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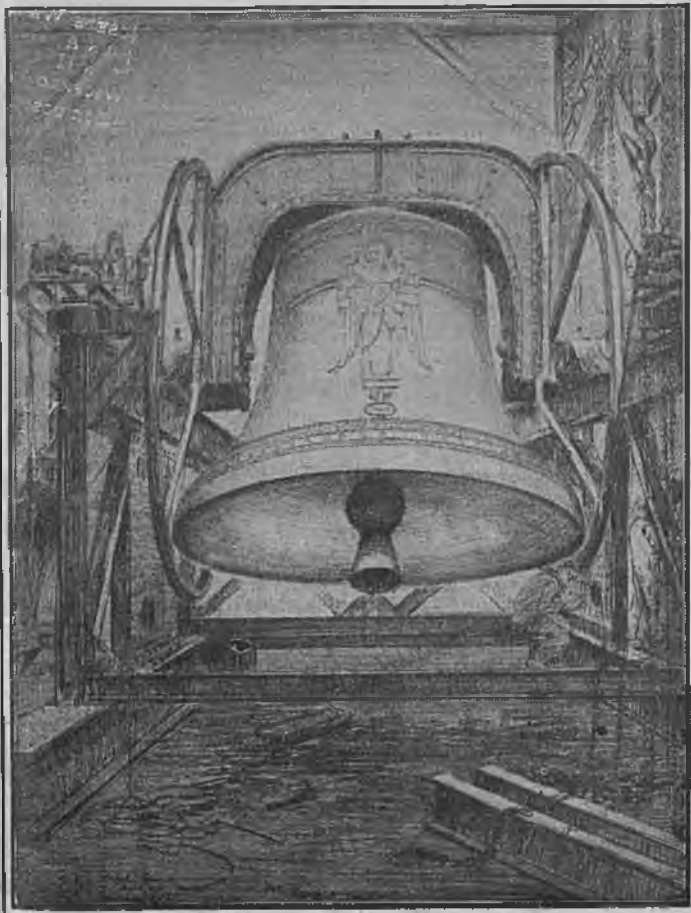
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### WHAT IS A 'TWELVE BELL' PEAL?

In the discussion on the subject of the 'twelve-bell record,' Mr. C. T. Coles asked the question: If the Painswick peal was the twelve-bell record, where is the eleven-bell record? Up to the present there has been no reply to the inquiry, but if Mr. Coles looks to us for an answer we are inclined to say that, if there is an eleven-bell record, it was rung at Painswick. But is there an eleven-bell record? We do not think that, strictly, there is. There is, of course, a Cinques record, but no peal of Cinques has been rung with the use of eleven bells only. The whole question seems to us to turn on what definition is to be applied to the expression 'a twelve-bell peal.' Mr. Coles has referred to the Central Council's definition for a peal on eleven bells, which says that it shall consist of not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, with the addition of a covering bell. This is just the kind of point about which lawyers would delight to argue, but the mere fact that the Council stipulate that, in addition to the eleven bells, there shall be a covering bell, puts it, in our humble opinion, at once into the category of a twelve-bell peal, and the deduction appears therefore to be that there is no actual 'eleven-bell' record. It seems to us that there is still a certain amount of confusion of thought in regard to our use of the term 'twelve-bell peal.' As we have previously pointed out, a 'twelve-bell peal' is not, in our view, necessarily a peal in a twelve-bell method, but the term broadly covers any peal in which the use of twelve bells is essential to comply with the general practice and with the conditions laid down.

The discussion which has taken place, has, of course, ranged round the description applied to the Painswick peal in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' With a nicer discrimination, no doubt, the Central Council, in their official records, will ignore the number of bells used and place the particulars of the performance among peals of Cinques, and, even perhaps, in the still closer division of Grandsire, so that no one will have cause for complaint, because Maximus will be in a compartment by itself with nothing to overshadow that truly great performance at Ashton-under-Lyne. And so honour will be satisfied all round and the generalisation of 'The Ringing World' will be forgotten. All the same we have a notion that—assuming existing records remain unbroken—when future ringers inquire what was the longest length rung on twelve bells they will be told that the twelve-bell record was made at Painswick. But in any case the Exercise acknowledges that both the Ashton-under-Lyne and the Painswick peals were gigantic performances, and in their respective categories merit all the honour which accrues to those who took part in them.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
RICHARD HAYES ... .. 2	*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 8
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... .. 4	JAMES PARKER ... .. 9
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 5	MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER  
\* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK COLE ... .. Treble	THOMAS WITTS ... .. 6
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 7
THOMAS PRICHARD ... .. 3	HARRY PHELPS ... .. 8
GEORGE GOULDING ... .. 4	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 9
HARRY FUSSELL ... .. 5	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4	*CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 9
*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK SELWYN ... .. 6
*RUPERT R. LEWIS ... .. 2	*THOMAS IMPEY ... .. 7
*WILLIAM TANDY ... .. 3	JOHN SIMONS ... .. 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	*HERBERT IMPEY ... .. 9
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 5	*ROBERT HIGHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal on ten bells. First attempt for a peal on these musical bells, which were recently recast and augmented from eight to ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th are from Oxford, the remainder are local.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 6
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEE ... .. 7
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. 3	*JAMES SPALDING ... .. 8
JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 5	HERBERT JERMY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal on ten bells. This was arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Mr. J. C. Dicken, the secretary of the St. Nicholas' company, who is leaving the district.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6004 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*Miss M. SYKES ... .. Treble	C. H. MARSLAND ... .. 6
*V. SYKES ... .. 2	R. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
M. NEWTON ... .. 3	*R. THICKETT ... .. 8
I. LEES ... .. 4	H. BARLOW ... .. 9
E. GEARY ... .. 5	A. WAITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.

\* First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung in honour of the centenary of the church. All are service ringers at the church except R. Thickett (Middleton) and H. Barlow (Glodwick).

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE COOK ... .. 5
ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	WILLIAM NEWBERRY ... .. 7
WILLIAM COOK ... .. 4	*GEORGE H. COLDMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The composition is now rung for the first time. This is the quickest peal on the bells. It is thirty-four years since J. S. Hatchby rang a peal in this tower.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... .. 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. 6
WALTER J. NURTON ... .. 3	FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 4	ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung as a wedding peal for the Rev. Ivor Davies, curate of St. Paul's, Aberavon, and Miss Hilda Mary Mogford, of Cyncoed, near Cardiff, who were married at All Saints', Cardiff, the same day. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and tenor belong to Aberavon.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. PIGOTT'S SIX-PART, No. 3. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
HARRY HOLDEN ... .. 2	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 6
GEORGE DAVIES ... .. 3	JAMES MARSHALL ... .. 7
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 4	WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the original six bells. All the ringers are members of the local band.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN CLARK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 5
ERNEST COX ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 6
REES EVANS ... .. 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 7
EDWIN H. FOSTER ... .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

Mr. A. T. Poulton has now completed the circuit in this tower.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

Rung to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alan R. Pink.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF REVERSE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

The first peal in the method.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK F. RIGBY ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method. This composition is rung for the first time.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY ... .. Treble	JAMES B. SHAW ... .. 5
HAROLD HUMOR ... .. 2	GEORGE STAFF ... .. 6
JOHN FITTON ... .. 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 7
WALTER STAFF ... .. 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Fitton on his 76th birthday. It was his first peal in the method away from the treble, and the first attempt. All service ringers at the above church.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*J. ALBISON ... .. Treble	†H. CORSER ... .. 5
O. MOORES ... .. 2	W. HOWARTH ... .. 6
E. MOORES ... .. 3	A. BROMLEY ... .. 7
S. GOULDON ... .. 4	A. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 5
EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. 2	PETER NUTTALL ... .. 6
*WALTER NEWMAN ... .. 3	JOHN NUTTALL ... .. 7
JAMES YATES ... .. 4	JAMES LEATHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NUTTALL.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Nuttall.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEDRSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM ARMOUR ... .. Treble	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... .. 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. 7
HAROLD B. DITCHBORN ... .. 4	NORMAN PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

\* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Frank Ainsley, one of the local band, to Miss H. K. Gray.

