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'THIS MEANS YOU!'

In the notice of a meeting held last Saturday, the secretary of one of the branches of the Lancashire Association said: 'Please make this a good meeting by turning up. This means *you*.' Such a pointed invitation was not, we hope, without effect, in the district to which it was specially directed, but it could be applied with equal reason, we imagine, in many other associations, and in relation to many other things in ringing besides district meetings. Ringers, as a body, are notoriously apathetic and yet they expect others to be up and doing in order to keep the flag flying and the organisation in proper trim. It is probable that in many areas not half the members attend a district meeting throughout the year, and the consistent loyalty of a small proportion saves many meetings from being a complete failure. It is true that the regular support of the stalwarts is a thing well worth having; it is the power which keeps the machine moving, and the loyal backing of these members makes any effort worth while, but the lukewarm ringers often fill the officials with dismay. Even the payment of an annual subscription ought not, in itself, to be considered a full discharge of one's obligations. What is of more value is a personal interest in the society's affairs, and support of its various activities.

But there are other directions in which a similar appeal might well be made to a large body of the ringers throughout the country. What about the Sunday service ringing, that has got slack, because of *your* unpunctuality? What about the neglected practices, which, for want of *your* attendance, wears down the enthusiasm of others, prevents their progress, and may even lead to abandonment of these weekly practices altogether? What about that fresh method which the others would like to ring, but which is impossible because of *your* indifference? And to get beyond your own tower, what about the work which is entailed upon honorary secretaries, because *your* subscription to the association is not promptly paid? Or, the inconvenience that may be caused when, if you do attend a meeting, *you* fail to send the postcard that would facilitate the tea arrangements? And, if you are not a member of an association because you think you will not get anything out of it, have you ever thought that there is nothing worth having to be got out of anything unless you put something into it? 'This means *you*' is an excellent text for a sermon, and we hope that there are many ringers who will ponder upon it in its application to their own attitude to their own tower and association. We are quite sure that a little thought will show how much more successful both a local band and an association could be, if the apathetic ringers shed some of their lethargy and indifference.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

 THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWARD J. BEER 2	JAMES H. RIDING 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE STEERE 9
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 4	HORACE BELCHER 10
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Princess Victoria, who was interred this day at Windsor, and to the memory of Richard Bevan, an old member of the Royal Cumberland Society and the above association. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 are Royal Cumberlands, and 1, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 are College Youths, and the band includes the Masters of both societies.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... Treble	DENNIS J. HOLDEN 5
HOWARD HOWELL 2	DAVID HINGLEY 6
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 3	HAROLD SMITH 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	NORMAN BERRY Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

 A compliment to A. J. Hubble and Mrs. Hubble on their fifth wed-
ding anniversary. First peal as conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JACK RIDGEWELL ... Treble	*VICTOR GLASS 5
WILLIAM S. BUTLER... .. 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
*BASIL RAWLINS 3	*WILLIAM BUTLER 7
WILLIAM MELLIN 4	ERNEST BRIGHT... .. Tenor

 Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by E. BRIGHT.
* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division.
W. S. Butler has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.	
*REG C. H. CONNOLLY ... Treble	†JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
†GEORGE PULLINGER... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 3	†GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... Tenor

 Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal with a Treble Bob hunt. † 100th peal together. This
peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Queenie Browning,
of Sherfield Manor, and Mr. Tom Noble, of Rowdens Farm, Sherfield
English, Romsey, which was solemnised at the above church prior to
the peal. The hand were entertained to a sumptuous repast after the
peal at the Village Hall.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. 7
DAVID MACKAY 4	JOSEPH T. DYRE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDR.

Conducted by J. T. DYRE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late William Gillingham, of Portishead, who died on November 25th. First peal in the method on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	A. REGINALD BLABY 6
*CHARLIE BOND 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS... .. 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER... .. 5
WALTER CLAYDON 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FARRER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER WOOD Treble	†WALTER WICKS... .. 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 6
*CECIL H. WOOD... .. 3	RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 7
THOMAS ADAMS... .. 4	†ERNEST HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal for 38 years by a local band. All are Sunday service ringers. The ringer of the second took part in the first peal on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR S. BOAR Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
MISS DORIS DOBBIE 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 6
LEONARD MANNERING... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	ERNEST J. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. I. Porter and Miss Ivy Baum, who were married at Minster (Sheppey) the previous day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	JOHN W. EUSTON... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BROMLEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM GRACE Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT 2	ALLISON PURDOM 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT 3	EDMUND MOUNTER 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	*HAROLD S. BLACKETT Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HAROLD S. BLACKETT.

* First peal. Sixt peal and a birthday peal for the ringer of the 5th.

CHEBINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK A. SLINGSBY Treble	GORDON WEBB 5
WILLIAM BIDWELL 2	*LIONEL H. LEACH 6
WILLIAM J. BIDWELL 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
ALEC WEBB 4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), and to F. A. Slingsby.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	JOHN CURRY 5
*FRANK RICHARDSON 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON 6
REPURT RICHARDSON 3	HAROLD BARSLEY 7
†JOHN W. CARTER 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by REPURT RICHARDSON

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in 1 hrs 30 mins and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 2 qr, 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Adapted from J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. R. PINK.

The first peal rung in the method, which was named as a compliment to St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia. Rung with the bells half-muffled owing to the death of H.R.H. the Princess Victoria.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE Treble	*FRANCIS J. TOMPKINS 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL 6
*WILLIAM J. PODDIFOOT 3	*HERBERT GATES... .. 7
*HORACE L. WAITE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. 100th tower-bell peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for H.R.H. Princess Victoria.

PINCHBECK, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
HORACE M. DAY 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN
First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK 2	*ALFRED G. HILL 6
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
*JOHN G. NASH 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Audsley, parents of the conductor, on the 57th anniversary of their wedding.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	WILLIAM COPPERWHEAT 5
DONALD COCKING 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
GEORGE H. ROBERTS 3	HARRY PETTIT 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	DENNIS G. DEIGHTON... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.
Rung as a compliment to G. H. Roberts and A. H. Martin, the esteemed tower-keeper at the above church, on the occasion of their 71st birthdays.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
*GEORGE H. WILLIAMS 2	*THOMAS J. ELTON 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
FRED PRICE... .. 4	ALLAN SHORT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First peal together for 40 years.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	DAVID MACKAY 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. 6
HARRY J. SANGER 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. 7
JOHN E. METCALFE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by R. G. BECK.
First peal in the method as conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 13¾ cwt.
EDGAR HANCOX Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
*MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD ... 2	WILLIAM HONER 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to H.R.H. Princess Victoria

RHYL.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

R. SPERRING Treble	S. D. EDWARDS 5
*J. EVANS 2	*J. H. FULLER 6
†E. ATKINSON 3	P. SWINDLEY 7
†T. TURNER 4	A. E. PEGLAR, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. PEGLAR.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PERCY WEBB Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
BERRY WAYMAN... .. 2	†GORDON LILLEY... .. 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*SIDNEY BROWN 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method. T. R. Dennis' 150th peal and F. Warrington's 200th.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)	
BENJAMIN J. TOBY Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	D. REES JAMES 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY
First peal on the bells, cast in 1722. They were recently rung by John Taylor and Co. The peal was especially rung as a birthday peal for Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the above association) for his 70th birthday.

