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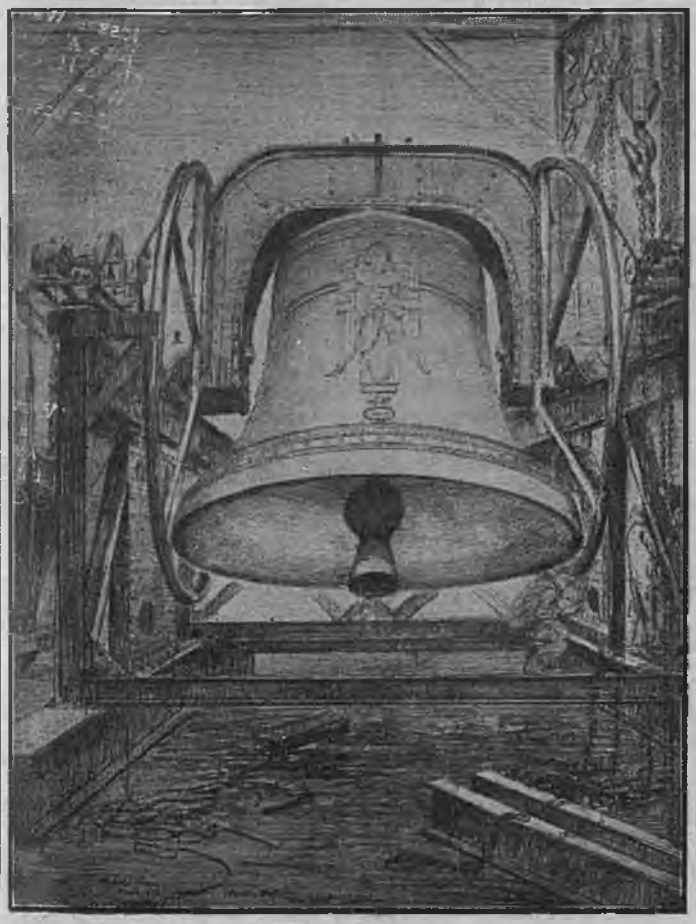

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THE PAINSWICK PEAL.

What is the 'twelve-bell record'? This question is raised by a letter, which appears in another column, from Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, as the result of the description applied to the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on Saturday week. Mr. Coles' argument is, in brief, that a twelve-bell peal can only be a peal of Maximus, and, that being so, the twelve-bell record is still the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th last year. When it comes to a question of record performances it is only right that these matters should be treated seriously, and for that reason the claim that is made by Mr. Coles is one for serious consideration. On the face of it, the simple question appears to us to be was or was not the Painswick performance a twelve-bell peal? If it was, then, in our view, it was a twelve-bell record; if it wasn't—well, where does Mr. James George come in, after having rung a 26¾ cwt. tenor for 11 hrs. 36 mins.? Surely it cannot be suggested that he did not take part in the peal? The facts that the twelve bells were rung throughout the peal, and, while eleven bells provided the changes, the tenor was essential to the effective completion of each change, place it, in our opinion, clearly in the twelve-bell category. Mr. Coles' argument that a twelve-bell peal can only be rung in a twelve-bell method puts a limit on the expression 'twelve-bell peal,' which, we think, will not be generally accepted.

It might be as well, perhaps, if the Central Council were to classify the records, and then obviously Cinques and Maximus would be definitely separated. As a matter of fact, in all such performances so many different factors have to be taken into account that it is difficult, if not impossible, to make comparisons between them, and the only thing the Exercise has recognised up to now has been the number of changes rung, and the number of bells engaged in ringing the peal. Neither the time occupied, nor the weight and 'go' of the bells, nor the method rung, enter into consideration—so far as records go it is a question of the longest length. At the moment the longest length that has been rung in which twelve bells have been employed is the peal at Painswick, but that does not detract one jot from the greatness of the achievement at Ashton-under-Lyne. While one peal was two thousand changes longer than the other, they are not in the same category and no question of comparison between the performances, *qua* performances, arises. What remains to be settled, however, is whether or not the Painswick peal was a twelve-bell

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peal, and in settling the question let there be no confusion between the expressions 'a twelve-bell peal' and 'a peal in a twelve-bell method.'

Having said this, let us add our congratulations to the men of the Painswick Youths upon their really great performance. Every time some new record length is set up there is a feeling that this, at last, must be the limit, but every time others are found prepared to put their skill and endurance to the test and show that the final word has not been said. These long peals—and they are long peals indeed when they last nearly round the clock—are remarkable exhibitions of pertinacity, stamina, and concentration. To the conductor, Mr. Albert Wright, the moving spirit of so many long peals at this famous belfry, and to all the band the congratulations of the Exercise will be extended upon a wonderful achievement, but perhaps to Mr. James George more than to anyone will these expressions go. We all know that long peals are not exclusively the prerogative of youth, as are the records in most other pursuits, but for a man within a few days of his 77th birthday to ring a 26¾ cwt. bell for 11½ hours without rest or refreshment is almost beyond belief. Yet Mr. George has done it. For a man thirty years his junior it would be a great achievement; his performance is a marvellous feat and demonstrates not only his exceptional physical fitness, but his ability and judgment in handling a bell.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES TINDALE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE WHITE	6
†ALBERT HUNTER	2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ...	7
*JOHN WALLER	3	HARRY SHORT	8
ALBERT V. COATES	4	HUBERT WATERS...	9
ALFRED E. OXLEY	5	RICHARD HANSELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal, and elected members of the association previous to starting. † First peal away from the treble. First peal on ten bells by all the band except the ringers of 4 and 7, and first on ten by an entirely local band. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. R. Hone, who has been Rector of Whitby for ten years, and in honour of his appointment as first Bishop of the new Suffragan Bishopric of Pontefract.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. HAZELDEN ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	6
FRANK BENNETT	2	GEORGE TOMSETT	7
*FREDERICK W. RADFORD ...	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	8
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ...	4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5	†LESLIE G. W. HUNTER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

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BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS H. BEEKS ... ... *Treble*		WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...	5
†FRANK DOWNES	2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ...	6
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ...	3	HENRY J. TAYLOR	7
CHARLES EDWARDS	4	HERBERT COLCOMBE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, November 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

CHARLES TRIBE ... ... *Treble*		WILLIAM P. TICKNER ...	5
ROBERT EDWARDS	2	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	6
*ALFRED J. BATTIN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	7
HARRY BAKER	4	CECIL H. BALLARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. Arranged as a compliment to the Vicar's warden (Lt.-Col. W. A. Findlater) on his election as Mayor of Tenterden.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S MEMORIAL PEAL.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

Ex-Act. Sgt. JAMES E. SCOTT, 2nd London San. Co., R.A.M.C.	*Treble*
Ex-Pte. JOHN ANDERSON, 18th Northumberland Fusiliers ...	2
Ex-Sgt. HAROLD G. FRAMPTON, 73rd Squadron R.A.F.	3
Ex-Corpl. HAROLD B. DITCHBURN, 50th Divisional Train R.A.S.C.	4
Ex-Pte. STEPHEN W. STRATFORD, 10th Royal Scots Fusiliers ...	5
Ex-Sapper ROBERT L. PATTERSON, 72nd Field Co., R.E. ...	6
Ex-Act. Corpl. DAVID VINCENT, M.M. 7th Middlesex Regt. ...	7
Ex-Sapper ADAM DEAS, 526th Field Co., R.E.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the 12th anniversary of the Armistice, by men who served in the B.E.F. in France, in memory of their comrades who gave their lives in the war.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... *Treble*		ROBERT SWIFT	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	CECIL NICE	6
GEORGE ELLIS	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY DUDLEY ... ... *Treble*		HENRY FLETCHER	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	EDWARD C. GOBBY	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

First peal in the method by all.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... *Treble*		ELSIE E. SMITH	5
JOE GARTH	2	*REGINALD PAYNE	6
JOE BERRIDGE	3	‡LESLIE HAYWOOD	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. NOEL CAWTHORNE

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the clappers half-muffled in honour of those who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. PIGOTT'S SIX-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 14½ cwt.