TRING, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

OWEN BAYES ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. REEVE ... .. 5
*FREDERICK C. REEVE ... .. 2	JESSE PUPLETT ... .. 6
*HAROLD BISHOP ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
*HARRY BULL ... .. 4	ERNEST W. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal on eight. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 belong to Tring, treble and tenor to Berkhamsted. The above was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. T. T. Wood, M.A., M.C., who was inducted on November 11th, this being the first occasion when it was possible to attempt a peal.

READING, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILFRED OSBORNE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY ... .. 5
J. LEONARD JOYCE ... .. 2	†ALFRED JEFFERY ... .. 6
LEONARD T. OSBORNE ... .. 3	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... .. 7
HORACE A. OSBORNE ... .. 4	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. All are service ringers at the above church except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also to the tenor man, who attained his 30th birthday.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
*MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* 50th peal, and first in the method away from the treble.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... .. Treble	THEODORE GRANT ... .. 5
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 2	*HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 7
RICHARD J. COUSINS ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal of Superlative by a resident band for the association. First peal in Bath by a resident band.

LOUGHBOROUGH.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUYCHBY ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by J. F. MILNER

SOUTHAMPTON.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*FREDERICK R. PITMAN ... .. Treble	†WALTER LINTER ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JOHN W. FAITHEFULL ... .. 3	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 7
MRS. C. IBBETT ... .. 4	JAMES L. HAYWARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED KING ... .. Treble	ERNEST STONE ... .. 5
*WALTER S. STONE ... .. 2	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... .. 6
EDWIN MARTIN ... .. 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... .. 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This is the 'record-breaking' age, and we read of it in all branches of sport and pastime. We have had swimming, flying, dancing, running and even fasting! Why not bellringing?

Here is an ancient individual record:—

On the wall of the belfry at Ashwell, Herts, an inscription states that John Pack rang the fourth bell for twelve hours on March 16th, 1811, but for what reason is unknown!

Now, Mr. George, here's a chance for you to ring a record peal 'all on your very own.' What about it?—Yours sincerely,  
Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY HUBBALL ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2	HENRY GOODMAN ... .. 6
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 7
HARRY HILL ... .. 4	ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the church; also as a farewell peal to the curate, the Rev. S. G. Lavery, and Mrs. Lavery, who are leaving Nether-ton for Lindridge.

**HILLINGDON WEST.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

EDGAR G. SWIFT ... .. Treble	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ... .. 5
RICHARD WARNETT ... .. 2	JAMES H. LUCAS ... .. 6
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal away from the tenor. First peal by an entirely local band for twenty years. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. R. Home); also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to Mr. Jones, who has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the 100th peal rung together by Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
JOHN A. WAUGH ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDUR,*

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. Treble	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 5
*ARTHUR REEVE ... .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... .. 3	HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... .. 4	LESLIE A. WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. A. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Thursday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Clay 1, F. Venables 2, W. Lycett 3, H. Austin 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Vickers (conductor) 6. Ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 are members of the local band.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**

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

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT ROB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
*CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... .. 2	†WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4	ALBERT RELFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal inside. This composition is now rung for the first time.

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

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

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS ABBOTT ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 5
LEWIS CHAPMAN ... .. 2	†G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... .. 6
*OSCAR PAYNE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... .. 4	†HORACE DUNKLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

**GORING-ON-THAMES.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,*

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 6
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... .. 4	MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Arranged as a birthday peal for the tenor ringer (secretary, Southern District of the Ladies' Guild). Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

**ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ICKLETON SOCIETY.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

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

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F

*LESLIE LILLEY ... .. Treble	WALTER HUTLEY ... .. 5
PERCY WEBB ... .. 2	GORDON LILLEY ... .. 6
*LEONARD FLITTON ... .. 3	WALTER FLITTON ... .. 7
*EDWARD FLITTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY WEBB.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples by all the band except the 2nd ringer, and his first as conductor. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Mr. K. Brand, who had been a member of the society for several years, and died at the age of 89.

**LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	EDGAR W. LUFF ... .. 5
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 2	GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. 6
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 3	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 4	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

HAROLD DOUGHTY ... .. Treble	FRED W. KNOWLES ... .. 4
*WILLIAM SWAIN ... .. 2	*FRED CLARKE ... .. 5
*VAUGHAN COX ... .. 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	†CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4
*MRS. C. MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor by three married couples. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden, of Lincoln, for their hospitality after the peal.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST HEAPY ... .. Treble	*ALBERT V. RERS ... .. 4
JOHN WORTH ... .. 2	*WILLIAM GAYES ... .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	*STANLEY NOBLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble, also to Mr. N. Meakin, a ringer at the above church. The band were kindly entertained by Miss Meakin after the peal.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, and Kent, and two each of Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWARD WOOD ... .. Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2	†FRANK EDWARDS ... .. 5
†GEORGE HULME ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. J. E. Wheelton belongs to Norton, the rest from Kingsley.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 4
MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung prior to evensong for Advent Sunday and the patronal festival. Quickest peal on the bells, with excellent striking throughout.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH).*On Monday, December 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY NOBLE ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 4
JOHN WORTH ... .. 2	JACK WAUMSLEY ... .. 5
JACK TIPPER ... .. 3	WILLIAM GAYES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GAYES.

First peal as conductor.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, December 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE CHAPPELL ... Treble	ARTHUR THOMAS ... .. 4
FREDERICK E. STONE ... 2	†ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
MISS LUCY THOMAS ... 3	BERT JOHN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 100th peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the tenor man.

THERANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

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

Comprising one extent of Double Court and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM MUSK ... .. Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... .. 4
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	DAVID WHITING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A. J. Berry's 50th peal this year.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

*On Friday, December 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

*REGINALD G. MOCKRIDGE Treble	PERCY SPARKES ... .. 3
*G. THOMAS BAKER ... .. 2	*WALTER WILLIAMS ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal, and members of the local band. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	J. WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 4
ARTHUR GROUND ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 5
JOHN CURRY ... .. 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal by ringer of the 4th. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang his bell. He has been unable to stand for peals for the past few years owing to an infirmity.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Monday, December 1st, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. James 1, W. Wright 2, B. Phillips 3, G. Burtoushaw (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Gillett 5, C. Pratley 6, T. Banning (conductor) 7, E. Gardener 8.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK PRICE ... .. Treble	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 4
WILFRID P. LAMBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
* JAMES K. LAVER ... .. 3	THOMAS G. SETTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells.

TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. Treble	FOREST T. MASSEY ... .. 4
HUBERT JONES ... .. 2	GEORGE RANDLE ... .. 5
WM. J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

ST. MABE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MABE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

* CYRIL LANXON ... .. Treble	* REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA 4
MISS E. JE-SIE C. ANGWIN 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... .. 3	* MISS MAY PENROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. The treble ringer is aged twelve. First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented and rehung in a new frame and on ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being perfection. All are from Truro Cathedral, and are regular service ringers.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 19 cwt.

* JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells. The first peal containing four Surprise methods by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Smart, who generously entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extont of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING ... .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 4
ALPHEDS J. BERRY ... .. 2	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A. J. Berry's 100th peal for the Guild. The first for the Guild was rung at this tower, and A. J. Berry took part in it.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MR. D. C. WILLIAMS' 100 PEALS.

Mr. D. Cecil Williams is one of the first Fellows of the Royal College of Organists to ring one hundred peals. This total he completed at Highclere, Hants, on Nov. 22nd, and the list is as follows: Bob Minor 1, Grandsire Triples 9 (conducted 8), Stedman Triples 10, Bob Major 10 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Double Norwich Major 24, Superlative Surprise 11, Cambridge Surprise 16 (conducted 2), London Surprise 10, Bristol Surprise 1, Grandsire Caters 1. Total 100 (conducted 11).

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**PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR  
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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 post-cards, 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.**

It is proposed to hold a police ringers' meeting at Leicester on Saturday, January 24th. All policemen-bellringers are earnestly invited to attend. Will those interested please communicate with Harold J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester?

In connection with the effort to raise funds for the restoration of Bow Church, for which the bells are the 'stalking horse,' gramophone reproductions of the bells are to be given from the belfry. Bow bells have been silent for something like five years, and one of the last peals rung on them was that magnificent performance of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Middlesex Association on December 19th, 1925.

At Christ Church, Spitalfields, which lost its twelve bells in a disastrous fire about 90 years ago, a peal of 6,334 Stedman Ciuques was rung on December 20th, 1806.

The first peal on the bells at Ickleton, Cambs, by a local band was rung on Saturday, December 15th, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Brand, who died at the age of 89, and had been a member of the Ickleton Society for several years. The funeral took place on the 11th inst. All the band that took part in the peal are regular service ringers, and it was their first attempt as a local company. The achievement must be a great gratification to Mr. Percy Webb, who has rendered such long and faithful service to ringing at Ickleton.

The second of a series of 'Henry VIII.' peals was accomplished on Saturday last at Goring-on-Thames.

Her many friends will be pleased to see the name of Miss H. F. Mills in the peal column again after the serious accident which befell her just over two years ago whilst on holiday in Ireland.

Thanks to the initiative of Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, the Guildford Diocesan Guild has recently been credited with the first peals of three Surprise Major methods, the last of the trio having been Reverse Dublin rung at Ewell on Saturday. The others were Double Dublin and Surrey. It is interesting to note that Mr. George Wilson, one of the band, took part in the 'first ever' of Dublin (rung at Leiston), Double Dublin and Reverse Dublin. He has yet to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples!

## **FATAL GUN ACCIDENT TO RINGER'S SON.**

The many friends of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, 21, Melbourne Road, Bushey, will regret to learn of a tragic accident which befell his eldest boy, Leonard, who was ten years of age. The lad had a half-holiday from school on Friday and went, as he often did on such occasions, to pass the time on Tyler's Farm, near his home, assisting a neighbour. The farmer's brother, who was on a visit to the farm, left a gun, loaded and cocked, against a building. A young employe, not thinking the gun was loaded, aimed at Leonard and pulled the trigger. The gun went off, and the charge shattered Leonard's shoulder and perforated his lungs. He died as a result of his injuries six hours later. The sympathy of all ringers will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert in their sad loss.



**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

Stow-on-the-Wold, where a peal of Bob Major was rung on November 26th, is a small but old-fashioned North Cotswold town, situated on a hill which is 800 feet above sea level, and when in winter time a "Nor' Easter" is blowing the old-time rhyme certainly comes true, viz., "Stow-on-the-Wold, where the wind blows cold." The church stands nearly in the centre of the town, and the tower is a landmark for miles around.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.

The tower is supposed to have been built about the year 1445. It is 80 feet in height and consists of four stages, its walls varying from 5 feet to 6 feet in thickness. It contains a fine ring of eight bells, viz. :—

- Treble.—7 cwt. September, 1897. By Taylor and Co
- 2.—8 cwt. September, 1897. By Taylor and Co.
- 3.—10 cwt. Dated 1620. Cast by Henry Farmer, of Gloucestershire.
- 4.—14 cwt. Dated 1717.
- 5.—18 cwt. Dated 1606. This bell is dedicated to King James, who was patron of this living.
- 6.—21 cwt. Dated October 18th, 1620, and cast by Henry Farmer, of Gloucestershire.
- 7.—25 cwt. Dated 1778.
- Tenor.—30 cwt. Dated 1811.

Owing to the church being surrounded by business premises, peal attempts are very limited.

(Continued from next column.)

Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent, showed me in three seconds what a treble bob hunt was by merely striding across the floor, and no doubt countless little devices of this nature can be, and are, used regularly.

We spend much time at our meetings in telling one another what fine fellows we are. We have chairmen who appear to love to hear themselves speak, sometimes on totally irrelevant matters. We have the grouser and the earnest enquirer who both waste time. Wouldn't it be much more useful if one ringer who knew what he was talking about gave a short dissertation on one particular aspect of ringing? A discussion could follow. If I remember rightly, Mr. W. A. Cave gave a paper on the 'In and out of course of changes' to a meeting in Bristol some years ago, and at the time it struck me as being the most useful thing I had heard of being attempted in ringing. Here we have the easiest thing in the world to understand, but few ringers know anything about it, or about its practical application.

Yes, sir, there is a crying need for adequate instruction, and it is up to associations to provide it, but there can be no hard and fast rules.—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

**THE INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS.****QUALIFICATIONS AND DRAWBACKS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The leading article in your issue of the 12th inst. calls attention to a real difficulty. For years I have considered this matter, and have reached the conclusion that it would be next to impossible to draw up a scheme of instruction which would meet the needs of everyone.

What are the attributes of a good ringer? I will put them in order of importance as I consider them. He must possess:—

- (1) Ability to handle the bell.
- (2) Broad vision, as opposed to 'tunnel' vision.
- (3) Sense of rhythm.
- (4) A pair of ears.
- (5) A fair quantity of intelligence.

If he has them all, he becomes one of 'the top liners,' but few ringers have them all.

To deal with these requirements separately, the first is a sine qua non, and is not impossible of attainment. Correct movement of the hands and body should be insisted on. Nine-tenths of country ringers hold the tail end of the rope wrongly, and at least one-fifth of them never by any chance at the hand stroke raise their hands above the level of the chin. Change ringing should never be attempted until rounds can be rung properly, and before the learner with a tied clapper has practised cutting and holding, slow blows and quick blows. By a judicious use of these methods in the early stages, the learner is put well on the way to change ringing. It follows, then, that the initial instruction must not be relegated to any one of the band, but rather to the man who handles his ball with precision and ease, puts it where he wants it, and makes it stay put when he wants it to stay put. Progress is somewhat slow and very often disheartening, and learners are liable at this stage to give up, and this is quite a good thing. Early on, the learner who lacks grit is weeded out, thus saving the time of many good men later on.

The ringer who lacks quality (2) is, I believe, a nearly hopeless case. His visual angle is very small, due to a certain physical condition, and he sees only the rope at which he is looking at the moment. The only thing you can do is to put him on a corner bell, if you have one. Never expect him to ring one of a straight line of ropes. We all know him, the man who looks slowly round in a bovine sort of way, looking for the bell he should strike, usually pitching on the wrong one. It would be presumptuous on the part of any ringer to tell this man that he will never make a ringer. His own good sense will lead him to undertake some other branch of church work. If this type of man, however, possesses the other four attributes, he can, with perseverance, become a good ringer, but the condition is rare. In any case, he will never become a conductor, for a good conductor should see a trip coming before it starts.

