringers. It is not for the parish priest that you render your service, but it is for the glory of God that you give your best. God rejoices in the skill that you bring to your great work. Bellringers learn the art of concentration in their ringing. Whilst your mental faculties are offered in the service of God, your service of devotion is also acceptable to Him. I thank you for all you do in your great work. Continue in the work you have undertaken, for the message of the bells is sweet and your service is sweeter.'

'I will close my message with a reference to Herbert Haigh, in whose memory we are gathered to-day. You knew him better than I did. He was one of the earliest to make my acquaintance when I came to East Retford. I was struck by his enthusiasm and by his devotion to the art of bellringing, and in the encouragement he gave to others. He not only delighted in giving service, but he was generous in the gifts he made. He has left a memory which by your own desire you have determined to mark in the church he loved. I hope that this association which he loved so much will continue to flourish. We are fortunate in the fact that the Rector of Ordsall has the skill and concentration of effort in the part he is taking in bellringing, and we look to him for leadership. I appreciate the energy with which many young fellows have taken up the work which Herbert Haigh has laid down. I have seen signs of the right type of young men offering themselves for service in towers in the town, and I hope that the example of the secretary and his assistant and of others will be followed in this respect.'

#### PIONEERS IN NORTH NOTTS.

After tea in the Parochial Hall, the Rector alluded to the devoted efforts of the late Mr. Haigh for the welfare of the Association, and to the tremendous amount of time he spent and the sacrifice he made in the early days of the association in conjunction with the late Mr. Charles Crawford and others in the North Notts area. Among the pioneers were the late Rev. H. T. Slodden, Vicar of Worksop, who was secretary from 1887 to 1895; and the late Rev. B. Darley, Vicar of Harthill, who was secretary from 1895 to 1912.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale read the financial statement, relative to the cost of the memorial, as under:—

Receipts: Mr. T. Percy Denman £2 2s., Mr. Herbert Smith £1 1s., Mr. H. M. Cafferata £1, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 10s., collected from towers £1 17s. 10d., unattached members 18s., non-resident life members 12s., the old East Retford band 11s., Mrs. C. Crawford 2s. 6d., Mr. A. Crawford 2s. 6d., Mrs. A. E. Rowsell 2s. 6d., Mr. H. Marks 2s. 6d.; total, £9 1s. 10d. Expenditure: Faculty for memorial £1 5s., the brass memorial tablet £3 3s. 6d., the binding of 19 volumes of 'The Ringing World' £4 7s. 4d., postage and postage charges 3s. 3d., in the treasurer's hands 2s. 9d.; total, £9 1s. 10d.

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### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT VISIT HOWDEN.

The December quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Howden on Saturday, December 17th, and was attended by about 40 ringers from Hull, Eastlington, Hemmingbrough, Kirk Ella, Beverley Minster, Pontefract St. Giles' and All Saints', Selby, Thorne, Withernsea, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, and the local company.

Service, in which the choirboys and the organist took part, was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Manor House Cafe, a building which was once the residence of the Bishops of Durham, at the time when Howden formed part of that diocese. The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Horace Flox and Harry Newton, of All Saints', Pontefract, and Percy Strangward, of St. Giles', Pontefract.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. A. Waring, M.A., was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer, and seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley. The Vicar, in responding, gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to Howden, and wished every success to the Yorkshire Association. He also extended his best wishes for Christmas and the new year to all the members.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting in March at Goolo.

Further ringing took place afterwards on the very fine new peal of eight, which have recently been put into the tower by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to replace those destroyed in the disastrous fire. They were greatly admired by all.

#### KEIGHLEY'S RINGERS 100 YEARS AGO.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Keighley on Saturday, December 17th. By kind permission of the Rector (Canon J. C. F. Hood) the fine peal of bells (tenor 17½ cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston was available, and about 30 members were present from Armley, Birstall, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Denholme, Drighlington, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Queensbury, Skipton, Silsden and the local company. Various methods, ranging from Minor to London Surprise, were practised. Tea was served in the schools, and at the business meeting which followed the vice-president (Mr. J. Cotterell) was in the chair.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Harry Homer (Rothwell), Mr. John Major (Felkirk), Mr. Alan Rushworth and Mr. Herbert Helliwell (Haworth).

It was decided to arrange the next meeting, if possible, in March at Ossett.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of bells was accorded on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, who made reference to the tablets in the tower, one recording a peal of Stedman Triples in the year 1836, composed by Chas. Mason, of Otley, and another a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Both were ultimately found to be false, but nevertheless they went to show that this ancient tower of Airedale possessed a capable band of change ringers even in those early days.

A vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the bounteous tea was proposed by Mr. J. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. G. Titterton. A course of Treble Bob on handbells by Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Cotterell, W. Popplewell and W. Barton concluded the meeting. The tower was afterwards again visited for further ringing.

