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Several important bell restorations have been carried out since the war, but none, we think, has excelled in interest and scope that now proposed at York, where a scheme is rapidly taking shape to recast and rehang the peal of twelve at the Minster and to provide what has always been badly wanted, a ceiling between the ringing room and the floor of the bell chamber. It was only in the year 1914 that the bells were in the hands of bell hangers, but the condition of the peal is now such that the Dean and Chapter have resolved no longer to put off rehangng, and it is because this task is inevitable that the further proposal has been made to recast the whole ring. The bells are reputed to be the third heaviest peal in the country, but they are lacking in quality of tone, and if anything is to be done to make them more worthy of the glorious Minster, now is unquestionably the time to do the work.

As will be seen elsewhere, while the cost of the rehangng will be provided out of Minster funds, there is no available money at the disposal of the Dean and Chapter for the recasting, but this part of the scheme bids fair to become an accomplished fact, for already there has been a generous lead given, and promises, headed by three of the Canons, have been made which guarantee the cost of casting seven of the bells, the ringers themselves being responsible for one. There is little doubt, therefore, that the full proposals will be carried out, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., who, we are informed, will be entrusted with the work, will have a magnificent opportunity of producing a noble peal of bells for one of England's noblest churches. That they will rise to the great occasion goes without saying, and the Minster will doubtless hereafter possess an outstanding example of the English bell founders' art.

It is a matter for real gratification to find cathedral authorities so ready to enter upon a comprehensive scheme such as is proposed at York. It is not often they are prepared to do so, and still more seldom is it that so handsome and speedy a lead is given without public appeal. But the people of York have a great pride in their Minster, and, with the opportunity now before them, will add to the glories of their magnificent fane. Fortunately no point of antiquarian interest enters into this recasting project, for the present bells are but eighty years old, and a clean sweep can therefore be made of them without injuring the susceptibilities of anyone. We expect to hear in a very short time that donors for the recasting of the rest of the bells have come forward, and when the work is consummated there is a prospect of York Minster possessing what may well be the finest peal of bells in the world.

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CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E sharp.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 7
FREDERICK DICKENS 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	JOHN NEAL 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
ALBERT E. NORMAN 6	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HOLMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 2	*ALFRED J. BULL 7
HENRY F. EWINS 3	JOHN H. WHITE 8
HUGH R. THORPE 4	GEORGE ELLIS 9
WALTER CLAYTON 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	FREDK. W. WADE 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	HENRY B. BORT 7
RAYMOND C. SEAGER 3	GEORGE TREW 8
HENRY J. WAY 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALFRED PEARCE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of deepest sympathy with Mr. G. T. Daltrey, whose wife died November 13th, and was buried on the day the peal was rung.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in E.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN W. WOOD 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	HORACE M. WOOD 8
*WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4	JOHN H. FREEMAN 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. The 3rd peal published last Friday, omitting the last three bobs W in the first part, and calling the second part in full.

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Church Bell Hanger, CRAYFORD, KENT

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF THE ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER8, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Miss Doris M. Bryant ... Treble	†Miss Freda E. Orr ... 6
Robert A. Fardon ... 2	Challis F. Winney ... 7
†Miss E. Chapman ... 3	Charles W. Roberts ... 8
†Miss E. E. Hardcastle ... 4	Herbert Langdon ... 9
Miss Phyllis M. Moss ... 5	†E. Alexander Young ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by R. A. Fardon.

First peal by the society. Rung on St. Cecilia's Day, and on the Eve of St. Clement's Day. * First attempt for a peal. † First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER8, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HENRY ROMENS ... 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 3	HENRY C. ALFORD ... 8
HUGH T. SCARLET ... 4	FREDERICK J. MAYNARD ... 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. Newson. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. William H. Freeman.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	JAMES R. JONES ... 7
*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 3	*GEORGE FREW ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	JOHN A. BARFORD ... 9
EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. This was Miss Brown's first attempt in the method, and she had not previously rung anything beyond a plain course. Rung on the birthday of Mr. P. W. H. Came, late steeplekeeper of St. Mary Redcliffe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday November 14, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROBERT LANCASTER ... Treble	Cecil Robinson ... 5
GEORGE WORTHY ... 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
GEORGE KEMBALL ... 3	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7
*JAMES W. NEWTON ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT LANCASTER ... Treble	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 5
JOHN APPLETON ... 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 6
*GEORGE WORTHY ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
GEORGE KEMBALL ... 4	JOHN W. PASSMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. These two peals were arranged for the treble ringer, who hails from Tadcaster, and was on holiday at Middlesbrough.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*JAMES FRANKLIN ... Treble	JACK JUDGE ... 5
*HARRY TOLLEY ... 2	*RICHARD G. RICE ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... 4	WILLIAM STONE ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

LEESFIELD, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

*OGDEN MOORS ... Treble	EDWIN B. SHAW ... 5
FRED CROSLAND ... 2	JAMES W. TAYLOR ... 6
SAM STOTT ... 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 7
ALBERT CLAGG ... 4	ALFRED AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by SAM STOTT.

* First peal. Ringer of the treble belongs to Leesfield; ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th and tenor to St. Mark's, Glodwick; and the 6th and 7th to St. Mary's, Oldham.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY WILSON ... Treble	JOE GARTH ... 5
*JOHN CANNINGS ... 2	*HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 6
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	*ARTHUR WINN ... 7
HENRY BARNES ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRANK SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN ... 5
*ARTHUR J. BARKER ... 2	†HAROLD VAUGHAN ... 6
ERNEST KING ... 3	CHARLES MORLEY ... 7
ALBERT VAUGHAN ... 4	†C. EDGAR MORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. MORLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells by a band composed entirely of regular ringers of the church.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS ... Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... 2	HUGH R. THORPE ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICE ... 3	ALBERT ELLIS ... 7
*ALFRED J. BULL ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Oxford.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE ILLMAN Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 5
*PETER ETHERIDGE 2	ALBERT ELLIS 6
*JOHN FOSTER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS

* First peal of Treble Bob.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

F. DUNKERLEY Treble	J. COLLIER 5
H. BARLOW... .. 2	J. HALLAS 6
F. LAWTON... .. 3	F. CHAPMAN... .. 7
I. KAY 4	C. PLATT Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. PLATT.

Rung in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mellodew, Mr. Mellodew being a son of the donor of the bells, and nephew of the donor of the church.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW... .. Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
MRS. JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JONATHAN WHEWELL... .. 3	WILLIAM RILEY 7
RICHARD TOWNLEY 4	JAMES HOLDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. SHAW.