MALDEN, ESSEX. — At St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, October 6th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Mansfield 1, R. Bird 2, F. Lewis 3, Miss A. E. Waldoock 4, F. White (first 720 in the method) 5, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 6. There is a young band at this church, which has recently shown much keenness.

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On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGSTMAN 5
*MISS PHYLLIS TILLET 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
* First peal in the method.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JOHN P. PELLOE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung to mark the seventh anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*JOHN POLLARD Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	†ALBERT T. ALLEN 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE 3	†FREDERICK W. FRENCH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

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

KELSTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	*SAMUEL HECTOR 4
*ALEXANDER EVANS 2	FRANK S. MERRETT 5
SEALY WOODBURN 3	*HERBERT J. MERRETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK S. MERRETT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Samuel Hector, who hails from Trowbridge, Wilts, has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. This peal was a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

*P. CASE Treble	†A. HAYES 4
*H. GRENBY 2	C. BLACKBURN 5
*W. JOHNSON 3	†W. LYNN Tenor

Conducted by C. BLACKBURN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung in honour of the 47th anniversary of the Men's Bible Class.

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On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*ROLAND W. RANDAL ... Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT 4
JAMES H. MUSSON 2	CHARLES WILKINSON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the patronal festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and thirty of Grandsire (ten callings), with six changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*PETER V. SPACKMAN ... Treble	HAROLD E. BROWN 4
†NEIL ALLNATT 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 5
CHARLES E. J. WATT 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Cecil Brown), who is leaving for Heanton Punchardon, Devonshire.

HIGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.
CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... Treble
 †NORMAN SOMMERBAYES 4 |

*MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON ... 2	JAMES E. BAILLY 5
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor and first peal in the method. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Councillor and Mrs. F. W. Humphrey, of Northfleet, a former ringer of this church. The band would like to couple the name of Joseph H. Wicks with the peal, as he was unable to stand in owing to a recent illness.

MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*GEORGE BROOKER Treble	CHARLES SAUNDERS 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
MICHAEL J. EXETER 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* First peal. A birthday peal for T. Saunders and arranged specially for M. J. Exeter, this being his first attempt for a peal for over 25 years. He is captain of the local band.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
*HUGH MACKINDER ... Treble
 *HARRY HOVERD 4 |

†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
*MISS MOLLIE REDPATH 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Kent Minor, also on the bells. First peal of Kent Minor as conductor. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, late general secretary of the association. This is the 50th tenor the conductor has 'turned in' to a 720 of Minor. Mr. H. Hovord has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

FRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of St. Clement's, and two each of Plain and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*OLIVER J. KIDBY Treble	*PERCY K. PARKER 4
WALTER E. LAYZELL 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
†CECIL H. ALDHOUS 3	EDWIN C. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

DARFIELD, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and London Surprise, Abbeville, Crowland, St. Werburg, Vale Royal and Combermere Delights.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM Treble	ERNEST BROOKES... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	HAROLD CHART 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 2	ALEC M. GENERY 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal of Surprise.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

E. A. STEVENSON Treble	A. F. BOYCE... .. 4
G. MAYERS 2	H. C. READ... .. 5
V. M. ORMEROD 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. M. Davies, headmaster of Wroxham School for 35 years.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. C. PEARCE Treble	*FREDERICK COSLING... .. 4
HENRY LAWRENSON 2	JAMES W. BERRY 5
*WILLIAM J. JAMES 3	CYRIL PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. BERRY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church with the exception of the ringers of 2 and 5.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

GILBERT GWATKIN Treble	ERNEST SALMONS... .. 4
*JOSEPH W. DOWNES 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
ALBERT HURCOMBE 3	FRANK DOWNES Tenor

Conducted by F. DOWNES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK... .. 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON 9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Barnes and P. Laflin.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

IN REMEMBRANCE

ARMISTICE-TIDE TOUCHES.

With the bells half-muffled, on Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mark's, Worsley: W. Grundy 1, K. Welsby 2, R. Allred 3, W. Jones 4, B. T. Allred 5, Eric Yates 6, Fred Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, R. Jones 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells. First quarter-peal by all except the 9th ringer. All are local ringers.

At Stoke, Coventry, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. F. Rouse 1, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 2, E. H. Johnson 3, D. F. Ellender 4, W. Maund 5, J. Taylor 6, E. Sibley 7, C. Hayne (first quarter-peal) 8.

At Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on November 11th, in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Great War and as a token to Mr. C. F. Dupen, who had been connected with St. Michael's Church for 41 years and whose interment took place in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with half-muffled clappers: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, W. T. Prior 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

At St. Andrew's Church, Heckington, Lincolnshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Jackson 1, H. Connel 2, H. Warrington 3, J. Clark (conductor) 4, J. W. Woods 5, W. Asher 6, N. Asher 7, J. Woods 8. First quarter-peal by treble, 3rd and tenor ringers.

At Cosgrove, Northants, 1,260 Doubles (600 New Grandsire, 660 Grandsire): E. R. Lambert 1, J. Higgins 2, F. Tustain 3, J. May 4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5. Longest length by treble and third.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes): W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, H. W. Bishop 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, G. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, T. Townsend 9, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 10.

At St. Matthew's Church, Oxhey, Herts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Rosson (age 13) (first quarter-peal) 1, A. F. Bowyer (first 'inside') 2, F. A. J. Steward 3, P. Bishop 4, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 5, G. H. Atkins 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of remembrance for those of Oxhey who fell in the war.

A quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung at All Saints', Hoole, Cheshire, with the bells half-muffled, for the service of remembrance, also as a mark of respect to the late verger, Mr. S. Erlam: E. Preatner 1, P. Swindley 2, J. Benyon 3, H. Cousins 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun. 6.

At St. George's Church, Benenden, Kent, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, rung on the middle six, with clappers half-muffled: G. Burt 1, A. Stevenson 2, G. Sims 3, B. Goldsmith 4, J. Avery 5, H. Pope 6, J. Powell (conductor) 7, R. Weller 8.

PEAL ITEMS.

Mr. W. Short, Master of the Worcestershire Association, writes with reference the footnote to the 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, rung on November 23rd, 1935, that the association had rung a 'silent' peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells at Worcester and one on tower bells at Hagley, both in 1904. The footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples should, therefore, have been, 'First silent peal in the method for the association.'

The peal at Rhyd on Saturday was rung to mark the one hundredth 'birthday' of the Parish Church, Holy Trinity. The church is in the same churchyard as St. Thomas', St. Thomas' being the English church and Holy Trinity the Welsh. The peal was also a birthday compliment to A. E. Peglar, jun., and to E. Sperring, who is 78 years of age. The band tender their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Diss, Norfolk, was rung on November 19th, not the 12th as stated.

