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### THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE M.C.A.

The majority of the ringing societies will, we imagine, envy the position of the Midland Counties Association in their substantial surplus of funds. None other that we know of is at this moment in such a happy position that it can say that it has too much money. On the contrary, many of them have been unable to make ends meet, and only the other day we gave an extract from the Lancashire Association report which showed that the reserves of that large organisation were on the verge of disappearing. Circumstances are, of course, widely different in the various areas, but the reason of the Midland Counties Association's financial success is not far to seek. It is fortunate in having as its president one who is no mere figure-head, but a hard worker in the cause of the association. Coupled with this he has a position of influence in the northern midlands, and his personal efforts have resulted in a large acquisition of honorary members, whose subscriptions have been largely responsible for raising the association's funds to their present high level. An equivalent of Alderman Chambers is not available to every association, but we are convinced that much more might be done by way of gaining honorary members than is done by many of the ringing organisations. The methods adopted are usually of a very casual kind, and yet it is realised that a society must have honorary members' support if it is to be free from financial anxiety.

The Midland Counties Association is now in the strange position (for a ringing society) of having to discuss how best to dispose of its surplus wealth, and in our report last week various alternatives were put forward. Among the suggestions, however, we did not notice any mention of educational work, such as the possession of funds would enable an association like the M.C.A. to undertake. The explanation of this may be that in this respect, also, the association stands in a singularly happy position in being able to get the work done without expense to the society. But if this is not the case, we should like to see some of the association's surplus funds earmarked for educational purposes, and by that we do not mean merely sending out an instructor to help a band of ringers master the rudiments of change ringing. We have often urged that associations should assist ringers, either in bands or individually, who are otherwise without the opportunity, to advance from the bottom to the top of the campanological ladder, and there is no doubt that both financially and in the possession of competent men for the task, the Midland Counties Association is in the position to carry out the experiment on a scale never yet attempted. How best the funds available could be

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applied to this purpose is a matter for the M.C.A. to consider, but it now has a unique opportunity of starting a real educational scheme which would be of far greater value to the art than any trifling reduction of the members' capitation fee could possibly be and the giving of the suggested local autonomy will probably be found a useful step toward the carrying out of an 'educational' scheme.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 10
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... 11
CHARLES T. COLES ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN CATERS, 5133 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASKILL ... 6
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... 2	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7
JOSEPH ROWELL ... 3	ERNEST E. FERRY ... 8
EDWARD A. HERN ... 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 9
WILLIAM STORY ... 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Caters. The method in this composition is changed every 324 changes, and the back bells turned from 978 to 879 every 648 changes, with the 6th in 5th's place throughout. It was published in the 'Ringing World' for December 28th, 1924. The peal was arranged for Mr. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham, and rung at the first attempt, being the first peal of Spliced Caters ever rung.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY R. PASMORE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	HENRY G. MILES ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 8
LOUIS ATTWATER ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,  
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2	CHARLES ROOPE ... .. 6
ALFRED SMITH ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BACUP, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*LEVI HOLT ... .. Treble	*WILLIE HOLT ... .. 5
†JAMES S. LOMAS ... .. 2	HERBERT MILLS ... .. 6
*ALBERT MILLS ... .. 3	JAMES BREARLEY ... .. 7
*DAVID BRIGGS ... .. 4	*FRED SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. S. LOMAS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells as conductor. All the above belong to the local band, this being the first peal in this tower since the rehanging of the old six, and the addition of the treble and 2nd.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
JOHN GIBSON ... .. 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

The local ringers afterwards congratulated the band on the excellent striking throughout the peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD D. MARSHALL.

First peal in the method as conductor. \* 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who attained his 'majority' on Jan. 30th.

BOLTON, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. 5
*ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 2	JOHN POTTER ... .. 6
*ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 3	*PETER CROOK ... .. 7
*JAMES BOLTON ... .. 4	*THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a farewell to James Bolton, who was leaving England for the U.S.A. on the 31st.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elizabeth.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	THOMAS JONES ... .. 5
TOM WILDE ... .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	JOHN E. BARNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. J. E. Barnes kindly obliging at short notice.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
ROBERT J. TALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, ... .. 4	WILLIAM HADLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
MRS. AMOS CLARK ... .. 2	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	WILLIAM MERRITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Wm. Merritt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S SIX-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES PAGET ... .. 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	WILLIAM STEELE ... .. 5
*JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. 2	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 6
*JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Geo. P. Burton, Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, whose marriage took place on the above date.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE DENT ... .. 5
VINCENT TIPTON ... .. 2	STANLEY CLARK ... .. 6
HARRY SMALE ... .. 3	JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7
LEWIS CORDELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in this method in the county. First peal on the bells since 7th and tenor were recast. Ringers of treble and 7th are from Melton Mowbray; 2nd and 4th Peterborough; remainder Leicester.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(St. Stephen's Guild.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD GEORGE TREW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 6
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
*EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Bristol. First in the method on the bells. Rung on the birthday of Mrs. Guise, mother of the ringer of the second.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TOCKER ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of London.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. PYSTOW ... .. 5
WALTER PRIOR ... .. 2	THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 6
THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7
GEORGE H. BARKER ... .. 4	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. JORDAN.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 50th birthday. The ringer of the 4th is from Ware; and ringers of 5th and 7th from Saffron Walden.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 8th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5
CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 6
SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. POWELL ... .. 4	GEORGE PEERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

A birthday compliment to B. W. Leedham.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 2	EDMOND J. HOBBS ... .. 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 7
ALBERT FLEET ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
WALTER BARRETT ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
WALTER MOBBS ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Sidwell's Branch.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	EDMUND SARGENT ... .. 5
*WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 2	FRANK MURPHY ... .. 6
THOMAS BARTLETT ... .. 3	*GEORGE BETTS ... .. 7
ALFRED MOULSLEY ... .. 4	*ARTHUR GOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... .. Treble	HARRY ARMITAGE ... .. 5
HARRY RICHARDS ... .. 2	ALBERT NORTH ... .. 6
TOM SHAW ... .. 3	WILLIE B. FRITH ... .. 7
ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 4	JAMES E. CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by JAMES E. CARTER.

Ringer of 6th is from Mirfield; tenor from Almondsbury; remainder from Huddersfield.



## BEESTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. ... 2	ARTHUR LOWE ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
ALFRED B. MOSS ... .. 4	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by PERCY PRICE.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th and 7th.  
 \* First in the county by an entirely local band. First peal as conductor.