Rung in the celebration of the dedication on the previous day, of a stained window placed in the memorial chapel by the ringers of this church in gratitude for the safe return from the war of all their members.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
MISS FRED A. ORR 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FRANK E. DARBY... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

This composition, a one-part, has 4-5-6 only in 6th's place, and was published as Treble Bob Major in 'The Bell News' in 1899. Subsequently it was rung as Rochester Surprise Major at Leiston, Suffolk, on June 9th, 1924, and published in these columns as such.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 2	JOHN WHEADON... .. 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Kent to perform the opening ceremonies of the new hospital at Erith, and the new Watling Street from Dartford to Strood. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 5th and 6th.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, November 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edburgh,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S.

*J. EVANS Treble	F. NEALE... .. 5
*H. HATFIELD 2	E. A. CLIFTON 6
†W. SCARROTT 3	E. HIMS 7
B. COX... .. 4	*T. CLIFTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HIMS.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples by all, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... Treble
†CHARLES DRAPER 2	WALTER HORTON 6
*EDWIN MARTIN 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
HARRY ARGYLE... .. 4	†DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise with a working bell. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT... .. 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	THOMAS F. KING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH HALL Secretary Manchester Branch	... Treble
WALTER HUGHES " Liverpool	... 2
CHARLES SHARPLES " Fylde	... 3
WILLIAM HORAN " Rochdale	... 4
PETER CROOK " Bolton	... 5
JOHN WATSON " Blackburn	... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON Association Ringing Secretary	... 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER " General Secretary	... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 6
HARRY A. FARLOW 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
J. D. GEORGE HARRIS ... 4	*BENJAMIN DALTON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. R. Pickering (son of the second ringer) and Mrs. R. N. Lawson (wife of the senior curate). First peal of Steedman on the bells. * First peal of Steedman Triples.

WALDRON, SUSSEX. — On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Jenner 1, A. Reed 2, E. Jennings 3, D. J. Hollands (first quarter-peal) 4, H. S. Hobden 5, P. S. Thompson (conductor) 6, A. Hobden 7, H. Ades 8.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WALTER THOMAS... ..	Treble	ARTHUR NEWALL... ..	5
ROBERT SPERRING... ..	2	THOMAS R. BUTLER... ..	6
ALBERT J. HUGHES... ..	3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST... ..	7
GEORGE R. HUGHES... ..	4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 14 cwt in F.

SAM GREENHALGH... ..	7 reble	ALLAN F. BAILEY... ..	5
EDWARD JENKINS... ..	2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... ..	3	TITUS BARLOW... ..	7
GEORGE POWNALL... ..	4	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT... ..	Treble	*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE... ..	2	GEORGE S. MORRIS... ..	6
FRANK W. PERRINS... ..	3	FRANK E. PERVIN... ..	7
E. HARRY STONELEY... ..	4	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

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

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NAPPER... ..	Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL... ..	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK... ..	2	ALBERT E. LOCK... ..	6
*WALTER V. WEBB... ..	3	JAMES S. NAPPER... ..	7
THOMAS EAST... ..	4	PERCY DYKE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

GEORGE PEATE... ..	Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... ..	5
EDGAR T. SMITH... ..	2	WILLIAM T. POWELL... ..	6
EDGAR MARLOW... ..	3	THOMAS HILL... ..	7
EDWIN J. TYLER... ..	4	THOMAS J. ELTON... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER... ..	Treble	ALBERT PICKLES... ..	5
THOMAS SENIOR... ..	2	EDGAR WHITELEY... ..	6
HAROLD PEARCE... ..	3	JOE GREENWOOD... ..	7
*CECIL DRAKE... ..	4	FRED HOTTON... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal inside.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*OWEN H. GILES... ..	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..	5
*D. CECIL WILLIAMS... ..	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... ..	6
GEORGE PULLINGER... ..	3	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ..	7
*WALTER G. ROWE... ..	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of London. Also first peal of London Surprise on the bells, and by a resident band in the county. The conductor's 50th peal in the method.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK CULL... ..	Treble	LEONARD SHEPHERD... ..	5
ARTHUR SHEPHERD... ..	2	WILLIAM NASH... ..	6
THOMAS J. HULL... ..	3	JOHN T. KENTISH... ..	7
JOHN W. MALYAN... ..	4	P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

The ringer of the 6th is from North Myms; the 3rd and 4th from St. Albans.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... ..	Treble	C.S.M. J. BENNETT... ..	5
ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... ..	6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER... ..	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN... ..	7
HERBERT E. ADESLY... ..	4	JOHN H. CHEESMAN... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal for the Kent Association conducted by a lady.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE... ..	Treble	*HARRY BURDOCK... ..	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... ..	2	*Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E... ..	6
HENRY HUTTON... ..	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..	7
*GEORGE W. STEERE... ..	4	ALFRED H. PULLING... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method by the above association. First peal in the method on the bells. + First peal in the method. * First peal in the method away from the treble.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS... ..	Treble	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN... ..	5
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS... ..	2	ALBERT W. COLES... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	3	REUBEN SANDERS... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. It is also F. I. Hairs' 300th peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 9th, for Armistice service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Alderton 1, C. P. Ramplin 2, G. Ellis 3, E. Scarfe 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, F. Chaplin 7, C. Knopp 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK R. BARRETT ... Treble	WALTER BARRETT ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	FREDERICK SMITH ... 7
ERNEST LINCOLN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

*HARRY FOSTER ... Treble	HARRY THORPE ... 5
*MISS OLIVE LUMLEY ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 3	ERNEST SIMPSON ... 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Wilcock, Shipley

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL EVANS ... Treble	THOMAS CHINERY ... 5
WILLIAM UNDERWOOD ... 2	ARTHUR MAXIM ... 6
ERNEST AMBROSE ... 3	ROBERT GOWERS ... 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4	GEORGE MORE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

This is the first peal on the bells since their restoration. It is 26 years since the last peal was rung on them.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK SANDERS ... Treble	HUGH R. THORPE ... 4
ARTHUR HOLMAN ... 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 21, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

HENRY MARLOW ... Treble	ISAAC BENNETT ... 4
BERTIE E. SODEN ... 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... 5
*THOMAS WISE ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell on six bells.