The name of the ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Stedman Caters at Liverpool on November 30th was James Marsh, not James White as published. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Titchhurst was A. F. Lewry, not Lewery.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT GODSTONE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Godstone on Saturday, November 30th, and was one of the best attended of the year, 40 members sitting down to tea, kindly provided by Mr. Hoare, jun., and Mrs. Hoare, of South Godstone. Ringers were present from Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Horley, Bletchingley, Limpsfield Chart, Lingfield, Buckland and the local band, with visitors from Crawley, Beddington, Croydon, Brasted, Hayes and East Grinstead. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. O. H. Hunt, of Godstone.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. O. H. Hunt presided. The secretary (Mr. W. Claydon) referred to the loss sustained by the death of one member since the last meeting, Mr. H. Goodwin, of St. John's, Redhill.—The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

One new member was elected—Miss K. M. Shepherd, of East Grinstead, a life member.

The next quarterly peal attempt was fixed for Horley, the method to be Cambridge Surprise Major, and conducted by Mr. O. Sippetts.

The annual district meeting was fixed for February 1st at St. John's, Redhill.

The tower was visited during the afternoon and evening, and the ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

BELLS AS BACKGROUND TO PLAY.**UNEXPECTED EFFECT ADDS CONVICTION TO SCENE.**

The bells of St. John's Church, Blackpool, recently played an unrehearsed part in the Courtney Players' production of Bernard Shaw's 'Saint Joan,' in the Blackpool Drama Festival of Full-length Plays, at the Opera House.

The bells, ringing for nearly an hour, were audible in the theatre, affording a realistic background to the Rheims Cathedral scene, pealing a muted chorus to the tragedy of 'The Maid.'

'I heard them,' said Mr. John Bourne, the chairman of the adjudicators, 'and was uncertain whether they had been introduced as part of the play's production. Then I went up into the bar during one of the intervals, and I still heard them. I wondered whether they were Mr. H. W. Badger, of the "Voices" which came to Joan!'

'Definitely,' he remarked, 'they gave an added conviction to the Cathedral scene.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH MEETS AT WYMONDHAM.**

In spite of the cold and fog, a good attendance of ringers from Aylsham, Buxton, Diss, Garboldisham, Hethersett, Norwich, Reedham, Wroxham and Great Yarmouth assembled at Wymondham on Saturday, together with members of the local band. A variety of Plain and Treble Bob methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, and the quality of the ringing was above the ordinary 'meeting standard.'

At the business meeting which followed the tea, Mr. W. C. Duffield was elected to the chair in the absence of the branch chairman, the Rev. H. W. Benson.

The hon. secretary reported on the result of the previous meeting at Upper Sheringham, where enthusiasm appears to have been revived. The next meeting of the branch is to be held on February 1st at Norwich or Hethersett. Reference was made to the William Pye Memorial Fund, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Frederic Jarvis for permission to use the bells.

Honorary secretaries will please note that the South Norfolk and North Norfolk Branches meet for the election of officers on January 18th and February 1st respectively. Further particulars will appear in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

TICHMARSH RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding took place at Tichmarsh, Northants, on Tuesday, December 3rd, of Mr. George Jeffs and Miss Baxter. The bridegroom is a popular member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, a member of its committee and captain of Tichmarsh belfry. The bride is a daughter of ex-Inspector Barter. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung as a compliment by district ringers as the couple left the church: George Jeffs, sen. 1, G. H. Roberts 2, E. Alderman 3, J. M. Nickerson 4, P. Kirk 5, C. Wilson (conductor) 6. Further touches were rung as the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Kidderminster, and again in the evening with the local band taking part.

On their return the couple will reside at The Poplars, Tichmarsh.

BANKERS WANT ANOTHER PEAL.

It will be remembered that eight bankers rang a peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, on March 2nd, 1935. It is now proposed to attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Caters in a London church about the middle of February, 1936, and it is hoped that any bankers who are interested, and would like to take part in this venture, will communicate as soon as possible with Mr. H. W. Badger, of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Thame, Oxon.

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We understand that there will be included in the B.E.C.'s National programme on New Year's Eve, between 11 o'clock and midnight, something which will be of special interest to ringers; in fact, to everyone interested in bells.

An attempt will be made at Warnham, Sussex, on December 28th next, for a record peal of London Surprise Major. The composition is one of 14,144 changes, by the late Rev. H. L. James. On one previous occasion a band rang about seven hours for this peal in the same tower.

The ring of eight of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, are shortly to be tuned and rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been instructed to proceed with the rehanging, in a new frame, of the ring of six at Tamerton Foliot, near Plymouth.

Mr. Gordon Melville, who accompanied the ringers to Australia as a cadet in P. and O. s.s. 'Barabool,' and is himself a ringer, arrives in London on December 13th on s.s. 'Strathmore,' the latest of the company's liners, which returns from its maiden voyage to Bombay.

The method rung for the first time at Warfield, Berks, on Thursday of last week, was named Melbourne Surprise, as a compliment to the ringers of Melbourne, Australia. Two of the band were 'Anglo-Australians.'

The peal was originally intended as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Pink, the conductor, but instead was rung half-muffled for the late Princess Victoria. Nevertheless, Mr. Pink received the congratulations and good wishes of the rest of the ringers.

L. H. Leach, who rang his first peal at Cheriton, Kent, on December 2nd, has recently returned from India, and is stationed at Dover with the Devonshire Regiment.

The Rev. F. J. O. Heimore, of Canterbury, who was for many years hon. secretary of the Kent Association, reached his 84th birthday on that day, and the peal was rung as a compliment to him.

In renewing his subscription to 'The Ringing World' for the year 1936, Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Grimsby, writes: 'I have taken your paper from No. 1 to No. 1,288 and never had a miss, which is good—both for you and the P.O.' A recognition of service which we appreciate, as we do also the loyal and continued support of Mr. Fitzjohn and other original subscribers.

The secretary of the London County Association, Mr. Charles O. Moore, of 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5, would greatly appreciate immediate news, should any ringer hear of the illness or death of any one of his fellow-members.

This request is applicable in most associations. It is very frequently too late, when secretaries hear of a member's death, to arrange for any mark of respect to be shown by ringers, either by attending the funeral or by muffled ringing. When information comes to any ringer, it should always be passed on at once to a responsible official of the association.

A pair of warm, woolly blankets is an ideal Christmas gift to a friend or—to yourself. Order them from R. E. Maude, 55, Brook Street, Bradford. The prices will be found in an advertisement.

More than a hundred years ago, St. James' Society was formed to enable members of the College and Cumberland Youths to ring peals together. Last Saturday six members of each society rang a peal of Stedman Cinques together at Shoreditch under the auspices of the London County Association, by which title St. James' Society is now known.

The luncheon which the Cambridge University Guild propose to hold on February 4th is to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the society in the year 1879. The initiative in its formation was taken by the Rev. (then Mr.) W. C. Pearson, who was at Clare College, and the first meeting was attended by five interested people.