Quality (3) can never be inculcated in grown-ups. If it is not in-born, it cannot be acquired; although it is surprising how soon children get hold of rhythm. Perhaps with the various rhythmic exercises taught in schools nowadays, we may look forward to a more easily taught generation of ringers.

Lack of attribute (4) can largely be overcome if (1), (2) and (3) are present. Lack of ears does not mean bad striking necessarily, nor does the possession of them ensure good striking. I have known really bad strikers, after judicious coaching privately, to develop into surprisingly good ones.

In regard to point (5), I say only a fair amount of intelligence is necessary. That much is obvious, for some of the most intelligent men in the Exercise are but mediocre ringers; while the minds of some of our best ringers are singularly empty of general knowledge. No one suffers fools less gladly than I, but I do know that the dull boy at school can progress in ringing often faster than his brighter prototypes. It is all a question of finding his particular difficulty or point of view.

Now as to instructors. Most associations make some sort of attempt to provide instructors. The usual arrangement, however, is rather haphazard. I would suggest that the branches with their relatively small areas conduct their own affairs in this respect. There should be a standard scale of charges, a distance limit, and a limit to the number of lessons. Further, and this is most important, instructors should be chosen with the utmost care. One type of instructor gives one lesson and has the tower to himself at the next meeting. Another type is far too easy, with the result that his leg is pulled unmercifully. Another gets his pupils through a peal after ten lessons, and is proud of it. Yet another gets fulsome in his praise, and says, 'Well done,' when a learner for the first time manages in shaky fashion to get his bell from lead to behind a few times. That sort of thing is likely to make a ringer satisfied with his standard of performance, and that means no further progress.

All these types are to be avoided. By far the best instructors are purely voluntary, and who, like the ubiquitous Shute in the West, do this work purely for the love of ringing.

There can be no rigid rule in regard to method teaching. Some men can understand a diagram, some figures, and some require verbal explanations supported by some homely illustration. Joseph

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE STATE OF WIMBORNE MINSTER BELL TOWER.**

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wimborne on Saturday week. Ringing on the Minster bells was indulged in during the afternoon, and at the service the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) read the lesson, and the Vicar (Canon Keith) gave an appropriate address. The Rev. A. J. Burgess also assisted in the service, and Mr. A. Fripp, a member of the Minster tower, played the organ.

Tea in the Church House was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master presided and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Keith for his address.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth), in presenting the balance sheet and report, observed although there were two or three members less, there were several towers in the branch, especially in the Cranborne district, which had not joined, so there was still plenty of work in that and other directions to do. They heartily congratulated the chairman of the branch (Canon E. C. Eddrup, Rector of Corfe Mullen) on his preferment to an honorary canonry in Salisbury Cathedral. It was recognition of many years' devoted and faithful service to his parish and the diocese of which they had some special knowledge and special cause for gratitude, and in which they all took some special pride (applause). The year had been one of steady work, in which, with the help of their good friends from North Dorset, something more in the peal line had been attempted and something done. The recorded results were a peal of Grandsire Triples at Poole on October 11th, rung half-muffled in sympathy with the victims of the R101 disaster, conducted by Mr. C. F. Turner, and a peal of Minor at Corfe Mullen—in both peals lady members figuring. After referring to the various meetings held during the year, the Hon. Secretary said the amendment to Rule 4, with regard to associate members, proposed by Mr. I. Davis (Poole) at the last annual meeting, was duly submitted to the committee, and approved and passed at the annual meeting at Caine, and they welcomed that day several friends who had been regularly helping at their meetings and practices, and they would, the Secretary hoped, become formal associates (hear, hear). The branch would join with the rest of the Guild in very grateful memory of the devoted services of the late honorary assistant-secretary of the Guild, Mr. T. Hervey Beams (of Bradpole).

Those present stood as a tribute to Mr. Beams' memory.

The financial statement for the year ending December 31st next indicated that with the balance brought forward of £6 12s. 9d., and subscriptions from 114 ringing members (at 1s. 6d.), £8 11s., and three honorary members, 15s., the receipts totalled £16 3s. 3d., and the present balance was £6 19s. 2d. (applause).

The Chairman observed it was a matter for congratulation in these days of pessimism, trade depression, and hopelessness (laughter) that the branch was in such a sound financial position, and interest was maintained in the work (hear, hear, and applause).

Both report and balance sheet were adopted.

**OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The officers were unanimously re-elected—Canon Eddrup chairman, the Rev. C. A. Phillips secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. W. Townsend (Poole) Ringing Master, with cordial thanks for their past services, and Mr. Phillips, in reply, acknowledged the great help he had received from Mr. I. Davis in arranging meetings.—Messrs. Russell (Ringwood) and W. Hibberd (Corfe Mullen) were elected life members. Ordinary members elected included Mr. John Elliott, son of the Vicar of Lytchett Minster, and three associate members from Poole included Mrs. Townsend, the Ringing Master's wife.—It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at St. Giles' on the Saturday following Easter Sunday, and the summer meeting at Kingston, other practices and meetings to be arranged by the secretary.—Mr. G. R. Dance (Lytchett Minster), who mentioned that he had rung at church services for 40 years, and his youngest daughter was a member of the branch, expressed cordial thanks to Mr. Phillips and the band of ringers for their willing help on many occasions last winter to the struggling band at Lytchett Minster, with the result that the previous Sunday they were able to ring a six-score of Doubles for service.

The Vicar, who is an honorary member, made the interesting announcement that observations were being taken regarding the western tower of the Minster, but there was, he said, nothing in the least to be really alarmed about. It was known there was one crack in the tower sufficient to justify it being put under micrometer observation by the town surveyor, in order to ascertain whether there was any possible movement. There was, too, a likelihood of louvers being opened presently in the bell chamber which would let out the vibrations of the peal better than at present. No doubt a great deal of vibration was caused by the ringers of a peal in such an enclosed heltry. They had no misgivings in asking the visitors to ring there, although under the circumstances they were, he thought, ringing less continuously perhaps than they would have done in the old days.

The Secretary expressed thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting pleasant and delightful, including Mr. F. Hart (Wimborne Minster), for the arrangements for the meeting, and Mrs. Arnold for arranging the tea.—The Master also voiced his best wishes to the

branch for the coming year; and the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch (Mr. C. H. Jennings) brought on behalf of his members a similar greeting. A quartet—the Ringing Master, Miss M. White, and Mr. F. Dent (Bournemouth St. John), and Mr. Cheater (Ringwood)—at the close interested the company with handbell selections. Afterwards there was further ringing on the Minster bells

**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. T. HERVEY BEAMS.**

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Mere, Wilts, on Saturday, when twenty towers were represented. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, when the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church; Canon Wingfield-Digby (Sherborne Abbey) read the prayers and lesson, and the Vicar (Rev. I. G. Cameron) preached a very practical sermon for ringers. Rev. A. A. Cramp was also present.

The members afterwards were entertained to an excellent tea in the Grove Buildings, eighty-four sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which Canon Wingfield Digby (chairman of the branch) presided. He was supported by Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas (secretary), Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Rev. E. C. King, Stourton, Rev. I. G. Cameron (Vicar), and Mr. C. H. Jennings (secretary of the Dorchester Branch).