NEWCASTLE.—At the Cathedral, as in former years, the bells were rung half-muffled at intervals during the morning. For the 10.45 service, at the conclusion of the touch, the whole pull and stand was observed for the last five minutes. The bells were rung open for the remainder of the day. The last touch of the day was a 504 Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. R. Richards, who expressed a wish to call that touch, as he was that evening going into the infirmary for a fifth operation within two years.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS WISE ... Treble	HARRY CLARKE ... 3
ISAAC BENNETT ... 2	JOHN M. GRAY ... 4
TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS KITTY MOORE ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... 4
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	*FREDERICK T. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in seven methods.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

HENRY BARRELL ... Treble	FREDERICK PECK ... 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS CRANE ... 4
LIONEL HAMMOND ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Newson, of Huntingfield, and arranged for H. Barrell, clerk of St. Mary's Church, Bungay, to enable him to ring a peal on the bells of his native village.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD J. BAILEY ... Treble	ALBERT MINEY ... 3
ALFRED BROWN ... 2	PERCY GOODCHILD ... 4
AMOS SMART ... Tenor	

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at Langport on Saturday, November 22nd. Owing to other attractions the attendance was small, Langport, Curry Rivel, Martock, Stoke-under-Ham and Bridgwater being the towers represented. The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Plaxton) conducted a service in the Parish Church, and the Rev. Rhys James (Vicar of Drayton) gave an address.

The Vicar of Langport presided at the meeting, which followed tea in the Church Room. He was supported by the Vicar of Drayton, and Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater. — The Chairman opened the meeting with a few words of welcome, and four of the Langport ringers were made members. — Martock was chosen for the annual meeting.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind words of welcome, and for so kindly making all arrangements. He also thanked the Vicar of Drayton for his address. The tower of Huish Episcopi was open to the ringers after the meeting. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were the methods practised.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP... .. 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3—4	JOHN AMBLER 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

Rung as a final farewell peal to Mr. J. R. Kemp, the ringer of 1—2, who left for Dunedin, New Zealand, on November 27th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

*GEORGE PETTER 1—2	GEORGE W. STREER... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. AYRES AND MRS. PULLING.

* First peal on 1—2. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Melville, senr.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
In THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. COATES 1—2	MISS DORIS BULMAN 3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

* First peal, and first attempt. Miss Bulman is the first lady to accomplish a peal on handbells for the above Association. Mr. A. Coates hails from Whitby.

THE BOSTON GUILD.**RINGING AT U.S.A.'S OLDEST TOWER.**

On Sunday, November 9th, members of the Boston, Mass. Guild of Change Ringers met at the Memorial Tower of Hingham Church, which is the oldest church in U.S.A., having been built in 1681. The occasion was the unveiling of a memorial to the late Mr. Fred L. Ripley, who was for many years a leading citizen of Hingham, and died at the age of 88.

No peal was attempted, but throughout the afternoon several 168's of Grandsire Triples, 276's of Bob Minor, and other touches were rung.

The greatest interest was displayed by local residents, to whom, of course, our method of ringing is something of a novelty. The ringing chamber and staircase were crowded, and a large number congregated in the churchyard to listen to the bells, in spite of the inclement weather. The ringers were afterwards entertained at tea by ladies of the parish. The handbells were then brought out, and courses of Grandsire Caters were rung. This concluded a most successful meeting.

The following members took part in the ringing: Mrs. Margaret H. Shurtleff (President of the Guild), Philip J. Alfrever, William Bashford, Joseph Goodhead, George E. Hubbard, James F. Laker, Richard Newton, Tony Price, Somers H. Sturgis, and S. Warren Sturgis.

The Boston Guild, which owes its existence to the untiring labours of the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, has, at the present time, a membership of about 20. Unfortunately, owing to the great distances apart at which members live, and to a certain amount of prejudice against ringing, regular practice is impossible. Despite these handicaps, the band still retains a high standard of ringing.

The Guild has its next meeting at Groton, Mass., on November 23rd, when it is hoping that Mr. A. R. MacDonald, of the White-chapel Foundry, now on a visit to Canada and the U.S.A., will be present.

SURPRISE MINOR RINGING.

The following Surprise Minor Methods have been rung on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Sutton-in-the-Isle: On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Faux, senr., 1. A. Faux, junr., 2. W. Faux 3, G. Howard 4, R. Knight (conductor) 5, G. Few 6. On Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 720 London Surprise: F. Thulbourne 1, A. Faux 2, C. W. Cook 3, F. Warrington 4, R. Knight 5, G. Few 6. First 720 in method by ringers of treble and 4th. Also two courses of York Surprise by the same band, and 360 Cambridge Surprise, F. Thulbourne and G. Howard standing in.

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LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bishop, in appointing the Rev. C. C. Parker, Rector of Corston, and Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral, stated he did so for several reasons, but more especially for the valuable services the association had rendered to the diocese.

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild will hold a meeting at Coseley on December 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gough have kindly promised to entertain the ladies to tea. A small charge will be made to gentlemen.

A band of Cumberland Youths had a somewhat galling experience on Saturday, when a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch was lost within 60 changes of the end, through a rope breaking.

The Master has found an 'unlucky' composition. It was lost at Quex Park past half-way; at High Wycombe through a broken rope five courses from the end; at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the last course, when the bells were stopped for a service; and now at Shoreditch. It ought to be publicly burnt!

In the report of the peal of Bob Major, at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, rung on Saturday, November 15th, 1924, the second footnote should have read: First peal 'in the method' for C. W. Bell as conductor, Mr. Bell being one of the oldest conductors in the Bath branch.

Members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association intend to attempt a peal of 13,440 Bob Major at Colerne, Wilts, on December 13th.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811.

The College Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on Dec. 4th, 1803, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, Staffs, ringing the 6th bell in the peal of Stedman Triples at Tipton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, has now accomplished a peal of Stedman Triples on every bell in the tower, and is supposed to be the first to achieve that honour in this belfry.

Miss Annie Brown, of Bristol, is the latest lady to add Cambridge Surprise Royal to her laurels. She took part in a peal on Saturday, never having previously rung any more than a plain course.

A peal of London Surprise Major by a resident band in Hampshire has been rung for the first time. It was rung at North Stoneham with only two outside the local band, and is another performance for which the enthusiasm of Mr. George Williams has largely to be thanked. It was, as a matter of fact, a great triumph over difficulties, and success after numerous failures.

It is a singular coincidence that the first peal of London Surprise Major by the Surrey Association should be claimed on the same day by two bands. One peal was rung at Carshalton, and the other at Godstone. Enquiries, however, have elicited the fact that the latter was completed about 2½ hours before the former, and must be awarded the claim.

The bells at Rayleigh, Essex, are being restored. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. C. H. Howard (who has just had the satisfaction of seeing completed the recasting and rehangings of Great Baddow bells, on which he learnt to ring), the Diocesan Advisory Committee were induced to advise the erection of a new iron frame and the recasting of several of the bells.