At last a peal has been rung on Cowbridge bells, Glamorgan. These bells have recently been rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co. They are a lovely ring cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1722. Although they have been in the tower for over 200 years, this was the first that has been rung on them. May many more follow!

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. J. W. Jones, on

This peal was a compliment to the popular hon. secretary of the his 70th birthday. Again, may many more follow.

A peal of 10,368 Kent Treble Bob Major is to be attempted at

Horringer, Suffolk, by members of the Suffolk Guild on Boxing Day, starting at 11 a.m.

The peal at Erdington was arranged to enable Messrs. G. H. Williams and T. J. Elton to ring a peal together on the 40th anniversary of their first peal of Stedman, which was rung on December 7th, 1895. They had not rung together since, due principally to the fact that Mr. Williams was out of ringing for 38 years. They are the only survivors of the band of 40 years ago.

RINGERS DESERT ASSOCIATION MEETING.**A COMPLAINT FROM STOKE-ON-TRENT.**

The letter which we print below reveals an unfortunate happening at the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday. We can well understand the feeling of annoyance created, among those responsible for the ringing at Stoke Parish Church, by what was probably a thoughtless action on the part of the members of the association who deserted the official for the unofficial tower. The ventilation of a very legitimate grievance will, we hope, prevent any similar occurrence in the future.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel that some comment should be made concerning the after-tea attendance at St. Peter's belfry, Stoke-on-Trent, on the occasion of the North Staffs Association's annual meeting last Saturday.

Seventy-three members (a record for this meeting) sat down to tea, which was generously provided by the Rector, and at 6.45 p.m., tea and business over, a few of us made our way to the belfry, which is less than one hundred yards away from the tea room. However, we had to wait until 7.10 before a scratch band could set the bells going again to Grandsire Triples. No more than 16 ringers put in appearance for the after-tea ringing, the majority of whom could only ring Grandsire or call changes.

The greater reason which brought about this disgraceful state of affairs was, I believe, that an unauthorised ringer had taken unto himself the privilege of having the Fenton Parish Church tower open for Surprise ringers, and, to the disgust of the few stalwarts who remained at the Stoke tower, they (who went there) paid their respects in this way to our annual meeting and to the donor of the tea.

I have attended many meetings in our own and other associations, but have never come across such mean conduct as this before.

ALAN D. STEEL, Steeplekeeper, St. Peter's, Stoke.

ALARMING ACCIDENT AT BEDFORDSHIRE MEETING.**CLAPPER FALLS THROUGH THREE FLOORS AND STRIKES RINGER.**

An unusual and alarming accident, which resulted in injury to one of the ringers, occurred on Saturday, while a meeting was in progress at Old Warden, Bedfordshire.

The clapper of the tenor bell came out, dropped straight through two trap doors, which were open, and through two ladders, before crashing on to a third trap door and smashing its way to the bottom of the tower.

The ringers, alarmed by the noise overhead, made to run away, but before he could get clear, Mr. Sydney Fox, of Sandy, who was ringing the treble, was struck on the side of the head by the falling clapper and sustained a nasty wound. He received medical attention and was then taken home.

That a clapper should fall as this one did, straight through the open trap doors and reach the bottom of the tower, is an extraordinary event, and one which can seldom have happened before. Although Mr. Fox's injury was severe, the accident might have had even worse consequences. Everyone will wish Mr. Fox a speedy recovery.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHELTHENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their annual meeting at Charlton Kings on Saturday last, when, in spite of the date unfortunately coinciding with meetings of nearby districts, a good company attended from many towers, and full advantage of the opportunity was taken to participate in some very well-struck touches on the bells.

A choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Neale), whose address was much appreciated by his listeners.

Members and friends then repaired to the Village Hall, where Mr. Neale, assisted by willing ladies, had prepared an ample tea, to which everyone did full justice.

Archdeacon Sears took the chair at the business meeting, when many interesting points were discussed and all the retiring officers were re-elected.

Elkstone was selected for the next meeting, it also being decided to hold the summer outing on June 13th next, Cheddar Gorge being chosen as the venue.

In thanking the Vicar for his kindness, the members also congratulated him on his appointment as Canon of Gloucester Cathedral, which appointment takes effect this week.

Further ringing was indulged in before the homeward trek, after a very happy day.

OUR CHRISTMAS WEEK ISSUE.

Secretaries and other correspondents are informed that the issue of 'The Ringing World' in Christmas week will have to go to press two days earlier than usual. All matter intended for insertion in that issue must reach the Editorial office as early as possible and at latest by first post Monday, December 23rd.

IMPORTANT BEDFORDSHIRE BELLS RESTORATION.**REDEDICATION AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.**

Ringers from all parts of Bedfordshire and the neighbouring counties of Buckingham, Hertford and Northampton attended the service of thanksgiving for the work done in retaining and rehanging the peal of ten bells at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, November 30th. A large congregation, consisting chiefly of bellringers, filled the nave of the church for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Swann), and at which the president of the Bedfordshire Association (the Rev. A. Rust) delivered a homely address to those present. Preaching from St. Luke, xiv., 17, 'Come, for all things are now ready,' the preacher expressed his pleasure at being present at the reopening, and congratulated the townspeople upon restoring the bells, for, from what he had heard, it was about time they were put into order. He had every confidence that the work had been extremely well done, and he hoped for years they would be somewhere near perfection. Going about the country he came into contact with parishes in which the bells had been sadly neglected, and he hoped that such a state of affairs would not always continue. Ringers were like bells; they were not seen in prominent places, but were often heard, and he intended to do everything in his power to see that they were treated as they should be, as officials of the Church. Bells were used on solemn and joyous occasions, and God seemed to use them as his mouthpiece. The bells were the glory of our country, and he thanked God for the work which had been done in the parish.

A company of 50 were entertained to tea at the Albion Hotel, and the Rev. S. E. Swann offered a word of welcome to the visitors. When he first came to the parish, he said, he thought what a fine peal of bells they had, but after hearing the views of some of their ringers and after officiating at one district meeting in the town and listening to the remarks passed, he began to have his doubts. Eventually the work was made possible through the kindness of Mr. G. F. Green in offering to collect for the object, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The speaker complimented Messrs. Taylor on their fine job, and concluded by thanking the Rev. A. Rust for his address, to which the president responded and paid his tribute to the bellhangers.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, on behalf of the firm, thanked the company for the complimentary remarks passed, and said that this had been purely a bellhanging job, but one which bristled with many difficulties that had been overcome through the skill of their workmen. They had certainly effected an improvement in tone, which was as much as anyone could hope for. This appreciation of their work would give them encouragement to continue to live up to the standard set. Money was not easily raised for such work, and it was the policy of his firm to give good value for the money spent and to make it go as far as possible.

Mr. G. F. Green thanked the Vicar for the inspiring service, and Mr. Nicholls, foreman of the ringers, spoke a few words of welcome to the visitors.

