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Last Friday a privileged few saw the birth of what is to be the tenor of the largest ringing peal in the world. The casting of such a bell is not only an historic occasion, but one of some importance to ringers, for it marks a new departure in weights which they will be called upon to handle. Hitherto the heaviest peals have been at Exeter, St. Paul's Cathedral and York Minster, with tenors of 72, 62, and 60 cwt. respectively. The bell just cast for Liverpool Cathedral will turn the scale at 80 cwt. With the modern improvements in bell hanging it is confidently expected that it will be possible to ring it single handed, but even so, to ring this peal of bells properly is going to be a giant's task. The trebles are going to be heavier than a good many present day tenors, and both the tenth and the eleventh will be over two tons; the eleventh in fact being nearly three tons in weight. It will need all the skill of the bell-hanger and the cream of the ringers of England to make a peal on these bells ever possible.

Of the completeness and the efficiency of the job that is being done there can be no doubt. Apart from the question of the weight of the bells, the scheme involves two new departures in bell hanging of exceptional interest to ringers. The first is the radial 'frame,' a series of pillars arranged in a circle to carry the bells, and the second the fact that it is to be built of reinforced concrete, both wood and metal having been discarded for good and sufficient reasons. Radial bell frames are, of course, unlikely ever to be in general use. They require a tower of considerable dimensions to accommodate them, but Liverpool Cathedral is to have the largest tower in this country—internally it will be over seventy feet square—so that no question of space entered there into the calculation of the designers. The use of reinforced concrete frames, however, may well be developed in course of time. In certain areas, particularly by the sea, metal is subject to rapid corrosion unless constantly painted, while suitable well-seasoned timber is, we believe, becoming more and more difficult to obtain. The modern adaptability of concrete would seem to offer a new material for the purpose, which may well find its way into the towers of the future. At any rate, Liverpool is showing the way in this direction, and from the engineering aspect the experiment, we are told, is certain of success. The conditions at the Cathedral are unique and unique means are being adopted to meet them. The opening of these bells will be one of the greatest events in ringing history and the occasion, which it is hoped will take place in 1940 but may be delayed until the following year, will be looked forward to with ever growing interest.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2	FRED PRICE 8
JOHN S. MASON 3	A. PADDON SMITH 9
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 5	THOMAS H. REEVES 11
PERCY N. G. RAINEY 6	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A birthday compliment to Mr. James George, who was 85 on November 27th.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JOHN WALDEN 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN FREEMAN 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN 10
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 5	FREDERICK W. STOKES 11
RUPERT RICHARDSON 6	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's 200th peal together and Mr. Richardson's 700th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*THOMAS J. HULL Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 2	*ROWLAND TYSOE 8
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 3	*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 9
WALTER AYRE 4	CHARLES JEFFS 10
*HAROLD J. HAZELL 5	*ALBERT LAWRENCE 11
HORACE L. WAITE 6	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Maximus on tower bells in the county and of Bob Maximus by the association. First peal of Maximus by all except the conductor. First peal of Maximus on tower bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG Treble	DANIEL D. COOPER 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
FRANK E. DARBY 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
HARRY W. SIMMONS 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

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NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
HOWARD HOWELL 2	ANDREW THOMPSON 7
HAROLD SMITH 3	ALBERT FORD 8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	ERNEST G. KETTLE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung in honour of Alderman George A. Heywood and Mrs. Heywood, the new Mayor and Mayoress of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. DARBY Treble	ROYDON DAVIES 6
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 2	WALTER CLAYDON 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 8
CHARLES POTHECARY 4	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
*MRS. I. W. HOUSDEN 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	ROY A. SIMMONS 6
HARRY E. WILLS 2	ERNEST A. REEVE 7
*ARTHUR W. JONES 3	HORACE BELCHER 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
THOMAS A. BLOW 5	HARRY W. SIMMONS Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS Treble	EDMUND ATKINSON 5
HAROLD ROSE 2	EDWARD STEELE 6
HARRY HALL 3	ARTHUR W. HALL 7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND 4	ALAN D. STEEL Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. D. STEEL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Basil Holland, brother of the ringer of the 4th.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23¾ cwt.

ALBERT GRICE Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
GERALD SWALLOW 2	PERCY HINDMARSH 6
GEORGE FLETCHER 3	BEN GRICE 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	ERIC FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by G. SWALLOW.

First peal as conductor. First peal by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*CLIFFORD JONES Treble	THOMAS MATHER 5
GEORGE SPERRING 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	THOMAS GUEST 7
JOHN BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Noel David Oakley.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY G. DORKING Treble	NORMAN F. GRINHAM 5
*DENNIS F. GRINHAM 2	†PATRICK J. SPENCER-PHILIPS 6
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 3	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD 7
WALTER H. DORKING 4	PERCY GREEN Tenor

Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
*JOHN E. CLARKE 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 4	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	CECIL RADDON 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	THOMAS SMITH 5
*JOHN PERRY 2	HARRY GRIFFITHS 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	BENJAMIN DALTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* 200th peal for the society. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, the valued and respected secretary of the society.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

STANLEY W. COPLING ... Treble	* WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	* FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
* NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD:

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

* JOHN FAITHFULL, JUN. ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
† LESLIE TREMEER ... 4	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' Rung in connection with the festival of St. Nicolas, patron saint of this church.

CHADDESLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.	
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	JOHN BASS ... 6
BERNARD LAWTON ... 3	BERNARD ASHFORD ... 7
JOHN PAGETT ... 4	JOHN LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Arranged as a compliment to Mr. Edwin Gilbert, of the local band, on his 79th birthday.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* LESLIE N. CATTERWELL ... Treble	† SIMON P. DACE ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	NORMAN GRINHAM ... 6
BERNARD PETTIT ... 3	ARTHUR H. EVERITT ... 7
VICTOR MORLEY ... 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Bernard Pettit.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF FRAMSDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in this method (Lindoff's No. 3).

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	* FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	ALICK CUTLER ... 7
FRANCES BOTHAM ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
Arranged and rung in honour of the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Audsley, parents of the conductor.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.	
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
JOHN WHEADON ... 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Audsley, parents of the conductor, at the church at which they were married.

HOLME-LACEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.	
* WILLIAM HOWELLS ... Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... 5
ALFRED H. WHEELRIGHT ... 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 6
JOHN J. WEBB ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 4	* GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. All the ringers are bachelors.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	
WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... Treble	WILLIAM PARKER ... 5
FRANK RALLINGS ... 2	GEORGE VALENTINE ... 6
THOMAS LAW ... 3	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... 7
TOM TEBBUTT ... 4	WILLIAM FAREY, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. FREDERICK SAYER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. BUNN ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	ARTHUR W. BIRD ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
* RICHARD S. PAYNE ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE & PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association. This peal contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*DAVID J. BOWEN Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
*RUSSELL G. SPEARS 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS 4	HENRY S. T. WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Triples.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. **Tenor 12 cwt.**

MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... Treble	*ARTHUR HUBBLE 4
ALFRED SOUTH 2	FRED CHALK 5
WALTER H. CHALK 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. C. Mansfield (son of the conductor) and Miss B. A. Thorogood, which took place at the above church.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Northumberland, Newcastle, Munden, Sandiacre, Cuneastre, Rossendale and Annable's London. **Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOE HOBBS Treble	HORACE L. WAITE 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First Surprise peal and first in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding (Hemel Hempstead).