## SOUTH WIGSTON.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Thomas Society.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES RANDLE ... .. Treble	†SIDNEY O'CHENEY ... .. 5
ERNEST J. JELLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
†JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 3	*CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 7
LESLIE J. WILLARS ... .. 4	*WILLIAM TYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal, and elected members before the attempt. † First peal of Stedman other than on tenor. ‡ First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the anniversary of the dedication of this church.

## CHERITON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK SLINGSBY ... .. Treble	GORDON WEBB ... .. 5
STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2	FRANK VERNEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK CASTLE ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
ALBERT CASTLE ... .. 4	*WILLIAM BEAL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal on the bells, which are the lightest peal of eight in Kent, and were opened on Saturday, January 24th. Ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor are of the local band. \* First peal.

## LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW ... .. Treble	HARRY FRANCE ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES MARSH ... .. 7
JOHN T. BIMSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the following anniversaries: The 9th of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Berry, and the first of the birth of a son to them; the 40th of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Watkinson, and the first of the wedding of the daughter of the tenorman.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, February 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAUVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
THOMAS REYNOLDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. N. Hingley and Miss O. Tilley, of Coseley, who were married at the above church just previous to the attempt for the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS SHEPPARD ... Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4
JOHN HALL ... .. 2	HORACE TERRY ... .. 5
HARRY COLLEY ... .. 3	WALTER LARGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by H. Terry, who had only seen Oxford Bob and Canterbury on paper previous to the peal. He and Mrs. Terry very kindly entertained the band after the peal.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

NATHANIEL MOXON ... Treble	MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 4
LEONARD PIERREPOINT ... 2	ERNEST E. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	JOHN SEMPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SEMPER.

First peal by all except treble and tenor ringers, and rung at first attempt. First peal on the bells.

## KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 12 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MESHACH STENNING ... Treble	WILLIAM SOPP ... .. 4
STEPHEN KILNER ... .. 2	FREDERICK BROOKS ... .. 5
*EDWARD ENTICKNAP ... .. 3	VICTOR NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BROOKS.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar on the first anniversary of his induction.

## WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED FOX ... .. Treble	JAMES H. BANKS ... .. 4
JAMES S. LOMAS ... .. 2	†WILLIAM MITCHELL ... .. 5
†THOMAS ROLLERSON ... .. 3	†JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for a variety of methods, the treble ringer, who has only recently commenced change ringing, taking a rope. It was his first attempt, and he had never previously rung a 720.

## HALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER BOARDMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4
†ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Dobson in the year 1813. \* First peal on six bells. † First peal away from treble.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO.—On November 9th, 720 Kent: \*Mrs. H. Knight 1, T. Wyatt 2, \*E. Goldstone 3, \*F. Derrick 4, H. Knight 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Kent.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
* WILLIAM CORFIELD ... .. 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 5
FRANK TRINER ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal with a bob bell, and rung at the first attempt.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	F. HUBERT DRING ... .. 4
FRED C. GINN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
FRANCIS C. GLEAVES ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal by an Over society.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

W. FRANCIS ... .. Treble	HENRY W. GUYTON ... .. 4
G. HUTCHINGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 5
C. W. CLARKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARK.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

**THE 'PITCH' OF BELLS.**

A correspondent has asked us to what 'pitch' (or keynote) bell founds cast their bells.

We write subject to correction, but we believe it is a fact that English founds do not make a practice of casting bells to any particular pitch, unless requested to do so, and the tuning of the bells depends upon how they come from the moulds. A peal of bells might by chance exactly agree with a standard pitch, but more often than not they would be somewhere between high and low pitch. In naming the pitch the founds, we believe, use the nearest note according to concert pitch (i.e., high pitch). For instance, if the tenor of a peal is one-eighth to a quarter of a note flat or sharp of 'F' they would describe the peal as being in the key of 'F'.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**

**MEETING AT EAST DEREHAM.**

After the report of the annual meeting held at Great Yarmouth last year, several members of the above-named Guild had begun to think ringing in Norfolk was a thing of the past, but happily they were wrong.

On Saturday last a meeting was held at East Dereham, when between thirty and forty members attended from the following places: East Dereham, Norwich, North Elham, Gressenhall, Yaxham, Ketteringham, Reepham and Honingham. Ringing on the tower bells took place from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m., the methods rung being Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major. Several members took part in their first touches of Stedman, and this, and the fact that there were quite a number of young ringers present, was a very encouraging feature.

At the conclusion of the tower bell ringing, handbells were produced, and touches of Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round.

All agreed, when the time arrived to return home, that a successful meeting had been held, and it is hoped that many more such meetings may be arranged in the near future.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

**LIFE MEMBERS' ENTRANCE FEE TO BE RAISED.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, under the chairmanship of the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett. All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months, and the presiding Ringing Master was congratulated on having attained his 70th birthday. In thanking the members, Alderman Pritchett said that he wished to express deep gratitude to those who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's to celebrate his birthday.

The balance sheet for the past year was duly adopted, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to raise the entrance fee for life members from 2/6 to 5/-. The entrance fee for ordinary members remains as before.

The Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) reported that the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel had been booked for Saturday, February 28th, and it was decided that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner should be held on that day. On this occasion it happens that the commemoration will take place on the actual birthday of the old gentleman.

Five new members were elected, and eleven tower elections ratified.

The next quarterly meeting will, with the permission of the Vicar and wardens, be held at King's Norton in April.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting was held at Long Ashton on Saturday last. The bells were available at 2.30 p.m., and, despite the unfavourable weather, members arrived from Clapton, Portishead and Long Ashton, followed by others from Wraxall, Yatton, Barrow Gurney, Sandford, Bath, Chew Magna and Bristol. At the service, an excellent address was given by the Vicar of Long Ashton (the Rev. J. E. Varley). Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. J. E. Varley.

Mr. T. Wyatt was re-elected chairman of the branch. Mr. G. Court was re-elected vice-chairman, together with Mr. J. Bishop; Mr. Percy G. Yeo was re-elected as honorary secretary and treasurer; and Mr. G. Yeo as Ringing Master and representative on the general committee. Two new members were elected, and Portishead was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting. Nailsea was selected for an intermediate meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to the ladies for the splendid tea they had prepared, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his kind address, and for presiding at the meeting. The Vicar suitably responded.

A vote of thanks was passed, with applause, to the hon. secretary for his services.

The meeting then terminated, and the members again visited the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock.