The balance sheet showed a credit of £7 8s. 2d. at the beginning, and £8 6s. 10d. at the end of the year. The Secretary reported that there was still money owing for badges and membership.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Canon Wingfield-Digby, Sherborne; secretary, Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas; assistant secretary, Mr. H. James Ralph, Kington Magna; Rev. I. G. Cameron was elected an hon. member, and the Chairman thanked him for accepting the honour and for preaching such an excellent sermon. Ringers felt that they must get more recognition, and must remember that they do all for the honour and glory of God. It would help if there were a system by which ringers could get recognition as members of the Parochial Church Council. He was assured that such was the case in Mere.—The Vicar responded.

Mr. W. Shute (Buckhorn Weston) was re-elected Ringing Master, and the quarterly meetings of the branch were decided upon as follows: March at Sturminster Newton, June at Stourton, September at Iwerne Minster, and the annual meeting in December at Sherborne. Four new members were elected.

Referring to the proposed memorial to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, late assistant secretary of the Guild, Mr. Edwards said he had suggested that it be placed in Bradpole Church. He had met Mr. Northover, who had executed a model of the Guild badge in oak, and which had been submitted to the Archdeacon, who was very pleased with it. It was Mr. Beams' wish to complete the £200 for the ringers' war memorial in the Cathedral while still alive. The sum was completed last May before he passed away, and the memorial had been erected.

It was resolved that each tower secretary collect subscriptions for the Hervey Beams' memorial.

The following towers were represented at the gathering: Bishop's Caundle, Bourton, Blandford, Child Okford, Cucklington, Compton Abbas, Fontmell Magna, Gillingham, Henstridge, Kington Magna, Mere, Okford Fitzpaine, Poole, Ringwood, Sherborne, Stourton, Sturminster Newton, Wyke Regis, Yeovil and Zeals. Mr. Edwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, choir, organist and helpers, and Mr. Delorme replied. The Chairman at the close wished all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year for the Guild.

**FEERING'S ANNIVERSARY.**

The 36th anniversary of the dedication of the original peal of six bells at Feering, Essex, was celebrated on December 8th, when a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung by C. S. Burton (longest length) 1, S. Pye 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 3, 6 and 7.

**SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.**

Another old member of the Sussex Association has passed away in the person of Mr. Harry Turrell, of West Grinstead, who died on December 5th at the age of 69 years. The interment took place on Wednesday, December 10th, when six ringers acted as bearers. The bells were rung muffled after the service, the ringing including 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Weaver 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, J. Bowell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: V. Goatcher 1, W. Denman 2, T. Adams 3, R. Langridge 4, W. Charman 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6; and 240 Cambridge Surprise. On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, and for evening service touches of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, J. Bowell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In Christmas week it will be necessary to print 'The Ringing World' much earlier than usual. Secretaries and other correspondents should therefore note that anything intended for the issue of Dec. 26th must reach 'The Ringing World' Office not later than *first post on Monday next*.

### THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a general rule it is perhaps as well to ignore anonymous letters, but that signed 'A Humble Ringer' calls for a reply. I have carefully avoided saying anything that could give rise to suggestions of criticism or jealousy; indeed, I know of nothing in the Painswick peal to criticise or to be jealous of. Your leading article of November 21st truthfully states that the Ashton and Painswick peals are not in the same category, and that no question of comparison of the performances arises. If your correspondent cannot understand that, he must be humble in intellect as well as humble in ringing. And what right has he to talk about the spirit of brotherhood, and acting like sportsmen, when he is so humble in decent manners as to do so without letting us know who he is?

I agree with Mr. Prince that ringers should know the difference between Cinques and Maximus, and as Cinques has been definitely classed by the Central Council as being changes on eleven bells, I fail to see why Mr. Prince's Painswick friends describe their peal as containing the greatest number of changes on twelve bells. Mr. Prince evidently thought there was something to write about, or why should he have anticipated a letter from me?

With the exception of Mr. A. E. Reeves, your several correspondents have carefully ignored the Council's definitions of eleven and twelve-bell peals, and have simply thrown in vague generalities, eulogies of the tenor man, and other matters quite beside the point. I have already quoted the definitions twice, and there is no need to repeat them, but until they are proved to cover the Painswick ringers' claim, I see no reason to alter anything I have already written.

Whether your correspondents who think this is a point not worth worrying about are right or not is a matter of opinion, but it seemed of sufficient importance for you, Mr. Editor, to write a leading article on the matter, in which you said that the question was one for serious consideration.

Whilst on the subject of decisions of the Council in relation to record peals, I would point out that clause three is in connection with the composition. This should have been sent, sealed, to the secretary of the association for whom the peal was rung, prior to the attempt, and on the peal being rung should have been forwarded to 'The Ringing World' for publication immediately. Is it not about time the figures were published?

In conclusion, and to satisfy another of your anonymous correspondents, I may say that I am writing entirely for myself in this matter. Further, if this correspondent will read my previous letters again, he will see that I raised no objection to you having changed your opinion; but I consider that I have a perfect right to point out that you did so. If not, why not? I might yet change my mind on this subject, but not until I get a reply which intelligently meets the point at issue, and does not contain vague and unfounded suggestions of bad feeling and jealousy.—Yours faithfully,

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

C. T. COLES.

### A LEAD BY 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Dear Sir,—More ink has already been spilled in the controversy re the 'twelve-bell record' at Painswick than is either necessary or desirable. Most practical ringers are, I think, agreed on that, particularly in view of the admirably brief and lucid comment by Mr. Ernest Morris.

However, since what has happened once may happen again, would it not seem desirable to scrap the rather ambiguous phrase, 'twelve-bell record,' and give to each record peal its accurate definition? This, of course, should apply right down the scale from Maximus to Doubles. Surely a bona-fide record peal is worthy of correct description, no matter what the number of bells may be.

And here, sir, is a suggestion as to how you may forward that end considerably. I confess to no technical knowledge of printing, but would it not be possible, when printing the weekly peal reports, to sub-divide them under the headings Maximus, Cinques, Royal, Caters, Major, Triples, Minor and Doubles, and omit altogether any peal having more than one bell covering?

That a lead thus given by 'The Ringing World' would be followed by the Exercise at large, is the humble opinion of

W. H. C.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### VILLAGE WAKING FROM MEDIEVAL SLUMBER.

Chobham, where the bells are more interesting from an antiquarian point of view than they are tuneful, was the venue of a meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday. Chobham is easier of access to-day than it used to be, for the ubiquitous omnibus has brought it within reasonable access from a railway station, but as far as ringing is concerned it is just as 'distant' as it was two generations ago. As a matter of fact, the people of Chobham are not easily moved; for centuries their slogan was, 'What was good enough for my father is good enough for me.' Innovations were coldly received, and it has only been the inevitable progress forced upon communities in the last few years that has roused them from the mediæval slumber in which they had so long been wrapped. And the Diocesan Ringing Guild is still knocking at the door at Chobham to endeavour to wake someone up—or, at least, it was until last Saturday.