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, with different callings. **Tenor 10 cwt.**

HARRY MIDDLETON Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
RALPH HARRIS 2	GEORGE A. KING 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HEMMING.

Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch and a compliment to Mr. H. Middleton for his 72nd birthday.

TREDUNNOCK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 12 callings. **Tenor 9 cwt.**

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... Treble	WILLIAM POWELL 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	ROBERT SMITH 5
SIDNEY BAMFORD 3	*GRAHAM WEBB Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. **Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.**

*WILLIAM E. FLEICHER ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2	*PERCY SWINDLEY 5
FRANK VARTY 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. **Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.)**

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 3
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4

CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

First peal on the bells and of Doubles by all the band. A birthday peal for Mrs. W. Buckenham.

HORTON, STAFFS.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. **Tenor 11½ cwt.**

*A. E. CHEERS Treble	MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 4
E. HAGUE 2	C. W. LAWTON 5
T. TAYLOR 3	J. W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Conducted by T. TAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. **Tenor 7 cwt.**

*FREDERICK STONE Treble	*F. NORMAN MASKELL ... 4
ERNEST STONE 2	PERCY STONE 5
JOHN H. BAILLIS 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by PERCY STONE.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. **Tenor 17 cwt.**

AUSTIN T. WINGATE Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS 4
ERNEST F. SALMONS 2	GEORGE A. COUSINS 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3	GEORGE H. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

Rung with the bells fully muffled (except the back-stroke of the tenor) as a mark of esteem to the late Mr. W. Gwilliam for his work in connection with the above church, also in memory of Mrs. C. E. Edwards, wife of the Master of the Guild, who passed away on November 26th.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD G. BCGG Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	GEORGE WATERMAN 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

A birthday peal for Mr. R. W. Steward.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

SAMUEL DANIELS... .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 5
RONALD J. SHARP... .. 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

A birthday compliment to Charles W. Sinfield, churchwarden.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1938, in One Hour and Twenty-Five Minutes,

In THE BELFREY OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HAROLD BROWN 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH 3-4
*RALPH HARDY 5-6	

Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.

Witness: H. Bell. * First peal.

WEST BRIDGEMORE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in One Hour and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At 9, PATRICK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD BROWN 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH 3-4
*ERIC WOOD 5-6	

Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.

Witness: Ralph Hardy. * First peal.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 4, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes, |

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Double Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and Miss Richardson (Surfleet).

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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PEAL NOTES.

Numerous reports of peals reach us deficient in one or more of the customary particulars. Ringers who send in peal reports are requested to do so in the form in which they are printed in 'The Ringing World.' It will save omissions, delay in publication, and labour in our own office.

PEALS IN FORTY-SIX METHODS AT HELMINGHAM.

A peal of Framdsen Surprise Major has been rung for the first time. It is Gabriel Lindoff's method No. 3 and was rung at Helmingham on December 5th. It is the forty-sixth method of which a peal has been rung in this Suffolk tower.

Until November 26th no peal had been rung at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, for ten years, and no peal by the local Sunday service ringers there for 32 years. Now the Old Hill men have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples, the more meritorious for the fact that it was the first peal by all except the conductor and the tenor ringer.

Seven 720's of Bob Minor were rung in a peal at Horton, Staffs, on December 3rd. What makes it interesting is that we are told that the first of the seven different callings used was first rung in 1741, and the fourth was published in 'Clavis Campanologia' in 1788. Good compositions are never out of date.

On December 3rd, Mr. Horace J. Mansfield had the gratification of calling a peal of Minor in three methods at Purleigh in Essex to celebrate the wedding of his son, Mr. W. C. Mansfield, to Miss B. A. Thorogood, which took place at the same church. One of the band, Arthur Hubble, scored his first five thousand of Minor.

BIRTHDAY PEALS.

The first peal of Stedman Doubles for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was rung at Tredunnoch on December 3rd. It was a birthday compliment to the genial hon. secretary of the association, Mr. J. W. Jones, who celebrated his 73rd birthday two days later. It was his 497th peal, but his first of Stedman Doubles, as it also was of all the rest of the band.

Ringling at Tredunnoch is done from the ground floor, and the persistence of one of the enthusiastic young local band, by his continuous hammering on the door, might have cost the ringers the peal had they not ignored the demands for entry. When the peal had been successfully concluded, however, and the door opened, instead of the young man being rebuked, he was congratulated upon being such an enthusiast, but was warned never to do it again when he found the door locked. We wonder if he would have had a similar kindly reception had the peal been lost.

Another association secretary who had his birthday honoured on the same day was Mr. Herbert Knight, who has served the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford so long and so enthusiastically. He rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at Tettenhall, conducted by Mr. John Perry, whose 200th peal it was for the society.

Although unable to take part himself in any birthday peal, Mr. James George's achievement in reaching 85 years has been celebrated in various places. At Walsall on December 3rd his friends of St. Martin's Guild rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, while a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on December 1st at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

The latter was also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mavis Riddington, sister of the ringer of the same name, who took part. Although it required three attempts, this peal was well struck and fully bears out the old legend, 'Try, try, try again.' The third time it was successful. In parts, this method was very musical on this light peal.

The birthday of another veteran ringer was celebrated on December 3rd, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chaddeley, Worcestershire, in honour of Mr. Edwin Gilbert, of the local band, who reached his 79th anniversary that day. Afterwards he extended hospitality to the ringers and received their congratulations and good wishes.

A handbell peal of Minor at Leverstock Green, Herts, on December 4th, arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Walter Ayre, and Miss Enid Richardson, of Surfleet, was to have been in seven methods, but owing to lack of practice the band contented themselves with ringing three only. It was W. J. Randall's fiftieth peal.

At Frdsham, Cheshire, on December 2nd, Mr. Chris. Gudgeon conducted his own birthday peal of Double Norwich Major; and the first peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells at Redbourn, Herts, rung on December 3rd, was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding, of Hemel Hempstead.

A mixed band rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on December 3rd, on the fourth birthday of Bryan Darby, of Croydon, son of the conductor.

Other birthday peals have been rung at Sible Hedingham, Essex, on December 3rd, for Mr. Bernard Pettit, who took part in the peal of Bob Major; at Hintlesham, Suffolk, on December 5th, for Mr. R. W. Steward, who unfortunately was unable to stand in the peal in seven Minor methods; at Maulden, Beds, where seven Minor methods were rung on December 5th as a birthday compliment to Mr. Churchwarden C. W. Swinfield, and at Crimplesham, Norfolk, on December 3rd, when a peal of Doubles was rung in celebration of the birthday of Mrs. W. Buckenham. This peal was the first on the bells and the first of Doubles by all the band.

WARWICKSHIRE'S YOUNGEST PEAL RINGER.

(Continued from previous column.)