Mr. J. E. Arnold, who had undertaken the secretarial side of the work for the parish, paid tribute to the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co., and especially the patience and thoroughness of Mr. T. Dexter, the bellhanger. He was pleased to see Mr. Paul Taylor present with Mr. Fidler, and thanked them not only for the work done, but for the kindness and courtesy shown them when they were the guests of the firm at Loughborough in September. They were now left with a fine peal of ten bells with a wonderful tone, considering their age, with a good rope circle in the belfry; they were free from the faults once experienced, and the bells now struck true, while the 'go' was all that could be desired. As a result, he could recommend Taylor's, of Loughborough, to anyone who wanted a good job done.

After tea, the ringers repaired to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods to a late hour.

THE LATE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

At St. James' Church, Poole, Dorset, on Sunday, December 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Houlton 1, J. I. Davis 2, R. Hurst 3, E. B. Hampton 4, A. G. Rose (conductor) 5, W. G. Young 6, J. P. Vatcher 7, R. J. Wills 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. St. Clair George Donaldson), who died on Friday, December 6th.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY. AN INVITATION TO BARKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I express, through the medium of your paper, that our duty to the church is to ring the bells for services. The sex question should not arise, because as soon as a person enters a belfry he or she becomes a *ringer*.

As secretary of the society of which Mr. H. Worboys is a member, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to *all ringers* to attend any of our meetings. Let 'em all come!

E. G. MOORE.

St. Margaret's, Barking.

'THREE CHEERS FOR THE DEFENDERS.'

Dear Sir,—Three cheers for the defenders of the lady bellringer! As one myself, I can say that Mr. Worboys' ideas are quite foreign to all the belfries but one which I have entered and rung in. There has always been an atmosphere of 'brotherliness' and perfect understanding.

Having been the only lady member of a band of six for a good many years, and also having been ringing since the war years, I can claim to be quite an authority on the subject.

Solihull, Birmingham.

ENID FOSTER.

LADIES ENHANCE FRATERNAL SPIRIT.

Dear Sir,—Several times during the last 16 years or so have I been tempted to 'write to the Editor about it,' but always curbed the desire by reminding myself that the Editor is a very busy man, with a somewhat thankless job when it comes to trying to please everybody, and also that there were far more able pens than mine, doubtless ready to add their weight one way or the other.

Your readers, as a whole, have hitherto taken Mr. Amos with a pinch of salt, and he might possibly have got away with this latest outburst, when when, at about the same time, Mr. Worboys comes along and also finds space in your valuable paper, it almost appears time for one to pause and ask; 'What are we coming to?'

So far as Mr. Amos is concerned, you, sir, and another member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, have very ably dealt with him, but Mr. Worboys has raised a question which can only cause friction, is, moreover, wholly unnecessary, and, lastly, in the very worst taste. Surely he must be well aware that lady ringers are not an innovation. They came, to stay, years and years ago. At Clent here, the Sunday service band has included ladies for well over 30 years and there were at least six competent lady ringers attached to the tower around 1905. As our tower is no isolated example, so much for the inferred newness of lady ringers. I have rung in many towers having lady ringers in the band, but never has the 'fraternal spirit' been lacking. On the other hand, the presence of one or two lady ringers in the tower is rather apt to enhance the said fraternal spirit, exhibitions of bad temper and so forth (we ringers are only human after all!) being practically unknown. Yet I have known good and capable bands of all men ringers broken up through some little squabble in the belfry, which probably would never have found a resting place in any mind had a lady or two been present, for it was a wise philosopher who said, 'If you must quarrel, do so not in haste,' and by the time the protagonists had got out of the tower they would invariably have remembered a much more important matter to be considered, and in the consideration thereof, in a congenial atmosphere, at peace with the world, any quarrelsome thoughts that may have survived thus far would finally be washed away.

In conclusion, if Mr. Worboys is so keen on the 'brotherly spirit,' why must he give vent to his private views in such a manner as to engender the acrimonious outburst from ringers of both sexes which his letter to 'The Ringing World' has done? If he is a thinking man, he must have known, before he wrote, that his letter could have no 'brotherly' (or sisterly) results, but could only stir up a very big 'spot of bother,' and serve no useful purpose whatsoever.

With apologies for thus trespassing upon your time and patience. Stourbridge.

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

WHAT A COUNTRYMAN THINKS OF IT.

Dear Sir,—Being up in London for the Cattle Show, I thought I had struck lucky when I found I was staying with a chap who be an' old bellringer like me. I thought as how he might be able to tell me a tower where they would let me have a go at their tenor, same as I have at home for years.

But when I seed your paper on Friday I was afeared to chance, as all the London people seem to be after each other's bodies, falling out over women of all things!

Such goings on we never bided at home, not even when them two servant gals from up at the Hall learnt to ring. Treated just like the rest of us they was (you could trust old Bill, our captain, for that), and if they didn't hold up at back, or got missing dodges, Old Bill used to just give 'em a proper dressing down, like any of us chaps, and tell 'em what they mustn't do next time, and danged foine ringers they did make both on 'em.

It were rare hard luck on us that we let a band from just out of London come to our tower for their outing one summer, for some of their young bucks starts a fussing around our gals, and it warn't too long afore they flitted off to new jobs up London way and we never heard any more on 'em. Whether they was kidnapped or just got tied up we never did hear.

It do seem barny to talk about a gal ringing St. Paul's tenor to Cambridge to join the College Youths. Why, I always watch as no gal gets ahold of my rope at home, for our tenor be a man's job, but there be men's jobs and women's jobs, and some what both can do even in ringing and farming. Same as when I lived in on the farm, I could do a bit of darning, and young Mary Ann could do a tidy job in the fields, but I always got her to dodge up the stud holes in my Sunday shirt, for she fair had me beat at that game. I don't know a rare lot about these College Youths, but it do seem to me that if you have got to ring St. Paul's tenor to a peal of Cambridge to join, there's a rare lot of your writers (even them as be dull and old, and I see some bean't bright young things) will have to join the Ladies' Guild, unless, of course, the Ladies' Guild be pretty particular.

I do hope as you will all be finished with this row afore I comes up again in a year or two, as I would just like to try one of the London tenors some day, but I bean't agoin to poak my noase where they be a falling out about women.—Yours respectfully,

'BUTTERCUP JOE.'

'WHY DECLARE WAR BOYS?'

Of all the great pen wars and 'Ringing World' joys, The latest and best is from Mr. Worboys. He asserts with his pen that a lady's a sinner If seen floating around at a College Youths' Dinner.

His motto, quite plainly, is 'Ringing for men,' But what a 'bag egg' with all cocks and no hen, He stops not at that, says a belfry grows dim, And the air turns quite cold when 'My Lady' steps in.

There's a great rush for pens and a shortage of ink, Many start writing without stopping to think. Some say he's wrong and some back him up, While the indignant ladies say, 'The bold, saucy pup.'

Of when I'm ringing a lady is there, But really it doesn't drive me to despair, She is with me for breakfast, dinner and tea, And even at night she sits waiting for me.