The recent claim that a peal on cup handbells was the first on this type of bells, brings from Mr. A. H. Pulling the information that a peal on cup bells was rung at Teddington in 1920. Like the Leicester men, the band found the bells difficult to get used to.

William Doubleday Crofts, the famous old Nottingham ringer, died on November 29th, 1899, and was buried at St. Mary's on December 2nd, when a 'mourning peal of 1,494 Grandsire Caters' was rung.

A peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Southwark on Nov. 28th, 1735.

On December 4th, 1722, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stroud, Glos., and on December 1st, 1732, a peal in the same method was rung at St. Alphege, Greenwich.

The first peal at Long Melford since the restoration was rung last Saturday, in 3 hours 23 minutes. It is pointed out that the time occupied had nothing to do with the 'go' of the bells, which run splendidly. But owing to the excessive noise in the ringing chamber it was found better to give more open leads, and a slower time. The conditions will be altered before any more peals are rung.

A secretaries' peal has been rung by members of the Lancashire Association, the band being made up of the general secretary, the ringing secretary, and six branch secretaries.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' OFFICERS.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Tuesday, November 18th, the following officers were elected for the year: Master, Mr. Percy E. Clark; treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. William Hibbert; junior steward, Mr. Alfred Noakes; trustees, Messrs. Challis F. Winney and Walter Prime.

YORK MINSTER BELLS TO BE RECAST?

GENEROUS OFFERS PROMOTE BIG RESTORATION SCHEME.

One of the greatest bell restoration schemes promoted since the war is to be carried out at York Minster. Hung in this stately pile is one of the heaviest rings of twelve in the country, but they are at present in bad ringing condition, although they were rehung only about ten years ago. The Dean and Chapter have had the matter under consideration, and, having received a report from Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have decided, out of their own funds, to have the bells rehung.

At the same time they went into the question of recasting the bells, and making them a peal worthy of the Minster, but this project was beyond the means at the disposal of the Cathedral authorities. Further, the Dean and Chapter felt it was difficult in view of the pressing claims of the Cathedral Windows Fund to launch an appeal for the bells, but it was thought that, with the other work to be carried out, the opportunity of recasting the bells ought not to be lost. To give a lead in the matter, three of the Canons of the Minster generously offered to defray the cost of recasting three bells, and their example was followed by the Chapter Clerk. Now the ringers have undertaken the recasting of one of the remainder, and two more offers have been received, bringing the promises up to seven bells, including the 9th and tenor. Thus, there is every prospect of the complete recasting of the peal being carried out.

In addition to the recasting and rehanging, it is proposed to insert a new ceiling about 19 feet above the floor of the ringing room, and to encase the clock weights. From the ringers' point of view, this alteration is a very necessary one, as hitherto the noise in the ringing room has been almost unbearable, and a great improvement will be effected if this proposal is carried out.

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

A very interesting history of York bells has appeared in the 'Yorkshire Weekly Post,' from which we take the following extracts:—

The present peal is not an old one as cathedral and medieval parish church peals go. It was hung in 1844, succeeding a peal which perished in the fire of 1840. The history of the York Minster bells, like the history of any part of that magnificent heritage of York people, is full of interest. The first record of bells at the Minster is contained in a note of a twelfth century quarrel between the Archbishop of the day, Geoffrey, and the Dean, whom he inhibited from performing service or 'having the bells rung.' From this date onward references to the bells are frequent, both in the Fabric Rolls of the Minster and in contemporary documents.

York Minster bells, however, have suffered greater vicissitudes than almost any other part of the equipment of that glorious fane. 'Falling down' seems to have been among the least of the misfortunes they encountered. In 1359 it seems that the 'great bell' fell, and was broken 'by default of the Treasurer,' and it was not till ten years later that it was replaced. A new clock and several bells were set up at this time, and there is a most interesting list of items in the Fabric Rolls of the expenditure incurred. The 'bill' throws a good deal of light on both ecclesiastical and economic history of the time. Not only are the labour costs set out, but the cost of material.

The account shows clearly that the founding of the bells was done in situ. York, indeed, was one of the four leading centres of the bell-founding industry in medieval times, and several notable York bell founders' names appear as the makers of bells up and down the country.

The history of the York bell-founders is a fascinating one. It came to an end with the death last century of the last of the Daltons, who had their foundry in Stonegate. The 'Bell founder's window' in the north aisle of the nave is in itself testimony to the importance of the craft in the city, and to the substantial character of one of its leading practitioners in Richard Tunno, who was bailiff of the city in 1320, and its representative in Parliament in 1327.

In 1459 the bells of the Minster were removed from the central tower, before it was rebuilt, and were hung in the north-west tower. The late Mr. W. H. Howard, York's most famous ringer—he was a bell ringer at the Minster for 68 years—with infinite patience and research compiled a history of the bells which was published some sixteen years ago, and to which the writer is indebted for much of the information contained in this article. Among the fruits of his research in the Fabric Rolls are entries for 1473 showing four bells, the 'Lady Bells' hung in the north-west tower, and chimes to the bells in the south-west tower.

FIRST PEAL OF TWELVE IN THE COUNTRY.

Coming down to 1655, the four minor bells were removed from the north-west tower to the south-west, the damaged bells being recast. They formed the 'ring of twelve bells,' which is spoken of by the authors of the 'Clavis Campanologia' as the earliest ring of twelve bells in England.

There were in addition two bells in a bell turret on the south transept, one being used as the clock bell and the other for daily service. They were removed in 1752. What happened to the clock bell

is unrecorded. The service bell was placed in a turret on the lantern tower, and in 1803 was removed to the south-west tower. The peal was formerly hung in two tiers. In 1765 they were taken down, and a peal of ten, cast by Lester and Pack, substituted for them.

In 1840 the bells were completely destroyed by a fire caused accidentally during the cleaning and repairing of the clock. The south-west tower was involved; the whole of its contents, including the ring of ten bells and the clock, perished, as well as the roof of the nave. In four years the restoration was completed at a cost of £25,000. In July, 1844, the present peal of twelve bells, founded by Mears, of London, was hung, having been purchased from a bequest by Dr. Stephen Beckwith, a great public benefactor to the city, who left £45,000 to the Minster, the Museum, and other York institutions. A tablet in the ringing chamber records the bequest.

DEATH OF MR. J. F. PENNING.

SAFFRON WALDEN RINGER AND COMPOSER.

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. J. F. Penning which occurred on November 13th, at his residence, Saffron Walden. Deceased had been in failing health for the past two years, and during the last twelve weeks was confined to his bed.