*REGINALD ALLPORT ... *Treble*		CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WALTER MASTERS	2	THOMAS WILLIAMS	6
WILLIAM POTTER	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
HARRY HOLDEN	4	THOMAS HEMMING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal. All are members of the local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the men who fell in the Great War.

FRAMSDEN.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT ... *Treble*		CECIL W. PIPE	5
*JAMES BENNETT	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM ... *Treble*		P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ...	5
P.C. THOMAS BANNISTER ...	2	P.S. PETER CROOK	6
INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	3	P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	7
P.S. GEORGE SHIPP	4	*CH. INSPR. J. MELDRUM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SERGT. PETER CROOK.

* First peal. Chief. Insp. Meldrum is from Liverpool City Police Force, Sergt. Crook from Bolton Borough Police Force, the remainder are members of Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers. Rung on the occasion of the meeting in London of the Police Federation of England and Wales.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARTHUR PIPER ... ... *Treble*		PERCY GREEN	5
FRANK HARRINGTON	2	ERNEST TOWNSEND	6
ARTHUR T. SMITH	3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	7
ALFARD T. PERRY	4	H. WALTER SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. W. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Joan Gibbons, daughter of Col. T. Gibbons, D.S.O., of Dunmow, to Mr. P. Henry, of Stansted. Col. Gibbons takes a keen interest in the bells, and was of great help in raising the necessary funds for their restoration in 1926. The ringers were entertained to tea after the peal.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
JOHN H. CRAMPION	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.)

H. JIM RALPH	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*WILLIAM J. FRY	2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	6
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	3	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS	7
†FRANK PRICE	4	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

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

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WILLIAM H. SHOKER	...*Treble*	SAMUEL HOLT	5
*ARNOLD FEARNHEAD	2	F. RALPH WILLIAMS	6
WILLIAM BRAMMER	3	*JOHN FEARNHEAD	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	BENJAMIN THORP ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	WALTER THOMAS	5
GEORGE SPERRING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
RONALD G. W. JONES... ...	3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS	7
EDWARD HARRISON	4	ARTHUR TILSTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	...*Treble*	JOSEPH HERBERT...	5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ...	2	HORACE BELCHER	6
ARTHURT CUTMORE	3	HARRY A. FOLKARD	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	4	CHARLES J. TRICKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. Milner, J. Herbert and C. J. Tricker.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL SF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT	...*Treble*	CECIL NICE	5
GEORGE ELLIS	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEERE	5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HY. DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED H PULLING.

First peal rung in the method, which was published in 'The Ringing World' of February 17th, 1922.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
DENNIS R. MORRIS	2	FRED HAWKES	6
WILLIAM C. JONES	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. THOMAS' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1). Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPPARD ...	...*Treble*	TOM G. BARTLETT	5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	2	HENRY J. CORRY	6
*FREDERICK WREFORD ...	3	WILLIAM HOWE	7
JOHN HOSGOOD	4	WILLIAM A. WILLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal and first attempt.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT W. EDWARDS...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. BLOXHAM	5
FREDERICK E. STONE	2	EDWARD PHILLIPS	6
DAVID J. LEWIS	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
WALTON J. NURTON	4	JOHN WEATHERSBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. STITCH.

The conductor has now rung a peal on each day of the week, each day of the month, and in each month of the year.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JAMES MITCHELL ...	...*Treble*	JAMES T. WARD	5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER... ...	2	GEORGE LINES	6
†HENRY W. GAYTON	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER	7
ARCHIE HENMAN	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. † First in the method on a working bell.

MACCLESFIELD.—After a Confirmation service at Christ Church by the Bishop of Chester, on Thursday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Stevenson 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Reeves (conductor) 4, J. Tipper 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gayes 7, J. Waumesley 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Joseph E. Arnold ...	...*Treble*	Clifford Rollings	5
*Henry B. Whitney... ...	2	*Frederick Vickers	6
*Frederick J. Plummer ...	3	Arthur E. Sharman ...	7
George W. Heley	4	*William Insley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by A. E. Sharman.

* First peal of Stedman, and, with the treble man, are local ringers.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Charles Henry Walker	*Treble*	William Berry	5
Harry Hoskins	2	P.C. Charles Davis ...	6
John James Lamb	3	George Henry Daynes ...	7
Frederick W. Thornton...	4	*Charles Wm. Dumper	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Henry Daynes.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member prior to starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Berry and F. W. Thornton.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Roland Biggs	...*Treble*	John Evans	5
William H. Fussell ...	2	Thomas Goodchild	6
*Jesse Eldridge...	3	George Martin	7
Frederick Biggs	4	Harry Wingrove ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by George Martin.

* First peal in the method. It is thirty years since the 4th man rang a peal of London.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Wilde's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.

Samuel Jones, jun. ...	...*Treble*	James Swindley	5
Harry F. Holding	2	William Sconce...	6
Edward V. Rodenhurst ...	3	Arthur E. Peglar	7
Robert Sperring	4	L. John Evans	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Sperring.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. S. Brown for having everything ready.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Hubert Jones	...*Treble*	William J. Beniams ...	5
Robert H. Jones	2	*Forest T. Massey	6
Albert E. Jones...	3	Francis Evans	7
John J. Price	4	Arthur C. Nason ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis Evans.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Hubert Jones and Robert H. Jones.

WANSTEAD.—At Christ Church, on October 28th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: Miss A. Petty (first Wanstead lady to ring a 720) 1, A. Petty (first 720 'inside') 2, A. Reeve 3, C. Petty 4, J. Chalk 5, G. Morss (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Herbert A. Holden ...	...*Treble*	Wilfred Williams	5
Charles W. Roberts ...	2	George H. Cross	6
Herbert E. Audsley ...	3	Frederick J. Cullum ...	7
Thomas Groombridge, jun.	4	Ronald H. Bullen ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves (adapted). Conducted by George H. Cross

First peal in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt without previous practice. Also the first in the method on the bells, by the association, and in the county.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

YARDLEY HASTINGS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Joshua J. Partridge ...	...*Treble*	Harry Pettitt	4
William Stock	2	Amos Smart...	5
Henry W. Gayton	3	Albert Minney	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Amos Smart.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Alphæus J. Berry ...	...*Treble*	Harry D. Lister	4
Laurence Poulton	2	Arthur Grimwood	5
Keith W. Whittle	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. D. Lister.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those men and women of the British Empire who fell in the Great War.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

*Cecil Mogford... ...	...*Treble*	†Ernest Tossell	4
Jeffrey Tossell	2	Harold E. Blacker ...	5
Charles R. Lilley	3	John House	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. Lilley.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' First peal in two methods on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the evening Armistice service in memory of the fallen. It was arranged to ring Minor, but at the last moment Doubles had to be substituted.

TYDD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sunday, November 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

George Ladd	...*Treble*	John Curry	4
Horace M. Day	2	Arthur J. Farr	5
Arthur Riggall	3	John G. Ames	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. Day.

These bells were dedicated after the morning service after being rehung in a new iron frame with a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and their 'go' leaves nothing to be desired.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR WILSON	4
KITTY WILLERS	2	EDWARD HAYNES...	5
FRANK KEMPTON	3	JACK HARPER...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD HAYNES.

Rung with muffled clappers on the Day of Remembrance, also on the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Mr. W. B. Kempton, who instructed the newly-formed Trumpington band in 1918. Mr. F. Kempton conducted the first peal on the bells on Armistice Day, 1920, when K. Willers and A. Wilson scored their 'first.'