**PRESENTATION AT NORWICH.****WEDDING GIFT TO MASTER OF MANCROFT GUILD.**

On Tuesday, January 27th, at the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, a presentation was made to Mr. George P. Burton, the Master, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss E. S. Bird, which took place on Thursday, the 29th, at Christ Church, Eaton.

To those concerned, the selection of a suitable memento was an easy matter, for wood from the old frame recently removed from Mancroft tower was available, and from some of it a pair of electric lamp standards were made. Curiously enough the wood used was from the pit of the sixth—the last bell Mr. Burton rang at Mancroft to a peal before they were taken down.

In offering the gift, with the best wishes of the Guild, Mr. C. E. Barrett, referred to the great amount of time Mr. Burton had devoted to the furtherance of ringing in the city and diocese, and to the respect and regard in which he was held by all ringers with whom he had come in contact.

Mr. Burton, in acknowledgment, expressed his appreciation of the sentimental character of the presentation, and particularly for this he was grateful to the members of the Guild.

As will be seen from our peal columns a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the day of the marriage.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

Wedding bells rang out at All Saints' Church, Binfield, on Wednesday evening, January 21st, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Gilbert Bull, M.M., one of the local band, and Miss Amy Catherine Heather, of Reading, which took place at St. Mark's Church, Reading, that day. A quarter-peal of Bob Minor was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief a few minutes before the end was reached. This, however, did not prevent the band from drinking 'Health and prosperity to the bride and bridegroom,' and expressing good wishes for their future happiness, when they sampled the bride cake, carried by one of the ringers direct from the reception, which was held at St. Mark's Hall, Reading. The bride's father is verging at St. Mark's Church, and the bride was formerly a Sunday School teacher and church worker there. Her popularity among the parishioners was shown by the crowded congregation and the reception the bridal pair received upon emerging from the church after the ceremony.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in celebration of the event at Warfield on January 24th, and published in our last issue.

**A TRIAL OF TACKLEY BELLS.**

On Saturday evening, January 31st, ringers from Headington (Oxford) paid a visit to Tackley Church to try the bells after the rehanging and the addition of a new treble bell to make six. Ringing was indulged in for about two hours and a half, and several touches were successfully brought round in various methods, with very good striking.

The visitors were highly pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and gratifying remarks were made in regard to the very sweet tone of the ring. The touches included Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was brought round by A. Dubber 1, F. Beckett 2, G. Stace 3, F. Taylor 4, William Judge 5, Walter Judge (conductor) 6. Also a 120 of Bob Minor by W. Evetts, junr., 1, J. Judge 2, G. Stace 3, F. Taylor 4, Walter Judge 5, W. Judge (conductor) 6. Messrs. J. and Walter Judge hail from Kidlington, the others from Headington, near Oxford. The local band took part in touches of Grandsire, and the local tenorman (Mr. A. Whitlock) rang the tenor in Stedman Doubles.

After Lent and Easter, visitors will be welcome, but should give fair notice for the use of the bells.

**A MUNIFICENT GIFT.**

At the Parish Church of Barthomley, Cheshire, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes, by the local band: J. Parker 1, J. Brassington 2, G. Addison 3, J. Matthews 4, J. Bradshaw 5, R. Sherratt 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury 8. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Chester, who was the guest of the Rector for the week-end, and who dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 1st, the rebuilt chancel and a fine east window, which has been erected at a cost of over £3,000 by the Marquess of Crewe, patron of the church, in memory of his son-and-heir, the late Earl of Madeley. After the dedication service, 504 Grandsire Triples, W. A. Crawley, Crewe, conducting.

**SILVER WEDDING.**

At West Didsbury, Manchester, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for evening service, and also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Rimmington, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples had to be brought round after about 1,000 changes had been rung owing to the late start. Mr. Rimmington kindly entertained the ringers and friends afterwards: G. Whitelegg 1, W. Savage 2, F. Brickell 3, H. Brickell 4, T. Jones 5, A. Frost 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, F. Stoneley 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. Maynard, senr., who first handled a bell rope in St. Mary's tower, Walthamstow, in September, 1865, has rung for 52 consecutive years (with one exception, when D.O.R.A. was in operation) for the early celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day and also on New Year's Eve.

The peal at Oakham, reported elsewhere, was also a 'farewell' to 'Uncle' Joe E. Sykes, who sailed on Saturday for Manchuria, Asia. It is more than doubtful if he will find any of his favourite 'Yorkshire Glory' in that part of the globe, but his absence will give 'A. K.' time to find the few remaining 'between' numbers, so that Joseph can complete his ambition on his return.

Ninety years ago to-day the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung. This was at St. Giles', Norwich.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on handbells was rung at Romford on February 6th, 1904.

A wonderful achievement in Minor ringing for those early days was accomplished at Bingley, Yorks, on Feb. 7th, 1826, when six local men rang in one day three touches of twelve twelve-scores each, comprising in all 8,640 changes in 36 different methods.

The last survivor of the band, James Lilley, lived until the year 1879, when he died at Shipley at the age of 74 years.

John Cox, one of the most noted ringers in London half a century and more ago, was buried at Nunhead Cemetery forty years ago to-morrow.

The first peal of Forward Major was rung at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, on Feb. 8th, 1889, composed and conducted by John Carter.

The College Youths rang a peal of 5,232 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Feb. 9th, 1777.

February 11th is the anniversary of a terrible accident at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, which happened in 1810. It is thus recorded in the 'Farington Diary' for that year. 'On Sunday, Feb. 11th, the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell upon the roof of the church while the bells were ringing for Divine service; 15 or 20 grown persons were in the church at the time, and of these the greater part escaped. The whole number of bodies taken out of the ruins was 27. Of these 22 were either dead or died immediately after their removal. They were chiefly girls, children of the Moorfield Charity School. The fall of the spire was supposed to be in consequence of the bells being rung while the spire was undergoing a repair.'

On February 12th, 1821, a record length of Kent Treble Bob was accomplished at Oldham, the peal consisting of 14,016 changes rung in 7 hours 26 minutes.

The first peal of Caters in two methods was rung last week at Newcastle, when a 5,135 in alternate blocks of Stedman and Erin was rung. The composition was that by Mr. A. J. Pitman, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 26th, and Mr. W. H. Barber (the conductor) and the band are to be congratulated upon ringing a peal of this description at the first attempt.

The Parish Church tower at High Wycombe is now undergoing repairs, and ringing has ceased. It is feared the work will probably take three or even more months to complete. It is understood that the Wycombe men intend to hold an open ringing meeting, when it is again possible to ring the bells.