Mr. Penning began his ringing career with the Saffron Walden Society in 1871, and was still a member of this ancient society at the time of his death. In the early part of his ringing career he was closely associated with the brothers Pittsow, and with them and the late Mr. Samuel Slater, and other members of the Glensford company, he rang his first peal, which was one of Kent Treble Bob, at Long Melford.

At this time the Walden company was at low ebb, Treble Bob and Bob Major only being rung, but the introduction of young blood caused great progress in all standard methods, and Mr. Penning was one of the band which rang the first peals in the following methods on the bells: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court, Superlative Surprise (first peal in the county of Essex), Cambridge Surprise (first peal in the Eastern Counties), London Surprise (first peal in the County of Essex). He also took part in the first peal of Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise in the County of Cambridge.

Mr. Penning had practically a lifelong connection with the church, first as a chorister for a great number of years; as vergers for 27 years, and as a ringer for 54 years. He was a most regular attendant for Sunday Service ringing until the duties of his office as vergers prevented him giving full time to ringing. Unfortunately, a full record of his peals is not available, but they consisted of all standard methods from Bob Major to London Surprise. The last time he visited the belfry he expressed a wish to ring a course of London Surprise, but after ringing six leads he set his bell, being too fatigued to finish the course.

It was perhaps as a composer Mr. Penning was better known to the Exercise generally, he having composed peals of Bob Minor with the greatest number of calls yet published. In the early eighties he became prominent by the composition of peals of Grandire Triples, was the first to improve on Holt's One-Part, and was the first to obtain a Five-Part peal with the use of ordinary singles. In 1907 he composed methods known as Penning Triples and Stansted Triples, and his peals in these methods were rung by the Stansted company.

Mr. Penning was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ely Diocesan and Essex Associations, being district secretary of the latter for a number of years, and taking a great interest in the business matters concerning the associations of which he was a member.

Mr. Penning possessed a gift for writing poetry, and it gave him much pleasure to record ringing performances in the form of verse. He was for 27 years town hall keeper, and custodian and clerk of the corn market. He also occupied for many years the office of secretary of the local Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

The deceased, who was 72 years of age, and leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn their loss, was laid to rest in the family grave at Saffron Walden Cemetery on November 18th, and in the evening the local company rang at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled, 1,036 Grandire Triples being the first part of one of deceased's compositions: A. E. Pittsow (conductor) 1, F. Dench 2, A. James 3, I. Pittsow 4, R. Strong 5, A. Evenett 6, F. J. Pittsow 7, W. Parish 8.

WYCOMBE & THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is no record of the High Wycombe resolution being discussed at Boyne Hill on the only two occasions when I have been present, incidentally as a member of the Stoke Poges band; also, I have yet to have the pleasure of attending any function at Wooburn.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR D. BARKER.

GREAT BADDOW BELLS.

RING OF EIGHT RECAST.

The dedication of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Great Baddow, after restoration, took place on Saturday, November 15th, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Barking.

The bells have been recast and tuned on the 'true-harmonic' system, and, in recasting, all the old inscriptions have been reproduced in facsimile. The bells have also been rebung in a new, strong, and massive cast-iron frame, the foundation of the framework consisting of heavy rolled steel girders built into the walls. The standards which support the frame are of heavy cast-iron. The new head-stocks are of cast-iron and fitted with patent self-aligning ball bearings in massive iron pedestals, totally enclosed, and are absolutely dust and dirt proof. There are also new wrought-iron clappers, with independent crown-staples and joints passing through the head-stock and secured by patent lock-nut, which cannot be shaken loose by vibration.

The bells have been fixed at a lower level in the tower, thus producing a much softer tonal effect in the immediate vicinity of the tower, and at the same time a further carrying power. The old bell chamber floor has been removed and replaced with a new one, fixed independently of the bell frame. The cost of the work will be over £600, of which about five-sixths has been raised.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble: I mean to make it understood, that tho' I'm little, yet I'm good. Mears, 1781.

2nd: The gift of Mr. Waston Gower, 1738. Recast 1809. Thomas Mears and Son, of London, fecit.

3rd: The Revd. Alexd. Longmore, Vicar; Mr. William Polly, Ch. Warden. W. and T. Mears, of London, fecit 1787.

4th: Thos. Mears, of London, founder, 1837.

5th: Jno. Godsalue Crosse, Esq. The Revd. Mr. Longmore, Vicar. W. Mears fecit, 1781.

6th: Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound, may love and loyalty abound. Mears, 1781.

7th: To Honor both of God and King, our voices shall in consort ring. Mears, 1781.

Tenor: The founder he hath played his part: That shewes he's master of his art: So hang me well, and ring me true, And I will sound your praises due. Chapman & Mears, of London, fecerunt 1782.

This peal of eight bells was recast by public subscription, 1924. Rev. C. Neill, M.A., M.B., Vicar; Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, Frank Howard, Churchwardens.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF BARKING.

There was a crowded congregation at the dedication service. The choir were present, and Mr. A. Burton was at the organ. The Vicar, Rev. D. G. Douglas, commenced the service, and the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was sung. The special lesson was taken from Numbers x. 1—11. During the singing of the hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy courts above,' the clergy, churchwardens, and choir, proceeded to the tower. Here the churchwardens, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips and Mr. F. Howard, taking the ropes, presented the bells to the Bishop for dedication. This completed, the Bishop delivered the ropes to the Vicar, requesting him to receive the bells as a sacred trust, to be used for the glory and service of God. A few rounds were then rung, during which the Bishop, clergy, and choir returned to the stalls. The hymn, 'Hark on high the joyful music,' was then sung, after which 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. H. Howard, was rung, and a collection in aid of the Bell Fund was taken, amounting to £9 4s. 9d. This was followed by the hymn, 'The gospel bells are ringing.'

The Bishop, who preached from the words, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice,' commenced by saying that it was somewhat difficult to find a suitable text for such an occasion. Bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible—namely, Exodus xxviii. 33, and Zechariah xiv. 20. Bells were not as old as churches, and their origin was somewhat obscure. They probably came into use about the ninth century of the Christian era. Abbots had bells in olden times, but they were probably cast upon the spot, as transport would be then impossible. He rejoiced with the parishioners that the bells were now in order, and also that the old inscriptions had been retained; and he congratulated them that about five-sixths of the total money (£600) had been raised. He referred in kindly terms to the ringers in the diocese and to all the voluntary work they so readily gave, and trusted that their labours would bring many into the fellowship of the Church. The message of the bells could be interpreted in many ways, such as joy, which was the predominant note; sorrow, as at the passing of some loved parishioner; wedding peals, signifying the knitting together of two in Jesus; and national happiness.

The recessional hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' concluded the service.