Frederick Stone, of Nuneaton, who is only 12 years of age, rang his first peal, the treble to Grandsire Doubles, on December 3rd, at Shilton. He is now the youngest member of the Warwickshire Guild to ring a peal, and great credit is due to him for the way he rang. His father and brother both took part in the peal.

John Faithfull, jun., of Southampton, whose father is secretary of the ringers at St. Mary's, rang his first peal on December 3rd at the age of only 13 years. It was the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major at North Stoneham.

After the peal at Longton, Staffs, rung half-muffled on November 26th in memory of the late Basil Holland, the ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Holland, the parents of the deceased, whose brother, Neville, took part in the peal.

The peal at Crayford, Kent, on December 7th, was E. A. Barnett's fiftieth of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Bill Hewett rang his fiftieth peal of Stedman Caters on Saturday, when he called a peal in this method at St. Peter's Church, Croydon.

Two peals of Bob Doubles on handbells have been rung at Nottingham, in which three of the four ringers who shared in them rang their first peal.

Another band has rung a six-method Surprise Major peal. This was at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on December 3rd, for the Worcestershire Association, and was the first by all the ringers. Mr. William Short, the association Master, rang the treble, and, by a coincidence, the peal was rung on the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal.

Mr. Harry Middleton, of Norton, celebrated his 72nd birthday by taking part in a peal of Minor at Bishampton on Dec. 3rd, which was rung as the quarterly peal of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. Among Mr. Middleton's claims to distinction is the fact that he rang in what is still the record peal of Stedman Cinques, the 11,111 rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Boxing Day, 1911, in 8 hours 2 minutes. Others of that band are still actively engaged in peal ringing, and two of them, Messrs. W. Short and G. R. Pye, rang peals on Saturday.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Giles' Church, Newcastle, Staffordshire, was rung on Saturday in honour of the new Mayor and Mayoress of the borough, Ald. and Mrs. G. A. Heywood.

Eight bachelors rang a peal of Bob Major at Boreham, Essex, on St. Andrew's Day, December 1st. St. Andrew is the patron saint of the church.

The first 'bachelors' peal recorded for the Hereford Diocesan Guild was rung on December 8th at Holme Lacey. We are not quite sure whether these two bands ought to be commiserated with or are to be congratulated. It probably depends upon the point of view.

DEVON GUILD.**THE BAR AGAINST COMPETITIVE RINGING.****President To Propose Removal.**

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday. The Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon-Owen) conducted the usual Guild service, and in course of his address made sympathetic reference to the loss sustained by one of the local ringers in the death of his wife.

After a tea in St. Sidwell's Institute, at which were present the Bishop of Crediton, the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), the Rev. H. Lanyon-Owen and about 60 members and visitors, the business meeting was held, with Mr. C. R. Lilley in the chair.

For the office of chairman two members were nominated, Mr. E. J. Ryal and Mr. A. W. Searle, and Mr. Ryal was elected by the narrow majority of one vote. Mr. W. H. Howe was re-elected secretary and Mr. W. Richardson as Ringing Master. Messrs. E. W. Biffin, H. J. Rowe and T. H. Pook were elected representatives on the General Committee.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Exminster on February 18th, visiting also Powderham and Kenton.

The President mentioned that at the next General Committee meeting he would move the elimination of Guild Rule 12, which debars members from being associated with any competitive ringing, as, in his opinion, that rule had now served its purpose.

The President moved a vote of thanks to Mr. C. R. Lilley for his services as past chairman.—Mr. Lilley, in reply, thanked the members for the support they had given him and hoped the branch would continue to make good.

Ringling was carried on during the evening at St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas' and Heavitree.

ANSTEY RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding took place at St. Mary's, Anstey, Leicestershire, on Saturday, December 10th, of Mr. R. S. William Smith and Miss Frances Mary Langstaff. The bridegroom had been a keen and regular ringer at St. Mary's since he learnt to ring there eight years ago.

In honour of the event, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight of his fellow-ringers: Mrs. A. Disney 1, H. B. Bowley 2, G. E. Bowler 3, J. E. Adams 4, J. T. Smith 5, A. Disney 6, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 7, Miss E. H. Cufflin 8. Mr. William Smith now lives in Leicester, but the Anstey band hope they will often have the pleasure of his ringing with him.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the B.B.C.'s West Regional programme next Wednesday, commencing at 9.15, is to be a broadcast featuring Old Bristol, called 'From Temple to Redcliffe.' Redcliffe bells will be on the air for a few minutes about 9.45, and the commentator may be heard having a chat with the steeplekeeper shortly after the bells stop.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their wedding on Monday and received the congratulations of many friends.

Certain ringing activities are in progress by way of commemorating the auspicious occasion and we hope to record them next week.

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. Charles Edwards, of Fownhope, both by his Herefordshire colleagues and his old friends in Surrey, upon the death of his wife, who passed away on November 26th. Mr. Edwards, who was formerly a District Ringing Master in the old Winchester Guild, has been Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild for a good many years.

**NOTICES and other matter intended for
our issue of Dec. 30th should reach us as
early as possible and not later than Friday,
Dec. 23rd.**

Lightning struck the Parish Church at Axbridge, Somerset, during a violent storm about a fortnight ago and did considerable damage, including splitting the tower. There is a fine peal of six at Axbridge, but it will be some time before it will be possible to ring them again.

Owing to the construction of a new organ at Lydney, the meeting of the South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was to have been held there to-morrow has been postponed. The annual meeting of the branch will now be held there on December 31st.

The meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association to-morrow has also been cancelled.

Will Mr. A. P. Cannon please send his permanent address to Mr. Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts?

We have been compelled, through pressure on our space, to hold over numerous reports this week and letters upon the weights of tenors.

A DIAMOND WEDDING.

A CRAYFORD CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday, December 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Audsley, of High Street, Crayford, Kent, celebrated their diamond wedding day. Both are not only natives of Crayford, but have lived all their lives in the street in which they were born. Mr. Audsley was never himself a ringer, although he and Mrs. Audsley have always been interested in ringing, but when in 1876 Crayford bells were augmented from five to eight, Mr. Audsley was responsible for transporting the old five from the church to Crayford Station and the new peal from the station to the church.

Four of their sons have been ringers, but of them, one was killed in the Great War, another emigrated to Canada, and a third, Mr. Edward Audsley, ceased to take an active part in the art after the war. A few months ago, however, he resumed practice with the object of taking part in the peals arranged in honour of the diamond wedding, but, unfortunately, the state of his health prevented him from doing so.

The youngest son, Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, is, of course, a well-known and particularly able ringer, and he conducted peals at Crayford on the anniversary of the wedding on December 7th, and at St. Mary's, Bexley, where Mr. and Mrs. Audsley were married, on December 8th.

BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR RESTORATION.

The bells of St. Peter's Church, Colchester, which have been silent since last March, have now been removed to Loughborough for an entire refit, comprising new iron headstocks, ball bearings, new wheels, etc., at an estimated cost of £250. At the same time the parish has a further scheme on hand for raising £1,200 for a new organ.