### THE BELLS OF MERRY ENGLAND.

Dear bells of Merry England,  
From high or lowly tower,  
Tell out the praise of Jesus  
With every fleeting hour:  
Peal sweetly o'er the country,  
At morn or close of day,  
To cheer a bed of sickness,  
Or glad a pilgrim's way.

O bells of Merry England,  
For ever sweetly ring.  
Tell out among the nations  
That Jesus is the King.  
Send forth your glorious message,  
Till earth from sin is free,  
And Christ, the Lord Eternal,  
The Christ of all shall be.

J. STAY.

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The Rev. R. E. Rogerson, East Markham, spoke of the enthusiasm of the Rector of Ordsall in matters of change ringing and of the hearty welcome that was always accorded to ringers at Ordsall Church. He thanked the secretary and his assistant for the preparations made for the gathering, and the ladies for the preparations of the tea.

The Rev. T. H. J. Eling, Sutton-on-Trent, in supporting the remarks of Mr. Rogerson, acknowledged the assistance he had received from the late Mr. Herbert Haigh.

## BARKBY BELLS RESTORED.

## FALLACY OF 'CHEAP-JACK' WORK EMPHASISED.

Those who visited Loughborough Bell Foundry on the occasion of the recent Ladies' Guild meeting had the unusual opportunity of seeing two rings of five bells standing side by side—one for Barnby, the other for Barkby. The latter were being returned and rehanged after the short period of six years since a previous 'rehanging on the latest pattern roller bearings' by a local firm of engineers.

Barkby is a small village some two miles from Syston, Leicestershire (recently made famous for turkeys as well as plums!), and the Parish Church possessed bells from an early date. The present 3rd dates from 1570, the 5th is dated 1608, 2nd 1634, treble 1631, recast 1854, and the 4th 1803. After the above-mentioned 'rehanging' Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, took a band to the church for a peal to add yet another tower to his Leicestershire 'collection.' He succeeded in ringing 5,040 Doubles on April 9th, 1927, and put the following note to the record: 'A stupendous task. The "go" was dreadful, and it was only the determination and pluck of the ringers that made the peal possible. Much time was spent in splicing ropes, etc., and I was too exhausted at conclusion of peal to verify inscriptions.'

Subsequent peal attempts by other visiting bands failed through bad 'go.' Eventually one of the bearings broke down, and thus in a short time the bells had to be overhauled by a competent firm. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work, and the bells were dismantled and taken to Loughborough for tuning and rehanging on ball bearings.

They were rededicated by Dr. Cyril Bardsley, Lord Bishop of Leicester, on Sunday evening, December 18th. Prior to the service the local company rang some 'rounds and call changes,' and after the service visitors from Billesdon, Thrusington, Syston and Leicester rang Stedman, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E, and Barkby bells can now be pealed with ease.

## SUNDAY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The stipulation of the Crown Lands Commissioners in a new residential area seems to have drawn attention once more to the question of bell noises. Propter hoc, there appears in 'Punch' an article entitled, 'The Bells; or Sunday Sounds,' wherein Mr. A. P. Herbert directs his pen against what he calls the 'bell world.' Mr. Herbert's entertaining banter clothes, as usual, a serious purpose, and his protest is, up to a point, reasonable.

He puts forward the old argument against the clanging of single bells early in the morning, and so far as I can gather this is his chief complaint. No one will deny that the chiming of a single bell for an inordinately long period is peculiarly irritating; nor can one deny that the simultaneous ringing of two adjacent peals of bells in different keys is anything but offensive to the ear.

Where Mr. Herbert is wrong, I think, is in assuming that ringers as a body approve of such practices. He says: 'They (the bell world) have never distinguished between the various categories of bells, of which a few were mentioned above. They assume that all the noises they make on Sunday are admirable and must be suffered by the people without a word of protest. Any kind of bell, however awful, may be rung at any hour on Sunday, however early.' Later he says: 'But any other kind of Sunday sound is anathema in the bell world. The laughter of children on the municipal swings; the sound of an organ, played competently in a cinema; the language of Shakespeare, the music of the world; the click of bowls and golf balls; the whispers of lovers, the music of hands in the parks; the friendly clink of glasses at the inns. . . . The bell world—the real bell world—have lumped them all together as bad sounds, as they have lumped all their bells together as good sounds.'

It is perhaps not generally understood that a band of ringers is rarely responsible for the chiming of single bells. Ringers themselves usually detest the single bell as heartily as the rest of mankind. Moreover, change ringers, as music makers of an established order, are jealous of their reputations, and eager to present their best to the public ear.