## 'WAITING TO BE PAID.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of the 30th ult. will no doubt be highly appreciated by the Church Authorities, who generally consider the enthusiasm for our 'wonderful art' should be a sufficient inducement to silence all claim for payment for services rendered.

Many years ago I figured as a ringer and singer at St. Clement Danes, and must confess I thought myself a better ringer than a singer. Yet for the latter appointment I received £10 annually, but for my services in the belfry I had to be grateful for the meagre division allowed me by the organiser of what was commonly termed 'The Screw'.

I shall not inquire of you, sir, how this happened, as I know economical laws underlie this seeming injustice. The truth is we are all paid according to our worth to society, though it is sad to think we ringers, like poets, philosophers, or artists, are not sufficiently in the public esteem to gain the prizes of the world. Those men waiting at the Abbey for £1 per annum will, I think, endorse my sentiments.—Yours, etc., G. F. MARGETSON.

[It is, of course, well recognised that there are two classes of ringers—those who pursue the art for the love of it, and those who ring for what they can get out of it. If, as our correspondent suggests, we are all paid according to our worth to society, then paid ringers apparently are not worth much, and these who at Dorchester would be content with a pound a year each are doing nothing to raise the standard of value.—Ed. 'R.W.']



**'TOO MUCH MONEY'**

THE PROPOSALS BEFORE THE M.C.A.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The reference to surplus funds, etc., in the account of the Midland Counties Association at Long Eaton in your issue of January 30th is very misleading, as it gives an entirely wrong impression of the business to be brought before the meeting of the special committee, and I shall be glad if you will give me the opportunity of explaining the situation.

The number of ringing members in the association is very large (736 at the end of 1923, and, I think, exceeding that number considerably at the present time), the area from which these members are drawn covering the counties of Derby, Leicester, Nottingham and Stafford, making it very inconvenient for members living near one side of the area to attend the quarterly meetings when held near the opposite side, and as the association is already divided into seven districts (for the purpose of collecting subscriptions and assisting in the formation of the general committee) it must follow that in each year at least three of these districts have no general meeting of the association in their particular area.

Considering the above circumstances and the inconvenience arising therefrom, it was thought by certain members that local government should be given to each of these seven districts, who should each hold three quarterly meetings in their respective districts in each year at their own expense, leaving the annual meeting to be arranged by and at the expense of the central body who should do this and certain other things, funds permitting.

To provide the funds for the above, it was suggested that the central body should take all honorary and life members' subscriptions, and one-third of all ringing members' subscriptions, leaving the remaining two-thirds of the ringing members' subscriptions for the use of the districts in providing postage, advertisements, expenses of their meetings, etc.

If the above scheme is to be carried through, new or alterations of existing rules become necessary, and for this purpose the same have been drawn up and submitted to the principal officers of the associations and the district secretaries, with notice that they would be proposed at the next annual meeting.

In making the alterations in the rules to cover the above, and one or two other minor suggestions, it was thought better to redraft the whole of the rules, and, if possible, to put them in a clearer or less ambiguous form.

It will be seen that the proposition is not that the capitation fee be sixpence per member, instead of one shilling and sixpence, but one-third of all ringing members' subscriptions, which, with the subscriptions at one shilling and sixpence does work out at sixpence, should go to the Central Fund of the Association. But what if the subscription was reduced to one shilling or raised to two? I do not think a rebate at the end of a financial year showing a profit very practicable or fair to the hardworking districts.

Now, it is far from me to wish to upset the association (it has no more loyal member), nor do I wish to go contrary to the majority of its members, or to do anything which would not be for the mutual benefit of us all, but I am afraid from what has been said and written I am misunderstood, I hope not wilfully. I believe there are guilds and associations of ringers working on the suggested lines, notably the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. I should be glad to know names of others.—Yours truly,  
W. E. WHITE.  
Cotgrave.

**THE LATE MR. ARTHUR LOVEJOY.**

A TRIBUTE FROM PORTSMOUTH.

It was with deep regret, writes Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild, that we read of the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, of Reading, which took place quite recently. For us it was a terrible surprise, as he was ringing with us at St. Mary's on the Wednesday evening before his death, and appeared to be in his usual good spirits. To us at Portsmouth he was a true friend and a keen and regular ringer, attending all Sunday ringing and practices which took place in the tower. Methods presented no obstacles to him, and he quickly rang touches of Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Berkeley Surprise, with but little practice. Although only with us a few months, we valued his services, and it will be a loss not easily regained. To all his relatives and ringing friends at Reading we extend our deepest sympathies in their bereavement. The deceased was a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—R.I.P.

PORTISHEAD.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 27th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes, rung on the occasion of the baptism of two nephews and a niece of Mr. J. Nisbett: R. Williams 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss G. Dobbs (conductor) 4, J. Nisbett 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, G. Rowbotham 8.

**ANCIENT YORKSHIRE PEAL OF SIX.**

DARFIELD BELLS REHUNG.

On Sunday evening, when the church was packed to the utmost, the bells at All Saints', Darfield, were rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Derbyshire, of Sheffield, assisted by Canon A. E. Sorby, Rector of the parish, and the Rev. T. Wilson, curate. After the dedicatory prayer, the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Charles Dean, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, raised the bells in peal. The Archdeacon gave a very interesting and instructive address, tracing the history of bells and their uses from ancient times down to the present day.

As the congregation left the church, the bells were rung by the visiting ringers from Wath-on-Dearne, the first touch being a 720 of Royston Delight: W. Bramham 1, H. Chamberlain 2, J. Champion 3, R. Ricketts 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh (conductor) 6. There were also present Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, secretary of the Barnsley and District Society. Mr. Frank Atkinson, of Wragby; Mr. C. Bell, of Wombwell, and several other ringers. The bells were kept going in various touches by mixed bands until 10 p.m., all agreeing that the work gave every satisfaction, and the 'go' of the bells was splendid. The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The old bells have been retuned and cleaned, and fitted with all modern improvements, including ball bearings. The frame is a massive structure of steel girders and cast iron, to hold eight bells, the intention being to add a treble and tenor at some future date. The present six are an interesting and ancient ring.

Treble.—Recast Wath-on-Dearne, 1780, by Thomas Hilton.

2nd.—1675, no founder's name, but bearing 'ebor' in small letters. Supposed to have been cast at York.

3rd and 4th.—Pre-Reformation bells, supposed to have come from Beauchief Abbey, near Sheffield. No date or founder's name.