Earlier this year there blew in from the sea a new Vicar—the Rev. F. T. Robinson—who had served most of his clerical life as a chaplain in the Navy. With him came not only the breezes of the ocean, but the spirit of the Navy, which believes in getting things done and doing them well. There is hope, therefore, that even yet Chobham, which up to now has openly declared that it has no use for such new-fangled ideas as Diocesan Guilds, may be induced to change its views and come into union with the Guildford Guild. At any rate, at Saturday's meeting the Vicar, from the clunical step, gave the Guild a cordial welcome, and hoped they would visit the parish again; while afterwards he joined the Guild as an hon. member, as also did the churchwarden, Mr. N. Power. With this excellent lead before them, it ought not to be difficult for the ringers to discard old prejudices and follow their example, and, incidentally, discard also the 'music stand' and written figures, which are at present utilised to assist the ringing. Unfortunately, none of the local men attended the meeting, but members of the Guild were present from Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Farnborough, Ottershaw, Esher, Thames Ditton, Dorking, West Clanton, and Woking, and Mr. A. W. Coles (of London) was also a welcome visitor.

The Vicar displayed all the versatility of the 'handyman' by conducting the service, playing the organ (with the district hon. secretary as blower), and giving what he called an impromptu address, but one which, nevertheless, was much appreciated. Afterwards he genially presided at the tea and meeting held at the White Hart Inn, where he was supported by Mr. Power and Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild). It was learned that the Vicar was not entirely unacquainted with ringing, for in his Cambridge days he had rung the tenor at Great St. Mary's, and had also taken the treble to 'something, he did not know what.' But service in the navy, of course, had robbed him of any opportunity of following it up.

The principal business of the meeting was the nomination of district officers for the ensuing year. Mr. H. J. Cluffey expressed a wish to retire from the office of District Ringing Master, but promised to give any help he could to his successor. Mr. F. E. Hawthorne was accordingly nominated for the office. Mr. H. Hancock was again nominated as district hon. secretary, and there were four nominations for two places on the executive committee, so that at the annual district meeting a ballot will be necessary. As the representative of the hon. members on the committee, the Rev. F. T. Robinson was nominated.

Mr. G. Grover (one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council) read the representatives' report on the last meeting of the Council, and the business terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and for presiding at the meeting.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of Grand-circle and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major.

The 6th is the oldest bell in the tower, and was cast by William Culverden, a brazier, of London, who died in 1522. Two others, the 5th and 7th, by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham, were cast in 1597, and the tenor by the same founder in 1610. Admiral Walker mentioned to the ringers that one of the bells in the steeple was given by a Vicar who lived to be 117 years old, and he hoped Mr. Robinson would follow his example. At the time of the inventory in the reign of Edward VI. there were in the steeple 'iiij belles whereof the best waies ixc and the rest one under another according to the rate,' and also one 'sance bell.'

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on Saturday at Gayton. Ringers were present from Blisworth, Cosgrove, Paulers Pury, Green's Norton, Hanslope, Lois Weedon, Cold Higham and Bradden. Miss Grant, St. Ives, was present, and rang several touches of Minor. The Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) also attended. The Guild's form of service was held. After tea, the Secretary (Rev. R. Howes) reported that several young bands were without instructors, and it was hoped that a few more experienced ringers would come forward and help.—The Master also spoke on the need of good striking.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT AT SELBY.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on Saturday, by courtesy of the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., and was only moderately attended, the towers represented being Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Sutton, Withernsea, York, and the local company. A short service was held in the Abbey, the hymns sung being accompanied on the organ by the deputy organist (Mr. F. Ellis), with a short address and welcome by the Vicar. The business meeting followed in the sacristy, the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer) presiding. It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Pontefract in March.

A vote of condolence was moved with the relatives of the late Mr. J. W. Stickney (Hull), all standing for a few moments in respectful silence.

On the motion of Mr. A. H. Fox, seconded by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, service, and address, the deputy organist, and Mr. W. A. Hall, and the local company for their excellent arrangements.

An excellent report was afterwards served, followed by further ringing.

### THE LADIES' GUILD.

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT MEET AT MANCHESTER.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, December 6th, when members were present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Miles Platting and Sheffield. Many more gentlemen than ladies attended, and the members very much appreciated their presence, and thank them for coming to help them.

The Rector (Rev. H. C. Sheen) conducted the choral service, which was held in the church.

A splendid tea, which was enjoyed by all, was prepared by the ladies, and after tea a vote of thanks was given to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the choir and the organist for services rendered.—Mrs. Wolstencroft seconded the vote, and also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hall, who had made all the arrangements for the meeting.

The gentlemen were admitted to the short business meeting, Mr. Sheen taking the chair.

Three new members were elected, and the electing of a joint secretary was left to the next meeting.

Ringing in various methods took place during the afternoon and evening.

### EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The last quarterly meeting of the above association was held at South Normanton on Saturday last. The meeting was fairly well attended by members from Crich, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Ripley, South Normanton and Sutton-in-Ashfield. After some ringing in the afternoon, the members attended service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Lewis), who, in the course of an interesting and instructive address, reminded his hearers that it was some 35 years since he delivered his first address to the members of that association. As he has been an honorary member nearly the whole of this time, he can truly be described as an old friend.

After a sumptuous tea, provided in the Church Schools by the ladies, a business meeting was presided over by the president (Mr. W. Dohb).

Nine new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to arrange a ringing meeting at Sulton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, February 14th, if possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his address and the use of the bells, and, in reply, he said it was always a pleasure to meet his fellow churchworkers at South Normanton. He also voiced the thanks of the meeting to the organist and the ladies.

Further ringing afterwards took place, the methods varying from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

### STEBBING RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday last the funeral took place at Stebbing of Mr. A. Barker, who passed away on Wednesday, December 10th, the Rev. F. J. Hutchinson officiating.

Mr. Barker, who was 71 years of age, had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Stebbing, since 1870, and was a regular and constant Sunday service ringer until, through failing health, he had to retire about three years ago. He was a member of the Essex Association for a good many years, and took a lively interest in its affairs, often walking from Stebbing to Braintree and back after a day's work to improve himself in the art—a distance of seven miles each way. The chief mourners at the funeral were the sons and daughters of the deceased.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung after the funeral by the local company, the bells being half-muffled: W. Chapman 1, G. Emery 2, E. Thake 3, H. P. Emery 4, J. T. Barker (conductor) 5, F. Harrington 6. A 720 of Minor was also rung for Sunday morning service, the bells being half-muffled: H. P. Emery 1, G. Emery 2, E. Thake 3, J. T. Barker 4, F. Harrington (conductor) 5, H. C. Young, sen., 6.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A very pleasant meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 6th, when, in spite of adverse weather conditions, about 40 members attended, the following towers being represented: Bradwell, Beachampton, Hanslope, Great Buckhill, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Swanbourne, Whaddon and the local ringers, with visitors from Watford, Northampton and Central Bucks Branch. The bells were going from 2.30 p.m. A very inspiring service was held. It was fully choral, and thanks are due to the choir for so kindly attending and giving their assistance. The address, given by the Rev. D. R. James, of Great Buckhill, an honorary member of the branch, was of an interesting nature, and appreciated by the members.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, where everything had been prepared for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

After tea, the business meeting was held, the chairman of the branch, Rev. L. Moxon, presiding. The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) gave a brief account of the position of the branch, which proved to be satisfactory, and would be more so when all towers had paid their subscriptions.

He stated that a letter had been handed to him that afternoon, saying that it would not be convenient to hold the branch annual festival at Whaddon, as previously arranged, and he asked the meeting to select a place.

After discussion, Shenley was chosen, if it was locally convenient. If not, Newport Pagnell was the second choice.

The Secretary then proposed that a grant of £2 2s. be made to the Harwell Bell Fund. It was, he thought, a deserving appeal.—The motion was carried.

Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher, choir and to the ladies, which concluded a very enjoyable meeting. Further ringing took place, methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

#### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT BILSTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, on Saturday, December 6th, and was very well attended. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and were kept merrily going until the service, which was held in the Parish Church. The Guild's special form was used, and the Vicar of Bilston (the Rev. Havelock Davidson) officiated and also gave a very interesting address on the early usages of bells. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, when an excellent tea was in readiness, provided by the generosity of the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, at which the chair was occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.), Mr. S. J. Hughes (hon. treasurer), and the secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard).

The Chairman said how pleased he was to meet the Guild, and gave them a hearty welcome to Bilston. It was a new experience for him, as that was his first church as Vicar where there was a peal of bells.

After the business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members, including the remaining members of Bilston band, were added to the roll.

It was resolved that the next meeting, which is the annual, be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Bilston, the date and other arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. S. J. Hughes, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Bilston for his kindness in granting permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, for his admirable and interesting address, for presiding at the business meeting, for the use of the tower, bells and schoolroom, and especially for his generosity in providing such a bounteous tea. Thanks were also accorded to the ladies who prepared and served the tea and kindly looked after the comfort of all present, also to the organist for the musical part of the service, to Mr. T. Justice for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy one.

The Vicar responded on behalf of all concerned, and further ringing then took place.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE WEDNESDAY GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, December 10th. There was a good attendance, and the bells were kept going till bedtime. After tea a meeting was held, at which Mr. Geo. Liddle, Chester-le-Street, was re-elected secretary. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, February 4th. The company then repaired again to the belfry, and some good ringing took place. The methods were Oxford and Kent Minor, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

**THE PEAL AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As a reader of 'The Ringing World,' I see in your paper of December 12th a report of a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on December 6th at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. I notice, however, that the weight of the tenor is given as only 19 cwt. Is this correct? I have always heard that the weight of St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin) tenor was 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. I know that by having a half-ton bell B flat a light peal of eight can be rung at St. Patrick's, with the 9th bell of the peal of twelve as tenor, which is only 19 cwt., but I did not know that a ten-bell peal could be rung with the 9th bell as tenor.

In any case, the time it took to ring that peal, viz., 3 hrs. 39 mins., makes me think that it is possible that the peal was rung on the back ten bells of the peal of twelve, with the 4½ cwt. tenor.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. G. HEWSON.

Streatham Hill.

**TWO IN TWO HUNDRED.**

The following is the list of the 200 peals which M. J. Morris and G. F. Swann have rung together, and is particularly interesting because it includes Stedman from Doubles to Sextuples, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus: Minor, four methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, \*11; Grandsire Caters, 5; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Erin Triples, 2; Erin Cinques, 1; Stedman Doubles, 1; Stedman Triples, 39; Stedman Caters, 24; Stedman Cinques, \*70; Stedman Sextuples, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Plain Bob Major, 7; Double Oxford Major, 2; Double Yorkshire Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 5; Forward Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 3; total, 200. \* Including one silent.

**MR. F. WARRINGTON'S 100 PEALS.**

Minor: Plain Bob 9, Kent Treble Bob 11, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Cambridge Surprise 15, London 3, Norwich 1, Annable's London 1, 2 to 7 methods 22, Doubles 2. Major: Plain Bob 7, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 14, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, Double Norwich 6, Grandsire Triples 1. Total, 100.

**'RUTLAND' SURPRISE MAJOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There must be many thousands of peals in existence applicable to this method.

Any peal of London Surprise will be true for Rutland, and Rutland having only one false course-end, 24365, tenors together, it is possible to produce far better peals for Rutland than for London, the latter having three false course-ends.

Here are three peals of different lengths. I do not claim them to be original, probably they are not; but they are evidence of the fact that composition of peals of Rutland is a very simple matter, and the only thing to be avoided is the reversing of bells in 5.6 by course-ends equivalent to 24365.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

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December 13th, 1930.		5,280.		5,440.	
5,088.		23456	B. W. H.	23456	B. W. H.
23456	M. B. H.	23456	B. W. H.	23456	B. W. H.
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45236	— — —	52436	— — —	52436	— — —
24536	— — —	43526	— — —	52364	— — —
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35264	— — —	35264	— — —		
23564	— — —	23564	— — —		
Repeat twice.		Repeat twice.			

**OTHER PEALS.**

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent re compositions for Rutland Surprise Major in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' column, the in-course half of any peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, having a bob at Before in every course, may be used for this method. Several such peals will be found in the Central Council Collection, Section H., pages 263, 264 and 265.

**5,184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR.**

23456	B. H.
35264	— — —
35642	— — —
35426	— — —

Repeat eight times, omitting the last bob at H. in the 3rd, 6th and 9th parts.

HENRY W. WILDE.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**SUNDERLAND.**—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland, as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. J. Baily), who has been appointed to the Rectory of Patterdale, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes): W. Armour 1, G. S. Taylor 2, W. Oxley 3, M. F. Harrison 4, H. B. Ditchburn 5, D. Vincent 6, J. W. Parker 7, R. L. Patterson 8.

**TIPTON, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Martin's Church in 42 mins.: H. Griffiths 1, G. Hughes 2, B. Windsor 3, T. J. Mecks 4, A. Rowley (conductor) 5, H. N. Williams 6, T. W. Cattell 7, J. Freeman 8.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, December 7th, for Holy Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Pryke 1, R. Heazel 2, F. G. Ringe 3, A. Rainbird 4, R. L. N. Ong (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, A. Pryke 6, H. Turner (first in the method as conductor) 7, E. W. Furbank 8.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday afternoon, November 30th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. Little, jun., 1, E. D. Lillywhite 2, W. Little, sen., 3, H. P. Hull 4, R. D. Ward 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, E. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, C. Whollans 8.

**WHITTFLESEY.**—The first 720 of Bob Minor on St. Andrew's bells, since they were rehung, was rung on Sunday, November 23rd: H. Barnes 1, J. W. Pickett 2, W. Slater 3, W. Smith 4, H. G. Brown 5, F. H. Newman (conductor) 6, W. Middleton 7, W. Garton, sen., 8. Rung on the front six bells with 7 and 8 behind.

**ARKSEY.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 23rd, for evensong, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Lee 3, E. Cooper (conductor) 4, H. Arrand 5, J. McCluskey 6, T. Rovill 7, T. Bysouth 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and first quarter-peal on eight bells by E. Lee.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) S. Quintin 1, Miss E. D. Blencowe 2, L. Bating 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, R. Rex 5, A. Smith 6, G. Gilbert 7, R. Grimshaw 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 8 are local band. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to treble man.

**WITLEY, SURREY.**—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: \*E. Mullah 1, \*G. Wootton 2, M. Smither 3, G. Pearce 4, T. Champion 5, \*D. Ayling 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, G. Hammond (first quarter and first attempt) 8. \* Local men.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, on the occasion of the annual day school festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Lewis 1, C. G. Bowkett 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, D. Morris 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Watkins 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, E. Crump 8.