The ringers during the service were Baddow men, past or present, who stood as follows: Treble, H. Dawson; 2, W. Rice; 3, R. Bush; 4, J. J. Clark; 5, H. Allen; 6, C. H. Howard; 7, G. Green; tenor, A. Richell.

A FINE RESULT.

After the service about 60 ringers from 25 different churches partook of tea in the Vicarage room. Mr. F. Howard presided. They came from Baddow, Braintree, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Clacton-on-Sea, Danbury, Dunmow, Earls Colne, Feering, Great Bentley, Greensted Green, Kelvedon, Loughborough, Little Waltham, Maldon St. Mary's, Maldon All Saints', Rayne, Romford, Rettendon, Sandon, Stisted, Springfield, Writtle, and Witham. Among the visitors was a lady ringer, Miss A. E. Waldoek, from Maldon St. Mary's, and Mr. E. Newman, for 53 years a ringer at Great Baddow.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and a Baddow ringer of 40 years ago, but now living at Braintree, congratulated the Church Council on the splendid work achieved in the restoration of the bells. He stated that expert opinion was obtained, tenders invited, and excellent work secured, so that Baddow now possesses a very fine peal. He congratulated the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, on the fine results achieved, and said the peal would be a lasting credit to that firm. He knew there were ringers who would take up the work in Baddow in the right spirit now they had such a peal to work upon.

Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Howard for his kind remarks. He stated that when he inspected the old bells on the wooden, rickety frame he knew that nothing but complete restoration would make a satisfactory job of it, and he was glad that the Council had agreed on such a course, instead of attempting to patch up the old ones. He was most happy to meet such a number of ringers, and extended a very warm welcome to any who visited Loughborough at any time.

Mr. E. A. Amoss, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, extended a warm welcome to the ringers, and thanked Mr. Howard for all the assistance he had given, and also Mr. Taylor for the very courteous and prompt manner in which he had dealt with the whole business.

Mr. Dyson, of Braintree, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had served the tea.—Mr. H. Allen seconded; and this was carried with applause.

Touches of Grandsire, Bob and Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were afterwards rung. The 'go' and tone of the bells were much admired.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RECTOR WANTS MORE PEALS RUNG.

A most successful meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members and visitors attended from the following towers: Angmering, Arundel, Steyning, Henfield, Shoreham, Pulborough, West Tarring, Warnham, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), and a good many members of the local band. The meeting was also favoured by the presence of the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and Mr. H. Chandler from Hillingdon.

Some good courses and touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

At 5 o'clock, the company adjourned to the Churchroom, where they were met by the Rector (the Rev. F. J. Fallows), who had provided an excellent tea.

The Rector having to leave before the business meeting, a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. T. Rickman, was accorded the Rector for generously providing the meal.—The Rev. J. P. Fallows, in responding, said how pleased he was to meet such a large company of ringers, but he was sorry more peals were not rung at Heene. He hoped one could be arranged amongst the company present.

At the business meeting, with the Master in the chair, one new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Petworth in February.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Rickman brought the short business meeting to an end. Further ringing was afterwards enjoyed, some of the visitors going on to West Tarring. Although several had to leave early to catch trains, enough remained to ring Bristol and London Surprise, and a touch of Superlative.

DEVON RINGERS' 'FRATERNAL.'

The monthly fraternal meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at the Franklin Hall, Exeter, on Saturday, November 8th. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E. V. Cox, hon. secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. Franklin Owen, Rector of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was also present.

The subject for debate on this occasion was, 'How best to promote good striking.' A very interesting discussion took place, in which a good many members took part.

Quartettes were splendidly rendered by the 'Orpheus' Glee Party, and the Rev. Franklin Owen sang two songs, 'Glorious Devon' and 'Tavistock Goosey Fair,' in excellent form. The whole of the musical programme was greatly appreciated.

It is very gratifying to note the interest being taken in these meetings, which must give the committee every encouragement to go forward, as success is already assured.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AS RINGERS.

A COMMENT OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The Hon. Librarian of the Central Council (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) sends us the following interesting extract from 'A Note on St. Bride's, Fleet Street,' published in the issue of 'Church Bells' of November 21st, 1874:—

'In its tower (St. Bride's) some of the earliest feats of ringing were accomplished. The ring, originally consisting of ten bells only, was cast in 1710 by Rudhall, of Gloucester; and about seven years later the first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on them. In 1718, two trebles were added, and within eight years from that date the first peal of Cinques and the first peal of Maximus had been accomplished on these bells. Those were the aristocratic days of ringing, for we are told that each ringer in the last-named peal drove home in his own carriage. The possession of a carriage is a very good thing in its way, but we hope that in a few years peals rung by men with the hallmark of a University education will be so common as to pass without special comment, and then the art of ringing will have gained the position to which it is entitled, as the most perfect form of combined mental and physical exercise. Oxford, by the inauguration of a University company, has shown how this desirable end is to be attained; and we trust that ere long Cambridge will have followed such an excellent example. For many years there were not wanting at Cambridge instances, though rather rare ones, of men graduates and undergraduates who could ring; if any of these remain, it ought not to be difficult to get a company together.'

RINGERS' THANKSGIVING WINDOW.

In the memorial chapel of Oswaldtwistle Parish Church, Lancs, a stained window has been placed by the ringers in gratitude for the safe return from the war of all their members.

This handsome and thoughtful gift in thanksgiving was dedicated on Sunday week. The window represents 'Christ in Glory,' and beneath is a plate bearing the inscription:—

A.M.D.G.

And in gratitude for the safe return from the war of all their members, this window is given by the ringers of this church.

On Monday, November 17th, a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the dedication of the window.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS

SCORE THEIR FIRST PEAL.

The first peal by the St. Clement's Youths, at the famous church in the Strand, is of interest. Apart from the fact that there were five ladies in the band (the title of the society should be surely 'Youths and Lassies'), the hon. secretary of the Central Council has scored his first peal on ten bells, and also upon these bells, with which he first became associated in 1884. Mr. Young has been a ringer at this church since joining the St. James's Society in 1889, being soon afterwards made one of the officers. The last time Mr. Young attempted a peal at St. Clement's was on the occasion of the bi-centenary celebration in March, 1893, when the tenor became unringable some 40 minutes after starting.

Mr. G. Fardon, who has given much time to teaching beginners, had looked forward to calling the St. Clement's Youths' first peal early this year. His unfortunate accident six months ago, however, has prevented him ringing since, but the peal on Saturday was one of Mr. Fardon's compositions, and was ably conducted by his son, 'Bob Minor.'