BLACKWELL.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,200 changes of St. Dunstan's, 1,200 of Grandsire, 1,200 of Old Doubles and 1,440 changes of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM PARKES...	*Treble*	HUBERT BAILEY	3
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	BERNARD BAILEY...	4
WILFRED RILEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. BAILEY.

Rung with clappers half-muffled, in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. This is the first peal on the bells by an all-local band. First peal as conductor.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY ROWE	*Treble*	ERNEST TOSSELL	4
JEFFRRY TOSSELL	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
CHARLES FIELD	3	JOHN HOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

First peal on the bells with the bells half-muffled All the above are Sunday service ringers.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*F. J. WILCOX	*Treble*	†J. E ROOTES	4
G. R. GOODSHIP...	2	*H. O. HOLMER	5
*MISS E. K. FULTON	3	*W. T. HORROD	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. GOODSHIP.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an act of remembrance.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HECTOR	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
FRED E. WALLINGTON ...	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

Specially arranged as a welcome to the Rev. W. Fairlie Clarke, who was inducted to the living during the week. The band were kindly entertained after the peal by the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Clarke.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Aldridge 1, E. Pearson 2, T. Timms (first quarter on an 'inside' bell) 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, A. Bishop 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Stedman, 8 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK HOOPER	*Treble*	EDWARD FOSTER	3
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	LEONARD PIERREPONT ...	4
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

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

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN ...	*Treble*	GEORGE CLODE	4
SAMUEL PETTER	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	5
GEORGE CHANDLER	3	†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HAROLD W. CLUTTON ...	*Treble*	JOHN BRASSINGTON	4
*FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN...	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
†ALBERT J. BIGGS	3	*THOMAS P. BARLOW, ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal, and belong to the local band. † First peal of Doubles.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH H. BEALE	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	4
OSWALD J. HUNT	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	5
GEORGE GARDNER	3	†WILLIAM HIBBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*GEORGE F. SWANN	1-2	FRRDER'CK PAGE	7-8
HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: WILLIAM JACKSON and ERNEST BENNETT.

* 150th handbell peal. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. Harry Chapman.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON	1-2	WILLIAM KEBBLE	5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	GEORGE GREEN	7-8

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEBBL

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SNOWDON DINNER 'TOO ELABORATE.'

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, November 8th, when the towers represented were Aston-under-Lyne, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darfield, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Handsworth, Hoylandswaine, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing in various methods of Major, Triples and Minor was continued from 3 to 5 p.m., when tea was served in the schoolroom, followed by a short business meeting, at which the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Carleton) presided, and welcomed the association to Penistone.

Five new members were elected, and it was decided that the next meeting should be a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Southern District), the Sheffield and the Doncaster Society at Rawmarsh on the second Saturday in December.

A discussion arose on the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, the general opinion being that it was too elaborate for the majority of ringers to attend.

It was finally agreed to ask the committee of the Yorkshire Association to try and arrange a meeting at Ilkley (where Jasper Snowdon is buried) some time next summer, and to make it as nearly as possible meet the desires of the majority of ringers, so that it may be termed the 'Snowdon Commemoration Ringers' Rally.'

Mr. Rayner moved the vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who provided tea.

Further ringing was afterwards continued until 9 p.m.

FORTY-NINE YEARS A RINGER.

The band at Christ Church, North Shields, has suffered a severe loss by the death, after a long illness, of Mr. Clark Edward Waugh, aged 59. He had been a member of the band nearly 50 years, having commenced his ringing career at the early age of ten, and as his father had been a ringer, and his grandfather verger and beadle at the same church, the family connection with Christ Church extended over almost a century.

Mr. Waugh had only one peal, in 1896, to his credit, but he was a regular attender for Sunday service ringing, and also on special occasions, and, being of a cheerful disposition, he was loved and respected by his fellow-ringers.

At the funeral, on Monday last, a short touch on handbells was rung at the graveside, and in the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the bells of Christ Church, particulars of which will be found in the peal columns.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her bereavement.

PASSING OF A HAGBOURNE WORTHY.

DEATH OF MR. E. E. NAPPER.

Visitors to East Hagbourne will miss a familiar figure now that Mr. Ernest Edwin Napper has passed away.

Born the youngest of a family of thirteen at the Fleur de lys, he had been the popular landlord there since 1902, the house having been in the Napper family for over two hundred years.

Practically all the village organisations have had their headquarters there, including the football club, cricket club, the local branch of the British Legion and the St. Andrew's Bellringing Guild. The deceased was one of the original change ringing band first formed in the village, the company including two of his brothers, two cousins, and others. He rang a fair number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with the local band, and also with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook at various towers, including Bishopstone, Great Tew, Shipton-under-Wychwood, etc.

A perfect striker, he preferred to ring a small bell, but when persuaded could ring a heavy bell with the best, as behoved a man of 6ft. in height and about 16 stone in weight.

He passed away on Saturday, November 8th, at the age of 70 years, and the interment took place on Tuesday week.

A very large number of people attended the funeral, including many brother ringers, among them Messrs. F. Napper, D. Napper (cousins), W. E. Napper, J. S. Napper, J. F. Napper, W. H. Napper (nephews), W. J. Napper, C. W. Allen, J. E. Butler, E. A. Butler and J. Bower. Eight nephews acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and also while the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, and again after the interment. In the evening eight members of the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, W. V. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, W. Lambell 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. Sawyer 6, A. H. Webb 7, J. Hitchman 8.

ANOTHER RING OF SIX FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have added a treble to the bells at St. Mary's Church, Tydd, Lincolnshire, and rehung the old ring of five, the tenor of which is 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. The bells were dedicated on Sunday, November 9th, after the morning service, and the opening ringing consisted of a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. Ladd 1, H. M. Day 2, A. Riggall 3, J. Curry 4, A. J. Farr 5, J. G. Ames (conductor) 6. For evening service 360 St. Clement's Minor was rung. In the afternoon the same ringers rang a peal of Minor in seven methods, as recorded in our peal columns.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Grayshott, Hants, hopes to have a peal of eight bells in the near future. At present there are three, but a parish meeting has decided to recast them as part of the octave. About £200 has been subscribed up to the present, and an appeal is to be made for the rest of the money required.

Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C., who over forty years ago was a ringer at Woking, is the moving spirit in the scheme.

Double Dublin Surprise Major, the first peal of which was rung at Hersham, Surrey, on Saturday, is a method by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

The Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers (Bristol) was granted a Royal Charter on November 17th, 1620. It is still in existence, although it has now no direct connection with bellringing.

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

On November 24th, 1816, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells was rung at Sheffield.

A peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at West Ham on November 25th, 1737, by the Eastern Scholars, a now long defunct London society.

Next Thursday Mr. James George, hero of the Painswick peal, will be 77 years young. It won't be long before he rings his 1,000th peal. Most people at his age would be thinking of giving up ringing, but Mr. George is looking for more worlds to conquer.

The carillon cast at the Croydon Bell Foundry for the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial, and which was erected at the North-East Coast Exhibition last year, and has been regularly used for recitals in Hyde Park this year, is now to be taken to Buenos Aires for the British Empire Exhibition next spring. It is hoped to hang the carillon in Wellington in time to ring for Armistice Day next year. When it arrives at its ultimate destination the carillon will surely be the most travelled set of bells in the world.

Was the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Twerton, Bath, on November 10th, the first by the Bath and Wells Association by resident members? asks a correspondent, who congratulates the band on a capital performance.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Warnham on November 1st was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins. (not 2.43). The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Stowmarket on October 25th was Arthur Grimwood, not Greenwood as published.

'BELLS FULLY MANNED.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to draw Mr. E. Cooper's attention to the facts of his letter on the above. He writes that the bells 'should have been' fully manned, but does not know if they were. As regards Doncaster, it is true eleven were left to man the bells, but they were manned by six ringers and one learner not yet able to ring rounds correctly.