The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of St. Peter's would like to see the bells opened free of debt in the New Year. Any contributions for the Bells Fund, large and small, from any ringing friends, will, therefore, be gratefully received by the company and acknowledged by the secretary, Mr. H. T. Pye, Fernbank, 118, Maldon Road, Colchester.

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LEADING CONDUCTORS—49.

FRANK WARRINGTON.

The Ely Diocesan Association has an able leader among its conductors in Mr. Frank Warrington, of Over, Cambs. He has served the association in various capacities and has been for some time among the foremost of its peal ringers. Formerly he was hon. secretary of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch and now occupies a similar office in the Central Branch. He was also the first Ringing Master of the Ely Archdeaconry and now represents the association on the Central Council. He also serves on the Bishop's Advisory Committee for the diocese.

Mr. Warrington was born at Over on May 24th, 1894, and it would seem to have been a happy augury that, immediately afterwards, the bells of the Parish Church began to ring, in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. At any rate, Mr. Warrington's interest in Over bells has been long and practical, for although he learned to ring at Long Stanton, he joined the Over company later and is now captain of the Over Society.

Always ready, when time permits, for a peal, he nevertheless makes Sunday service ringing his chief concern, and, in addition to ringing, he serves as a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council in his own parish.

He rang his first peal on September 19th, 1923, at Over, when he took part in seven 720's of Bob Minor. His first peal as conductor was Bob Doubles at Fenstanton, Hunts. He took part in his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 1927 at Debenham, and the comments afterwards gave him food for thought. Remarks on the peal by the band were 'not too bad'; by the conductor 'not too good.'

Mr. Warrington conducted his first peal of Major from an inside bell, and he has since called a peal from each bell in the following towers: St. Ives, Bourn, Willingham and Hemingford Abbots. He called the first peal of Cambridge and Superlative Major rung by a local company resident in Cambridgeshire, and turned in the tenor to the first peal of Surprise Major on the back eight at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. Among the many peals of Minor which he has called have been the Rev. E. Bankes James' Cambridge about twenty times. Altogether Mr. Warrington has rung 254 peals, of which he has conducted 171. They have been rung in 70 towers in ten counties.

LONDON SOCIETIES' JOINT MEETING.

'FRESH SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION.'

The Royal Cumberland Youths and members of the Northern District of the London County Association staged a 'get-together' meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at Highgate. About 25 members from the two societies turned up and took part in ringing in most of the standard methods on the bells of St. Ann's, Highgate. At 4.30 a short service was conducted by the curate, the hymns being vigorously, if not tunelessly, sung by the small congregation, unassisted by an organ.

After service, the company hiked across to Hampstead and partook of a substantial tea at the White Horse Hotel, the only incident of note being the production of a large 'piece of artillery' by a gentleman of synonymous name.

Mr. Jack Waugh, in opening the business meeting of the London County Association, made a brief reference to the useful purpose served by joint meetings, and pointed out that they typified a fresh spirit of co-operation between the societies.

The arrangement of the place of the next meeting for the district was left to the secretary.

No further business remaining to be transacted, the secretary of the Cumberland Youths proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tom Bevan, who had made the arrangements for the meeting, and this was carried with applause.

Following a course of Grandsire Caters on Mr. C. W. Taylor's musical handbells, ringing took place on the 27 cwt. peal of ten at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, methods up to Cambridge Royal being rung.

Further ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak (six bells) until nine o'clock.



MR. FRANK WARRINGTON.

TECHNICAL TERMS.

A GLOSSARY IS NECESSARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I write to support the letter to the Rector of Drayton Parslow? Of course, there is a good deal in what you say on the other side, but it is unfortunately too true that technical terms are far too much used by ringers. Some technical terms must exist and be in use, but undoubtedly there are too many, and the usual excessive use of them is really the result of laziness. If people would take the trouble to make themselves understood in ordinary language (as we ought to do from the pulpit), they would be surprised how many times technical terms can be avoided.

At the same time I should like to say how heartily I agree with what you say about the 'Glossary.' This is a book which ought always to be kept up to date and in print. It was—quite rightly—the first publication of the Central Council. We have learnt now not to make the two mistakes it showed. It was made too large, through the insertion of other matter (however valuable that might be). And we arranged to print too large an edition. The result was that many copies remained in hand long after it was out of date.

When it was suggested that the remaining copies be given away, I proposed that they should be destroyed. I took for granted that a new edition would be immediately put into preparation, and if these copies were no longer in existence, they would not be hindering the sale of the new edition. However, the Council listened to the curious argument that as one of the added articles was valuable, therefore (save the mark), the books had better be given away!

The Glossary should be as short and simple as possible (providing nothing is left out unexplained), and it should be revised every five or ten years.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Suffolk.

MISUSE OF TERMS.

Dear Sir,—Having had quite a lot of experience in teaching learners, and I may add with considerable success, I would be very interested to hear what technical terms there are in Grandsire Mr. Lucas finds too deep for learners to understand. 'Hunting up,' 'coming in,' 'dodging in 4-5 down,' 'making third's place,' etc., are surely not difficult to grasp.

The trouble is, it seems to me, ringers misuse the terms when teaching. For instance, not long ago I went to a tower to help with learners and heard the instructor carefully explaining to his pupil that pulling his bell at handstroke was going up and pulling it at backstroke was coming down! Another time I was 'standing behind' the treble for his first try at Bob Minor, and before we started I gave him the tip that he had five bells to hunt up, and an 'old hand' corrected me, saying he had six!

Another example I had was more advanced. I had 'caught hold' for a course of Cambridge Royal and chose the 4th. On the 3rd was a very well-known ringer, and, just to see what he would say, I turned to him and said, 'Let's see, I'm 3-4 places in and treble work on the front,' to which he replied with some force, 'No, Treble Bob!' I smiled and let it go at that. Now 'Treble Bob' is certainly a misnomer for that work, as not a single working bell in Kent or Oxford ever does it. The *treble*, however, always does, and that is why it is called treble work in the text books.

'Fourth's and back' is another thing I hear when 'Fourths and in' is meant (a bob in Plain Bob). Little wonder that that same ringer gets into a muddle when told to make 'third's and back' at a single.

But to return to Mr. Lucas' difficulties. How would he better explain the terms 'pass the treble in 4-5 up and dodge 6-7 down' or 'pass the treble in 2-3 (bob), make third's and go into the hunt'?

No, sir, as you put it in your leading article, it is not the 'terms' that are wrong, but it is up to the instructor to use them properly and see that the pupil will know what to do when he has to do it.

A. REEVE.

Fobbing, Essex.

A USEFUL PAMPHLET.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Lucas' letter and your excellent 'leader' on technical terms. But those of us who are learning to ring are not faced with such words as those who are 'learning to garden.' I have just been listening to Mr. Middleton and his friend, A. E. Bunyard, explaining the meaning of gardeners' Latin words. Thank goodness we do not get such words in ringers' language, or spelling bees would be a necessity, and wouldn't there be some 'gonging'!