I'm not blaming you, it's my own fault I know, And I'm more than contented that this should be so, I know I'm no poet, nor joker, nor jester, Just a lady ringer's husband and ringer at Leicester.

It's really astounding how some make a name, Just write a short letter and jump right into fame, We should readily forgive him who sells us a 'Pup,' If it does nothing else, it just livens things up.

Beware! you young pen men these dark wintry nights, There are many just lurking to put out your lights, Let's have no more 'War-boys'—be at peace everybody, Remember above all it's our Christian Church Hobby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORKING'S NEWLY OVERHAULED BELLS TRIED OUT.

The meeting of the Leatherhead District, held at Dorking on Saturday, enabled some 30 ringers to try the bells after a much needed overhaul, which has greatly improved the 'go' of them, but a marked slowness of the seventh at hand-stroke wanted a good deal of getting used to before the striking went smoothly. A number of visitors were present, and the secretary was pleased to welcome his old captain from Lamberhurst, Kent.

In the absence of the Vicar (Canon Newill), the Guild's service was conducted by the senior curate, the Rev. A. E. Jaggs, who chose for the subject of a short address, 'Why do we have bells?'

A bountiful tea was served after the service in the Church Room, at which the Rev. Jaggs presided, supported by his colleague, the Rev. B. A. Whitehead, and Mr. Cole, the organist. He was also voted to take the chair for the ensuing business meeting. After observing a silence to the memory of Mr. W. T. Waller, late churchwarden of St. Martin's, Dorking, and an honorary member of the Guild, the chief business was the nomination of district officers for 1936, which resulted in all those retiring being renominated, with the addition of Mr. H. V. Young, of Leatherhead, as ringing representative on the General Executive Committee. A brief discussion on the Guild's Benevolent Fund followed, and a 'retiring' collection was taken, amounting to 4s. 6d.

The committee's suggestion as to the William Pyc Memorial Fund was also discussed, as was the question of combined practices.

As the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild proposed to hold a meeting at Leatherhead in February, it was decided that they be asked to make it a joint meeting with the district's annual meeting on February 15th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all who had helped to make a successful meeting. After some handbell ringing, the tower bells were made full use of until they were lowered about 3.30.

**FOR BEGINNERS.
TEST YOUR SKILL.**

We wonder how many beginners took the trouble last week to write out the two sets of sixty changes of Doubles, which we suggested they should do? At this stage of their ringing 'education,' they cannot do too much pencil and paper work. To study change ringing it is necessary to do more than merely 'read' and 'ring.' You *must* 'write.' You cannot really understand all that is involved unless you yourself put figures on paper. Presently you may get so interested in the subject that you will have difficulty in keeping your pencil from paper; you will be wanting to work out all sorts of little or big problems; but, unless you have done some of this elementary work, you will find the task all the harder. Apart from that, however, it is very desirable that you should, to your present advantage, work out some of these things, which, in the scholastic sense, are 'exercises.'

For instance, here is something you might well try for yourselves; just see in how many ways you can build up Doubles, by applying certain simple rules. To help to illustrate what we mean, let us put down the plain course of Original Doubles—that is, as many changes of Doubles as can be produced on this principle without bob or single.

Change No.	1 2 3 4 5
1.	21435
2.	24153
3.	42513
4.	45231
5.	54321
6.	53412
7.	35142
8.	31524
9.	13254
10.	12345

In this method all the bells follow a plain hunting course; in other words, they go from front to back, or back to front, one step at a time without deviating from their path by 'dodging,' or pausing to make a 'place.' Dodging, for those who do not yet know the meaning of the term, is an interruption of the onward path by stepping back a place before going forward again. 'Making a place' is striking two consecutive blows in one position—marking time for a pace, as it were. Sometimes this results in the bell retracing its steps, instead of going on.

As we saw last week, this principle of producing changes can be extended by making 3rd's place at stated intervals, the making of the 3rd's place causing two other bells to dodge together.

Now what we should like beginners to do is to see in how many ways they can produce a plain course. They may make 3rd's place at any or as many places as they like, as long as they do not interrupt the plain hunting of the treble, and no bell remains more than two blows in any one place; and as long as the places are produced at the corresponding changes in every lead, and at every change two pairs of bells are moved. For instance, you can make the 3rd's place, as we showed you last week in Grandsire, at the first change. You can if you like, make it at the sixth change instead; or you can make 3rd's at both the first and the sixth change. There are a number of combinations; see how many you can find!

HOW STEDMAN DOUBLES IS BUILT UP.

And while we are on the subject of writing out Doubles, let us go a step further. Most methods of Doubles have the treble continuously plain hunting—you could have any other bell if you wished it, but ever since the beginning of ringing, the general practice has been to make the treble the hunt bell. But there is one wonderful method that has come down to us from the beginning of ringing history, known as Stedman, in which no bell does 'plain hunting,' but all do the same work.

The 'work' of every method makes up a cycle, and every 'working bell' in the plain course follows that cycle, beginning it at a different place. In Grandsire Doubles, if you examine a plain course, you will see that two bells are plain hunting and that the other three are doing 'the work' which makes the method. In Stedman all the bells do all the work.

Stedman, who wrote the first book on change ringing, tells us that it is founded on the 'sixes,' meaning that the basis of the method is the six changes which it is possible to get on three bells. Those of you who studied our article a fortnight ago will have learnt something about producing the extent of changes on three bells. You can do it in two ways, forward and backward.

123	123
213	132
231	312
321	321
312	231
132	213
123	123

You will notice that the figures of one are exactly the reverse of the other. Stedman built up his method by producing the six changes on

three bells, and causing the other pair of the five to continue dodging behind, in this way:—

123 45	123 45
213 54	132 54
231 45	312 45
321 54	321 54
312 45	231 45
132 54	213 54
123 45	123 45

Instead, however, of coming into rounds at the end of the 'six,' Stedman pushed one bell out to dodge behind and brought one of the dodging bells to the front to work out another 'six' with the two remaining bells. Then, by producing the sixes alternately forward and backward he was able to obtain all the sixty changes without any deviation from the plain course, such as is necessary in Grandsire Doubles.

For a purpose of his own, perhaps to make the start like Grandsire Doubles, Stedman did not have a whole six to start with, but began like this:—

12345
21354
23145
32415
23451
24315
42351
43215
34251
43521
45312
54321
53412
35421
34512
45152
34125

Then he changed 1 and 4 and proceeded to get all his changes with 324, while 1 and 5 dodge behind. Notice the 3rd's places.

Next he changed 2 and 5 and proceeded to get all his changes with 435, while 1 and 2 dodge behind.

Thus he continued, the sixes in front being produced alternately by forward and backward hunting.

From this try and build up the 60 changes, as Stedman built them, draw a continuous line from top to bottom over any one of the figures and compare the path of each of the other bells with it. Allowing for the different places of starting, you will find it is exactly the same.