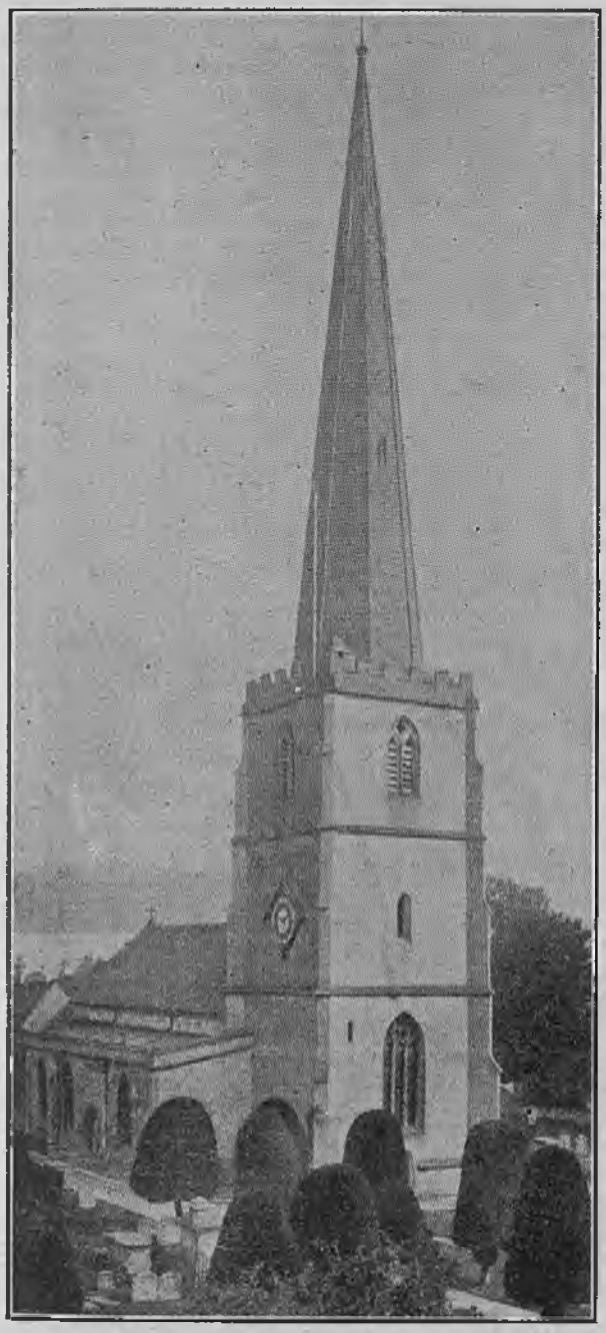
One of the most relied-upon ringers was away at Tickhill. I don't think he makes his case any better by his remarks on the conductor. If a ringer wants to go to another church to ring he ought, in my opinion, to give reasonable notice, so that his place in the tower may be filled. I know Mr. Cooper does not like to hear six bells at his church on Sundays. I attend regularly.—Yours faithfully,

Doncaster. W. E. LLOYD.

CELEBRATED PEALS AT PAINSWICK.

A TOWER OF MANY 'LONG LENGTHS.'

The peal of 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung in 11 hrs. 36 mins. at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on November 8th, has naturally been a matter of great interest throughout ringing circles, for it is a feat that has few equals. For a couple of centuries Painswick has been conspicuous in ringing annals, for as soon as ten bells were put in the tower the ringers there went in for long lengths, a 10,000 of Caters being rung in 1735 and a 12,000 in 1736.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PAINSWICK.

Previous to the year 1686 there were six bells in the tower. In January of that year a meeting was held at which it was decided to add two more bells, which were cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester. Forty-five years later it was determined to add two more bells and recast the existing eight, which was done at the Gloucester foundry, from which in 1821 came two trebles to complete the ring of twelve. The new bells did not come up to the calibre of the old ones, and in 1887 were replaced by two recast trebles from the Whitechapel Foundry. In 1902 Messrs. Taylor and Co. rehung the whole twelve on one level, and they have not had any attention from a bell hanger since—one more proof that the more bells are rung the better they are cared for.

The Painswick Youths have in their possession some interesting records of peals of past days:—

Feb. 29th, 1731 Mar. 1st, 1731 Mar. 26th, 1751.	Ye whole Peal of Triples	5,040 changes	in ye space of	3.27. 3.36. 3.24.
Mar. 1st, 1734 Mar. 1st, 1735. Apr. 18th, 1736	A peal of Caters	8,064 10,080 12,006	in ye space of	4.45. 6.27. 7.55.

Various long lengths rung on the bells since then have been:—

			hrs. mins.
Sept. 23rd, 1816.	10,278	Grandsire Caters.	6.48.
May 5th, 1817.	12,312	Grandsire Caters.	7.44.
Sept. 21st, 1818.	6,300	Bob Royal.	4. 2.
Dec. 9th, 1832.	10,224	Treble Bob Major.	6.50.
Feb. 16th, 1858.	8,448	Stedman Cinques.	5.52.
Mar. 24th, 1913.	7,325	Grandsire Cinques.	5. 0.
Feb. 14th, 1920.	13,001	Grandsire Cinques.	8.45.
Feb. 15th, 1930.	9,261	Grandsire Cinques.	6.10.
Apr. 21st, 1930.	12,231	Grandsire Cinques.	8. 0.
Nov. 8th, 1930.	17,687	Grandsire Cinques.	11.36.

Only three peals with more changes than that on November 8th have been rung on tower bells, two of them being Stedman Caters, and the other Oxford Treble Bob Major.

This is the way the record length of Cinques has grown:—

Apr. 27th, 1861.	8,580 Stedman.	6.41	Cornhill.
Feb. 28th, 1881.	9,238 Stedman.	6.48	Birmingham.
Dec. 26th, 1901.	11,111 Stedman.	8. 2	Birmingham.
Feb. 14th, 1920.	13,001 Grandsire.	8.45	Painswick.
Nov. 8th, 1930.	17,687 Grandsire.	11.36	Painswick.

The Maximus records have included the following:—

Dec. 9th, 1833.	10,224 Treble Bob.	6.50	Painswick.
Apr. 17th, 1911.	12,240 Treble Bob.	8.39	Ashton-under-Lyne.
Aug. 5th, 1929.	15,312 Cambridge Surprise.	11.30	Ashton-under-Lyne.

Other lengths longer than the last Painswick peal have been:—

Apr. 12th, 1909.	18,027 Stedman Caters.	12.18	Loughborough.
Apr. 22nd, 1922.	21,363 Stedman Caters.	12.25	Appleton.
Apr. 18th, 1927.	17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major.	10.51	Heptonstall.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—First to congratulate Mr. Albert Wright and his band on a fine performance, which I do most heartily. If any member is deserving of special praise it is the veteran tenor man, Mr. James George.

But does this peal constitute the twelve-bell record? The daily press referred to it as containing the 'greatest number of changes on twelve bells,' which the peal certainly did not. Unless Jimmy George was at fault, and I cannot imagine that he was, the peal did not contain one change on twelve bells, and I cannot see why it is described in 'The Ringing World' as the twelve-bell record. If it is, where is the eleven-bell record? This one cannot be both!

The Central Council's 'Glossary of Technical Terms,' compiled by six famous members of the Exercise in 1901, contains, on page 17, the following definitions:—

> Cinques.—The changes produced on eleven bells, in which five pairs of bells change at each permutation.
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> Maximus.—Change ringing in which twelve bells are concerned in producing the permutations is known as '**Maximus,**' or, more familiarly, as '**twelve-in.**' Methods adapted for twelve bells are usually known as twelve-bell methods.