**MALDON.**—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): H. J. Mansfield 1, E. Johnson 2, W. Chalk 3, E. G. Ellinger 4, Miss Waldoock 5, A. South 6, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 7, E. Chalk 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6 in the method.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Nix 1, E. Burley 2, W. Peck 3, W. W. Phipps 4, H. Worsfold 5, G. Beeby 6, E. J. Goater (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

**AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, November 16th, at St. Michael's Church, for Armistice service, before 704, and after 1,216 changes Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Rought 1, H. Laskey 2, H. Carter 3, W. Wasey 4, A. Rought 5, W. Ford 6, W. H. Miller 7, W. H. Duncan (conductor) 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, the first quarter-peal of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples: Sidney Hoigato (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Beard 2, R. Fenn 3, T. Faulkner (conductor) 4, C. Fenn 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, E. Lucas 8.—On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, and being the birthday of Caleb Fenn, the third quarter-peal of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Beard 1, F. G. Russell 2, Edwin Moore (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, T. Faulkner (conductor) 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, G. Cottis 6, C. Fenn 7, E. Lucas 8.

**RUSHEY HEATH.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Marlborough 1, T. Norris 2, W. J. Simons 3, J. F. Rootes 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashley (conductor) 6, A. Deamer 7, H. Cockram 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the unfortunate crew of the airship R 101. This is the first quarter-peal of Triples by an entirely local band.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Advent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4.6.8 covering: H. Keeley 1, E. Hansford 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 4, C. Powell 6, P. Welch 8 (last three covering). This is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and is the first quarter-peal in this tower by a local band.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**ABERAVON, GLAM.**—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the treble ringer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Chappell 1, W. Williams 2, E. Stutch 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Jones 5, C. Mathers 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

**SALFORD, LANCs.**—At Sacred Trinity Church, on Sunday afternoon, December 7th, before the thanksgiving service for redecoration and renovation of the church, held at 3 p.m., 720 of Grandsire Doubles in 29 mins., by the following service ringers: J. Bolton 1, H. Hollingworth 2, A. Lees (longest length as conductor) 3, W. Fitton 4, H. Lees 5, E. Boswell (longest length) 6. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. Chadwick (curate in charge) and Mrs. Chadwick on the occasion of the birth to them, that morning, of a son.

**SEVENOAKS.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (arranged for the ringer of 7th, who came from Wymondham, Norfolk): E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, P. Turley 2, W. Turley 3, S. Comber 4, H. B. Baker 5, H. J. Ford 6, G. T. Pognall 7, F. Paige 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for evening service, on October 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Springham 1, Wm. Watts 2, Wm. Morris 3, H. Smale 4, F. Bird 5, Wm. T. Prior 6, F. Donch (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.**—For harvest thanksgiving, on Sunday, October 12th, for evensong, a 720 Bob Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, M. Ginn (Over) 2, H. Saunders (conductor) 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

**COTTENHAM, CAMBS.**—On Festival Sunday, October 12th, for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, E. G. Cleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, October 12th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for harvest festival evening service: E. Walker 1, G. Webley 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, F. Wheeler 4, C. I. J. Pearce 5, E. C. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, J. Beasley 8.

**PORSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, October 5th, for harvest thanksgiving service at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, C. Groves 3, R. J. Stone 4, J. D. Harris 5, T. R. Taylor 6, A. T. Greenwood (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, S. J. Harding 8.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 5th, 720 of Beverley Surprise: F. Banton 1, Miss M. Cooke (first in the method) 2, A. K. Leatham 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.

**NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 5th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: D. Gosling (longest length of Surprise) 1, R. E. Jones (longest length of Surprise away from treble) 2, J. Fernley, sen., 3, H. Langley 4, L. Clough 5, J. Fernley, jun., 6, E. Bennett (conductor and longest length of Surprise as conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. Rung by eight of the regular Sunday service ringers.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, October 5th, after harvest thanksgiving at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): C. Dumper (first quarter-peal) 1, Fredk. W. Thornton 2, J. J. Lamb 3, Miss J. Colegate 4, W. Berry 5, A. P. Petrie 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, A. H. Rowe 8.

**KING'S LANGLEY.**—At the Parish Church of All Saints, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: H. D. Butler (first quarter away from tenor) 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, J. Graney (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, J. W. Lane 4, R. S. Cook (conductor) 5, E. J. Rowe 6, A. E. Rogers 7, F. Dollimore 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, October 5th, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 44 mins.: A. Slade 1, F. Hopper 2, F. Willford 3, W. Atterbury 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. H. Austin 6, J. C. Dean 7, W. J. Dove (conductor) 8.

**SHIPLEY, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) for morning service: A. Trotter 1, J. Briggs (first in method) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, T. A. King 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, H. Stott 6, H. Haigh 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Haigh 1, J. Briggs (first in method) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, T. A. King 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, H. Stott 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. A meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. —J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Charing on Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 20th. — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at North Wingfield. Bells open at 3 p.m. Important business meeting at 5.30 p.m. for the election of officers and discussion on the report book. Will members please roll up for this meeting? Annual subscriptions are due from all members who have not already paid. Tea at 5 p.m. —J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3.15. Service at 5.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, on usual terms, at 6 o'clock. Please advise me if you are coming. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Usual arrangements. Anyone requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

**SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—The rededication of the bells, which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Leicester will perform the ceremony.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Denham (8 bells) on Friday, Dec. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than Dec. 20th. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day), at 4.30. The Dean will preside. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**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.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—The tenth annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, Jan. 17th, at 6 p.m. St. Ambrose bells (8) will be available at 1.30 p.m. An afternoon attraction, with tea and bun, is being arranged. Details later. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

#### GREETINGS-

TO MEMBERS OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and all ringing friends. — Please accept our heartiest greetings for a Merry Christmas.

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#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

##### NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held on December 6th, at St. Peter's, Colchester. Service at St. Peter's was followed by tea at the schoolroom adjoining, and the meeting was afterwards held. The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) presided, supported by the District Master (Mr. W. J. Nevard).

The District Master and the Secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard) were both re-elected unanimously and thanked for past services. Fifty members attended from 26 parishes.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

##### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Bletchingley on Saturday last, when ringers attended from Redhill, Leigh, Burstow, Reigate, Horley, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, Beedington, St. Peter's, Croydon, Turner's Hill, Westerham, and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Aitken Crawshaw, and tea was served at the Village Hall. The Rector came to tea with the ringers, but as he was unable to stay for the meeting, before his departure a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells.

The business meeting followed, Mr. L. A. Tidy, Ringing Master of the District, being voted to the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. Pescud, of Leigh, and Mr. Andrews, of Bletchingley, as resident members, and Mr. John Weller, of Westerham, and Mr. Frank Hoad, of Rusper, as non-resident life members.

The next meeting, which is the annual general district meeting, is to be held at Reigate in January.

The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Bletchingley, to be conducted by Mr. Geo. Hoad.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Tidy for presiding, also to those who had helped to make the arrangements for the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were rung in the standard methods. The young blood was not forgotten, the ringers willingly assisting in ringing rounds for their practice, the bells being kept going till about 8.30 p.m.

#### DATE TOUCH AT GRUNDISBURGH.

On Tuesday evening six members of the Suffolk Guild met at Grundisburgh Church and rang upon the bells a date touch, consisting of 1,930 changes of Plain Bob Minor in 80 mins.: Arthur Grey 1, Frederick J. Crapnell 2, Frederick Clarke 3, Edward Simpson 4, Charles Clarke 5, Cecil W. Pipe 6. Arranged by C. W. Roberts, and conducted by C. W. Pipe.

This is the tower where the 'troubles' commenced owing to differences with the stoney band would-be change ringers. Happily, all is now running smoothly, and steady progress being made, thanks to those ringers who kindly offered suggestions, which were made use of, especially those from Mr. Challis F. Winney, who is ever ready to help lame dogs over stiles, and whose personal advice on how to run a tower on lines of discipline and dignity was much appreciated.

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