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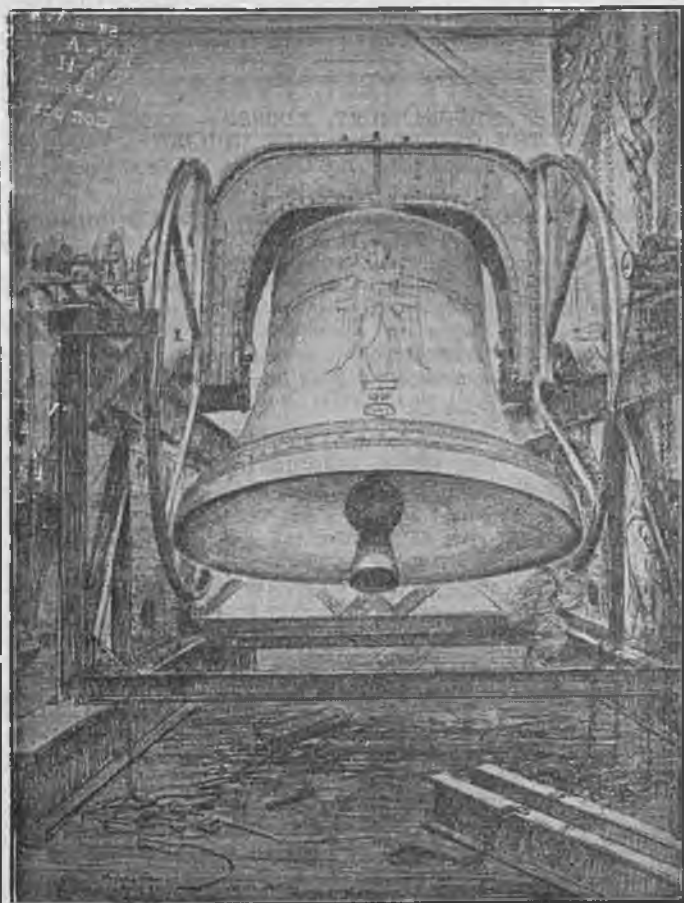
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CAMBRIDGE REFLECTIONS.

The Fabian Stedman commemoration scheme, from start to finish, has been a revelation of what a united Exercise can do. The raising of nearly five hundred pounds for the restoration of the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church, contributed directly or through the associations and guilds by the ringers themselves, was a magnificent gesture. The presence, at the ceremony of dedication of the work, of representative ringers from something like thirty counties in England and Wales was a further mark of the widespread interest which was taken in the scheme. No single project which the Exercise had undertaken before has ever been so national in its character or so successful in its outcome, and Cambridge, one of the earliest homes of change ringing, will for the future have a new place in the thoughts of ringers.

As the result of what has been done a fresh impetus will, we hope, be given to ringing in Cambridge. It should not be sufficient that St. Benedict's should be merely another tower in which the bells have once more been made ringable. It is important that they should be regularly rung for service, if possible by a band specially created for the purpose; and in this, we have no doubt, the Cambridge Youths will be able to render valuable assistance. Beyond this, however, Stedman's bells ought to play another and not less important part. For fifty years the Cambridge University Guild, by interesting and instructing undergraduates—not a few of whom have afterwards entered the Church, and among whom we number to-day several of the most prominent men in the Exercise—has rendered notable service to ringing. The president of this Guild for over half a century, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, learned to handle a bell at St. Benedict's. Could not this tower be used as the special 'home' of the Guild where the art could be taught to new members, so that, with the inspiration of Fabian Stedman behind them, they might go out to help in carrying on and extending the work which he began nearly three hundred years ago? St. Benedict's bells could be used for no better purpose, and we hope that eventually the tower will, in some such way, become a University ringing centre.