If anything further is needed, Mr. Editor, I will refer you to 'The Ringing World, Vol. I., page 74, which contains the following:—

> 'The long peal of Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne (i.e., 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus in 1911), setting up a new record for twelve bells, naturally revives interest in the previous record which was set up over 77 years ago. This peal was rung at Painswick, Gloucester, in 1833' (i.e., 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus). The explanatory notes in parentheses are mine.

Now, between those two peals the 11,111 Stedman Cinques was rung at Birmingham in 1901, and this peal 'The Ringing World' did not consider as having superseded the Painswick 10,224 Maximus. In other words, 'The Ringing World' in 1911 considered that only Maximus could beat Maximus for the record on twelve bells. This, I submit, is quite correct, and maintain that the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung last year still remains as the **twelve-bell record.**

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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Mr. Cockerill, who was very cordially received, responded to the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' proposed by Canon Coleridge, and first announced apologies for absence from the Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Rev. Canon Haldane (Southwark), the Rectors of St. Michael's (Cornhill), Bow (Cheapside), St. Dunstan's (Stepney), St. Michael's (College Hill), and St. Clement Danes, and the Vicar of Cripplegate, Rev. C. A. Clements (Chester Guild), and Rev. W. J. Besley (St. Lawrence Jewry), Messrs. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), E. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), J. F. Smallwood (Derby) and A. Brooks (manager of the Columbia Record Company). A radiogram had also been received from the s.s. 'Winchester Castle': 'Viramus vanimeter felicitations. —Young.' During the year, continued the hon. secretary, they made twenty-three new members, and most of these purchased a copy of the original certificate engraved by Bartolozzi. They had lost nine members by death, viz.: Thomas W. Emsden (Chislehurst), George Bowen (Ilfracombe), James C. F. Bayley (steeplekeeper at Cripplegate), T. Hervey Beams (Bradpole), Wilfred Richardson (Barnsley), Henry A. Barnett (Tottenham), Harry Dyas (St. Andrew's, Wells Street), Harry Torble (West Ham), and Reuben Copelin (Gravesend).

The names of these departed members were received by the company standing in silence.

During the year, proceeded Mr. Cockerill, they had had 71 practices at the various city churches and Southwark Cathedral. At these practices a good number of young members obtained practice on 12, 10 and 8 bells, and acquired that necessary habit of good striking (hear, hear). During the year 24 peals had been rung, not a great number perhaps, but they did not worry about ringing a lot of peals; they thought they were doing more good by holding practices and carrying on the ringing for the church services (hear, hear). The peals were made up of Grandsire Triples 2; Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 5, Stedman Cinques 3, Double Norwich Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill asked the members to join with him in wishing Canon Coleridge many happy returns of Monday, which would be his birthday.

Canon Coleridge's health was drunk with musical honours, and in acknowledging it he said his advancing years was one reason why he did not continue as president of the Central Council, and now that he was no longer president he thought the toast which he had for so long proposed should be entrusted to his successor, who had a far prior claim to him. Mr. Lewis was a much younger man, much more in touch with ringers than he (Canon Coleridge) could be at his mature age. Failing Mr. Lewis, there was another gentleman they could fall back on. He referred to Dr. Joyce, churchwarden of St. Mary's, Reading, who had now become a ringer, and only a week ago succeeded in ringing his first peal, one of Stedman Triples (hear, hear), and to whom he (Canon Coleridge) owed a great debt of gratitude.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed 'The Visitors,' by which toast, he said, they meant particularly the incumbents of the city churches, to whom they were indebted for the use of the bells for their practices. Unfortunately they had been disappointed that evening by several absences, including that of the Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, who was unable to be with them. The bells there were silent for nearly thirty years, but since their restoration the Rector had brought forward recruits from his church, and with the help of several members of that society they were training a band who were going on very well indeed (applause). Two or three members of that band were present as visitors that night; he hoped next year they would be there as members (applause).

The Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn) responded, and he spoke of the valuable services rendered to his own church by the ringers of St. Andrew's Guild.

Mr. J. Bullock (vice-chairman) proposed 'London and Provincial Societies,' many of whom were represented that night. They extended a hearty welcome to them all.

Mr. F. W. H. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths) replied for the London Societies, and referred to the difficulties which were experienced in regard to the ringing at London churches, first because of the proximity of business and office premises, and secondly because the ringers themselves had moved farther out. The smaller London societies like his own valued very much the help and support they got from the Ancient Society of College Youths.

FROM BRISTOL TO LONDON.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), whose name was also coupled with the toast, said there is just one thing about being a provincial: one never knows in these days of rapid changes, how soon circumstances may so alter as to turn him into a Metropolitan. When this happens in the case of a ringer, it is good to know that he will at once be able to meet friends who will do all that is possible to make him feel at home. Mr. Cave mentioned three who had passed from the provinces to London by way of Bristol, and had attained the highest honour in London's premier ringing societies. Mr. O'Meara, who was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths for four years, 1899, 1900, 1905 and 1906, did some of his earliest change ringing in the neighbourhood, but left there before his (the speaker's) time. The other two he knew well. Mr. J. D. Matthews, the worthy Master of the Royal Cumberlands, who came to Bristol from Northamptonshire, and was the only ringer in his (Mr. Cave's) experience to make a lengthened stay in Bristol, who knew more about ringing than they themselves, and he was not forgetting Mr. Fred May, who developed into such an excellent conductor after his arrival. Mr. Matthews was largely instrumental in the St. Stephen's band ringing the first Surprise peal in Bristol. Mr. Charles Horton, Master of the College Youths, 1918 and 1919, learnt all his ringing at Bristol before coming to London. Many handbell practices the three of them had at Mr. Matthews' home when his eldest son, Cecil, was a baby in the cradle by the fireside. There were, continued Mr. Cave, two peal performance he would like to refer to. One was the so-called peal of Minor at Isham. As a speaker at the Central Council meeting said, 'There is nothing in the world to prevent any band ringing just what they like.' True, but if it was to be recognised as a peal it must be within a certain standard, and 14 360's were definitely not within that standard. It might have been rung with a certain object in view. Of that he knew nothing; but if the Analysis Committee decided not to recognise it as a peal, he thought they would be quite justified, and it was good to know they had the support of such eminent men as Mr. Trollope and the editor of 'The Ringing World.' The other peal was the one at Buckfast, the record of which was published the previous day. He considered Mr. Pye and his band had done a great service to ringing and ringers generally in visiting the Abbey and ringing such an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques. It was performances such as this that did an immense amount of good to the cause of change ringing. And especially did this apply to Devonshire, where there was such powerful opposition. He knew how thoroughly this opposition society did its work. He had seen in Devonshire towers large posters printed in red and blue announcing competitions, on both six and eight bells, giving the figures of the changes to be rung, besides the list of prizes to be won. They were a church society, recognised by their clergy, so that they were one with the rest of the Exercise, and it was up to them as change ringers to try and convert them to change ringing. This could only be done by visiting ringers giving of their very best, and not giving the round and call change ringers a chance to say, 'Us can ring better'n that ourselves' (laughter and applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert proposed 'The Press' in his typically outspoken manner. Amid laughter, he summed up all newspaper men as 'sons of Ananias.' He appealed to ringers to support their own paper, 'The Ringing World,' in which he hoped to see further encouragement given to young ringers, and took the Editor to task for the article which appeared in the previous day's issue describing the College Youths as exclusive and aloof. They were, he said, always glad to welcome any ringer. The College Youths were the hub of the wheel in ringing, and the provincial societies were only the spokes, the felloes and the tyres.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' replied to the toast, and this brought the speechmaking to a close.