ADVERTISING RINGERS' MEETING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some time ago a report appeared in the 'Bridgwater Mercury' of a district meeting, and the secretary of the branch appealed for more members to join the Guild.

In the issue of December 4th another report appears, but no advertisement, giving details of the meeting, was inserted in either the local paper or in 'The Ringing World.'

How does the secretary expect members to come along if he does not issue a notice for the modest sum of about 1s. 6d.?

I happened to be in the Bridgwater district last Saturday, and, being a member of the Guild, I should have endeavoured to attend the meeting had I known that there was one.

There are several towers in the Bridgwater district which are not affiliated to the Guild, for the simple reason that they know nothing about it.

I am sending a similar letter to the local paper in the hope that it will be seen by the secretary. Wake up, Bridgwater!

H. J. CANN.

Brookwood, Surrey.

ERYRI—AND OTHERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time methods with a somewhat similar treble hunt to Eryri have appeared in the ringing journals. Eryri itself was published in 'Bell News' on July 25th, 1914, under the title of 'Bristol Surprise extended to treble double dodging,' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, together with a similar method, entitled 'Bristol Surprise extended to treble treble dodging.' Also in 'Bell News' on December 22nd, 1894, a treble 3-pull dodge method, 'Champion Surprise,' and again in the same paper on February 2nd, 1895, another 3-pull dodge method, 'Birmingham Surprise,' appeared, both by the late Mr. John Carter. In 'Bell News,' Sept. 27th, 1884, two methods with treble double dodging as in Eryri, entitled Somersetshire Treble Bob and Warwickshire Treble Bob, were published, both by Mr. D. Scholefield, who, in the same issue, had two other methods with treble dodging twice on front and rear, but only once in 3-4 and 5-6. These were entitled Devonshire and Derbyshire Treble Bob. Finally, Worth Surprise, as you say, by Mr. F. Deich, was published in 'Bell News,' July 30th, 1904.

BERNARD H. WELLS.

South Merstham.

A CORNISH GIFT.**COMPLETION OF OCTAVE AFTER TWO CENTURIES AT REDRUTH.**

In the presence of a large congregation, two treble bells, presented to Redruth Parish Church by Mr. E. C. Carvoldt, of Bognor (a native of Redruth), were dedicated in the church on Sunday, November 24th, by the Archdeacon of Bodmin (the Ven. M. B. Williamson).

The bells which were formally handed over to the church by the donor in memory of his late mother and wife, were, after being dedicated, accepted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Ladd Canney), who remarked that after 200 years the octave of bells in the tower had now been completed.

The dedication rounds were performed by the local band, who also rang the bells as the congregation left the church.

In his sermon Archdeacon Williamson remarked that the parishioners had now a new song in their ancient church tower to call them to worship or to remind them of the passing of some soul out of this world and into the next. The bells were also the symbol of loving service for God.

After the service the bells were at the disposal of the visiting ringers, who were entertained to tea by Mr. P. R. C. Williams, one of the local band.

Best wishes for a successful opening were sent by Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, a prominent ringer of the district, who is now studying for Holy Orders, and was unfortunately unable to attend.

Ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Tuckingmill, Illogan, St. Austel and St. Newlyn East, in addition to the local band. The bellfounders were represented by Mr. C. F. Johnston, the principal of the well-known Croydon firm, who were responsible for rehanging the original six bells two months ago, and had been commissioned to add the new trebles. Mr. F. E. Collins, the bellhanger, who had carried out the work in the tower on both occasions, was also present.

Visitors and ringers alike were struck with the beauty and resonance of the two new bells, and the perfect result of the tuning. They weigh respectively 4½ cwt. and over 4½ cwt., their notes being F sharp and G, to match the 'G' tenor. An eight-bell frame was already provided, and the new bells have been supplied with cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, and the latest type of the firm's fittings.

It is possible that Redruth holds a record in the annals of church bells, for only two months ago the original six bells, rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were reopened by the Bishop of Truro, so that two similar ceremonies have occurred in that short space of time.

Behind the brief mention of the donor's name lies the romance of one who has travelled far before returning to the scene of boyhood days. Mr. E. C. Carvoldt left Redruth as a very young man and has spent a large part of his life in South Africa. He now resides in Sussex, but recently returned to Redruth, and has purchased the 700 years old Castle Brea, situated on a hill behind the church, which is now enriched by his gift to the belfry.

RINGING AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

Ringling at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., was badly hit when Mr. I. J. Attwater gave up his post as instructor on his return to England some few months ago.

Every endeavour is being made to carry on the work begun by Mr. Attwater, the conducting being now in the hands of Mr. Silas Wheelock. Under his direction a number of short touches of Grand sire Triples have been rung. Several of the older boys have taught a dozen new pupils, and a second band is struggling with Grand sire Doubles.

DEATH OF ARKSEY RINGER.**CHURCH LOSES A STEDFAST WORKER.**

On Tuesday, November 26th, Mr. Edward Arrand, an old member of the All Saints' company, passed away in the Doncaster Infirmary. His whole life, whilst resident in Arksey, had been spent in close connection with the church and church work. For more than 30 years he had been a sidesman and a ringer.

He was one of the original change ringing company which was formed in this tower, and he was one of the most consistent men it was anyone's privilege to meet. He was always punctual, and had a standard of conduct which gained him the respect of all who knew him. His whole life may be summed up in the words, 'He was a just and upright man.'

The interment took place on Thursday, November 28th, in the Old Cemetery, and the bells were rung half-muffled on Saturday afternoon, when a well-struck quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples was brought round by R. Clark 1, G. Clark 2, F. Clark 3, E. Lee 4, W. Johnson 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, B. Burkitt 8. The bells were again rung half-muffled on Sunday for the morning and evening services.

Had Mr. Arrand lived till Christmas Day he would have reached his 76th birthday. He had not been in very good health for some time, and had to retire from the belfry some three years ago. He had been practically confined to the house for the past twelve months.

SALISBURY GUILD AT POOLE.**ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS IN WIMBORNE BRANCH.**

It is on record that 'Seventy-six years ago a vestry meeting of St. James' Parish, Poole, decided that as the church clock and bells of St. James' were for the accommodation and convenience of the town generally, the expenses incurred by the winding of the clock and ringing of the bells should be borne by the borough. The Town Council were to be asked to grant £14 10s. annually to defray these expenses.' This minute tells of the interest and love of Poole folk for their bells. This was doubtless reciprocated by the ringers themselves, though some of them and some of their methods might hardly pass muster in these days. One thinks of the way in which Mr. E. B. Barter, in his 'Church Bells and the Art of Bellringing,' describes the 'picty' of olden times:—

By pious I mean that they did their best,
Their absolute best for Old England;
No money was spared, for they really cared,
And they wrought with a will in Old England.

Trade Unions would never have prospered then,
And they didn't down tools in Old England,
They were ignorant, bigoted, cruel and rough,
Those pious old forbears of England.