5th.—Recast Darfield, 1750.

Tenor.—1613. No founder's name, but inscribed, 'All you that heare my mornful sound, repent before you lye in ground.'

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Saturday, January 24th, and proved to be one of the largest and most successful meetings since the formation of the branch. Ringers were present from Exeter, Exmouth, Christow, Cockington, Collaton, Buckfastleigh, Littlehempston, Paignton, and St. Mary's Church, Plymouth. Some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. E. Griffiths. About 50 sat down to a splendid tea, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, in the absence of the branch chairman (Mr. H. W. Wilkes). The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. J. Hole) then read the annual report, which showed a very successful year. Good quarterly meetings had been held at Stoke Gabriel, Dartington and Tolnes, and Ipplepen, and, in spite of the heavy expenses, there was still a balance in hand.

Mr. H. W. Wilkes was again elected chairman for the ensuing year, subject to his approval.—Mr. H. J. Hole was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and, in returning thanks for their confidence, he asked for more assistance, as the branch covered a large area and he felt he had not the time to carry out all the duties that were required.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the members in having with them that day the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell), the general hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox), also Messrs. Shepherd and Southwood (Exeter), and Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth).—Mr. E. Shepherd congratulated the branch, and said he had watched it with interest. He remembered starting to teach a band in Torquay 26 years ago, but it fell through, and he remembered the late president once saying that 'change ringing' would never be established in Mid-Devon, but he was glad to see it was, and that good progress was being made.

Messrs. Southwood and Marsh gave some very encouraging advice, and Mr. F. T. Gover congratulated the members of the South-Western branch on their recent achievement in ringing their first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor.—The Rev. E. S. Powell briefly acknowledged the congratulations.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. S. R. Carden and the Rev. Canon L. Bevan, Vicars of St. Mary's Church and Babbacombe respectively, for the use of the bells; also the Rev. E. Griffiths for conducting the service, and Mr. Reginald Job for presiding at the organ. He also expressed the pleasure of the members in having with them that day the captains of these towers, and said that although they did not ring in the same style as others in the branch, it was pleasant to see such good feeling existing.

Ashburton and Buckfastleigh were chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on May 2nd.

The meeting then terminated, and the members adjourned to Babbacombe, where further ringing was carried on.

**BELL HANGERS & 'ODD-STROCK' BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of last week a speaker at a Cirencester meeting is reported as having expressed the opinion that 'the bell-founders had brought the art of casting and hanging to perfection.' As to the casting, I would not contradict the speaker, but I would like to make a little grumble about certain instances of modern bell hanging which I have come across.

A few years ago, the 'head' of one of the leading firms of bell foundry, speaking in my hearing, said that in his opinion the time was fast approaching when the heaviest of bells would be rung in changes with very little physical effort. Be this as it may, I was ringing on a peal of bells recently rehung by the firm alluded to above, and found that the tenor, which had not been recast and which was an 'odd-struck' bell, was hung so that its quick stroke was at hand-stroke, and its slow one at back-stroke. Now, since I believe the practice of making a pause before the hand-stroke round or change is a universal one, and since, if the bells are being properly struck, this pause must affect not only the leading bell, but each other bell as well, I quite fail to understand why any bell hanger who knows anything about our system of ringing should hang a bell, at any rate a heavy one, in this way.

To make myself quite clear about this, let us suppose that eight bells are being rung, and that they are ringing at the rate of a round per two seconds, and giving a pause of a half-second before each hand stroke lead, which is, I think, about the customary thing (I was taught when learning to make the pause equal to double the interval between each bell during the round or change, whether ringing on five bells or on twelve.) In this case, then, two and a half seconds will elapse between the back-stroke blow of a bell in rounds and its ensuing hand-stroke blow, but only two seconds before its next back-stroke blow. In the case of the bell I have referred to I should say that if it were rung and an equal pull given on each stroke it would give just the reverse of what is required for hand-stroke open leads.

I have been told that such bells as I am referring to can be rung properly if slowly enough. That is quite correct, but even then it is making the ringing more laborious than it need be; secondly, the defects in bells of poor quality are much more pronounced when rung slowly, and, further, a much more skilful ringer is required to ring such a bell. Whilst I know that we have some hands of ringers who could ring almost to perfection a peal of bells, each bell of which was odd-struck, they are few and far between, and in any case the aim of bell hangers should be to hang bells in such a way as to make the art of ringing them as easy to acquire as is possible. I would even go so far as to advocate that bells should not be cast so as to strike perfectly evenly, and that they should strike slightly quicker on the back-stroke than the hand-stroke when hung.

I have been prompted to make this 'grouse' about the work of our bell hangers on account of the number of instances of heavy bells being hung in the manner of which I have complained, and because I realise that we have thousands of bells which, although odd-struck, are too good in quality to be recast on that account, but which will at some time or other require the bell hanger's attention. These bells, when rehung, might just as well be hung in the manner best suited to the style of ringing, which has been in evidence for longer than anyone living can recall (and for all I know much longer than that), as in the haphazard manner I have found many to be.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Alton, Hants.

**CHELTENHAM RINGERS' DINNER.****LONG PEAL RECALLED**

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by the ringers of the Parish Church and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Cheltenham, at their annual dinner on Tuesday evening, January 27th, at the Belle Vue Hotel. The company, upwards of twenty, including several visitors, sat down to a capital dinner, and a convivial evening followed. After the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, apologies were read by the chairman from a number of gentlemen (including the Rector) regretting inability to attend, chiefly by reason of illness. Reference was also made to the fact that two of the ringers of the long peal of Grandsire Caters (15,227 changes, rung in nine hours and 43 minutes on April 22nd, 1889) were present, viz., Mr. W. T. Pates (who conducted) and Mr. A. W. Humphris (who rang the tenor).

A good programme of songs, recitations, reminiscences, and various items on the handbells, were also given by Messrs. Pates, Parsons, Harley, Humphris, Collier, Foster, Clements, Lewis and Bastin (among the ringers), and Messrs. Straw, Jeend, senr., and Waltham (among the visitors). Those present included Messrs. Pates, Humphris, Parsons, Harley, Brinkworth, Hayward, Bastin, Vick, Collier, Clements, Lewis, Whittle, Foster, Straw, Clark, Waltham, Jeend, senr., Beacham, Simmonds, Simpson and Marchant. A most pleasant evening was spent.