The musical programme was exceptionally enjoyable. Mrs. A. A. Hughes again delighted the company with her handbell solos, 'Solveig's Song' (Grieg) and 'Until' (Sanderson), being followed, as an encore, by the ever popular 'Land of hope and glory.' Mr. E. Clare greatly amused the party with his humorous stories and sketches, while the baritone songs of Mr. Reginald Johnson were finely rendered, and the vocalist had to respond to an encore at each appearance. Mr. H. N. Pitstow was the accompanist. The very happy evening terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD

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If any doubts remain, the point is one which, to use a phrase which has lately become very popular, 'in the interests of truth' should be cleared up.

I am not attacking the latest Painswick performance. I have nothing but admiration for any band that can put up a peal lasting nearly twelve hours, but I do object to claims being made that do not conform to ringing custom. I have yet to find the text book that describes Cinques as anything else but 'changes on eleven bells,' and emphatically state that the Painswick ringers have beaten no record but their own.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.
November 15th, 1930.

P.S.—The Central Council's 1927 edition of 'Rules and Decisions' states (page 17), with regard to peals on nine and eleven bells: 'That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, in each case with the addition of a covering bell'; and on eight, ten and twelve bells, 'That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval' (1892 and 1925).

DEATH OF CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

We deeply regret to announce the death, which took place on Friday, of the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, president and one of the founders of the Bedfordshire Association. For a considerable period Canon Baker was Vicar of Dunstable, but a few years ago he took the living of Southill, Beds.

Canon Baker was a member of the Cambridge University Guild and one of the few surviving original members of the Central Council, on which he had served without a break up to the time of his death. His passing will be a great loss to the Bedfordshire Association, and removes from the Exercise a very lovable figure.

Canon Baker has led a very active life that extended outside his parochial duties. For many years he was a member of the Bedfordshire County Council, and he was one of the members of the first Church Assembly.

BROMLEY BELLS RESTORED.

TUNING EFFECTS GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent, were reopened on Saturday last, after a complete restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been retuned and reclappered on modern principles, with some new headstocks, all new wheels and fittings, including ball bearings. The old bells have tuned up wonderfully well, everyone present expressing their pleasure and surprise at their volume compared with the way they sounded only a few short weeks ago.

A service of thanksgiving was held at 3.30, at which, despite the inclement weather, there was a fair congregation present, including about 30 ringers. After the prayers of dedication and thanksgiving, the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Basil Relton, gave a very bright and interesting address on bells, and their relation to divine worship, which was much appreciated. After the service an opening touch of two courses of Stedman Triples was rung by the local ringers, the Society of Bromley Youths, and then the bells were made good use of by local and visiting ringers for about two and a half hours, practically all the popular methods being rung, including London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and some Grandsire for the younger ringers. The company present included Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. Macdonald, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and Mr. G. Oliver (who hung the bells), of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, Messrs. H. Langdon, A. Coles, W. Hewett, C. Kippen, D. Cooper, E. F. Pike, W. Smith and other well-known ringers. All the ringers were not only well pleased with the greatly improved sound of the ancient bells, but also with the improved 'go' of them. In fact, the whole job leaves nothing to be desired, and in all ways reflects the greatest possible credit on the skill and workmanship of the ancient Whitechapel firm. I. E.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8th, the North Notts Association held their last meeting of the year at Ordsall, near Retford, when members from East Markham, Edwinstowe, Everton, Collingham, Cuckney, Gainsborough, Gamston, Mansfield Woodhouse, Misterton, Scotter, Sutton-on-Trent, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton and Worksop came forward to test their skill on the light peal of six bells, and a full company of local ringers gave them a hearty welcome.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, excellently served by a few lady workers of the parish, who in due course were thanked for their admirable work.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, who in welcoming the association said that it was much to his regret that he could not be with them at every meeting, but his attendance this year had been affected by his illness. Mr. H. Haigh, in reply, said the association was very pleased to see the Rector back with them again as he was a very great help to the society. Mr. Haigh also remarked that not many towers had two clergymen ringers, but Ordsall had, and he wished the Rev. A. Doxey the best of success in the art of change ringing.

Mr. P. W. Briggs, of Everton, was elected a new member, while Mr. Jas. Swindin, Mr. John Swindin, Mr. G. W. Stevenson, Mr. H. Stevenson, Mr. R. Lindly and Mr. F. Gibson were re-elected. It is very interesting to note that these gentlemen were ringers at Everton when the society was founded in 1887, and were among the leaders in the art of change ringing of the association. The same success, it is hoped, will favour the young band at Everton now.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on January 17th if possible.

The secretary had received quotations for the insurance of the Crawford Cup, and the premium quoted by the Phœnix Assurance Company was accepted.

Mr. H. Haigh thanked the Rector and all who had helped to make such a pleasant day for the visitors. This concluded the business, after which the tower was again visited.

NEW RING OF EIGHT FOR LEEDS.

A LIGHT PEAL AT BURLEY CHURCH.

The reopening of the bells at St. Matthias' Church, Burley, Leeds, after being silent for some considerable time, took place on Thursday, November 13th, and was attended by ringers from Leeds, Armley, Bramley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Calverley, Bradford and Holbeck. The founders of the new bells were represented by Mr. C. F. Johnston.

St. Matthias' Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Ripon on November 10th, 1854, and forms a very attractive object in the picturesque valley in which it is situated. The church is designed on the geometrical or middle-pointed style; the plan is cruciform, and consists of an attached tower 21ft. 6in. square at the west angle of the south transept. The tower is of three stages, and forms the entrance to the church. It is stone vaulted and surmounted by a spire 166ft. high. The steeple was built at the sole expense of Mr. Wm. Beckett. It originally contained a peal of six bells (tenor 7¾ cwt.) presented by Mary and Elizabeth Beckett, of Meanwood Park, Leeds, in 1854. For some time, however, the bells have been unringable. The work of restoring them was given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have cleared out the scaffold-like structure on which the old wooden frame was placed, and recast the existing peal of six into a peal of eight. The bells with their inscriptions are as follows:—

1.—B flat. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.
2.—A. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
3.—G. Cast 1855. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
4.—F. Cast 1855. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
5.—E flat. Cast 1855. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1930. Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.
6.—D. Cast 1854. This peal of six bells recast and increased to a peal of eight bells 1930 by public and private subscriptions. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
7.—C. Cast 1854. This bell restored in memory of Elizabeth Hannah Watson, Park Hill, Burley, 1930. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
8.—B flat. Cast 1854. This bell restored in memory of William Plews, Esq., J.P., of the Woodlands, Burley, 1930. The original peal of six bells presented by Mary and Elizabeth Beckett, of Meanwood Park, 1854. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

The peal has been placed in an iron frame on rolled steel girders securely grouted into the walls, thus putting an end to all that movement of the tower which the previous six bells caused when rung. They have also put the chimes in order. The layout of the bells and the great care used in distributing the swinging weight of the metal is a revelation, and the founders are to be congratulated on their work.

The service of dedication commenced at 7.30 p.m., and was conducted by Rev. F. H. Moore, M.A., Vicar. During the singing of Psalm 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord,' a procession was formed to the south porch, where the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Bishop of Ripon. While the procession returned to the chancel the bells were raised in peal by: P. J. Johnson 1, R. Thomas 2, W. Slack 3, G. Bennett 4, F. G. Sherwood 5, F. Hutchinson 6, G. Robinson 7, S Sadler 8. The anthem, 'Lot all men praise the Lord' was rendered by the choir, and the address which followed was given by the Bishop of Ripon.

After the service the bells were open to visitors, who expressed satisfaction at the 'go' of the bells, but complained of the noisiness in the ringing chamber. It is hoped that this will be remedied.

After the bells had been lowered, ringers and friends were entertained to supper, which was served by ladies in the Parish Hall.

OLD LANCASHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

Another old member of the Lancashire Association has passed away in the person of Mr. John Smith, of 153, Palatine Road, Blackpool, who died from cancer on Saturday, October 11th, at the age of seventy years.