One other thought may well be mentioned; it must have occurred to many, and it is voiced by a correspondent in a letter elsewhere in this issue. The success and the truly national character of the proceedings at Cambridge opens up the prospect that an annual gathering of ringers, somewhat on the same lines, especially if held in the summer, might prove an innovation to which

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the Exercise would be ready to give its support. Our correspondent suggests that it might be held in London, with a service in St. Paul's Cathedral. That, indeed, would set the seal on the recognition of ringers as part of the organisation of the Church, but if that proposal is not practicable there seems no serious obstacle to another pilgrimage to Cambridge, at a suitable time, so that others not able to join in the tercentenary commemoration might have the opportunity of visiting the scene of Stedman's early ringing days and maintaining touch with the church which, more than ever before, will claim a big place in their interest and affection as ringers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 1	GEORGE A. FLEMMING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	LEWIS W. WIPPEN 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 200th peal. First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus by the St. Mary le Tower Society. Messrs. Brown, Catchpole, Fleming and H. Symonds were elected members previous to starting the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUCKLEBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*SAMUEL QUINTON 1	*CHARLES PULLEN 5
†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS ROBY M. HAZELL 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
MISS S. ELLA DAVIS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First in method on a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Matthews.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER 1	ERNEST W. FORBANK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
*HARRY TURNER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

STREET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 1	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	THOMAS J. SETTER 6
H. JIM RALPH 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 7
HARRY J. SANGER 4	GEORGE PHELPS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor to cwt.

REV. J. R. KING Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 2	ARTHUR BRAINES 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung as a 78th birthday peal to Mr. James George.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

NORTHLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	HARRY OVERTON 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	G. LEONARD HEWITT 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	EDWARD V. RODENEDRST Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal on the new bells.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	WILLIAM P. DEANE 7
THOMAS HORD 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON 7
GEORGE W. SLACK 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal in the method on the bells, also quickest peal on the bells. For figures, see 'Ringing World,' November 20th, 1931.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
FREDERICK LIME 2	JAMES WILLIAMS 6
HECTOR WOODBURN 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
JIM TEBAY 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
JOHN SIMONS 4	RICHARD G. RICE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH J. BALCOMBE.

Rung for the patronal festival. The tenor ringer has now completed the circle at this tower.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE ASTBURY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
ERIC B. ALLMAN 2	JOHN PARKER 6
JOHN TIMMIS 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN MATTHEWS 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung on the eve of Advent. All are members of the local band. 60th peal together by Messrs. A. Allman and J. Brassington.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JACK MEDHURST Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
HAROLD HUNTLEY 2	HARRY SEAL 6
ARTHUR P. CANNON 3	ERNEST EVEREST 7
PERCY G. DENTON 4	ALFRED H. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt, and first 'touch' on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. This is the 101st peal together by the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

SOUTHGATE.—On Thursday, December 10th, for practice, 1,312 Bristol Surprise Major in 51 mins.: D. Ovington (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 1, S. Wade 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Bowden 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

**SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Six Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 11,264 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Longest length by all, in the method for the association, in the county on eight bells, and rung at the first attempt. The average age of three of the band is 66, of the whole band 46, while the conductor has just attained half that age. The one-part composition contains the 102 course ends, tenors together, without the 2-3's, 3-2's or 4-2's, and is rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**TREETON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, November 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES HAYWOOD Treble	REGINALD PAYNE 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FRED WATKINSON 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE HAYWOOD.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

**HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN S. ROYLE Treble	† ALFRED MOULTON, JUN. ... 4
* REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2	† JESSE HORNBY 5
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

**GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

* MISS HELEN M. SHANKS Treble	RONALD RAYNER 4
† CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	OLAVE C. BROYD Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE C. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt on tower bells. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to commemorate the safe return of Mr. Augustine Conyhaud from the Arctic regions.

**HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 1½ cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
* H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Walter Davis, for several years captain of the local band.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael on Thursday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, F. Greasley 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John and All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BULL Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	S. PERCY MARSON 5
DAVID G. TAYLOR 3	S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by S. G. COLES.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 of St. Simon's, 840 each of Chase and Bob Doubles, and 960 each of St. Dunstan's, Grandsire and Old Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK OSBOURNE Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 3
FREDERICK W. KNOWLES ... 2	BERNARD BAILEY 4

WILFRED RILEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR SMITHSON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Riley.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HOOPER ... Treble	WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 3	* P.C. RICHARD STUCKEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