But, joking apart, I have had considerable experience of teaching Grandsire Doubles (the method referred to), and am glad to have had the advantage of the use of such a splendid little pamphlet as Mr. Fred Sharpe's 'Rules and diagrams for ringing Grandsire Doubles.' If Mr. Lucas will get a supply of this excellent paper for the use of his learners and use the blackboard for further explanation (if necessary), his difficulties will soon end. The pamphlet can be obtained from Mr. Fred Sharpe, Lainton, Bicester, Oxon, for one half-penny and stamped addressed envelope.

T. J. FOWLER.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

CASTING OF THE FOUR-TON TENOR.

The Novel Concrete Bell Frame.

An historic bell casting took place last Friday at the Whitechapel Foundry, when a little company witnessed the running of the metal into the mould of the four-ton bell which is to be the tenor of the peal at the new Liverpool Cathedral.

It is the first of what is to be the biggest ringing peal in the world, and, as this bell is the largest of them all, the casting was an event of exceptional interest. Among those who were present to witness it were the Ven. G. J. Howson (Archdeacon of Liverpool), Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (the architect of the Cathedral), Col. V. Cotton and other members of the Cathedral Committee.

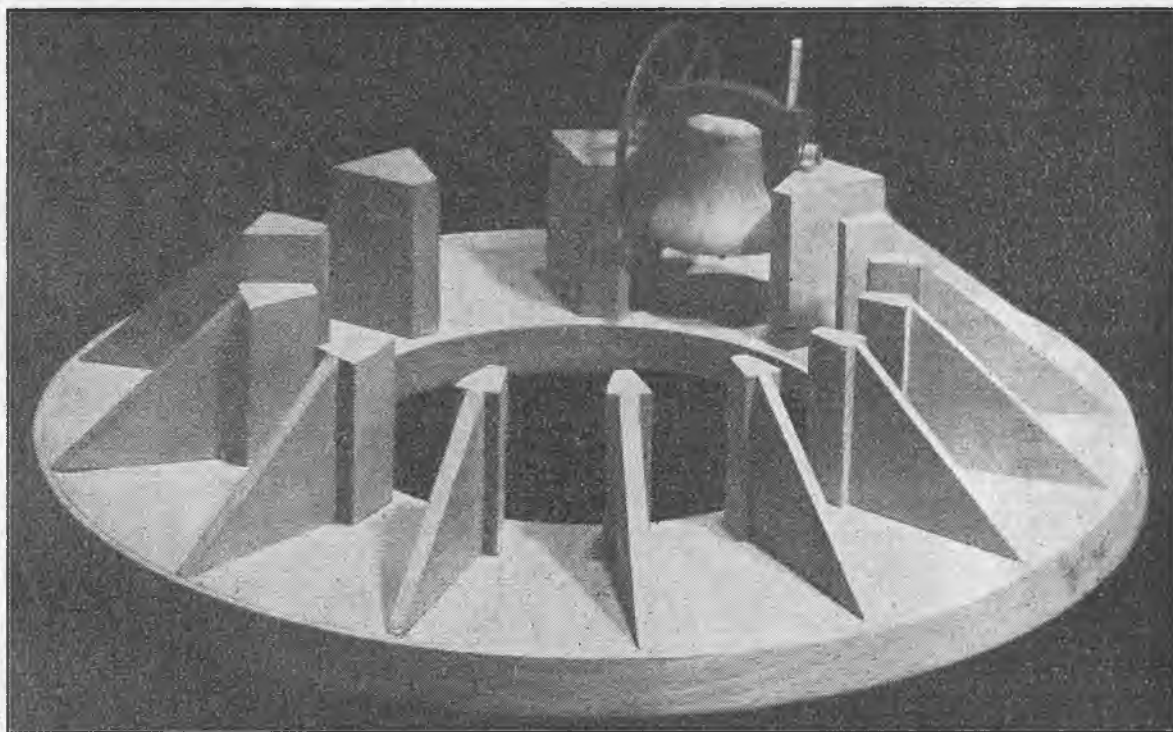
The furnace, into which about five tons of metal was eventually placed, was lighted at midnight, and just before noon, the ingots of Cornish tin having been added to the molten copper, two or three of the visitors threw in silver coins 'for luck'; the crucible was tapped and a steady stream of metal, like liquid gold, flowed for nearly ten

on the other, 'Thomas Bartlett, Who Died 4th September, 1912, By his Will left Money to Provide this Ring of 13 Bells, which were Cast by Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel 1938 and 1939.'

The massiveness of the reinforced concrete structure to carry the great weight of swinging metal is almost unbelievable. It is in one enormous unit extending across the huge tower (which itself is 72ft. square internally), and is built up from the floor of the ringing chamber, which is to be some feet in thickness, to the bearings of the bells nearly 40ft. above. It will be the most wonderful piece of engineering work ever introduced into a church tower in this or any other country.

Reinforced concrete has been employed partly on account of the unusual span of the tower and partly because of the location. Iron and steel were considered unsuitable because of the effects of corrosion and the frequent painting that would be necessary; timber was discarded because of the difficulty of obtaining the necessary large sections sufficiently seasoned. The ample space available has made possible a design never before used, viz., a radial frame, in which each of the 13 bells swings to the centre, in which will hang the bourdon bell.

The novel construction of the frame can be seen from our picture of a scale model, prepared by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The pillars carrying the bells stand upon a massive concrete ring, some 30ft. in



THE UNIQUE DESIGN OF THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELL FRAME.

minutes through the channel which led it to the mouth of the mould buried in the earth. Then, as it bubbled from the top, the stream was diverted to another channel, prepared ready to receive the surplus alloy. The interesting operation, which had been so expectantly awaited by newspapermen and photographers, was successfully over. Some part of it, however, may shortly be seen on the screen in one of the news films.

This bell is to be the tenor of a ring of twelve, together with a sharp second to provide a light eight, which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to instal at the Cathedral in the great tower now rising over the transepts. There is also to be a 14½ ton bourdon bell.

The tower is being built by the generosity of Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, who are also giving the bourdon bell, and will be of a total height of over 300ft. It is hoped this structure may be completed in 1940, and the bells will then be hung in the massive reinforced concrete frame built as part of the tower some 235ft. above ground level.

The ringing peal is being provided by a bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Bartlett, a rich Liverpool merchant, who died in 1912. The new tenor records this fact. It bears a religious inscription on the shoulder, and on one side, 'The Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend Albert Augustus David, D.D., Named Me Emmanuel,' and

diameter. It can be seen that the 13 pits are arranged in a perfect circle and that the stanchions will vary in size according to the weight of the bells they will have to carry. Some idea of the dimensions of this bell 'frame' can be obtained from the fact that these pillars are 7ft. high and that the 'tails' run back 10ft. and vary in thickness from 6in. (for the trebles) to 12in. for the tenors. The actual carrying surface on top of the pillars is more than 2ft. from front to back.

Bolted into the top of the stanchions will be bed plates, on which will be mounted the actual bearings of the bells, and this will provide the means of bringing the bearings into true adjustment.

