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### A PRINCIPLE AT STAKE.

We imagine that no little surprise has been created by the announcement made last week in these columns that the Kent County Association are to recognise and officially record as a peal the performance at Canterbury Cathedral on August Bank Holiday, when the clapper of one of the bells came out a little time before the end of the ringing. It is a strange decision. It has not been stated officially exactly at what stage of the peal the clapper left the bell—it was rumoured that it was four leads from the end—but if it was only in the last lead the performance ought not, in these days, to be counted as a peal. We can only suppose that there must have been some strong ground put before the committee of the Kent Association to have influenced them to the decision which they made, but on the face of it and without knowing what led them to accept such a performance, there is nothing which justifies its inclusion in the peal records.

These are not days when peals are rareties, and there is no excuse that we can see for claiming that the 'Treble Bob at Canterbury should rank in the category of properly completed 5,000's. All the band were old hands at peal ringing, and several have rung many hundreds, so that there was not even the mitigating circumstance of a first peal to support the claim. The report of the performance was published without any reference to its having been finished without one of the bells sounding, but that, perhaps, may be excused if the whole band thought that they had rung a legitimate peal. Many ringers, of course, would not have let it go to a finish, but would have 'set up' as soon as they realised that the sound of one bell had disappeared for good; and that is, frankly, the best thing that can be done under such circumstances. After all, of what importance is a peal to the ringers, unless it is the satisfaction of a performance well and truly accomplished? And can it be said to be well and truly accomplished if one of the bells suddenly ceases to make itself heard, and in every change from that point onward there is a gap, which breaks the rhythm and must obviously spoil the ringing.

In addition, there is the further consideration of what ought legitimately to be recognised. The Central Council in 1902 laid down some very sensible rules for practical ringing, and among them they gave, as one of the conditions required for a peal, the following: 'That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.' When attention was first drawn by a correspondent in these columns to what had happened at Canterbury, this rule was pointed out, and it is not a little surprising that, with a full knowledge of this, the committee of the Kent

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County Association should fly directly in the face of it. The Kent Association may, of course, do whatever they please in the matter of perpetuating the record, but it is obvious that the Council must ignore the performance, assuming the facts stated and still indisputed to be true. The peal in itself is a small thing, but there is a principle at stake. Peals are cheap enough in these days in all conscience, and it is essential that only those which comply with certain elementary standards should be recognised. Unless this is done the whole value attached to a peal vanishes. The original report may have been published under a misapprehension as to what is admitted as a peal under the present code; the silence of the band when the performance was challenged and the plain rule on the matter pointed out can also, perhaps, be understood; but the action of the Kent Association's Committee is, in the absence of some further explanation, inexplicable.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	†GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 8
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 9
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of New Cambridge Royal in the county, by the Guild, and by all the band.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 6
*ALEC TAYLOR ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 7
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 3	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 8
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4	†ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 9
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 5	*FRANK DAWNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters on a working bell. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*MISS V. SHORTER ... .. Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 2	*GEORGE E. CRISP ... .. 6
*FREDERICK J. COOK ... .. 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

\* First peal in the method.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on All Saints' Day for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six variations): A. Redgwell 1, B. Redgwell 2, J. Claydon 3, J. Gentry 4, H. Redgwell (conductor) 5, J. Hart 6.—On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Livermore (first 720) 1, A. Redgwell 2, J. Claydon 3, J. Gentry 4, H. Redgwell 5, Basil Redgwell (conductor) 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALAN BISHOP ... .. Treble	†SIDNEY T. JARRETT ... .. 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 2	†WALTER S. BEAUMONT ... .. 6
CHARLES A. WINNER... .. 3	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 7
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. 4	†PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor.  
First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. Treble	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 5
JOHN H. BOSENNELL ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
THOMAS NAPPER ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Mr. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield.

TURVEY, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOSEPH SHARP ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 6
HENRY STAPLETON ... .. 3	AMOS SMART... .. 7
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.  
\* First peal on eight bells.

GLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR WHITMORE ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	BERNARD ASHFORD ... .. 6
HECTOR G. BIRD... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
C. WILLIAM COOPER ... .. 4	*ALBERT WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HARRY PAGE... .. Treble	JAMES CRASS... .. 5
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2	A. J. PITMAN ... .. 6
FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 3	TOM PAGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 4	HENRY CRABB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 6th, who hail from Aberavon.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble	*FRED ARROWSMITH ... .. 5
ALEC TAYLOR ... .. 2	CHARLES WEBLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 4	*EDMUND BROOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were re-hung, retuned and augmented to eight.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 3	*FRANK WARRINGTON... .. 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th hail from Cambridgeshire, and wish to thank the local band, and Mr. W. G. Rumsey for so kindly arranging the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD, BOW,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
*ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES ROOPE... .. 5
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 2	*RICHARD BALDRY ... .. 6
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 3	GEORGE POYNITZ ... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First in method.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*LEONARD FERRAR ... .. Treble	FRANK PONTING ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. 6
*FRANK SIMMONDS ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 7
THOMAS WITTS ... .. 4	HARRY PHELPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples.

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## EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*TOM CLARK... ..Treble	†LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 5
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 2	*HERBERT ROOKE ... 6
†MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HARRY MORGAN... .. 7
†MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 4	C. ALLEN HEWITT ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as an induction peal for the new Vicar, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

## PENDLETON.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... ..Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5
HAROLD JONES ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
*THOMAS JONES ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
FREDERICK J. STEELE ... 4	HERBERT GREENHALGH ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Stedman inside. Rung on the occasion of the coming-of-age of Miss E. J. Steele, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 4th, also on the occasion of her engagement to Mr. E. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, of Hawkthirst, Ermine Road, Chester.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE, PRESTON & BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

At the Cathedral,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR HAGUE... ..Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. RATCLIFFE ... 2	FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 6
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	JAMES HARRISON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

\* First peal in the method away from the tenor. The ringers of treble and 3rd belong to Blackpool, 2nd to St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, 4th and tenor to Houghton, the rest to Blackburn.

## LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ...Treble	MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 5
*MISS DORIS CLARKE ... .. 2	GEORGE CRISP ... .. 6
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
†REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	HERBERT FIELDS... ..Tenor

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Major on an inside bell.

## CHORLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*EDWARD LAWSON ... ..Treble	FRED HARWOOD ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 7
FRED RIGBY ... .. 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Double Norwich, also the first in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man. The composer's peal No. 99, now rung for the first time.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD J. LAWMAN ...Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 2	WALTER [MALINS... .. 6
ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 4	A. JOHN TIMSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Colwyn Vale.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL ... ..Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 2	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal.

## RISHTON, LANCS.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...Treble	FRED HEAD ... .. 5
ALBERT YATES ... .. 2	JAMES INGHAM ... .. 6
ARTHUR FORD ... .. 3	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 7
ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 4	JOHN HIRST ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. READ.

Ringers of treble, 4th and 6th from Churchkirk, the rest belong to the local band.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## STOWEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. NICHOLAS AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement, and 36 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)

ERNEST BROWN ... ..Treble	WILLIAM SHORE ... .. 3
R. THOMAS CLARK ... .. 2	HERBERT BABER ... .. 4
	HAROLD BLACKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

First peal on the bells.

## EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*S. DELVE ... ..Treble	H. KNIGHT ... .. 4
*F. NEATE ... .. 2	L. MOORE ... .. 5
*D. GALE ... .. 3	*R. PORTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* First peal, and elected members of the association before the peal Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Porter, who for over 70 years was a member of the Easton band. The ringer of the tenor is a grandson of the deceased.

ICKLETON.—On Thursday, November 10th, at Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, 960 and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Webb 1, R. Clements 2, G. Lilley 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, H. Hutley 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. Flitton 7, E. Lilley 8. Longest length on eight bells by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th, who are members of the local band.



WALTHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT I. MINGAY ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 4
ARTHUR T. SWAIN ... .. 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in four methods by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor. First in four methods as conductor. First in four methods on the bells.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MILLER, JUN. ... .. Treble	*JOHN NELSON ... .. 4
JAMES MILLER, SEN. ... .. 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 5
HARRY FRANCE ... .. 3	JOHN T. MILLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Richard Bowling, who for many years was a ringer at the above church.

CALVERTON, Bucks.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH Bucks BRANCH.)

AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 4
LZONARD A. SMITH ... .. 2	*THOMAS E. READ ... .. 5
*FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. 3	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal of Bob Minor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Westminster, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cuneacastle, King Edward, Netherseal and Annable's London. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH ... .. 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 5
*HERBERT S. B. CHAMBERLIN 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First Surprise peal and first attempt.

GROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, with five different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT COLLINS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GULLY ... .. 4
FREDERICK TALBOT ... .. 2	*WILLIAM DAVIS ... .. 5
FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. J. Webb, one of the local ringers, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS KITTY WILLIERS ... .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 4
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

This peal was arranged for Miss C. Fields, of St. Neots, Hunts, and was her first in the method.

SPREYTON, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT WEBBER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LETHBRIDGE ... .. 4
FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 2	GEORGE LUTON ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HOPKINS ... .. 3	†WILLIAM BEWES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal on the bells, recently made six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 2	P. S. C. HASTINGS ... .. 5
EDWARD EDGINGTON ... .. 3	HAROLD BIRT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(BORTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Comprising 240's of Pitman's and Morris' arrangement, and spliced and ordinary 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR SHARP ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 3
HORACE L. DAWSON ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 4
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

The ringers desire to thank the local band for having everything in readiness for the peal, and the Vicar for his splendid entertainment afterwards.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

With different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON ... .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 4
NORMAN GEARY ... .. 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... .. 5
GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

The band wish to thank Mr. J. H. Hopkins for having done all he could to enable the visitors thoroughly to enjoy their visit to Ibstock, and for providing such an excellent tea afterwards.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Consisting of four six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, eight St. Dunstan's, ten ordinary Grandsire, and four 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's Spliced. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

JOHN A. PAYNE ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 4
ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Second peal on these bells, the previous one having been rung in 1896. The 105th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung peals. The Rector (Rev. M. B. Bird) kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the conclusion.

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## ANSTEEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF NETHERSEAL SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM BYSOUTH ... .. Treble	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal of Minor, also first attempt for a peal for 14½ years. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in the method for the association.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and College Single, Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RAMFORD ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ERNEST JONES ... .. Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 4
THOMAS JENNION ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
JOHN ALLEN ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal on six bells. This peal was arranged and rung to mark the completion of 28 years of unbroken service as Vicar's warden of Mr. Theodore Garnett, M.A., 27 years' service as towerkeeper by Mr. J. Allen, and 50 years as clerk and vergier by Mr. Edward Evans. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. Jennion and Hammond.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 62, ELM GROVE ROAD, BARNES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

S. C. REEVE-FLAXMAN ... 1-2	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

Umpire: WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

## BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 3, CRESSING WAY.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7-8
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 9-10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal of Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Thursday, November 24th, in 46 mins. a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Fright 1, W. Bidnell, sen., 2, S. Baker 3, A. R. Manning 4, S. Mowl 5, A. G. Wratten 6, S. A. Gower (conductor) 7, W. J. Prebble 8. Rung as a compliment to Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Tunbridge of Hythe, who celebrated their golden wedding that day. Alderman Tunbridge was for some years chief commissioner of police in New Zealand.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## A NEW DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

The annual district meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Writtle on Saturday, November 19th, and was well attended in spite of the bad weather. Thirty-six members were present, representing Braintree, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Danbury, Rettendon, and the local company. Several touches were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Upton), the lesson being read by Dr. Spencer Phillips.

The collection, which is devoted to the bell restoration fund of the association, amounted to 11s. 10d.

Tea was afterwards served at the Rose and Crown, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. G. Green was re-elected Master, and Mr. R. Clark was elected hon. district secretary in place of Mr. P. Timson, who wished to retire.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Timson for the way in which he had carried out his duties for the past eight years, and this was cordially adopted.

The Rev. J. H. Upton was elected an honorary member, and Mr. F. Warrington, of Long Stanton, was elected a non-resident life member.

Miss Chapman and Mr. C. Roberts were confirmed as non-resident life members. Four new ringing members and nine probationary members were also elected.

Springfield and Fryerning were proposed for the next place of meeting, and, on being put to the vote, Springfield was selected by 26 votes to 6.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his helpful address, also to the organist and choir for assisting at the service.

Touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and the tower visited for further ringing.

Mr. R. Clark's address is 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

## MUFFLED RINGING.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT BEREAVED.

On Monday, November 21st, at St. John's, Chipping Barnet, Herts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: S. Casley 1, G. Herbert 2, W. Taring 3, F. Chandler 4, H. J. Eldred 5, R. Roffey 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. F. A. Milne, wife of the president of the Middlesex Association and a church worker in Barnet for many years, who was interred on that day.

At Debenham, Suffolk, on Friday evening, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,344 changes) at St. Mary's Church: C. Tyler (longest length in any method) 1, E. G. Grindell 2, F. Ruffles 3, L. C. Wightman 4, W. J. Groom 5, W. C. Runsey (conductor) 6, L. G. Brett 7, E. E. Grimes 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of George Rowe, sen., for over 47 years vergier at the above church, whose funeral took place the same afternoon. After the quarter-peal, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, followed by the age of the deceased (74 years) tolled on the tenor bell.

At the Parish Church, Thames Ditton, on Friday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, in ten callings): G. F. Adley (conductor) 1, H. Halt (Molesey) 2, H. Barber (Esher) 3, W. Massey 4, G. Higgs 5, R. Coles 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at back stroke, in memory of Mr. S. Sharpus Jones, churchwarden at the above church, who was interred earlier the same day. Mr. Jones was a great friend of the ringers, being largely responsible for the bells being relunged some time ago, and also for the belfry being kept clean. In many ways he will be greatly missed.

## MR. L. C. WIGHTMAN'S 200 PEALS.

By ringing a peal of Norfolk Surprise of St. John's, Erith, on Wednesday, October 10th, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman completed his two-hundredth peal: Minor in 7 methods 5, Grandsire Triples 6, St. Clement's Triples 1, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 11, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 2, Bob Major 6, Little Bob Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 56, Oxford Treble Bob Major 19, Kent Treble Bob Major 12, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Superlative Surprise Major 21, Yorkshire Surprise Major 2, Norfolk Surprise Major 3, Bristol Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major 6, Cambridge Surprise Major 32, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 6. Conducted one each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

## MR. R. PICKERING'S 150 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 1, Triples 34\* (conducted 18), Caters 16† (conducted 4), Cinques 1; Bob Minor 1, Triples 1 (conducted 1), Major 16 (conducted 4), Royal 2, Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 47, Caters 11, Cinques 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Royal 1, Maximus 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, Forward Major 1, Double Norwich Major 5, Double Oxford Bob Royal 1†, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major (treble) 1; total 150 (conducted 27).