The composition, which was first rung at St. Clement Danes, on December 4th, 1919, by a band of Freemasons (conducted by the composer) was as follows:

5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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32654	78	52364	79
26354	78	23564	79
36452	89	53462	98
46253	89	43265	98
62453	78	S 23465	79
S 42653	78	34265	79
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produces		(a) 7 in & out at 3	78
46352		(b) 9 in & out at 2	79
56243 8 in 2	78		
26345	89		
63245	78		
43562 8 in 2	78		
Twice repeat the 8 courses			
from * produces			
25364			

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I can quite realise the four points which Mr. Hibbert mentions, and am quite aware that modern bell foundries can cast small bells less 'wild' in tone than the old founders did. At the same time, I am dead against many of the modern fads which are now so common (such as recasting old bells, which are perfectly sound, because they cannot be tuned on the Simpson principle, ball bearings for comparatively light bells, etc.). I do not know who the 'competent' founders and hangers are whom the committee have consulted; so that any strictures I make are not directed against any particular firm. But I must say that any peal of eight with a tenor higher than F is not pleasant to listen to.

I must certainly decline Mr. Hibbert's invitation to contribute anything to such a scheme as he proposes; although the late Mr. Washbrook was an old friend of mine, and one whom I always looked up to in ringing matters.—Yours faithfully,

Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CARLISLE.

The Rev. David W. Irving, the son of Canon Irving, of Hawkshead, Ambleside, and brother-in-law of Mr. Eric H. Truscott, of London and Bromley, has recently been inducted to the living of St. Stephen's, Carlisle, where there is a peal of eight bells, with tenor of 15 cwt.

It is the only peal of bells in ringing order in Carlisle, as the six bells at the Cathedral are now never rung, as the tower is supposed to be unsafe.

The new Vicar of St. Stephen's is very keen on bells, and is taking steps to get a band of change ringers together again, for the bells have not been regularly rung for service for a long time. The church was built, the peal put in, and the living endowed by the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

MALDON RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. William Last took place at Colchester Hospital on November 13th, from pneumonia, following an operation. The deceased, who was 66 years of age, had been a ringer of All Saints' Church, Maldon, for over 40 years.

The funeral took place at Heybridge on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when the Maldon ringers were represented by Messrs. F. and W. H. Chalk, and G. W. and H. J. Mansfield. During the evening, touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung at All Saints' Church, with the bells deeply muffled, by H. J. Mansfield, Miss A. E. Waldox, W. H. Chalk, G. W. Mansfield, J. Amos, A. South, E. Ellinger, F. Chalk, R. Hutson and J. H. Waldox.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last, at Burnham, a good deal of spadework was put in by those who were present from Boyne Hill, Burnham, Hitcham, Reading and Stoke Poges, at the meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major.

We are looking forward to some accounts of peals in various methods in the near future.

The opportunity is taken of congratulating the energetic steeple-keeper, Mr. G. Alder, on attaining his 67th anniversary on Nov. 30th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov 15th, and as usual was well attended. Among the visitors present were Mr. J. Newman (general secretary), Mr. H. Terry (general secretary, Four Shires Guild), Mr. S. T. Holt (Ringing Master, Western Branch), and Messrs. E. Gibbs (Hanley Castle) and C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn). The association's special form of service was held in the Parish Church, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Waugh) gave an appropriate address. There were also present the Rev. W. C. Allsebrook (Vicar of Badsey and Rural Dean) and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton). A collection taken on behalf of Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund realised 13s. 6d.

Tea, provided by the generosity of the Vicar, followed in the Memorial Hall, and the Rev. J. H. Waugh presided at the subsequent business meeting.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Pershore, and that the quarterly peal be attempted on Bretforton bells, with Mr. L. Jells as conductor.

The retiring officers, viz., Messrs. J. D. Johnson, Ringing Master; J. Hemming, hon. secretary and treasurer; and J. Hall, Central Committee representative, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. J. H. Waugh, for the cordial welcome he had given the branch, and to all who assisted in making the meeting a success, were carried with applause.

A return was made to the tower, where thanks to Mr. J. Perkins, the handy peal of six are kept in splendid going order. Among the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Oxford Bob Minor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,600 Bob Major, in 60 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, F. C. Wilson 2, A. G. Stocks 3, E. Liversedge 4, E. Pammenter 5, H. Mortimer 6, A. Firth 7, G. F. Tuke (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Rev. J. L. Barker, who died November 23rd, 1923.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): J. H. Shepherd 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, H. A. Hearl 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop 9, L. A. Wilson 10.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. W. Martin (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, H. Smith 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, K. R. Elliott 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, H. Reeve 7, A. Bishop 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, November 23rd, for evensong, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. W. Mance 1, W. J. Dean 2, G. Watkin 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, A. G. Newman 5, E. Reeve 6, E. Cassell 7, W. Essery 8, H. H. Mance 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10. First quarter of Kent Royal by ringers of 1st, 3rd & 7th.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Storey (first in method) 1, R. Dore 2, W. Greenaway 3, H. T. Gray (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 4, A. Wright 5, G. Gray 6, J. Ladby 7, A. E. Akers 8.

BLEWBUURY, BERKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who fell in the Great War.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. Webb (conductor) 4, R. Prior 5, F. James 6, B. Corderoy 7, T. Busby 8. Also for evening service, 1,050 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. Webb 4, F. James (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, T. Busby 7, W. Greenough 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, after evening service, at the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. E. Large (first in the method) 1, E. F. Stringer 2, W. Stringer 3, W. G. Anker 4, B. G. Leedham 5, E. J. Stringer 6, B. W. Witchell (conductor) 7, B. Stringer 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, R. Edwards (Tenterden) 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 575 Grandsire Caters: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. C. Cuss 6, S. R. Hicks 7, R. Edwards 8, H. C. Bond 9, W. H. Hayward 10.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Saunders 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, A. Round 3, R. Round 4, H. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) 5, W. Prestidge 6, H. Hubball 7, T. Townsend 8.

SWANMORE.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas Church, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, A. Millard 3, E. Jacobs, senr., 4, H. Ainsley 5, Roy Linter (conductor) 6.

GREAT WYNDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for a special memorial service, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, G. T. Croft (conductor) 3, F. W. Croft 4, R. E. Croft 5, H. Gilbert 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor, with the bells open: H. Gilbert 1, F. C. Webb 2, G. T. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 6th. Ringing from 3; service 4; tea 4.30.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmoor, Neath.