He began his ringing career at Christ Church, Bacup, and became a member of the association in 1887. From Bacup he removed to Rawtenstall, and was a ringer at the Parish Church there for many years. He went to live in Blackpool over twenty years ago, and had been most regular in his attendance at St. John's for Sunday service ringing. He never failed to attend the Fylde Branch meetings whenever his health and his work allowed him, and was Fylde Branch secretary for a year or so at one time.

Touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung with the bells half-muffled in his memory at St. John's, Blackpool, by the local company on Thursday, October 16th.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE RING RESTORED.

After being silent since the autumn of 1914, St. Nicholas' Church bells, Standish, Gloucester, were heard again for the first time on Saturday, November 8th, when they were re-dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Headlam, Bishop of Gloucester.

The church was crowded to its utmost capacity for the service, which took the form of evensong, during which the Vicar, churchwardens and Bishop proceeded to the west end of the church. Here the Bishop dedicated the bells and offered suitable prayers. The bells, which had been raised prior to the service, were then rung in rounds, this being the first time for over 16 years.

After the dedication, a new English altar was dedicated and vested, the Bishop then giving an address. At the conclusion of the service, a picked band of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang 360 Grandsire Doubles, and for the remainder of the evening visitors from Painswick, Gloucester, Stonehouse, Great Witcombe, Elkstone, and other towers, had the opportunity of trying the bells.

The founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented by Mr. R. H. Dove, have made an excellent job, the 'go' of the bells being perfect, and the tone appreciably improved. No. 3 bell, which was cracked, has been recast, and the remainder retuned and turned, while the whole peal has been equipped with complete modern fittings, and hung in a two-tier metal frame. New oak floors to the ringing room, intermediate chamber and bell chamber, have been installed, while new louvres have also been fitted.

The cost of the work has been raised by voluntary subscription, and reflects great credit on such a small and scattered parish.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Charity brought me hear in the 1720th year A.R.

2.—Gloriam : Dei = in : Excelsis : Sono : 1656. W. : Chew : G. : Stratford Gardi, 1656.

3.—'W. Chew. G. Stratford Gardi, 1656.' Recast 1930. Andrew Freeman, Vicar. George Knight, Richard Thomas, Churchwardens. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

4.—Giles. Weyman. John Pridley. Chvrchwardens. Feare. God. 1651.

5.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A.R. 1748.

6.—: Sancta : Maria : tvo : Svevrre : Piissima : Servo : Winelmo: Lawley : Viqaire : Cave : Me. (Weight, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.)

THE FIRST RING OF BELLS IN JERSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having made several journeys to my many relations in the Channel Islands, and having spent the most happy times of my life there, particularly in Jersey, I was keenly interested in the article in 'The Ringing World' under the above heading.

I know St. Thomas' in Val Plaisant very well, and have in my collection a picture postcard of a most beautiful bell, shown suspended in this church, ready for hoisting up into its place in the tower. The wording on this postcard reads: 'Maria Immaculata bell of St. Thomas' Church, Jersey, rung for the first time December 8th, 1904.'

But this is not the first ring of bells in Jersey, for within a stone's throw, at the corner of David Place and St. Mark's Road, stands the Episcopal Church of St. Mark, which may be termed a daughter church of St. Helier, and a peal of six was installed here in 1844.

It is a musical ring of six, tenor about 11 cwt., cast at Whitechapel in 1844 by C. and G. Mears.

In looking through my diary of my ringing activities I find that on Friday, July 15th, 1904, at 3 p.m., I inspected the whole of this tower with my island friend, Mr. Philip Gaudin, and saw the six bells by Mears pushed into the corner to make room for the 2 ton clock bell by Taylor, 1881. On the following Sunday at 3 p.m. we met the Rev. Cobbe, of Devizes, hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and tapped a few changes on these bells.

I have been in every parish church in the Islands, and as far as I know there has never been any change ringing, nor do I know of any other ring of bells in Jersey.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District was held at Buckland on Saturday, November 1st, between forty and fifty ringers attending from Limpsfield Chart, Charlwood, Merstham, Reigate, Godstone, Redhill, Kingswood, Burstow, Horley, and the local band, with visitors from Dorking, St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, Beddington, Mitcham, Turner's Hill and Swindon. At the service the Rector (the Rev H. W. Dunk) welcomed the gathering, and paid a warm tribute to the keenness of the local band, and to their care of, and interest in, the bells. He spoke of the social aspect of a ringing band, and of the characteristic keenness that seemed to rise to such a height among men who had mastered this craft.

Tea was served at the Village Hall, provided by the Rector, his wife and other ladies, forty-four being present. After tea the usual business meeting was proceeded with, the Rector presiding.

The Rev. H. W. Dunk was elected as an honorary member, and Wilfred Tidy and Albert Brown, of Limpsfield Chart, as ringing members

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MEMORIAL TO A RINGING MASTER.

DEDICATION AT ACTON.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Acton on Saturday, November 8th. The bells pealed forth at 3.45 p.m., this being the first time they had been rung in the year 1930. The methods indulged in ranged from Grandsire Triples up to and including London Surprise Major.

To the citizens of Acton, the ringing was a summons to an impressive ceremony in the Parish Church, in memory of the late Mr. Robert E. Holloway, who was Ringing Master of the South and West District of the association, for 15 years captain of the local band, and a most zealous churchworker.

The service consisted of shortened evensong from the Ringers' Manual, and opened with the hymn, 'Ye servants of the Lord.' The prayers were read by the Rev. H. Segil (assistant priest), and the lesson, from the Book of Wisdom, was read by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope (vice-president). By special request the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, while the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough), followed by Rev. H. Segil, Mr. Trollope, Mrs. Holloway (the widow), and her son and daughters, and Mr. Wm. H. Hollier (hon. secretary), proceeded to the west end of the church for the dedication of a memorial in the shape of a handsome peal board recording a half-muffled peal of Bob Major, rung on October 6th, 1928, in memory of the late Mr. Holloway.

By permission of the Rector, Mr. Trollope gave an address, in which he pointed out that Mr. Robert Holloway's claims to their remembrance and gratitude arose from his devotion to his duty as a churchman and ringer. The lesson they had to learn, he said, was duty and loyalty to the band to which they belonged and to their church. It was not given to many of them to leave names behind them, even as ringers, but it was well if it could be said of any man, when his time came, as they said of Robert Holloway, that he served his generation according to the will of God, and had fallen asleep.

The board, which hangs on the screen, was then dedicated by the Rector. The hymn, 'Unchanging God Who livest,' was sung while the members of the little procession returned to their places. Afterwards the Rector read the final prayers and gave the blessing.

The ringers then adjourned to St. Andrew's Hall for tea, Mrs. Holloway, her son and daughter, and Mrs. Hollier being also present. Mr. Trollope presided, supported by Mr. Wm. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Rev. H. Segil, and Mr. E. Maurice Atkins and others.

After tea, Mr. Pickworth, on behalf of the Guild, presented to Mrs. Holloway a framed photograph of the peal board.—Mrs. Holloway thanked the members for the gift, which she would greatly treasure.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. H. Fussell spoke in terms of admiration and respect of the late Mr. Holloway.

Members were present from Acton, Chiswick, Isleworth, Ealing (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Hillingdon (St. John's), Putney, Harrow, Twickenham, Harrow Weald, Chelsea, Beaconsfield, Southgate, St. Giles-in-the-Field, Kilburn, Bishopsgate, Stanmore, Ruislip, Willesden, Bushey Heath, Slough, Beaconsfield, Hammersmith, Kettering and Walthamstow.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Trollope, to the assistant priest, the organist, to Mr. Fruin of the local band, and to the host and his assistants.

The District Ringing Master being unable to be present, best thanks are given to Mr. Albert W. Coles, Ringing Master of the North and East District for his assistance, and to all the officers and members who met to pay their last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Robert E. Holloway.