This old tradition, with new methods, is being finely carried on by Mr. F. W. Townsend and a loyal band of churchmen, who can welcome visitors to a ringing chamber as comfortably and tastefully furnished and decorated as any in the country, and invite them to join in Double Norwich and Cambridge. They will leave, without taking any whitewash with them—only memories of a hearty welcome and a good practice.

Here the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild met again for its annual meeting on November 30th. The service was conducted by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. Canon Eddrup, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips and the Rev. B. A. Parsons. An excellent address was given by the Rector (the Rev. Edward C. Harris) on an unusual text, 'John did no miracle.' The life and work of John the Baptist, he pointed out, were a constant reminder of the things that matter most for the Kingdom of God. However much it is good that we should strive to excel in our art, it is faithfulness in service and the witness of a good life that tell. The great word of commendation is not 'Well done, good and brilliant servant,' but 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

At the commencement of the business, the company paid silent tribute to the memory of Canon Blackett, for 47 years Rector of Wareham, and always a very good friend of his ringers and of the branch; Mr. T. Lonnen, a promising young member of the Cranborne belfry, and Mr. D. Blandford, for many years verger of St. James', and a familiar and beloved figure at these meetings. The branch has also lost a keen and genial member in the departure of Mr. A. V. Dent from the neighbourhood.

The report showed a good record, especially in peal ringing. Besides the four peals of Surprise by the touring band in the summer, on which grateful congratulations were offered, eight other peals were successfully brought round. In addition, some noteworthy attempts were made. Wareham was becoming a useful centre of effort and progress. The prospects generally for 1936 are most encouraging.

Mr. Martin Stewart, in his usual happy way, proposed the re-election of officers en bloc.—The secretary, in replying, mentioned the special help he had received from his assistant, Mr. J. I. Davis, both in the arrangements for the festival in May and during his prolonged absence from home in the summer.

Eight new members were elected, and the Rector became an hon. member. In his reply, among other things already referred to, he gratefully mentioned one little point, which may give a useful hint elsewhere—that the service ringing should always allow the ringers, who were also choirmen, to get down to the vestry in good time.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the gathering so enjoyable and encouraging.

STEPNEY SCHOLARS' PROMISING START.

A new Guild, named 'The Stepney Scholars,' has been formed from the service ringers at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, and, on the front six bells of the celebrated ring of ten, for service, on Sunday evening, they rang a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (six callings): F. J. Hussey 1, J. J. Fox (conductor) 2, H. A. Pinchbeck 3, G. W. Cecil 4, T. G. Fox 5, A. A. Jarvis 6. It was the first quarter-peal for all, and the first attempt, as well as, of course, being the first for the newly-formed Guild. Mr. G. Fox, of 2, Copley Street, Stepney, E.1, is the hon. secretary of the Scholars.

CIVIC AUTHORITIES AT PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

At Leatherhead, Surrey, on Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. C. Otway 1, A. H. Smith 2, G. Murriner 3, W. G. Newberry 4, A. H. Winch 5, C. Smart 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. Rung for evening, which the civic authorities, supported by members of the local societies, attended, to mark the patronal festival.

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STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church for morning service on Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,280 changes): A. Jordan 1, H. Watts (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, T. J. Watts 5, I. Cavell (conductor) 6, W. T. Prior 7, G. Jordan 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. M. White 1, H. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, E. Ansell (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, H. A. Wacey 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

LLANDUDNO.—At Holy Trinity Church on December 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, the first by all except the fifth and tenor ringers: J. Flood 1, W. J. Turner 2, E. Atkinson 3, Mrs. Owen 4, S. D. Edwards 5, S. Brown 6, A. Fairlie, sen. 7, A. E. Peglar (conductor) 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Rundle 1, W. A. Wills 2, W. H. Howe 3, J. Arbury 4, F. Wierford 5, C. Turner 6, E. W. Biffin (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, C. J. Hosgood 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 8.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Harness (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Millard (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, H. Johnson 3, H. Pearson (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Wilkinson 5, F. Harwood (first quarter as conductor) 6.

THE ROYAL BEREAVEMENT.

MUFFLED TOUCHES FOR PRINCESS VICTORIA.

At St. Helen's Church, Willingham-by-Stow, Lincs, on Wednesday December 4th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung in memory of Princess Victoria: J. A. Lunn 1, H. Bingham (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 2, W. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 3, N. Thurlby 4, G. L. A. Lunn (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. Hooton 6.

At Woodbridge Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th, for the late H.R.H. Princess Victoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples fully muffled: G. Warner 1, J. Woodruffe 2, G. Blake 3, F. Fisher (conductor) 4, W. Woods 5, F. Woodruffe 6, S. Woodard 7, R. Malster 8.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Wareham, on Sunday, December 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. M. Day 1, E. T. Griffin 2, Dr. A. M. Cunningham 3, H. A. Mitchell 4, F. G. Blake 5, H. W. Saunders 6, G. F. Turner (conductor) 7, W. G. Hiscock 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the widow of the late Canon Blackett, Rector of Wareham.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th, St. Michael's on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting after.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea, at 5.30, in Church Room. Tickets for the supper and social on Jan. 4th, 1936, are now obtainable from officers and committee.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Reports to hand. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. P. Lewis) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Bramley, Leeds. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me at their earliest convenience.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, usual terms, in The Good Shepherd Hall, at 5.30. Service at 7.30 and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Nearest station, Clapton (L. & N.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar. Meeting to follow.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. All Saints' tower open from 6 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—C. R. Smith, 53, West Carr Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints', near King's Lynn, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Bell Inn. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Millom on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—Dec. 14th, at North Crawley Begin 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Bryce. Business meeting to follow. Ladies invited. Roll up and let us have a bumper meeting for the last of 1935.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, City Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. St. Ebbe's (8) and All Saints' (8) available after tea.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec.

REPTON, DERBY.—On Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the two new trebles. The ring of six has been rehung and the peal augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HINDERCLAY, near Diss, Norfolk.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The dedication of the Wigan Parish Church bells by the Bishop of Warrington will take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to ringers after the service, by permission of the Rector. The old 8 bells have been recast and 2 new trebles added by J. Taylor and Co.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at Sandbach (8 bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., by kind invitation of Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Armitstead. All are welcome. Meeting to follow, at which the dates of meetings, places, etc., will be compiled for 1936. Will all who intend to be present let me have word not later than the

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me before Dec. 14th. — H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—The ring of 8 bells, recast and rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Ringing till 10 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, on Thursday (Boxing Day), Dec. 26th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available after the close of the business meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Further particulars next week.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE. — Jan. 18th, 1936: The star turn: WATFORD.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A commemoration luncheon on Feb. 4th, 1936. All non-resident members welcome. For further particulars apply to the secretary.—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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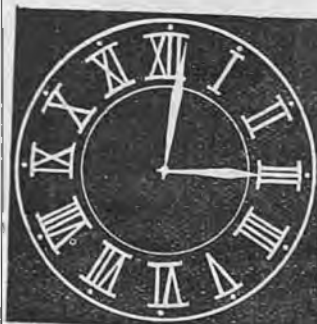
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