Concrete floors, as many know, have poor acoustic properties and detract from the effect of the sound in the ringing room. To obviate this the big foundation concrete ring is to be placed on insulating material, and the ringing room is to be enclosed by wood partitions, making a spacious apartment, but one more convenient and comfortable than the whole expanse of the great tower would provide.

The height of the ringing chamber will be 21ft. Over this will be an intervening space of 10ft., and the height from the floor above to the top of the frame will be 7ft., so that the length of rope will be just under 40ft. The ropes themselves will drop straight from the wheels, and will form in the ringing room a perfect circle 17ft. 6in. across.

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MR. AND MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON'S 200th PEAL TOGETHER

INTERESTING EVENT AT SURFLEET.

An interesting double event was connected with the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Surfleet on Saturday. The peal was the two hundredth which Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson have rung together and Mr. Richardson's 700th peal. It was only a few weeks ago they realised that the two achievements could be made to coincide, but once it was seen to be possible it was natural that nothing should be done in the meantime to upset the chances.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the second husband and wife to ring 200 peals together, and their record began in the days before their wedding, when Mrs. Richardson was Miss Annie Parkin, of Peterborough. They rang their first peal together on December 20th, 1919, at Surfleet, while, after their marriage in July, 1923, their first peal together was on November 1st, 1923, several previous attempts having met with failure.

Their 200 peals have been rung together on all numbers of bells from six to twelve and in 26 English counties, in Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Tasmania and Australia, and on the high seas. They have been made up as follows: Minor (in one to seven methods) 11, Stedman Triples 8, Bob Major 19, Double Norwich 11, Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Cambridge Surprise Major 15, Superlative 11, London Surprise Major 12, Bristol Surprise Major 6, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 10, Bob Royal 9, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, Cambridge Surprise Royal 6, Grandsire Cinques 2, Stedman Cinques 24, Bob Maximus 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 4; on hand-

bells, Bob Major 33, Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman 1, Bob Royal 1. Mr. Richardson, who has been Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1932, began his peal ringing in September, 1901, so that it has taken him just over 37 years to reach his total of 700. These, which include all the 13 peals rung on the Australian tour, six of them being on handbells on five seas, have been rung in 213 towers, in 34

English, one Scottish, five Irish and five Welsh counties, and also in Australia and Tasmania.

Mr. Richardson on Saturday completed the 'circle of the tower' at Surfleet in the first twelve peals rung on the twelve bells and only one attempt failed. It is interesting also to recall that he rang all the bells to a peal in the first ten peals on the ten bells prior to their augmentation to twelve.

The peal on Saturday was suitably celebrated at Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's home, where the band were entertained with 'sumptuous hospitality'. When the birthday 'cake, made by the hostess' own hands and heavily iced as well as artistically decorated, was cut, the twelve tinkling little bells with which it was surmounted were distributed among the ringers as souvenirs of a happy, notable event.

Among other married couples who have rung many peals together are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of Enfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Burgess Hill, Sussex. Mr. and Mrs. Hairs were the first couple to ring 200 peals together, which total they reached about six years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's joint total is 183 peals.



MR. AND MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

DEATH OF MR. G. MAXIM.

A RINGER FOR SIXTY YEARS.

East Hertfordshire ringing has suffered another blow in the loss of an old and well-known friend, Mr. G. Maxim, of Waltham Cross. Mr. Maxim started his ringing some 60 years ago at his birthplace, Foxearth, Essex, and, although not a prolific peal ringer, had rung quite a number in the simpler methods. He was the only surviving member of the band who rang the ten thousand odd of Kent Treble Bob for the Essex Association.

Although prevented by ill-health from taking any active part in local ringing for the last year, he maintained his interest up to the end, which came peacefully on Saturday, December 10th. He will be greatly missed by all, and another link in the chain of those who knew the famous men of a past generation is broken.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

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The Liverpool Cathedral Committee's 'Quarterly Bulletin' recently gave the approximate weights of the 13 bells as follows:—

Tenor	80 cwt.	A flat
11th	53 cwt.	B flat
10th	41 cwt.	O
9th	35 cwt.	D flat
8th	24 cwt.	E flat
7th	17½ cwt.	F
6th	14 cwt.	G
5th	12½ cwt.	A flat
4th	11½ cwt.	B flat
3rd	11 cwt.	C
2nd	10½ cwt.	D flat
Sharp 2nd	10½ cwt.	D
Treble	10 cwt.	E flat

The total weight of the bells will thus be about 16½ tons. The tenor will be approximately 6ft. 4in. in diameter and its wheel 9ft. 8in.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS BELLS RESTORED.

A special meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at North Shields on Saturday, December 3rd, when, through the courtesy of the Vicar (Canon C. Milner) and churchwardens, the bells of Christ Church were placed at the disposal of the members. Christ Church possesses a ring of ten with a tenor about 19 cwt., which have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be commended on a very satisfactory piece of work. North Shields has always been a stronghold of the association, and it is interesting to note that the first peal ever rung for the association was rung on these bells, when Holt's Ten-Part was brought round in 1878.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, during which a stone tablet commemorating the reconditioning of the bells was unveiled by the president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge). The tablet is the gift of the churchwardens and will eventually be placed in the tower. Following the dedication, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the chancel.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, presided over by the president, supported by Mr. R. Park (hon. secretary) and Canon Milner, together with the churchwardens and a representative gathering. The visitors included Mr. A. Hughes, of London, and Mr. F. G. Sherwood, of Leeds.

The President thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the latter responded, saying how pleased he was to welcome the members to his church.

During the proceedings a presentation in the form of an easy chair was made by the Vicar to Mr. G. W. Dix, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at North Shields. Mr. Dix was accorded a musical reception and thanked everyone concerned for the gift.

Four of the 'younger generation' showed their prowess with handbells by ringing an excellent course of Grandsire Triples. It is gratifying to observe the obvious enthusiasm of the younger members, and it is to be hoped that it will be maintained.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Dinner Question.

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 3rd. Tea was served in the Church Institute, where 69 sat down. Ringers came from Burslem, Bucknall, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Cheadle, Cheddleton, Derby, Draycott, Fenton, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawton, Norton, Newcastle, Repton, Stoke-on-Trent, Stone, Stafford, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, Wistaston and Wolstanton.

The Ven. Archdeacon Hartill, Rector of Stoke, extended a hearty welcome to all present, and said he looked forward to being amongst them many times.

Mr. T. Hurd proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Stoke for the use of the bells and the excellent tea he had given them.—Mr. S. Churton supported the motion.

Mr. A. D. Steel proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, whom they were always pleased to see, and hoped they would enjoy their visit to Stoke-on-Trent.

The business meeting followed, with the president (the Rector of Stoke) in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and the Rev. F. D. Gardner (former clerical secretary), the Rev. C. J. Watkins, the Rev. H. H. Treacher, the Rev. J. Howse and the Rev. S. Myers-Bridge.