\* One on handbells and one (Holt's Original) non-conducted. † Includes 7,019 and 11,563. ‡ The first ever rung.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 19th, a meeting of the Central Division was held at Withyham. There was not a large number present, the total reaching twenty by the end of the day. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich, and several were enabled to ring their first or longest touch in the method. The tower was opened for ringing from 2.30 till 5, and after the meeting. Owing to various reasons the service which had been arranged did not take place, and at 5 o'clock tea was served in the local inn, followed by the usual business meeting, the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Layng) presiding.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Steele and A. Coote (Balcombe), R. Dival (Coleman's Hatch).

The meeting confirmed the election as non-resident members: Messrs. H. C. Edwards, Stony Stratford, Bucks; H. W. Gayton, Harrold, Beds; F. C. Beuges, Dorchester, Dorset; E. Collison, Edenbridge, Kent.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, presiding at the meeting, and for making all local arrangements.

The hon. secretary announced Southover, Lewes, for the next meeting in January, 1928.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), East Grinstead, Hartfield, Henfield, Withyham, and non-resident members.

**WESTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Heene on Saturday, when 24 members attended from the following towers: Brighton, Shoreham, Steyning, Chichester, Kirdford, Angmering and several members of the local band. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major. A substantial tea was served in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Fallows, who, owing to illness, was unable to be present.

At the business meeting, with the Master of the association, Mr. J. T. Rickman, presiding, it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Lyminster.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Master for presiding, who, after responding, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Heene, for granting the use of the bells, also for providing the excellent tea, and wished that gentleman a speedy recovery.

A move was then again made to the belfry for further ringing.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NEWBURY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Despite a very wet day, there was a good company present. Service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who also gave a very interesting address. The Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Owen, when 50 sat down to tea.

At the business meeting, the chairman (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided, and was supported by the Master of the Guild, the general secretary, the hon. treasurer, and the hon. branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). Among those present were the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (Shaw), Rev. H. Wardley King (Hungerford), the Rev. C. B. Clayton (Newbury), Miss Vera Robinson (Wokingham), Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (Maidenhead), Miss Phyllis Moss (Beaconsfield), Mr. C. Mayne (Beaconsfield), Mr. D. Cooper (Croydon), and Mr. J. Abery, Englefield.

The chairman offered a hearty welcome to the members and visitors. —Mr. H. W. Curtis gave details of meetings and practices held during the year, which had been well attended. They had to welcome our more eight-bell tower into the Guild, namely, Hungerford, and had to record a happy and prosperous year.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie was re-elected chairman, and Mr. H. W. Curtis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Miss S. Davis, Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis and F. Owen were elected as representatives on the general committee of the Guild.

The foremen of towers gave satisfactory reports.

The next meetings were proposed for Hampstead Norris in February and Bucklebury in April, the exact date to be left to the secretary to arrange.

The Master congratulated the foremen on their reports, and said they would always like to hear something about towers which were represented. —Mr. A. J. Wright (the Guild treasurer) said that the Master had told them that they were well on the way to bell restoration all over the diocese, and he called for some suggestions for a scheme to raise additional money for the restoration fund.

Four hon. members were elected, and several ringing members.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Master for his address and to the chairman for presiding at the new organ, and thus giving the visitors the opportunity to hear the organ, which has recently been dedicated, and which cost £3,500 to build.

Touces of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Barley on November 10th is claimed as the first in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Herts County Association.

There was a 'Johnson' dinner in miniature at Birmingham on Saturday, when Mr. James George, 'of England,' celebrated his 74th birthday.

Except for the Norwich peal, rung in 1718, the earliest peal of Grand-sire Triples of which any record is still left appears to have been one at Stroud, in Gloucestershire, where, on December 4th, 1722, 'in this place was rung the whole peal of Grand-sire Triples containing 5,040 changes.'

The College Youths' first peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on December 4th, 1803. This was nearly a hundred and fifty years after Fabian Stedman had dedicated his work to them. It is not surprising, however, when one remembers the difficulty in those days of getting a true peal of Triples. Caters and Cinques had, of course, been rung long before.

At Norwich, of course, peals had been rung eighty years earlier, and the performance at Coslany, which caused such excitement in the city, was rung on December 6th, 1731.

The feeling which was aroused over this performance may be gauged by the following extract from the 'Norwich Daily Press' just afterwards:—

'That ingenious peal, called Stedman Triples, which contains 5,040 changes (being the first time that ever it was rung), notwithstanding some of the St. Peter's company did employ a bellman to cry about the street the following scandalous verses just before we began to ring, viz:—

This is to give notice to all sorts of people,  
That the ringers that practise at St. Michael's steeple  
Have crazed their brains by setting forth false pretences,  
That it is to be feared they have quite lost their senses.  
Therefore, let 'em repair to John Foster's, and 'tis plain,  
There's those that can help them to their senses again.

And a little before the peal was ended they had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out, and so did fling stones up the church leads and against the doors, and did cause the boys in the streets to cry buzzas; nay, one of them was so impertinent as to open the window of the church to have got in, but was prevented by the people that stood to hear the peal, and were sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

## 'CLAPPERLESS' PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—If it has been decided, as Mr. T. E. Sone's letter indicates, to allow a peal to stand in which a clapper was missing from one of the bells, what, I wonder, would be the best course to pursue when bells fail to sound from other causes? I have recently taken part in two peal attempts in which one of the bells failed to 'speak,' in the first case for two or three leads, in the second case for a complete course of Stedman Caters. In each case the conductor honourably (in my opinion) called 'stand' as soon as it was certain that the particular bell had definitely failed to sound, and subsequent examination of the clapper, both by experts and ringers, has failed to reveal any defect, but it is assumed that it must be due to the modern device known as the 'clapper control.' I have heard of other cases of the same kind. The question is, Shall we observe the Central Council's ruling or go on, in such cases?—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Manchester.

## 'SOME RING PEALS, OTHERS—'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It appears that some men ring peals, others just ring. Many ring badly and call them peals, which is what this is about.

We were ringing Bob Major 'the morning after,' and three bells made fourth's place at the same time. We called it bad striking and finished the peal—which shows that some men are ringers of genius. I know a man who conducted Very Double Norwich, after calling one over the eight in the Seven Bells. Others have rung spliced methods. Which reminds me that I heard of a band which rang for the wedding of a local celebrity and called it a 'spliced' peal. I refer this to the Nomenclature experts, for, compared to some, it would seem an important problem. And so we progress.—Yours faithfully,

SURPRISED MAJOR.