**A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD.****BEESTON BAND'S SUCCESS.**

The Beeston band, who last Saturday scored a peal of London Surprise, have now rung peals of Kent, Oxford, Stedman, Double Norwich, Norfolk, Superlative, Cambridge and London, each performance being the first in the county of Notts by a local band. It is worthy of note that Mr. William Clifford, senr., the ringer of the 2nd is in his 76th year. He commenced his Surprise career at well over 60 years of age, and has now achieved his ambition in scoring a peal in the highest method. It is probably a record for a man to ring his first peal of London Surprise at his age. There can be few men whose first peal as 'conductor' has been in this method, and Mr. Percy Price received hearty congratulations from the rest of the band. The peal was rung on the 41st anniversary of Mr. J. C. Dickens' first peal, which was 5,040 Grandsire Triples, on January 31st, 1884, at Beeston Church.

**QUADRUPLE CELEBRATION AT LEYLAND.**

The peal last Saturday, at Leyland, Lancs, was rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. E. Bannister's daughter to Mr. Ernest Berry. Twelve months ago a son was born to them. Mr. E. Bannister intended being in the peal, but ill-health prevented him. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for the splendid tea which he provided, and hope he will soon regain his health and be able to take his place in the ringing chamber at Leyland. Five of the band took part in a peal rung for the wedding nine years ago. The ringers on that occasion were: T. B. Worsley, T. Barlow, J. Ridyard, B. A. Knights (conductor), H. France, S. Watkinson, W. Pennington, E. Bannister; and the method (as on Saturday), Stedman Triples. Mr. S. Watkinson, another Leyland ringer, takes a rope occasionally, but not so frequently as of yore, and looks back on 40 years of married life at the end of January. Finally, Mr. Pennington's daughter was married twelve months ago. Since all these interesting events happen at the same time, an effort is to be made to ring a peal on each succeeding last Saturday of January.

**BELLS AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 30th, you give a report of part of a speech by Mr. W. D. Caroe, the architect, in which he speaks rather disparagingly of present-day bell hanging, and also makes some remarks on change ringing. He is reported to have said the carillon bell of the Continent was a musical instrument. The other bells were not musical instruments. In contradiction of this, I should like to quote a conversation which took place outside a church tower one Sunday night, a few weeks ago, where a new peal of eight had just been installed, not a thousand miles from Sheffield. A band of visiting ringers had come down the tower steps, and were talking of the merits of these and various other peals of bells. Said one enthusiast: 'You should hear Birstall bells. When we were there we had been up and rung a touch, and got the bells down, put on our coats, and came down into the churchyard, and when we got there we could hear the bells still humming.'

'Ah, mun,' said another, 'that's nowt. Tha should hear Oldham. When the ringers go there to ring at Sunday morning the bells are just finishin' hummin' from t' Sunday before.' If there is any truth in this, Mr. Editor, I think that Mr. Caroe's statement that church bells (or at least, modern ones) are not musical, is, to say the least of it, an exaggeration.—Yours, etc.,

'YORKSHIRE.'

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Berkeley, and 25 members attended from Berkeley, Dursley, Stinchcombe, Coaley, Slimbridge, Wickwar, Wotton, and Olverton. Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, was also present, and undertook the conducting of the various methods, which were practised during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of at the Vicarage, by invitation of the Rev. H. C. Arnour (Vicar), who was unavoidably absent owing to indisposition.

Mr. A. Burcombe presided over the business meeting. The secretary's report showed that the average attendance was 15 for the ten meetings, which had been held during the past year. The balance sheet showed a balance of £3 14s., which was considered satisfactory.

Mr. W. A. Lewis, who has been secretary for the past ten years, was unanimously elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. H. Phillips, The Lynch, Berkeley, has undertaken the hon. secretary's work. Mr. F. Oakhill was elected on the management committee.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for providing tea, was proposed by Mr. A. Burcombe, and carried with acclamation.—Coaley was proposed as the place of the next meeting, on February 14th.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 24th. There was a large attendance of members and friends from Stow, Scotter, Messingham, Haxey, Brigg, Lincoln, Retford, Worksop, Tickhill, in addition to the local company. The peal of eight bells at the Parish Church were available, and were kept going in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Forward, also some rounds and call changes.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Flory, who gave an excellent address. A meat tea was provided at Everatt's Cafe, to which 38 members sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. J. S. Walton presided. The new members elected were: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bartram and Mrs. Heal (honorary members), Messrs. Curtis, Hird, Denton, Clark and Ayris (ringing members), and Mr. H. Weaver, of Worksop, a non-resident life member.

The officials for 1925 were elected as follows: President, the Rev. Canon Morris; secretary, Mr. H. Morgan; representative on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. E. Dawber; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Morgan.

The dates and places for coming meetings are: Lea, April 11th; Willingham, May 16th; Broughton, June 20th; Messingham, July 18th; Kilton, August 22nd; Brigg, September 12th; and Upton was selected to fill any vacancy.

Mr. F. S. W. Butler spoke on the importance of holding meetings of the Gainsborough District Committee. The committee, however, had not met for a considerable number of years.—This view was endorsed by Mr. F. F. Linley, President of the Northern Branch, and it was decided that the committee should meet at least twice during the year, each tower to inform the secretary who their representative is.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Rev. E. H. Flory for conducting the service; the organist (Mr. J. E. Rotherham); the choir boys; and the chairman, concluded a successful meeting.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, January 24th, and was attended by a large and representative gathering. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and at 4.30 there was a choral service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Piggott), the sermon being preached by the Ven. H. M. Hordern, Archdeacon of Lewes, who, in the course of his address, made interesting reference to the various ancient bells still to be found in Sussex bellries. The Rev. F. G. Biddard (Vicar of Burgess Hill) and the Rev. G. St. John Topham (Rector of Twineham), also assisted at the service. The collection, taken for the benevolent fund, amounted to 16s. 8d. Those present, numbering fifty, then proceeded to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea had been provided by the Rector of Hurstpierpoint and Mrs. Piggott, ably seconded by a band of ladies who looked well after the wants of their guests. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the number of local clergy, who testified by their presence their interest in the proceedings.

At the business meeting which followed, with the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) in the chair, the following were elected: Hon. members, Rev. G. St. John Topham (Rector of Twineham), Rev. H. Collison (Vicar of St. Nicholas', Brighton), Messrs. Geo. Chapman (Burgess Hill), J. Welch and J. F. Stephenson (Honfield). Affiliated members: Messrs. G. H. Olliver (Balcombe), L. Cragg (Keymer) and G. W. Gasson (Bolney). The election of Messrs. Albert W. Coles (Brixton) and R. D. Marshall (Deptford) was confirmed.