The committee reported that at their annual meeting held at Burslem on November 12th the following report was presented by the hon. secretary: During the past year 13 meetings had been held, one each month excepting July, when two were held; two having been at ten-bell towers, five at eight, and six at six-bell towers. The average attendance had been 38 per meeting, which was a decrease of one on last year, but the extra meeting should be taken into consideration. It was interesting to note that four members had attended all the meetings, viz., Messrs. Thomas Hurd, Edward Steele, William Perkins and Andrew Thompson. Twelve meetings were attended by Messrs. Sidney Thompson and Neville R. Holland, while 128 ringing members have attended at least one meeting during the year, an increase of two on last year. Fifteen non-resident and 61 visitors had also attended meetings during the year. Twenty-five new members were elected, consisting of three honorary, three non-resident and 19 ringing members. Cheddleton tower had returned to the association after an absence of 20 years.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN.

Three committee meetings had been held, all concerning the annual dinner, one held at Leek, one at Draycott (where only eight representatives were present, and it was proposed to hold the dinner on unlicensed premises, this being withdrawn as the secretary pointed out that he was not prepared to organise a dinner on unlicensed premises), and one at Tunstall, where 16 representatives were present, the largest representative meeting ever held. This meeting decided to hold the dinner on licensed premises.

Although the clergy of Bucknall and Biddulph threatened secession if the dinner was held on licensed premises, support came from the Archdeacon of Stoke, and a full report of the Tunstall meeting appeared in 'The Ringing World,' which in its leading article supported the committee.

The clerical secretary supported himself by saying that he had not been invited to the committee meeting, but as he is not a member of the association, he could not be invited to take part.

An unfortunate incident was the resignation of the chairman of committee through his views of the dinner. His presence would be greatly missed.

The resignation of the Ringing Master for six-bell towers owing to the illness of his wife was received, but an acting Ringing Master was elected until he was in a position to attend.

Twenty peals had been rung during the year, a decrease of 10 on last year. They consisted of Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Plain Bob 2, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Minor 3, in two minor methods 1, in three methods 1, Stedman Doubles 1, Grandsire Doubles 2. The number of conductors for the year was seven, six having called their first peal. The most interesting peal footnotes were Stedman Triples at Stone in honour of the golden wedding of the Earl and Countess of Harrowley; Bob Royal at Leek for the induction of the Rev. G. W. Millward, this being the first peal of Bob Royal for the association; Bob Major at Longton rung on the 123rd anniversary of the opening of the bells; Stedman Triples at Broughton in honour of Miss J. L. G. Hall's presentation to the first Court of the season at Buckingham Palace. Out of the six peals rung at Draycott, one was for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, one rung half-muffled for the late Mrs. M. Shelley, and one to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. A. Stanley). Bob Major was rung at Longton to celebrate the attainment of 50 years as a ringer of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon; Grandsire Triples at Newcastle in honour of the wedding of a Newcastle ringer, Mr. G. A. Moore, to Miss D. Coomer; and Kent Treble Bob Major at Uttoxeter as a compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, who has completed 50 years as a ringer. The association was again represented at the Central Council meeting held at Leeds.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. W. P. Deane, supported by Mr. S. Churton.

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RINGERS' PATRON SAINT.

VICAR'S SUGGESTION AT MIDDLESEX MEETING.

St. John the Baptist was suggested as the ringers' patron saint by the Vicar of Southgate at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on December 3rd.

Southgate is always a popular meeting place, because of its very fine peal of bells, and during the afternoon nearly 50 ringers attended, and the Master (Mr. T. J. Lock) continually changed the methods, and included touches of 'rounds,' to suit everybody.

The service was well attended. The Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Stainsby), after welcoming the association, said he had been searching for a ringers' patron saint. He thought St. John the Baptist was the most suitable. Just as he prepared the way of the Lord in his day, so do ringers call people to God in these days.

It was a very encouraging and helpful sermon for a ringers' service.

An excellent tea was served in the Walker Hall, adjoining Southgate cricket field—the name of Walker is always connected with Middlesex cricket—after which a short business meeting was held.

Apologies for his absence were made on behalf of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), away on business, and the Vicar was elected to take the chair. Two ringers from St. Augustine's, Kilburn, were admitted to membership.

Extracts were read from letters received by the general secretary from Messrs. James George, J. H. Cheesman and E. Brett, and a resolution of sympathy and good wishes for their early recovery was passed.

The secretary's action in conveying the congratulations of the members to Mr. and Mrs. James Parker on the occasion of their golden wedding was endorsed.

A resolution of sympathy with the Ancient Society of College Youths at the loss of the Master of that society, Mr. L. B. Porter, in sad and tragic circumstances, was carried by all present standing for a few moments in silence, broken only by the Vicar saying a short prayer.

It was announced that the next meeting, which will be the annual meeting of the district, would be held at Edmonton on January 28th.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson for arranging a very nice tea, and to Mr. J. E. Miller for making all necessary arrangements for the meeting. It was added that the tea, being served by ringers for ringers, was just what it should be.

The Rev. G. W. Stainsby replied to the vote of thanks, and added an invitation to the association to 'come again,' which will doubtless be accepted.

Further ringing took place afterwards in most of the standard methods.

NORTH STAFFS OFFICIALS.

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The statement of accounts was read and accepted on the proposition of Mr. S. Dutton, seconded by Mr. H. Carnwell. The auditor's report stated that there was a gain on the year of £9 0s. 9½d., which made a total balance of £34 19s. 0½d., consisting of £20 4s. in the Post Office and £14 15s. 0½d. in the hands of the secretary. The accounts of the first annual dinner were presented, in which a balance of 3s. 1d. was in the hands of the secretary.

The Rev. S. F. Linsley was elected clerical secretary, Mr. Andrew Thompson hon. secretary, Mr. Kenneth Thacker assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur W. Hall chairman of committee, Mr. Alan D. Steel Ringing Master for eight-bell towers, Mr. John E. Wheeldon Ringing Master for six-bell towers, Mr. Edward Steele auditor, Mr. William F. Deane adviser, and Messrs. Andrew Thompson and Kenneth Thacker were again elected to represent the association on the Central Council.

It was decided that in future the Ringing Masters should give an annual report.

The following list of meetings was proposed for 1939: January, Newcastle; February, Longton; March, Fenton; April, Brown Edge; May, Leek; June, Kingsley; July, Stone and Cheddleton; August, Draycott; September, Uttoxeter; October, Tunstall; November, Hanley; December, Stoke-on-Trent.

Before the minutes were passed, the Rev. F. D. Gardner asked that the words in the secretary's report, 'threaten us with secession,' be altered to 'suggest the possibility of secession.'

The secretary, on reading his letters, found the wording of his report to be correct.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. H. Page to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the meeting reports he had published during the year, and also the 'Evening Sentinel' and 'City Times,' which publish the ringing activities of North Staffordshire.—This was supported by Mr. E. Roberts.

Thanks were also proposed to the former chairman of the committee and the assistant secretary.

Mr. C. H. Page, on behalf of the association, congratulated the hon. secretary upon ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The secretary replied by saying that Mr. Page and himself were the only members of the association who had rung peals of Cinques. Mr. C. H. Page was the first to ring Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, and he (the secretary) was the first to ring Stedman.