## MR. G. W. STEEL'S 100 PEALS FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. G. W. Steel (Rothwell, Yorks) created a record for Rothwell ringers on Saturday, November 12th, at Otley, by completing 100 peals rung for the Yorkshire Association. The list is as follows: Bob Minor 1, Treble Bob Minor 22 (conducted 5), Grand-sire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 7, Oxford Treble Bob Major 34 (conducted 2), Kent Treble Bob Major 24 (conducted 6), Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, College Exercise Major 1; total, 100 (conducted 13). Included in this list is the 8,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major record peal for the Yorkshire Association, rung at Holy Trinity, Rothwell, on February 21st, 1903.



## A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the sixteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

## COURSING ORDER.

'Coursing Order' is a term which is applied to the order in which bells follow one another down to the lead. In another way, it is the sequence in which they appear at the leading position in the successive rows. I propose to deal with that phase which affects the lead-heads, and which is based upon the coursing order of a 'plain hunting course,' wherein every bell does the same work—the plain hunt, or the path pursued by the treble in Bob Minor.

Take 12345678 and change four pairs (21436587); then change the three 'inside pairs,' causing the first and last bells to retain the same positions (24163857). Repeat this procedure, first four and then three pairs, until a 'four-pair' change causes the treble to lead at 13254768. Complete the operation, and rounds will turn up, having caused 'eighth's place' to be made at the 'lead-end.' We have now produced a 'plain hunting lead' on eight bells; or, properly put, a plain hunting course (the bells having run round).

Examine the sequence in which the bells appear at the lead; it is 2-4-6-8-7-5-3, which will be repeated so long as this 'method' prevails; that is, so long as eighth's place is made at the 'lead-end,' and we can look upon 'coursing order' as being of a continuous nature, a circle, as it were—2468753, 2468 again, etc.

Instead of eighth's place at the lead-end, cause second's place to be made (by the '3'), and the next row to 13254768 will be 13527486. We have now completed the first lead of Plain Bob Major, and we know that from this lead we can produce all the rows in the plain course.

If we write out these plain course leads in full, we shall find that the bells appear at the leading position in the same SEQUENCE as given in the coursing order above, except that at each succeeding lead the sequence is commenced at a different place in our coursing order 'circle'; each lead commences the 'circle,' at the bell which immediately precedes the one which began the sequence in the lead before.

The first lead commences the coursing order at the '2,' the second lead at the '3' (3246875), the third lead at the '5' (5324687), and so on. So that the actual ORDER, given in the continuous coursing order above, remains unaltered throughout the whole of the plain course, and we may know that the coursing order will remain the same while second's or eighth's places are made at the lead-ends. Bobs and singles will cause alteration in the coursing order, as we shall see later on.

Now, if the bells come down to the first place in regular order in all of the leads, our knowledge of transposition would indicate that there is corresponding regularity at the LEAD-HEADS. At the 'rounds lead-head' the coursing order picks up, as it were, the 'even-place bells,' 2, 4, 6, 8, and then works backwards on the 'odd-place' bells, 7, 5, 3, and we should find that this pertains to any other lead-head, bearing in mind that we look upon the coursing order as being a 'continuous circle' of figures.

In lead-head No. 2 (13527486), the 'even' bells are 3-2-4-6, and the 'odd' ones, backwards, are 8-7-5; and so it goes on, the coursing order positions being preserved at every lead-head.

Before proceeding we will agree:—

(1) That the bell immediately in front of another in the coursing order is COURSING BEFORE the other. The '8' is before the '7,' the '7' before the '5,' etc.

(2) That the bell which immediately follows another in the coursing order is COURSING AFTER the other. The '7' is after the '8,' the '8' after the '6,' etc.

(3) That 'COURSING PAIRS' are those bells which are NEXT EACH OTHER IN the coursing order; and that, in Major, there are seven such pairs—24, 46, 68, 87, 75, 53, 32.

Ignore the treble, and examine the positions held at 2345678 by the COURSING PAIRS. The 32 and 87 are adjacent, in the first two and last two positions in the row, being REVERSED there; that is to say, the '32' in coursing order becomes '23' at rounds, etc. The 24, 46, and 68 pairs are in the even places, with another bell between the pair. The 75 and 53 pairs are reversed in the odd places in the row, with another bell between the two paired bells.

Now, if the arrangement of the bells in the row at each lead-head is different, and yet the regularity of the coursing order positions is maintained, it follows, that when a position at any lead-head is occupied by one of a coursing pair, the other of the coursing pair is compelled to occupy a position that is relative, the relationship corresponding to the two positions at rounds which are occupied by ANOTHER COURSING PAIR.

In other words, the adjacent, even, and odd places, which we examined at rounds (above), will be occupied, in other lead-heads, ONLY BY COURSING PAIRS, and those pairs will be reversed in the 2/3 and 7/8 places, etc., etc., in exactly the same way as at rounds.

In the examples which follow, coursing pairs are shown in various

positions at the lead-heads; the heads are given in the sequence in which they appear in Bob Major:—

Lead-head No.:	(1) 12345678	(2) 12346678	(3) 12346678	Lead-heads in full.
1.	23...78	2.4.6.8	..3.5.7	12345678
2.	..35...86	..3.2.4.6	..5.7.8	13527486
3.	..57...64	..5.3.2.4	..7.8.6	15739264
4.	..78...42	..7.5.8.2	..8.6.4	17856342
	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.

(1) Second's place is occupied by '2' at lead-head No. 1 (or rounds), and (third's place by the '3,' which, in the coursing order, is COURSING BEFORE the '2.' In lead-head No. 2 the '2' is replaced by the '3,' and the relative position (third's place) is occupied by '5,' and by NO OTHER, because '5' is COURSING BEFORE '3' in the coursing order, and so on. Similarly with the pair in the 7/8 places.

(2) Here we see the even places (2/4, 4/6, 6/8), and because fourth's place at lead-head No. 1 is occupied by the '4,' which is COURSING AFTER the '2,' when the '7' replaces the '2' in second's place at lead-head No. 4, the relative position (fourth's place) must be occupied by the bell which is COURSING AFTER the '7,' which is the '5,' and so on. Similarly with the 4/6 and 6/8 places.

(3) Because fifth's place at rounds is occupied by the bell which is COURSING BEFORE the '3,' which is in third's place, then fifth's place will be occupied by the bell which is 'before' ANY OTHER ONE that happens to take third's place at a lead-head. Similarly with the 5/7 places.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The thick fog which hung over North London on Saturday last undoubtedly affected the attendance at a meeting of the North and East District of the above association, held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, but happily it did not pervade the belfry, and all the touches attempted were brought round. Most of the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise were rung, prior to the service being held at 5 p.m. At the latter, a very interesting discourse was given by the Rector (Rev. G. T. McLean) on the new Prayer Book, which was listened to very attentively.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, and afterwards the business meeting was held. Four new members were elected, including the Rev. G. T. McLean as an honorary member.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) proposed a vote of condolence with the president (Mr. F. A. Milne), who had suffered bereavement by the death of his wife. This was carried by the members standing in silence for a few moments, and was briefly acknowledged by the president.

The action of the hon. secretary in writing a sympathetic letter to Mrs. Kemp, widow of the late Mr. W. J. Kemp, for 16 years assist. hon. secretary of the district, was endorsed, and many regrets were expressed at the loss of so valuable a member.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the president, was unanimously passed, and was acknowledged by the Rector, who stated his pleasure at once again meeting the association, and also thanked the members for electing him as an honorary member.