It was decided to hold a meeting in December, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The tower was again visited after tea, and further ringing took place.

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The next meeting is to be held at Bletchingley or Betchworth, the arrangements being left to the secretary.

The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Charlwood.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for his and the ladies' hospitality in providing the tea. Votes of thanks were also accorded the organist for presiding at the organ during the service, and Mr. Frank Sanders for his assistance in making the arrangements for an enjoyable meeting.—This concluded the business, the ringers returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

CANON'S FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, on November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 58 mins.: J. Rickman 1, W. P. Lambert (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, R. C. Day 3, D. Clothier 4, F. Price 5, Canon Wingfield Digby (first quarter-peal) 6, H. Pope 7, C. Vowles 8. Rung with ten different callings and 7.6.8 covering.

ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Minor (240 Cambridge, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent and 300 Plain Bob) in 40 mins.: F. W. Knowles (conductor) 1, E. Mallender 2, V. Cox 3, F. Wheeler 4, F. Clarke 5, B. Wheeler 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 16th, before the annual Armistice memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: A. W. Cox 1, T. East 2, W. V. Webb 3, W. Lambell 4, H. K. White 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, J. Sawyer 7, R. G. Rice 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On November 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Jones 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, R. Sperring 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. Rung to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the Armistice.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Tuesday, November 11th, in 47 mins., at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob), with the bells half-muffled: W. K. Brett 1, J. Hurst 2, R. W. Broomfield 3, D. A. Piercy 4, H. Revill 5, R. W. Stockdale (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by the treble ringer, who is only 14 years of age.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On November 11th, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled, by a band composed entirely of ex-Service members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: H. James 1, A. W. Wright 2, H. J. Hill 3, Mrs. F. A. Clements 4, H. Barrett 5, C. Robins 6, F. A. Clements (conductor) 7, E. Gardner 8. The band also had in mind Mr. Wright, father of the ringer of the 2nd, of Windrush, whose kindliness and hospitality endeared him to all ringers who visited Windrush tower, and who was interred in Windrush cemetery on Wednesday, October 29th last.

GREAT TEY.—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,332 changes) in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled, in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, H. Garrard 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, T. Piper 7, J. Dyer (conductor) 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, in memory of all the day stands for, at the close of evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Aldridge 1, E. Pearson 2, W. Brunsdon 3, A. Bishop 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Midwinter 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Martin 1, W. Hughes 2, H. S. Brocklebank 3, S. Moston 4, E. Glenville 5, J. W. Evans 6, R. Birchall (conductor) 7, R. G. Edwards 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the anniversary of the Armistice.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St Mary Magdalene's Church, on Tuesday, November 11th, to mark the twelfth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Huxley 1, E. H. Adams 2, W. Harrison 3, A. W. Bond 4, H. C. Burt 5, W. A. Stote (conductor) 6. Rung with open clappers. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Armistice Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss H. Orchard 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Miss G. Stadden 3, Mrs. W. Edwards (conductor) 4, A. Berg 5, F. Smith (first quarter-peal) 6, A. E. Colburn 7, J. Thomas 8.

WINDSOR.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: W. P. Cross (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, H. G. Owen 2, T. Smith 3, W. Welling 4, W. Henley 5, L. Stilwell 6, E. S. T. Farr (first as conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, November 9th, at St. Margaret's, with the bells half-muffled, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ex-Pte. E. E. Tanser (M.G.C.) 1, G. Humphreys 2, ex-Sergt. E. Morris 3, T. Bent 4, J. Morris 5, W. Tanser 6, L. Johnson 7, E. Cattell 8, G. S. Morris 9, ex-Pte. E. T. Sandall (Lincolns) 10. Composed and conducted by Staff-Sergt. Ernest Morris, R.A.S.C.

IDLE, YORKS.—For afternoon service, on November 9th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) with fully-muffled clappers was rung: R. Humpleby 1, H. Haigh 2, F. Seager 3, H. Davison 4, T. Hill 5, F. Kilbshall 6, W. Feather 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Sunday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 Doubles) was rung at St. Sannan's Church, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War: I. Rowlands 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, S. Williams 3, I. Werrett 4, T. Werrett 5, J. Rowlands (first quarter) 6, T. Hyde 7, R. Pearce 8; 7.6.8 covering.

EAST ILSLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. H. Webb 1, E. Warwick 2, F. G. James 3, W. Webb 4, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 5, T. East 6, W. Hibbert 7, H. Brown 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6 hail from Hagbourne. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung with clappers half-muffled for the Armistice.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3.45. A good meeting is requested.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting, Puttenham, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members are reminded that nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting at St. Bartholomew's has been brought forward to Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Arrangements for 1931 meetings calendar. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red buses leave Coventry (Greyfriars Green) Nuneaton route every half hour from 2.15, and leave Nuneaton (Bond Gate) Coventry route every half hour from 2.20.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Horton (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Usual arrangements. — H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 2.45 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral tower open after tea. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Bagot de la Bere (Vicar).—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at King's Langley (8 bells) on November 22nd, when a service, tea and meeting will be held. All ringers welcomed.—J. Cuplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be at Matlock, on Saturday next, Nov. 22nd, at the Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.). Tea about 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service for all those who send in their names to Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, not later than Nov. 27th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). Those requiring tea please let Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Collier's Wood, S.W.19, know by Wednesday, Nov. 26th. All ringers are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., North Street, Martock.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Nominations for district officers must be handed in at this meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 26th inst.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, November 29th, when the towers of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All will be made welcome. Good bus service from all parts.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., provided by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Nov. 25th? —W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock. — The reopening of Baldock bells, which have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Note.—Numbers for tea by Nov. 26th. Please make an effort to attend to make the meeting a success. — Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Wallasey (St. Hilary's), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at the Headingley towers. The bells of St. Chad's will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Michael from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the churches, and arrangements will be made for anyone who send in their names to me before Nov. 26th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Kepier School, and please advise Mr. Chas. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by Nov. 27th. All ringers are welcome, and we hope for a bumper meeting. Even if it is ' wet ' it will be ' fine ' at the meeting, so turn up in force.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please inform Mr. A. Jackson, 14, Kay Street, Stalybridge, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 25th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.— The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending being present please notify, not later than morning of Nov. 27th, Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle, Chelmsford?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus service. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The monthly meeting at St. Chad's, Poulton, has been altered to Dec. 6th, at the request of the Vicar and wardens. Bells ready 3 p.m. ' Business 6 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at a reasonable charge. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, not later than Dec. 4th. Cars No. 20, 21 or 24, from Stevenson Square, Oldham Street, to the Osborne Theatre. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Chilham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Woolpack. Please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The augmented peal of 8 (tenor 8 cwt.), recently recast and rehung, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. G. W. Slack, 12, Wolseley Mount, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. — F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th next. Bells will be available at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. All wishing to attend, will they notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 3rd?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Mary Redcliff. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Parish Room, Guinea Street, 5.15. All ringers and friends welcome. Will tower secretaries please note alteration of date? Subscriptions for 1930 now due. Preliminary notice: Quarterly meeting, Dec. 27th, at Brislington. Annual Meeting, St. Stephen's (City), Jan. 25th, 1931.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual dinner will be held in Leicester on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1931. Particulars later. —Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The new certificate is now ready; price 1s. Application should be made to the district secretaries, accompanied with remittance. PLEASE BUY ONE.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

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At the funeral the members of the local band rang the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect, and in the evening eight members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled: J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 1, Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford) 2, J. C. Childs (Godalming) 3, V. H. Smith (Godalman) 4, M. Smithers (Chiddingfold) 5, C. Hazelden (Guildford) 6, C. E. Smith (Godalming) (conductor) 7, W. Mills (Godalming) 8.

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