G. SOLEY Treble	F. DOWNES 4
W. EVANS 2	W. DUGGAN 5
W. DOWNES 3	W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE A. NEWMAN Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 5
ARTHUR P. CANNON 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Honess.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY WESTON Treble	* CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE ... 4
ERNEST A. WILSON 2	WILFRED RILEY 5
TOM CLARKE 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. V. Blackburne, recently appointed Vicar of this parish; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 15th, for Armistice service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: E. O. Sharplin 1, F. Wood 2, J. Harridge 3, H. James 4, G. Miles (conductor) 5, F. James 6. First quarter-peal by 4th and tenor. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY COMMEMORATION PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN NEAL Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	FRANK E. PERVIN 11
FRANK E. HAYNES 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung to commemorate the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*REV. F. A. OSWELL Treble	GEORGE LARGE 6
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FRED LASBURY 7
WILLIAM HEATH 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
HARRY PAGE 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, also as a birthday peal to Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Treble	*WALTER S. BEAUMONT ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	FRANK BELSEY 7
HARRY HOVERD 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
*STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5	ALFRED HAYLOR Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Specially rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	*WALTER SWALLOW 6
*ARTHUR WALKER 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
*THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
*HARRY BROWN 4	†JOHN FRYER 9
GEORGE W. STEEL 5	*ALBERT STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters with 'inside' bell. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ALLAN W. RANDE 7
JOSEPH MORRIS 3	JOHN P. FIDLER 8
F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 4	G. SYEDMAN MORRIS 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by E. MORRIS

Specially arranged for the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSB ... Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 6
JAMES BULLOCK 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
CHARLES S. BURDEN 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES 9
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. D. Smith, E. J. Walsom and Major J. H. B. Hessb. Also rung as a tribute to the memory of Fabian Stedman.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBT. W. II. STRICKLAND Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
EDWARD H. KING 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD ... 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
HARRY RAYNER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
*WALTER J. POOLE 2	S. GEORGE COLES 6
ERNEST J. BULL 3	S. PERCY MERSON 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	JACK ROY Tenor

Conducted by S. P. MERSON.

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

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	*CHARLES BROWN 6
HARRY BROWN 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
JOHN FRYER 4	ALBERT STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

TOTTENHAM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pickering 1, A. Butler 2, J. Taylor 3, K. Taylor (conductor) 4, H. Lockley 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. Bate 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Stafford for Confirmation service. First quarter-peal as conducted by K. Taylor, to whom the ringing was a birthday compliment.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 6. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
JOHN H. B. HESE 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	GEORGE E. CLODE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* EDWARD BROWN Treble	GEORGE KEMBALL 5
GEORGE WORTHY 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
MISS L. LANCASTER 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
J. REED 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

WRITTELE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT DEVENISH ... Treble	FRANK RINGE 5
PERCY GREEN 2	JOHN WOOD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
GEORGE GREEN 4	ARTHUR HRAD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. ROGERS. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Arranged to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary and as a birthday peal for Percy Green. The conductor rang the same bell in his first peal as conductor on December 12th, 1888—43 years ago.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

C. WALLIS Treble	C. KILLICK 4
* J. WALLIS, SEN. 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
J. WALLIS, JUN. 3	H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary, also a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and tenor.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* S. JOYNER Treble	F. PONTING 4
F. CANTER 2	T. PRICE 5
H. NEWMAN 3	H. BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary.

BROMHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 14 callings.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY HILLIER ... Treble	GEORGE W. ENGLAND ... 4
VINCENT E. SWIFT ... 2	FRANK GREEN 5
WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 3	* ARTHUR J. CULLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. SWIFT.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and first of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, and also to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. P. G. Phillips), whose induction took place on Wednesday, December 9th.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 4
JOHN H. RACKHAM ... 2	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 5
GEORGE HAWKINS ... 3	BRINLEY J. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary. First peal of Stedman Doubles for the Guild and by all except the ringer of the 4th. Also rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alfred A. Rackham and Miss G. M. Williams, ringer and chorister respectively at the above church, and as a birthday compliment to Gurnos Jones, son of the tenor ringer.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, Bourne, York, Cambridge, Annable's London, Nethersale and Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR ... Treble	GEORGE BORNHAM 4
ALFRED PARR 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. Milner as Rector of the above church, also the Stedman Tercentenary. It was also a birthday peal to the wife of the 3rd ringer.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 10, 1931, in Three Hours.