Mr. Riley, the towerkeeper, to whose invaluable activities the members were much indebted, also responded, and the meeting terminated. Ringing was again indulged in until nearly 9 p.m.

## DOUBLE n COURT BOB MAXIMUS.

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1234567890et

2143658709te

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4231658709te

2436157890et

4263518709te

2436581790et

4263857109te

2436587019et

4263850791te

243658709t1e

42638507t9e1

46283057e91

etc.

Contains: (a) First, full and last work in front and behind; (b) places—near, first far, second far, last far; associated with three-pull dodging; (c) four-pull dodging work internally in two adjoining dodging files. Less skinny than Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, and not so stodgy as Double Oxford Bob Maximus. Nine-pull dodging in 11-12 can be largely avoided by the use of singles in 10-11-12.

## BELLITIS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. H. Sinkins 1, J. A. Dart 2, A. Cutmore 3, E. G. Garrard 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, H. G. Miles 6, G. C. Rice 7, C. W. Roberts 8.

## THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is most desirable that the Exercise should consider and, if possible, settle the question of the extension of methods, but it is essential that we should first of all thoroughly understand the nature of the problem and the difficulties which confront us. If there is to be anything like finality in the conclusions arrived at, we must have rules which are applicable to all methods alike; such that, given any previously unknown method, we could tell definitely whether it will extend and what the correct extension is. It would be comparatively easy to select a number of men who could give a sound judgment on the extension of any particular method; it is quite another thing to lay down rules for the extension of methods in general. This is only what we should expect when we realise that the almost universal custom of composers is to deal with each method separately and without reference to other methods.

In extending a method like, say, Superlative or London, a man will allow deviation from the original, which he would not tolerate in simpler methods like Plain Bob or Kent. He will be prepared with arguments for his deviations, and he may be fully justified in making them; but it shows that he consciously or unconsciously has a different standard for different methods, and so long as that happens any general rules of extension are impossible. The difficulty arises from the fact that the Exercise has not begun to consider whether there are any general laws that apply or not.

A man takes an eight-bell method, studies it, notes what he considers its important features, and tries to reproduce them on ten or twelve bells. Obviously, since the features of different methods differ from one another, and because what may appear important to one man, often appears less important to another, you are bound to get contrary results. Much good work has been done, and will be done, in this way, but it does not begin to help that solution of our problem, for which the Editor of 'The Ringing World' has been pressing.

It will no doubt appear to many people that there should be no really great difficulty in drawing up a set of clear-cut rules which would enable a competent person to decide whether an extension is valid or not; that there is no lack of men in the Exercise who, if they really tackle the task, have sufficient ability to perform it; but I am not at all sure that any fully satisfactory solution is possible. It is possible to understand the mathematical laws which govern the construction of methods, and the mathematical laws which govern the expansion of methods; and when these laws are understood it is possible to write out all the extensions of any given methods, extensions which will be so accurate that you can write out any row you choose on any number of bells by merely studying the original. Such extensions will satisfy every list from a theoretical point of view, but they will not necessarily give you what practical ringing is asking for. You are faced with a difficulty which is, I believe, insurmountable. I can, I think, best explain this by a simple illustration.

Double Court Minor is one of the simplest of six-bell methods—except for Plain Bob, it is the simplest of all six-bell methods. Its constructional shunt (which consists of fourth's and third's places round the treble, with their attendant dodging), is one of the movements which are most frequently used in the construction of methods of all sorts and on all numbers of bells. It adapts itself readily to any number. If there is one method more than another which is capable of extension it is Double Court Minor. But when we come to apply it to eight bells we find that, while there is on six bells only one position in which this shunt can be made, on eight bells there are two. Either is equally entitled to be called the equivalent of the one position on six bells, and equally so are the two positions taken together. We get, therefore, three eight-bell methods, all of them with an equal right to be considered the proper Major version of Double Court Minor:—

A.	B.	C.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
24135678	24163857	24135678
42316587	42618375	42316587
24361857	46281357	24361578
42638175	64823175	42635187
46283715	46283715	24365817
64827351	64827351	42638571
68472531	68472531	46283751

From no point of view, neither from the theoretical nor from the practical, can we say that any one of these is to be preferred to the others. Each is a valid extension. But note that no one alone does or can reproduce all the features of the Minor method. It takes all three to do that. Nor do they together wholly exhaust the possibilities of extension of the Minor. The larger the number of bells to which you extend the method the greater the number of available extensions. What is true of Double Court Minor is true, to a greater or less degree, of every method, and this partly explains why there is usually so much difference of opinion as to what is the correct extension of any given method.

No set of rules which you can draw up will help you over this difficulty. The only way out that I can see is to recognise that in theory these are all equally valid extensions, but for practical purposes to treat them as separate, independent methods distinct from the original six-bell method. That is not to face the difficulty, but to shirk it, and it is not a solution which is at all likely to commend itself to people in cases where, as in Superlative, there is acute controversy.

I proposed something of this sort at the Central Council meeting with regard to that method. I suggested that the method rung at Ipswich should be called Ipswich Superlative Maximus, and Shipway's extension Shipway's Superlative Royal, but I was not surprised to find that the adherents of those methods were not prepared to accept the suggestion. If people always approached these questions with an open mind and judged them as matters of cold mathematical law, it would be different. But that is what they seldom do. The question is nearly always complicated by feelings and prejudices which really have nothing to do with the matter, but which are perfectly natural and human, and which will never be done away with. If I had rung in the Ipswich peal, or if I, like Mr. Wilde, had been the first to produce the method, possibly I should have been prejudiced in its favour. I might not have liked to give up the title of Superlative Maximus without a struggle. But all this adds immensely to the difficulty of settling the question of extension.

There is one other difficulty which I should like to point out. Although practically every method is capable of a mathematical extension, the expansion which takes place is always unequal. This is so in even the simplest methods with traditional extensions which have never seriously been disputed. In Stedman Doubles, for instance, the three-bell work comprises three-fifths of the whole of the method, in Triples it is three-sevenths, in Caters three-ninths, and so on in decreasing proportion as the number of bells increases. In Stedman, the practical ringer finds no difficulty in this unequal expansion, but when you come to more complex methods it does seriously upset the balance of the different work. In London Surprise Major a large proportion of the work is plain hunting backwards. When people have tried to extend the method to Royal, they, without exception, have tried to expand this backward hunting, but the laws—the mathematical laws—of extension forbid any such thing. When you extend hunting on any number of bells you require a space which bears an exact proportion to the space occupied by the original hunting; and when you extend a method from eight bells to ten bells you have an increased space which bears an exact proportion to the original space. But the expansions of space are not the same in the two cases. The extended backward hunting of the Major requires more space than the Royal supplies, and, therefore, cannot be expanded. While, if you follow the precedent of Stedman and keep the backward hunting of the Royal the same size of as in Major, you do, indeed, get an extension which is mathematically correct, but in the eyes of the practical ringer you have destroyed what he considers the proper balance of the work, and offered him a method which is not what he is looking for, and which he does not want.

You must also face the fact that there are many methods, especially among the more complex, which are excellent on one number of bells, but whose good qualities are practically confined to that number. They will extend, but in their extension they lose almost all those qualities which make the original attractive. Superlative is an example of this. It is quite safe to say that none of the extensions of that method either to ten or to twelve bells would be considered worthy of practice on its own merits. The sole attraction they have in the eyes of ringers is that they claim the title of Superlative.