The ringers of Wolstanton were elected members of the association, as were also Mrs. Miles and Messrs. N. Snape and F. Hulse, of Fenton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SILVER JUBILEE OF CHELMSFORD'S TWELVE BELLS.

To celebrate the silver jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the bells at Chelmsford Cathedral, the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association were invited to hold their annual meeting at Chelmsford. Ringers were present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Fryerning, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon (2), Springfield, Great Waltham, Little Waltham, Widford, Writtle and visitors from Harwich, Bardfield, Dunmow, St. Osyth, Newmarket, Great Bentley, Beckenham, Prittlewell, Colchester, Great Holland, Kirby and Coggeshall. The service was conducted by the Rev. — Noakes. The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips) read the lesson, and Mr. Frye was at the organ. The collection for the Association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 19s. 1d.

An abundant tea was partaken of in the Cathedral Hall, kindly provided by the Cathedral ringers and served by their wives and friends.

The Master, who presided at the business meeting, reported the death of the Rev. F. R. Thurlow, an honorary member, of Widford, and all present stood in silence as a mark of respect and esteem.

The hon. secretary reported that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 30. One honorary, ten ringing and four probationary members had been elected. Twenty-one peals, against fifteen for 1937, had been rung. Six new members had rung their first peal, 18 their first in the method and one his first as conductor. The peal of Crayford College Major was the first in the method for the association.

The District Master (Mr. H. Mansfield) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Shadrack) were re-elected, and Mr. J. Rawlings, of Beckenham, Kent, was elected a member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury on February 4th.

The question of renewing the monthly practices at the Cathedral (on the last Saturday in the month) was raised, and it was suggested that a definite method be practised. It was, therefore, decided to resume these practices on the last Saturday in January, and that the method be Cambridge, up to and including Royal. It is hoped that these practices will be well supported.

A letter from Miss Snowden, the hon. secretary of the Northern Division, was received apologising for having to hold the annual meeting of that district on the same day and conveying wishes for a good meeting.

The thanks of the meeting to the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral for allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. Noakes for taking the service and giving the address, to Mr. Frye, the organist, to the local company for providing and the ladies for serving the tea, were expressed by Dr. Spencer-Phillips, who extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Mr. L. J. Clark, in replying, apologised for the absence of the Provost and the Rev. Noakes, and on behalf of the Provost welcomed the association to Chelmsford. He also gave a short account of the history of the Cathedral bells.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Burslem on Nov. 19th, when 45 members were present from Bucknall, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Hanley, Fenton, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford, Silverdale, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, Wistaston and Wolstanton.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, and a service was conducted by the Rev. W. Morris-Edge (Rector of Burslem), assisted by the Rev. J. Roderick Jones. The Rector, in his address, welcomed the association to St. John's Church on behalf of the Church Council and churchwardens.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. J. Hurd welcomed the members on behalf of Burslem ringers, and in this was supported by Mr. T. Hurd, who said he had served under seven Rectors. He asked the young ringers to attend the association's meetings, as they were the place where ringing was learnt.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers was proposed by Mr. A. D. Steel, seconded by Mr. A. W. Hall; while Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies for preparing tea for the ringers.

The ringers of Leek were congratulated upon the ringing of a peal of Stedman Caters by a local band, and Mr. G. E. Plant in acknowledging the congratulations, said that it was a beautiful peal.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTHENHAM BRANCH'S MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, December 3rd. It was the first meeting held at the Parish Church since the formation of the branch in 1922 and attracted a record attendance. The well-known peal of bells were set going at 3 o'clock to Stedman Caters under Mr. William Dyer, captain of the tower.

Service was well attended and was conducted by the Rector of Cheltenham (the Rev. J. B. Goodliffe), whose fine address was greatly appreciated.

The tea, kindly given by friends of the Parish Church, was partaken of in the Parish Hall, the latter being specially decorated and containing a number of imitation bells as part of the scheme. Those present were entertained after tea to selections, etc., on handbells by ex-Sgt. J. Williams, Mr. J. Austin and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas.

The business meeting was presided over by the Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon F. W. Sears), chairman of the branch, supported by the Rector of Cheltenham, the Rev. H. D. Walmsley and the Rev. S. B. Freeman (curates of St. Mary's), the Rev. A. M. Hollis (Vicar of Charlton Kings), the Rev. S. J. Richards (Vicar of St. Peter's, Cheltenham), the Rev. H. Benson (Rector of Quinton), the churchwardens of the Parish Church, Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. Percy Williams (treasurer of the association), Mr. C. Camm and members from a wide area. Most of the local towers were also represented.

Several new members were elected.

It was proposed to hold Saturday evening beginners' practices at the towers near Cheltenham under the direction of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Yeend).

The secretary reported on the unqualified success of the dinner held in Cheltenham in October, and it was decided to hold another next year; also to hold the annual outing as usual in June, the arrangements being left in the hands of Mr. C. W. Martin.

The Archdeacon of Cheltenham was again re-elected chairman of the branch and thanked for his past services. Mr. W. Dyer, of the St. Mary's company, was elected branch representative in place of Mr. G. H. Walters, who had removed out of the district. The latter was warmly thanked for his past services. Mr. W. Yeend was re-elected hon. secretary, an office he has held since 1922.

Cowley was selected for the next meeting in March.

Mr. Walter Rose, who had specially journeyed from Southampton, voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Rector and all the kind friends who had given valued help in all departments.—This was seconded by Mr. J. K. Armstrong and carried with applause.

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NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Arksey, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Clark, Cawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster. All are welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, which will be provided (moderate charge).—J. Porter, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Will members please note that the list of meetings for 1939 will be compiled here.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, December 17th. All Saints' bells (10) open at 3 to 5 p.m., and after tea until 7.45 p.m. St. Andrew's (8) afternoon and evening, except between 6 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at The Regal Cafe 5.30 p.m. Please come and support us.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The peal of eight bells at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Liverpool, the Ven. C. F. Twitchett, on Saturday, December 17th. Service to commence at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be free.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Shilton (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for Dec. 17th, at St. Bartholomew's has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec.

THOSE INTERESTED in the fascinating art of dodging may obtain excellent practice at Watford, Saturday, December 17th, from 3.30. Tea at 5.40 in the School Room. Usual business meeting after. Ringing till 8.15. Horton. City 4270.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, a good company is requested. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (St. Clement's) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/- per head). All Saints' bells available from 6 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Sat., December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th. St. George's, Wells Street, Camberwell (8) will be available from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m. (42 bus from Camberwell Green), and St. John's (8), Vassall Road, Brixton, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall. Service 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Olave's, Hart Street on Sunday, December 18th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—Norman Summerhayes, Sec., Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for Dec. at 7.30 p.m., *St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 22nd Holborn, 8 p.m. 29th. *Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

BOXING DAY—For some changes come to St. Giles', Camberwell, Monday, December 26th. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, December 31st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise obtained at these meetings. Those who desire tuition in any method please come along to make this meeting a success, and do not forget to send post cards for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

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ANNUAL DINNER of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Full particulars later.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Honorary Secretary's Change of Address.—Kindly note Mr. E. G. Talbot's address is now 53, Birchwood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey.

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