As to the extraordinary assertion that all other Sunday sounds are anathema to the bell world, it may be worth while to remark that the bell world probably holds a great number of people as sensitive to music and literature as the author of 'Tantivy Towers,' and most decidedly there are very few quite insensible to the friendly clink of glasses.

We have a right, I think, to ask for a definition of the 'bell world.'

Solihull.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, December 4th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Chapman 1, T. Abbot 2, H. Ette 3, G. Ette 4, A. Bellamy 5, J. Main 6, G. Richardson 7, A. Boddington (conductor) 8. Rung to commemorate the 22nd birthday anniversary of the conductor.

## DEATH OF PENISTONE VETERAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Leonard Hinchliffe, aged 78, who died on Wednesday, December 21st, at the home of his son, Mr. O. Hinchliffe, Cubley Village, Penistone.

He was associated, as a ringer, for over 60 years at Penistone Parish Church, and in his younger days had rung several peals. Formerly he was a member of both the Yorkshire and the Barnsley and District Associations.

The interment took place on Saturday, December 24th, at Penistone, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled prior to the service, and immediately after. During the evening a muffled quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung by: J. H. Sykes (conductor) 1, G. Sharpe 2, A. Champion 3, E. Tyas 4, G. Bashforth 5, E. Brooks 6.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## A PEAL WITH TREBLE AS OBSERVATION BELL.

The following transposition of Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' peal has been arranged by Mr. J. Hunt, of Taunton, and has the treble as the observation bell:—

Calls at			A.	
3.4.5.6	12.13.		(Thurstans' standard calling.)	
5.6			3.4.	7.8.
			3.4.5.6	12.13
			5.6	
3.4	7.8	S.14		
3.4	7.8	S.14		
3.4	7.8	S.14		
			B.	
			S.2.	3.4.5.6
			5.6	12.13
5 A.				
B.				
4 A.				
B.				
4 A.				
B.				
3 A.				
3.4	7.8.			

Another transposition, which gives the 2nd as observation, is begun with 12.13 5.6, and ends with 3.4 7.8 3.4.5.6, the rest of the calling being the same as above.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on December 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, T. Greenhall 3, W. Brown 4, E. Forrest 5, J. Cox 6, W. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8.

**HASLEMERE.**—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): \*R. Moore 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. Bowden 3, J. H. B. Hesse 4, H. Furlonger 5, E. J. Ayliffe 6, \*J. P. Pelleo 7, \*H. Smithers 8, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 9, F. Wicks 10. \* First in the method.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Parsons (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. H. Howe 3, A. Howkins 4, W. E. Troke 5, W. Prockson (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, J. Clifford 8.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. E. Carr 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, L. Towers 3, W. A. Wood (first quarter in the method) 4, C. H. Webb 5, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 6, A. Ballard 7, C. H. Briggs 8. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

**ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Preece (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 1, A. Alford 2, W. Colwell 3, G. Shaw (first quarter-peal on eight bells as conductor) 4, J. J. Webb 5, W. T. Poston 6, R. E. Summers 7, H. H. Winney 8.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, November 27th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, F. W. Neate 2, S. T. Holt (conductor) 3, W. Powell 4, G. Lewis 5, D. R. Morris 6, G. Hinton 7, F. Price 8, C. Tansell 9, E. Crump 10.

**RUISLIP.**—On Sunday, November 27th, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Poulter 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, G. M. Kilby 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, A. Hunter 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, S. Ewer 8. The Bishop afterwards visited the tower and congratulated the ringers. He also signed the visitors' book.

**WANDSWORTH.**—Before evening service, at Holy Trinity, West Hill, on November 27th (Advent Sunday), being the anniversary of the inauguration of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Thurstans' Four-Part: T. Bennet 1, W. Langdon 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, H. R. Pasmore 4, A. B. Peck 5, J. Rumley 6, W. H. Seabrook (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, H. R. Newton 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, November 13th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Blahy 1, F. G. Biggs 2, F. D. Boreham 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Jones 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.



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**THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.  
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

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**LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.**—The recast ring of thirteen bells (tenor 42½ cwt. in C), hung in new cast iron frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 3 p.m. The bells will afterwards be available for visiting ringers from approximately 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea-Hurst, Staningley Road, Leeds, 12.

**THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 31st. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify Mr. T. A. Howes-Smith, The Yews, Eckington. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

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The recently recast and augmented peal of 10 bells by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be open to ringers on Saturday, 31st, and will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. Dewey, 6, Orchard Street, Boston, Lincs.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

(Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Jan. 5th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KNAPTON, NORFOLK.**—The ring of 5 (3 recast) rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated on Friday, Jan. 6th, at 7 p.m., by the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. Tea provided in Parish Room for those notifying the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Paston Vicarage, Norwich, by the previous Thursday. All ringers welcome.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Church-Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1933. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.