## MR. BAKER'S QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me briefly to reply to Messrs. James and Trollope. Of the first gentleman, let me ask: Has the Exercise, as a whole, advanced since the Campanologia by J. D. C. M. was written? If Mr. James agrees that it has, why does he bring in the dead hand and intellect to-day?

Mr. Trollope, I notice, is not nearly so certain of things as he was in June, 1924, and I would suggest that he, and any of your readers who keep a file of 'The Ringing World,' should read up what he wrote then and compare it with what he has written in your last issue.

In conclusion, let me point out the following: When the Methods Committee have learned how to find the round blocks of any method, principle or system, they will then be able to say whether an extension is the SAME METHOD or merely an extension—reciprocal or otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

## A GOLDEN WEDDING.

On November 17th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Fright 1, W. Bidnell 2, S. Baker 3, A. R. Manning 4, S. Mowl 5, A. Wratten 6, S. A. Gower (conductor) 7, W. J. Prebble 8. This was rung as a compliment to Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Tunbridge, it being the alderman's 77th birthday, his wife's 74th, and also their golden wedding day—a three-fold anniversary.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At Arksey, Doncaster, on Saturday, November 19th, at the Parish Church, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, J. McCluskey (conductor) 3, C. Otter 4, E. Cooper 5, A. Hall 6, T. Revil 7, T. Bysouth 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Bramham and Miss Sadie McCluskey, who were married at the church during the afternoon.

## MR. JAMES GEORGE.

### A BIRMINGHAM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The 74th birthday of Mr. James George, who, as one of the best-known figures in the Exercise, needs no introduction to our readers, was celebrated in Birmingham on Saturday (the eve of his natal day), when he entertained the members of St. Nicolas' Guild, King's Norton, and a number of other intimate friends. 'Hale and hearty' is only one of the descriptions which can be applied to this Peter Pan of the Exercise. Not only is he hale and hearty, he preserves the bloom of youth to a remarkable degree, and the physical fitness and buoyant spirits of a man in the prime of life. Indeed, Mr. George will tell you that he is in the prime of life. On Saturday, he was the soul of the party, and after some ringing in the afternoon at King's Norton, on the glorious ring of ten bells, welcomed his guests at the Crown Hotel, Corporation Street. The party, which numbered about 40, was presided over by Mr. Frank B. Yates, Ringing Master of St. Nicolas' Guild, and among those present to do honour to Mr. George were Mrs. Yates, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and Mrs. Pritchett, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, hon. secretary of the Guild, and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master, and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. P. Laffin (King's Norton), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. T. Reeves, Mr. G. F. Swann, Mr. J. Neal, Mr. H. Withers, Mr. J. Pemberton, and the members of the King's Norton Guild.

After enjoying an excellent dinner, the company honoured the toast of 'The King,' on the call of the chairman, and Alderman Pritchett then proposed the toast of 'Our Host.' He said England had been described as the 'Ringing Isle,' and in that respect it was the most wonderful country in the world, and one of the most wonderful men in that most wonderful country was their host, Mr. James George (applause). The few ringing friends whom he saw before him were but a sample of those hundreds of friends whom Mr. George possessed all over the country in every town, in almost every village. Mr. George rang his first peal at St. George's, Camberwell, on February 16th, 1889. They would observe that that was only 38 years ago. Nowadays ringers began to ring peals at 12 or 13 years of age. Had Mr. George begun at that period of his life and had rung peals at the rate he had been ringing them, he would have no doubt created a record. As it was, he had now rung 960 peals. To ring a thousand peals was a legitimate ambition, and it was hardly necessary to remind them that very few people had achieved that ambition. Mr. George had got very near to it, and they hoped before he celebrated another birthday after the one which was to take place on the morrow, he would have achieved that great ambition. When they considered it, to ring 960 peals was a very great achievement. Looked at from the point of view of time alone, those 960 peals, at an average of three hours per peal, represented 120 days and nights spent in peal ringing. He had rung those peals in 334 towers, and that in itself must be nearly, if not quite, a record; and these towers were in 42 different counties. Fortunately for Mr. George, he entered the service of the London and North Western Railway Company, and that had given him unusual facilities for travelling. He (the speaker) had often envied Mr. George, when he had been ringing at a distance from home, to notice the ease with which he got past the ticket collector (laughter). Unfortunately, although Mr. George could pass himself through all the while he was a servant of the railway company, he was unable to pass his friends through (laughter). Among the many interesting peals in which Mr. George had taken part was the record peal of 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 17th, 1911, and that record, so far as one could judge, was likely to continue to be a record. The marvellous thing about it was that, although Mr. George was then about 60 years of age, he rang the tenor bell—a bell which weighed about 28 cwt.—for 8 hrs. 39 mins. That was a great physical feat as well as a great intellectual feat. Then, on November 28th, 1925, the day after Mr. George was 72 years of age, he rang a tenor weighing 53 cwt. 22 lb. in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus which lasted 4 hrs. 7 mins. (applause). On that occasion he was the senior of all the ringers present by 16 years. A great feature of Mr. George's ringing, especially in recent years, since he had got into the prime of his manhood, had been that he usually rang the heaviest bell—he claimed that as a privilege. He had rung a bell weighing well over 2½ tons for four hours, which would seem incredible if they did not know that it were true, but he liked occasionally to show that he could also ring a light one, and among other feats of which he was very proud was the fact that he on one occasion rang the treble at Lye Church, which weighed only 60lb., and he (the speaker) had heard Mr. George say that he felt far more exhausted after that peal than after ringing the tenor to the Treble Bob Maximus peal at Bow Church. Alderman Pritchett went on to say that the first peal he had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. George was on October 14th, 1893, and on June 20th, 1903, he had the honour and privilege of conducting Mr. George's 250th peal—a peal of Stedman Triples at King's Norton (applause). Mr. George's had been a wonderful career. It showed what enthusiasm and perseverance could do in a man of determined character. Naturally, he was very proud of it, but there was one thing of which he could feel prouder still, and that was that he had attained the age of 73 years and 364 days in such an excellent state of health and preservation (applause). He could only hope that all of them present would follow Mr. George's example. His life showed that strenuous exertion did no harm to a

man; it showed that steady, temperate habits and good living conduce to longevity. Mr. George had always been a man of temperate habits, and he had always been a man of good humour, and that was a great thing towards getting to be an old man—to be cheerful always, to take an interest in the things around you, and to cultivate friendships among those of similar tastes. On behalf of all those present, he tendered to Mr. George their warmest thanks, as well as their congratulations. They appreciated the hospitality he had shown them, and it was with the utmost sincerity that they tendered to him their warmest congratulations, not only upon his wonderful career as a ringer, but upon his having attained the eve of his 74th birthday. 'May he long continue to live and ring,' concluded the alderman, 'and may this not be the last occasion we shall have the pleasure of enjoying his hospitality and showing our appreciation of his friendship' (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