The peal of 6 bells at Brockenhurst, Hants, will be dedicated on Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m., by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30; meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to the Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

STANDISH, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Grounds 1, R. Darbyshire 2, J. Booth 3, A. Morgan 4, J. Gray 5, W. Austin 6, E. Birchall (conductor) 7, E. Guillian 8.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On the anniversary of the opening of the new bells at the Parish Church, the following touches were rung on Sunday, Oct. 26th: For morning service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Allin, senr., 1, R. Huskisson 2, W. Allin, junr., 3, C. J. Partridge 4, W. Jack 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. For evening service, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Partridge 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskisson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, G. E. Allin 5, T. Bettisson (conductor) 6. Mr. Bettisson hails from Mansfield Woodhouse, the remainder are all local.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Newman 1, J. Hemming (conductor) 2, S. Davis 3, E. Andrews 4, J. Bradley 5, F. Thompson 6. First quarter-peal by all the band except the conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: H. J. Mansfield 1, Miss A. E. Waldoock (first 720 as conductor) 3, A. South 4, J. Amos 5, J. Walden 6, C. Nunn 7, F. Chalk 8.—On Nov. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: H. J. Mansfield 1, Miss A. E. Waldoock (conductor) 2, J. Amos 3, J. Walden 4, J. H. Waldoock 5, F. Chalk 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival (Holy Eucharist), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Heazel 1, A. Rainbird 2, H. Tredgett 3, F. G. Ringe (first as conductor) 4, H. Turner 5, E. Furbank 6, G. Miles 7, P. S. Carroll 8.—For evensong, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire came to grief, after ringing 4,200 changes: W. Leggett 2, A. Rainbird 3, the rest as above: G. Giles (conductor).—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for war memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: R. Heazel 1, A. Rainbird 2, W. Leggett 3, F. G. Ringe 4, H. Turner (first as conductor) 5, E. Furbank 6, G. Miles 7, P. S. Carroll 8.

THE CURFEW AT BLANDFORD.

The announcement made recently that from lack of funds the centuries' old custom at Blandford, Dorset, of ringing the curfew was to be discontinued, has been widely circulated in newspapers, not only in England, but also in America and Australia. As a result, Blandford Town Council have received numerous letters on the subject, and from Mr. S. F. Pond, of Melbourne, Australia, son of one of Blandford's townsmen, has come an offer to provide the money. Mr. Pond, in his letter, said: 'I think it is a great pity to drop such old customs, and no doubt there are many who hold the same opinion. Rather than see this custom lapse because of the expense, I should, until further notice, deem it a privilege to defray this outlay, which I understand is £5 per annum. A cheque on my London bankers to cover the cost for the ensuing twelve months is enclosed herewith.' The Council have decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Pond.

OFF TO NEW ZEALAND.

On Sunday evening, at Newcastle Cathedral, for evensong, 1,155 Erin Cinques were rung as a farewell touch for Mr. J. R. Kemp, who is emigrating to New Zealand this week: G. Pickering 1, Arthur Payne 2, J. Rowell 3, J. R. Kemp 4, W. Story 5, W. Barber (conductor) 6, J. Foreman 7, G. Murray 8, A. Hillier 9, R. Thompson 10, B. E. Keen 11, A. M. Hall 12. The band wish Mr. Kemp every success in his new employment. He is an old and well-known Newcastle ringer, and has also been taking an active part in ringing at Leeds, where he has resided for the last few years.

On November 18th, a farewell handbell peal was rung at Leeds.

HERTS ASSOCIATION IN MIDDLESEX.

A very enjoyable meeting of East Herts District was held, by invitation, at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 15th, and the warm welcome extended to those attending by the Edmonton band was greatly appreciated. Tea was prepared by the ladies, and much enjoyed, and the business meeting was held afterwards, under the presidency of Mr. J. Parker.

The usual votes of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the occasion were unanimously carried, and ringing from Grandsire Triples through the standard methods to Bristol Surprise gave scope to all degrees of talent.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Walthamstow on Saturday to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. William H. Freeman, who took part in the peal, ringing the tenor. Afterwards he received the birthday congratulations of the band, whom he entertained to dinner at his residence. The proceedings concluded with a musical evening, in which change ringing and tunes on handbells figured prominently, and complimentary speeches were made.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Aldate's Church on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea in Rectory Room at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, Branch Sec., 64, Norreys Avenue, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 29. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Free tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 'The Welcome,' High Street.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, in National Schools. Meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. All Saints' tower will be open for ringing after tea.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 29th. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 o'clock. The Cathedral bells will be available after tea. The tea arrangements will be made on the day.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby and Burton Districts.—A meeting of the two districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. — G. C. Wallace and C. Sanders, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8 and 10) available at 3. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea at Brett's at 5.30, followed by the usual business meeting. At the conclusion of the business a smoking concert will be held.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45. Everybody welcome. — A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 29th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. per head. All those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Birch, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus on the 11th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the Church Hall. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. each to all sending word to Mr. W. Souter, 23, Church Walk, Stowmarket, by Dec. 1st). Meeting follows. A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m. at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Street, Lavenham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Bristol, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., when the Master of the Oxford Guild will preach. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, in the Abbey, with address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Will those who wish to attend the tea kindly let the secretary know by Dec. 1st? Lillington bells (5) also available.—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 15th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special business meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd?—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Road, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambridge, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 2. Short service and business meeting. Six bells. Arrangements for tea to those who notify me by Dec. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Great Bentley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend for the election of officers for the ensuing year. All those intending to be present please notify to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, not later than Dec. 3rd.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8). Business meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. J. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield, not later than Thursday, Dec. 4th? Trains leave Sheffield (L.N.E.R.) at 2.5 and 3.42. Fare 9d. return. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Church service at 5 p.m. Afterwards tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. A. Miller). Business meeting to follow.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Long Stanton on Dec. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea in School at 5, followed by business meeting. All who wish for tea please write by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Wasley, Long Stanton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 3.30. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. each to those who advise me by the 3rd of their intention to be present. All members and friends welcome. Will those members whose subscriptions are still outstanding please let me have same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (free to members). The following towers will be open: Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas' and St. Petrock's. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fourth annual social of the Preston branch will be held at Preston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Preston parish bells will be available from 2 o'clock to 4.45; also the bells of Preston St. Mark and Penwortham from 2 o'clock to 4.30. Tea in Parish Church Schools at 5 o'clock prompt, followed by whist and social. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to be made to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 2.30

p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. T. Senior, Mount View, Chapel Lane, Queensbury, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th. For further particulars see circulars. — F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — The next meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names to be sent in not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a short business meeting. The bells of St. Saviour's will also be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.). — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS. — North-Eastern Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Will those requiring tea please send their names to me by Tuesday, Dec. 9th? — Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — The Annual district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service and tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1925. Members requiring tea please notify me by December 9th. — W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Secretary, 49, The Portway, E.15.

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