—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6), Southbroom, available for ringing afternoon and evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Lynn (St. Margaret's) bells available for a limited time in the evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, from 4.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, 5.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied by the Rector of Whitechapel. Please make this meeting a success. Visitors will be very welcome. — James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: The Vicar. Tea at 5. Names to me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Business meeting at 6.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec., 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business will be held at Derby on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Peter's (8) from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting in St. Andrew's belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street. — George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Bures St. Mary on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Baxter's, Swan Inn, at 5 p.m.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ravens-thorpe (5) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Usual arrangements. February and March meetings, Creaton and West Had-don. Dates to be fixed.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at the Judges' Lodgings, No. 4, The Close, Winchester, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Business meeting at 3 p.m., followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5. Cathedral bells (12), St. Maurice (6) available at 1.30 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming by Jan. 2nd. — G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shil-ton on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30 (1s. each), proceeds to be devoted to the Restoration Fund, followed by meeting. Business to include election of local officers, also nomination of general officers and C.C. representatives. Will all mem-bers make an effort to attend? — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Busi-ness meeting at 5 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. Elec-tion of officers and other important business. Will mem-bers please try and be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at Keynsham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chil-compton.

**PONTESBURY, SALOP.**—Ring of 6 bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Special thanks-giving service Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 6.30. Preacher: The Venble. Archdeacon of Ludlow.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The third annual dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, Guild-ford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 28th, a lecture on 'Bell Towers' will be given by E. H. Lewis, Esq., M.A., President of the Central Council, to which all ringers and others interested are invited. Full particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, 3s. each, available from the district officers and committee and Mr. C. T. Coles (N. and E. District). Please book the date.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, Jan. 1st, at 10.30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9th, practice, 7 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 23rd, prac-tice, 7.30 p.m. Will members please book Saturday, Feb. 11th, for annual general meeting? Further notice later. A happy New Year to all.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone Dis-trict.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and busi-ness meeting. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room (1s. 6d. each), followed by business meeting. Election of officers, etc. Numbers for tea to reach me by Wednes-day previous. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting if possible. Please turn up and make this annual meeting a real bumper attendance.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Ser-vice 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to this meeting. A really good attendance is requested, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all ringers at-tending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday pre-vious to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me (certain) by Monday, Jan. 9th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Low Bentham, on Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Prince, Low Bentham, near Lancaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—The 12th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, 6 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; A. Walker, Birmingham; G. Nailor, Castle Cary; W. Yeend, Cheltenham; J. Austin, Gloucester; J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton; R. A. Post, Oxford; A. Prince, Bath; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; or from officials, stewards and tower representatives, Bristol Guilds. The Bishop of Malmesbury will attend, and All Saints' (City) (8 bells) will be available from 4.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., after a silence of 15 years. Other arrangements for afternoon will be announced in due course.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) open during afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 in Vestry. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at Warner's Café, Market Place, 5 p.m. General meeting follows. Tea only reserved for those who notify Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, before 19th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**WATFORD.**—The next meeting will be held on Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. Use that odd change to have a change and ring a change at Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Will all ringing friends—especially those in the South-Western Division of the Essex Association—kindly note that as from Jan. 3rd next my address will be 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex?—E. J. Butler.

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On Thursday, December 15th, at St. John's Church, Loughton, the first half of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 32 mins.: \*A. White 1, G. Perry 2, A. E. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, \*H. J. Thorpe 6, G. Carter 7, J. Rann, jun., 8. \* Longest touch in the method.

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At St. Mary's Church, Billingshurst, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. J. Luxford, who was churchwarden for many years: R. Wood 1, T. Adams 2, R. Wood, jun., 3, J. Burdfield 4, T. Newman 5, A. Fiest (conductor) 6, W. Wicks 7, W. Holden 8.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): A. G. Barthomley 1, G. Green 2, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, S. Taylor 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, P. Green 7, C. Button 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by treble and tenor ringers.

**EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.**—On Sunday afternoon, December 18th, 720 Bob Doubles in 24 mins.: W. Morris 1, L. Cordell 2, S. Clarke 3, I. Cavill (conductor) 4, A. P. Cannon 5.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Morris 1, S. Clarke 2, E. Rochester 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, I. Cavill 6, J. Cordell 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major as conductor. Kindly arranged by Mr. G. Dent for the conductor, who hails from St. John's, Deptford.

**NEWMARKET.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, December 18th, 720 Bob Minor: O. A. Moody 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, M. White 3, R. Heath 4, L. Moon 5, L. Warner (conductor) 6.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—For the dedication festival at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Robinson 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, A. S. Roberts 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Southard 6, W. H. Sleeman (longest length as conductor) 7, H. Stephens (longest length) 8.

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