Mr. George was greeted with applause on rising to respond. He assured the company that he would far rather be ringing a peal than to have the task which was put upon him at that moment of acknowledging the hearty congratulations of his friends. First of all he wished to congratulate Alderman Pritchett upon the peal for the Masonic Order which had been rung on the previous Saturday. It was one of which he might feel very proud (hear, hear). There was only one thing which he would have liked to see added to the performance, and perhaps that could be done when a peal of Maximus was rung; it was that the composer of the peal, as well as all the members of the band, should be a member of the craft. Proceeding, Mr. George referred to the ambition which he had to ring a peal upon every one of the 366 dates of the year. Mr. Pye had only one date left to fill in, while he had 13. Mr. Pye, however, had rung peals on a number of dates on handbells, but he found from his own list that handbell peals accounted, by themselves, for only six of the dates in his list, so that when he had rung peals on the 19 remaining dates he would be the first to ring a tower bell peal on every date in the year (applause). Continuing, he said when he first thought of that little gathering it was out of recognition of the kindness which he had received from the King's Norton band, from Mr. Yates, Mr. Laffin, and the other ringers, and he felt he would like to show his appreciation. Then he thought he would like to include a few of his other friends in Birmingham, and he was delighted to see them present. He had been going to King's Norton for some months, and he had always received a cordial welcome. It had been a great help to him, for he realised that he had a lot to learn yet, and he hoped by the end of the next fifty years he would be something like he ought to be (laughter and applause). He thanked God for the health and strength given to him, and he could only say that whatever he had done had been with the help of the Supreme Father (hear, hear). It had been a real joy to him to go to King's Norton, where, as in so many other bellries, he had been made very welcome indeed. He had recently been made an honorary member of the King's Norton band, and he thought it was a very nice thing that they should have done it. There were four couples present who had come a long distance to pay him honour that night, and he deeply appreciated their kindness. They were Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, who had come all the way from Woking, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons from Old Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Perrens from Coventry, and Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood from Derby. He thanked them very much for their kindness, and also all the other numerous friends who had joined them, and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Yates and Alderman and Mrs. Pritchett. He hoped that they would all long be spared to ring peals together. At one time he thought he should stop at 1,000 (A Voice: 'Never!'), but if his health continued he might go on again (applause). He thanked Alderman Pritchett for the way he had spoken of him, and the company for the manner in which they drank his health (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the toast of 'St. Martin's Guild.' He referred to the great traditions of the past of this, the third oldest ringing organisation in the country, spoke of the proud position which it held in the Exercise to-day, and of the admirable way in which it was managed by its efficient officers, and went on in humorous vein to take a peep into the future.

Mr. Albert Walker responded, and remarked that while they tried, as the proposer had said, to uphold the traditions of the past, he believed that, with such good and enthusiastic members as they now had, the future would be equally as brilliant as the past (applause). There had been but a few peals rung at St. Martin's recently, and the practices had not been quite so well attended, but the main reason for that was that the bells were not really ringable. They were glad to know, however, that they were going to get the bells put in order, and reports had been received from three firms of foundries. They hoped a scheme would now go forward which would provide them with a really splendid peal of 12 bells, the best at their weight in the world, worthy of the church and worthy of the ancient Guild (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in felicitous terms proposed 'The Ringing World,' to which Mr. Goldsmith responded, and a lady present then handed to Mr. George a pretty little gift, in the form of a bell inkstand, engraved with his initials and the date, which Mr. George suitably acknowledged.

In the absence of Mr. Tom Russam, who was prevented by illness from attending, Mr. Walker submitted the toast of 'St. Nicolas' Guild.' He referred to the association which had long existed between:

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### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT TO BE DIVIDED.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, and was a great success, over ninety members and visitors attending from Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Bramley, Oakley, Overton, Whitchurch, Andover, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Silchester, Yateley, Ellisfield, St. Mary Bourne, Sherfield, Dummer, Odiham, Stevenon, North Stoneham, Winchester and Newbury.

The Guild's service was held at St. Michael's Church, and the address given by Rev. H. W. Boustead, D.D. Afterwards, the members sat down to a splendid tea in the Church Cottage, which was provided by the generosity of the Basingstoke ringers.

At the business meeting, which followed the tea, the Rev. H. W. Boustead, D.D., was voted to the chair, and among those present were Rev. E. Jones (district secretary), Rev. T. S. Adams (Silchester), Rev. G. H. Jaudwine (Oakley), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. Curtis (secretary, Newbury District, Oxford Guild), and others.

Following the usual routine business, the general secretary gave a report of the special meeting which was held at Southampton on October 22nd, at which a joint Guild for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth had been formed.

Following the decision to rearrange the districts, the present Basingstoke District is to be divided into the two new districts of Andover and Basingstoke, and it was decided to hold the inaugural meeting for the new Andover District at Whitchurch on February 4th, and that for the new Basingstoke District at Basingstoke on February 13th.

The present district officers consented to carry on until the new districts are brought into being.

Mr. G. Williams spoke on the question of getting the clergy generally interested in the Guild and ringing, and urged the clergy present to do all they could in this direction.

The bells of St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of methods practised.

### WEST DRAYTON TOWER AND BELLS. A CRUMBLING THIRTEENTH-CENTURY RELIC.

An appeal has been issued on behalf of the fund that is being raised for the preservation of the tower and rehanging of the bells at St. Martin's Church, West Drayton, Middlesex. The tower is over 700 years old, and is now in a state of crumbling decay, and, having been pronounced a danger to the public, its door has been closed, it has been fenced off, the bellcote that used to surmount the roof has been removed, and a detailed examination has been made. It has been found that the work of preservation must be taken in hand at once, lest it prove too late to save this ancient, historic building.

The bells were cast 216 years ago, from an earlier peal, but they have not been rung for over 30 years. They are a peal of six. The fifth is badly cracked and must be recast, but the other five will be tuned and quarter turned. It is proposed to rehang the bells in wood frame, using as much as possible of the present timber, the bulk of which is quite sound.

Contributions towards the scheme will be welcomed, and should be sent to Mr. T. A. Dymes, Carthana, 5, De Burgh Crescent, West Drayton, Middlesex. Donations intended for the bells can be earmarked accordingly.

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King's Norton and St. Martin's Guild, and to the high efficiency of the King's Norton band through many years. There were not even to-day many Sunday bands with whom one could go and ring London Surprise or Cambridge Royal for service, but this they could do at King's Norton. They looked upon King's Norton as a stepping stone to St. Martin's, and he hoped when they got the new bells in the Bull Ring that they would see more of the King's Norton men at the practices and helping in the good work they were trying to do at St. Martin's.

The Chairman, who responded, spoke of the pleasure which it gave the St. Nicolas' Guild to welcome any members of St. Martin's Guild at King's Norton, and said they were sorry they did not see more of them. St. Nicolas' Guild was formed three years ago, not with the idea of competition with St. Martin's Guild, but with the idea, if possible, of helping them. They were looking forward to the time when St. Martin's bells would be recast, and they could visit St. Martin's and ring with the Guild (applause).

Mr. George thanked Mr. Yates and Mr. Laffin for their work in arranging that gathering, and the toast list concluded with 'The Chairman,' submitted in complimentary terms by Mr. Frank Smallwood, and acknowledged by Mr. Yates.

An excellent musical entertainment had been arranged by Mr. Tom Davies, and included songs by Mr. W. Avery, and duets by Mr. Davies and Mr. Dai Thomas, Mrs. Davies being the accompanist. Professor 'Gazeeka' amused and mystified the company with his sleight of hand, and entertained them with a ventriloquial sketch. Tunes were rung by Messrs. Walker, Laffin and Withers, and a topping course of Stedman Cinques by Messrs. Laffin, Perrens, Swann, Smallwood, Walker and George.