At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the kind hosts and other friends at Hurstpierpoint, whose hospitality had added so much to the social success of the day.—This having been suitably acknowledged by the Rector, a move was once more made to the belfry, where ringing continued till 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London and Bristol Surprise. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Bolney, Crawley, Ditchling, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Southover (Lewes), Lindfield and Twineham. Mr. F. Rogers (Pursea) was also present. Thanks are due to the local branch for the excellent arrangements made.

### A DATE TOUCH.

At Great Dunmow, Essex, on Monday, January 17th, at the Parish Church, 1,925 Plain Bob, in 1 hour 15 mins.: B. Claydon 1, A. Ribbans 2, A. Smith 3, A. Petry 4, G. Richardson 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Owen), a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, January 24th, members being present from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Yardley Hastings, Northampton, Great Addington, Thrapston, Raunds, Ringstead, Burton Latimer, and the local ringers. The bells (a fine peal of eight) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise, and some very good ringing was enjoyed.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, the Guild service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. G. E. Stevenson), and the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, president of the branch, gave an excellent address, based on words taken from the Sermon on the Mount (St. Matthew v. 14), 'A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.' He congratulated the Guild on the good work it was doing, not only for the great art of scientific change ringing, but also for the church. He went on to point out the importance of their work as ringers. They were indeed as a city set on a hill, and their work could not be hid. He, therefore, appealed to them to make themselves worthy of their calling, and to let their light so shine before men that they might see their good works.

The party then adjourned to the old Grammar School adjoining, where a bountiful tea had kindly been provided by the local ringers and their wives, some 54 members sitting down.

After the tea the president, having another engagement, had to leave, but before he did so the Secretary said he was sure he should be voicing the feeling of all in saying how delighted they were to have him with them, it being the first anniversary of his election as president of the branch. It was also the first time that they, as a body of churchworkers, had met him since his appointment as Archdeacon of Oakham, and begged to offer to him the sincerest congratulations on that appointment. — In replying, the Archdeacon thanked the members for their kindness, and assured them of the great interest he took in all that concerned the ringers. He would do all he could to help them in every possible way.

The business was then proceeded with, Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild, presiding.—Yardley Hastings was suggested as the next place of meeting, and three new members were elected.

The Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which were considered most satisfactory, and were passed unanimously.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the local ringers and their wives for their help with the tea.

Further ringing was then indulged in, and a notable visitor during the evening was Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Afterwards a social was held in the Clubroom of the Green Dragon Hotel. Touches and selections were given on the handbells by the Irthlingborough ringers, and some capital songs were rendered by various members of the company. Mr. A. Perkins presided at the piano.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. WORK IN THE DEVIZES BRANCH.

During last quarter the Devizes branch held three meetings. The first was at Bishop's Cannings on October 4th, when 34 ringers attended. The bells here are of beautiful tone, and, as they were put in the tower in 1602 are one of the oldest rings of eight bells in England.

The second meeting was at Hilperton on November 1st, but a wet day marred the attendance. Ringing after tea took place at Trowbridge.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at Devizes on December 15th, when the bells at three towers were available. A peal board was unveiled in St. Mary's tower, and the service was held at St. John's. A company of about 70, including seven hon. members, were present at the tea and business meeting. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the branch, was cordially welcomed back after his long illness, and he reported that the branch had made steady progress during the year. Various bell restorations had been carried out, and others were in hand.

The secretary's report showed a satisfactory state of affairs, and an increase in membership. The numbers were 20 honorary members and 226 ringing members.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, was re-elected chairman; Mr. F. Green, Devizes, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. Francis, Trowbridge, was elected Ringing Master; and Mr. S. Hillier, Devizes, was elected as advisory expert for the branch. Two life ringing members and four ringing members were also elected.

The death of Mr. E. O'Leary, of Keevil, was reported at this meeting, and the company stood in silence for a few moments to the memory of one who had been a very staunch supporter of the branch for many years.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Tabrett 1, A. C. Kay 2, G. Franklin 3, C. W. Everett 4, P. Page 5, H. C. Castle 6, E. W. Powell (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

**STREATHAM.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., taken from Holt's original: H. Smith 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, J. Lee 4, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, February 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 minutes: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. James 3, J. Crowder 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder 7, C. H. Macklin 8. A birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett.

**PORTISHEAD.**—At St. Peter's, for evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the 25th anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Cullum (steeplekeeper): Miss G. Staddon 1, Miss A. Stokes 2, Miss Alice Stokes 3, Miss D. Willett 4, Miss G. Dobbs 5, J. Nisbett 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colburn 8.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—For evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Ely, two 720's of Oxford Bob, the 1st being rung by W. White 1, C. Jennings 2, G. Dean 3, A. E. Austin 4, W. Hoppitt 5, H. Harvey (conductor) 6; and the 2nd by W. White 1, C. Jennings 2, T. Finch 3, E. Finch 4, W. Hoppitt 5, H. Harvey (conductor) 6. The above are all members of the local company.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—At St. Peter's for evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, 1,376 Superlative Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: E. Crofts (first in the method) 1, F. White 2, B. V. Collison 3, Miss Dorothy E. Orlebar 4, W. Collison 5, W. Latter 6, H. Markwell 7, S. H. Green 8. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the church.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, at St. Mildred's Church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Cramp 1, J. Neve 2, E. Parsons 3, W. Tickner 4, G. Sims 5, R. Edwards (conductor) 6, C. Tribe 7, A. Baitin 8. Also 168 of Stedman Triples.

**LLANDAFF.**—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: J. Pritchard 1, P. J. Bailey 2, C. Hobbs 3, F. Bailey 4, J. Davies 5, F. Smith 6, E. T. Carter 7, E. Coombes 8, S. Dawe 9, W. Bolton (first quarter of Bob Royal as conductor) 10. Longest length by all except 8th, 9th and 10th.

**DALTON-JN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: T. Coulthurst (first quarter-peal) 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—At Holy Trinity Church Watermoor, on Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: P. W. Bond 1, P. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, A. V. Bond (Swindon) 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, W. Andrews (Winchester) 7, F. Edwards 8. — On Sunday, Feb. 1st, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook (conductor) 2, A. Parsons 3, J. E. Water 4, J. E. Eden 5, F. J. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, H. C. Bond 8.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Monk 1, T. Streeter 2, F. Day 3, G. Grover 4, J. Goacher 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 43 mins.: W. A. Hunnisett 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, January 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, for evensong, in 49 minutes: W. A. Cooper 1, H. A. Farlow 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, F. J. Steele 4, J. D. G. Harris 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, W. H. Lawley 7, R. Thompson 8. Arranged for F. J. Steele, of Manchester.

**HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Green 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, S. Sadler 3, W. O. Talbot 4, W. Woods 5, G. Robinson 6, H. Lindsay 7, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, December 21st, 503 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Simpson 1, F. W. Bailey 2, Miss E. C. Webster 3, F. A. Salter 4, A. R. Leader 5, F. Bradley 6, G. West 7, L. Chadburn 8, W. C. Hunt (cond.) 9, J. H. Cragg 10. First touch of Caters by 1st, 3rd and 10th.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 200 Grandsire Triples: S. Hales 1, W. Seager 2, W. Cooke 3, W. J. Walker 4, J. H. Champion 5, T. Jull 6, C. Belsey (conductor) 7, A. Naylor 8. — For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Cooke 1, W. Seager 2, W. J. Walker 3, M. White 4, J. H. Champion 5, T. Jull 6, C. Belsey (conductor) 7, V. Tucker 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Belsey.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Jan. 11th, 720 London Surprise, in 23 mins.: A. Livermore 1, Fred A. Mitchell (first in the method on a hob bell) 2, J. Buries 3, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6.

**CALVERTON, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for Matins, 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor and 240 of London Surprise Minor, the following taking part: J. H. Tomkins, W. Pedley, H. Tomkins, W. Bonham, T. Tompkins, H. Edwards and E. C. Lambert (conductor).

**BREWOD, STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 47 mins.: F. R. Blewitt 1, G. Warner 2, J. Walford 3, P. Bill 4, H. E. Booth 5, T. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

## THE LATE SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

## MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT DUFFIELD.

A memorial tablet to the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood has been erected by the parishioners in Duffield Church, and was dedicated by the Bishop of Derby on Sunday morning, January 25th.

There was a large congregation, amongst whom was Miss Heywood, a daughter of the late baronet. Mr. H. O. Moore, son of the late Rev. F. W. Moore, a former Vicar of Duffield, unveiled the tablet. Morning service was read by the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Causton), and the choir feelingly sang Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar' to Bridge's setting. During the procession, the hymn, 'Saviour, Blessed Saviour,' was sung, and later 'We love the place, O God.' Psalm ciii. was also sung. Mr. C. S. Brighouse presided at the organ.

The Bishop (says the 'Derby Daily Express') took the subject of 'Great Men' based on a chapter of Ecclesiasticus, for his sermon, and said that a careful study of the New Testament appeared to him to reveal the fact that it was men of affairs that Jesus loved and admired—soldiers and business men. He referred to the lives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood and Mr. Richard Waite (formerly a churchwarden for many years, who died the previous week), the two they were remembering that day, as such lives—although they were not soldiers in the British Army, they had both served their generation with all their might and strength.

The tablet, which is of marble, is of Gothic type, and is placed on the church wall near the main entrance.

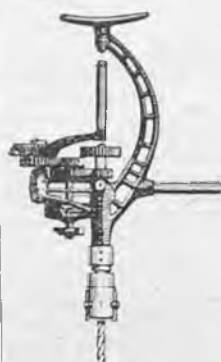
The inscription is as follows:—

In gratitude for the life and example of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Baronet, who died at Duffield, 19th April, 1916.

A loyal and devout churchman, for upwards of 40 years he was a worshipper in this church, which he loved, and which, on his initiative—and largely by his munificence—was restored in the year 1897.

An enthusiastic campanologist, each Sunday he took his place in the ringing chamber, and by his efforts the old peal of six bells in the tower of this church was replaced by a peal of ten bells, and ultimately endowed by him in perpetuity. A tribute from the parishioners.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 19th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (at 8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Sproughton.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that South and West members should make an effort to attend this meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens will entertain members to tea in the New Church Hall, South Street, after service.—W. H. Hoilier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after in Church Room. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea up to 7 p.m.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea as usual, followed by meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held on Feb. 7th at Wareham. Ringing from 2.30. Service and address by Canon Blackett 4.30. Tea at Bennett's, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's bells available from 2.45. Tea in Deanery Schools at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Gentlemen specially invited.—E. L. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock (8) and (6). Short service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at Castle Restaurant 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eves on Feb. 7th. Bells 6. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Paddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting for the Hunts district will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Feb. 7th. Service at the Church 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Axe and Compasses at 5 p.m.—H. B. Woolley, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 2 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Election of officers and annual report. Service in Church 6.30.—J. P. Hyett, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 4d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are urged to attend, if possible, the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C., from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at latter church at 4.30, preacher Rev. J. A. Mayo. Tea at Express Dairy opposite (corner of Essex Street) at 5.30, and names should be handed in beforehand. Business meeting in the Parish Room, Clare Market, at 6.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 4.20 to 5.30 and 6.15 to 7.30. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea arranged for those sending their names to Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, before Feb. 9th. Meetings are to be held at Darfield in March, and Penistone April.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough and Oundle Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea at Wheatsheaf. Bells ready 3 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will all members make a special effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempford Road, Sandy.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The next practice and meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing: St. Mary's, from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30. Meeting at County Tavern at 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the Rector. Business meeting after tea.

Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Feb. 16th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blandford (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Greenwood. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Stourpaine (5 bells), Durweston (6 bells), Bryanston (6 bells). Will those intending to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Feb. 17th?—K. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending being present let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. until the service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon E. J. Norris. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. 1s. 6d. will be allowed by the branch to all members who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Business meeting and smoker to follow.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Victory Hall. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

## MARRIAGE.

**BURTON—BIRD.**—On the 29th January, at Christ Church, Eaton, Norwich, by the Rev. H. Webster (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. A. Swann, George P. Burton, of Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich, elder son of Mr. G. J. Burton, of 137, Newmarket Road, Norwich, to Ellen S. Bird, daughter of Mr. Arthur D. Bird, and of Mrs. Bird, of 82, Mornington Road, Norwich, and late of Danbury, Essex.

## DEATH.

**PAINE.** — On Jan. 24th, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, suddenly, from heart failure, following an operation, Mabel Emily, beloved wife of Richard Paine, of St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, and dearly loved eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goddard, of 12, Highcliffe Road, Winchester. Age 44.

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