A highly enjoyable evening came to an end at 11 p.m. with the National Anthem.

Mr. George wishes, through these columns, to thank his many friends for their congratulations and good wishes on his 74th birthday, as they are too numerous to reply to separately.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**FELKIRK, YORKS.**—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 13th, four different extents of Treble Bob. For matins: 720 Kent: H. Cooper 1, A. Kelsall (first 720 of Treble Bob) 2, A. Cole 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. F. White (conductor) 6.—For Armistice service at 3 p.m., with the bells half-muffled, 720 Duke of York: A. Kelsall 1, A. Cole 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Violet: H. Cooper 1, A. Cole 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford: A. Cole 1, A. Kelsall 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent, Violet and Duke of York by all the band.

**DEEPING ST. JAMES, Lincs.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: R. Bennett 1, E. A. Sneath 2, W. Clark 3, W. V. Bennett 4, J. H. Oldham 5, R. S. Oldham 6. Conducted by J. O. Sanders.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—At St. Swithun's Church, on Sunday afternoon, November 13th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: H. D. White (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, E. J. Ladd 2, G. Lambert 3, W. Mills 4, G. Tizzard 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

**FULHAM.**—For evening service on Sunday, November 13th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. C. Page 1, H. A. Folkard 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, G. H. Block 10.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes) in 53 mins., by the local company: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, G. H. Crawley 3, J. H. Riding (conductor) 4, H. Edwards 5, H. Overton 6, R. T. Holding 7, J. W. Edge 8, R. D. Langford 9, W. Chadwick 10. Arranged and rung as a farewell touch to the Rev. S. T. Stevens, M.C., who is leaving for Chester.

**EXETER.**—For a railwaymen's service, at St. David's Church, on Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. S. Harris 1, R. Davey 2, J. Hosgood 3, F. M. Rogers 4, T. G. Bartlett 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, T. J. Stokes 7, L. G. Wherry 8. All, except the ringers of 2nd and 7th, are railwaymen.

**ROYSTON, YORKS.**—On Sunday, November 6th, by Felkirk ringers, for a memorial service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Kelsall 1, A. Cole 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Eskeridge, a much respected medical officer of this place. Afterwards a lych gate was dedicated to his memory.

**LIVERPOOL.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday evening, November 6th, a quarter-peal (1,311 changes) of Stedman Cinques in 58 mins.: W. H. Rickett 1, Walter Fisher 2, G. R. Newton 3, J. Wilkinson 4, T. C. Larkey 5, T. Hammond 6, E. Bompfrey 7, P. W. Cave (conductor) 8, J. Martin 9, C. I. Davies 10, R. F. Deal (London) 11, E. Caunce 12.

**MONOWDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Miller 1, L. Wightman 2, D. Wightman 3, A. S. Wightman 4, C. Button 5, F. Warren 6.—After service, 720 Plain Bob: J. Arbon (first 720 on tower bells) 1, J. Tarrant 2, D. Wightman (conductor) 3, W. Miller 4, S. A. Wightman 5, G. Wightman 6.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Church of the Holy Saviour, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Briggs 1, H. Bell 2, J. S. Needham 3, \*S. Wilfred Chapman 4, \*W. Turner 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, J. W. Udale 8. \*Longest touch in the method. Longest length of Triples in the method as conductor. Rung by entirely St. Saviour's ringers.

**CANTERBURY.**—At St. Alphege's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 1,000 changes of Doubles, consisting of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob: G. Brett 1, Miss E. M. Chambers 2, Miss D. M. Sanders 3, W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., 4, F. R. Weller 5, E. Cook 6. Rung to mark the coming of age of the secretary, Miss Edith May Chambers, also as a farewell to Miss Olive Muriel Sanders, who is leaving the district.

### NOTICES.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 in St. Michael's Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, December 7th.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

**DERBY CATHEDRAL.**—Sunday Service Ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, 7.30 p.m. prompt, to 9 p.m. (Monday). Experienced ringers require practice; your opportunity is at the cathedral. Learners invited. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.



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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Meeting at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Service at 5.30. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m., at which an offering will be taken; proceeds to Bells Restoration Fund. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. A good attendance is hoped for. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Faversham on Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., followed by tea.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped to have the memorial peal board to the late Mr. William Rock Small unveiled on this date.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Dec. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea, free to members of the Guild, at 5.15. Will those intending to be present please inform the secretary by Nov. 29th?—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 30th? All ringers welcome. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Rectory at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 2.15 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. (The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1928.)—F. Green, Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. The peal of ten bells at the Cathedral will be available from 2 p.m.; also the peal of eight bells at St. John's (10 minutes' walk from the Cathedral) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman will be specially practised, although other methods will be rung.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8 bells). Tea will be served in the Schoolroom, Frederick Street.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, December 6th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. Members are urged to attend.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Minster bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) are requested to advise Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. Bernard Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. Those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Dolphin at 5.30, followed by business meeting. A new district secretary pro tem. will be elected at this meeting. Will members requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 7th?—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The seventh annual social will be held in the Preston Parish Church Schools on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d., children half-price. An early application for tickets to Mr. E. R. Martin, 96, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, will be much appreciated. The bells of the Parish Church and Penwortham Church will be available during the day.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.** — North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15, followed by general business meeting. Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Dec. 6th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Cathedral.—The Cinques practice on Saturday, Dec. 10th, is postponed in consequence of a choral rehearsal. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., Heavitree, Exeter.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers in Lytham (St. John's and St. Peter's R.C.) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 8th?—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready early. Tea can be provided if members write to Mr. R. Thickett, Station Lane, Horbury, before Dec. 7th. Business meeting in belfry after tea.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (Crow Park Station, L.N.E. Railway) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price for those who notify Leonard Pierrepont, 8, Church Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, not later than Dec. 7th. A hearty welcome given to members of kindred associations. Cheap return railway tickets from Sheffield and intermediate stations, and also good bus service run.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Exhall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.** — The peal of 8 bells at St. Mary's Church will be rededicated on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service at 2.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 8th? The bells have been recast and hung in ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.—J. Hope, London Street, Fairford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, in the Abbey, with an address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 (6d. for members), to be followed by a business meeting, at which the balance sheet will be presented and the officers elected for next year. Towers available: Sherborne (8), Lillington (5), Lydlinch (5) and Bishop's Caundle (5). Will all ringers who wish to be present at the tea, and all will be welcome, please let me know without fail by Dec. 6th?—Rev. R. E. P. Goringe, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A combined practice will be held in conjunction with a committee meeting at Mitcham on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 14th? — Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

**LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.** — Dedication on Saturday, Dec. 17th, of a memorial plaque of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., erected in the tower by his son, Mr. E. Denison Taylor. All visiting ringers welcome. Ringing will take place on the peal of ten bells of All Saints' Parish Church, and also on the Bell Foundry peal of ten. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors. Tea provided at the Fearon Hall for those who send in their names to Mr. J. Saddington, Swingbridge Road, Loughborough, before Thursday, Dec. 15th. All welcome.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea can be arranged if a sufficient number notify me by the 14th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

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