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE ... 1-2	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	* ERNEST BENNETT ... 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6	PETER LAFLIN 11-12

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Laflin. Also in honour of the Tercentenary celebration of Fabian Stedman.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, October 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Mrs. E. King (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, E. H. King 2, H. W. Strickland 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, J. G. Nash 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAPLIN 7-8

* ERNEST BENNETT 9-10

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Harry Laffin.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

In St. NICHOLAS' CHURCH BELFRY,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

First peal in the method 'in hand' for the Guild and by ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT FOLKESTONE.

VICAR'S GENEROUS GIFT.

On Tuesday evening, December 8th, at a combined practice meeting, a peal board was unveiled at the Parish Church, Folkestone, by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Holden) recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the tower in April last, the ringers having been J. Coppin (Folkestone) treble, W. Bidnell (Hythe) 2, C. R. Millway (Dover) 3, F. Castle (Elham) 4, W. Kitelin (Folkestone) 5, R. T. Clark (Dover) 6, C. Turner (Dover) conductor 7, T. Anderson (Folkestone) 8. The Vicar said he always tried to encourage those engaged in the work of ringing the bells, and at the close said he wished to defray the expense of the peal board.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery branch took place at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday. There were 50 members present from most of the affiliated towers of the district. Service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ogden) officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. Sweetnam, Vicar of St. Mary's and president of the branch. Tea was served in the schools after service. Amongst those present at the subsequent meeting were the Rector of Norton Fitzwarren (the Rev. F. L. Grosvenor), the Vicar and curate of St. James', Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the association), Mr. J. Maddocks (former conductor of St. James'), and Mr. J. Burge (St. Mary's conductor, who has recently recovered from a serious operation).

The balance sheet showed a balance on the right side of £5 15s.

The report of the past year was favourable, although a few of the village towers are short of members. Fifteen peals were rung during 1931, a remarkable fact being that in them all someone had scored a 'first.' A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. James' was the first by all except the conductor (Mr. J. Hunt). Other peals included four of Stedman Triples, one Double Norwich, and two of Grandsire Triples, one of Spliced Treble Bob Minor (the first by all), one of Treble Bob Minor and five peals of Doubles. Messrs. W. Gigg (St. James'), A. J. Wyatt (Wilton) and W. H. Lloyd (St. Mary's) were congratulated on conducting their first peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The officers of the branch were all re-elected, viz.: President, the Rev. J. G. Sweetnam; hon. secretary, Mr. S. P. Merson; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Hunt.

Creech, Wiveliscombe and Wellington (All Saints') were chosen for quarterly meetings. Four new members were elected.

Reference was made by the president to the recent broadcasting of St. Mary's bells, and some discussion followed as to the procedure, time limit, etc., in any future broadcast.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and then the ringers returned to the tower. The ringing varied from Doubles on the back six to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a course of Bristol Surprise.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley (Yorkshire), for evening service, a date touch (1,931 changes) of Kent Treble Bob in 1 hour 6 mins.: S. Keighley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, W. E. Scrimshaw 4, D. Thompson 5, E. Hudson 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Lee 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th, the latter having reached his 21st birthday. It was also his longest length.

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CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATION.

On account of the Christmas holidays, 'The Ringing World' will be published next week on Thursday.

All matter intended for insertion in that issue must reach 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, not later than Monday.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two new treble bells, increasing the light eight at North Stoneham, Hants, to a ring of ten, are to be dedicated on Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rector (the Rev. T. Salmon). The bells have been given by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams to commemorate their golden wedding.

This will be one of the lightest rings of ten in the country, the tenor being only 9 cwt. 26 lb. Since Winchester Cathedral bells were increased to twelve there has been only one ring of ten in Hampshire, namely, at Christchurch Priory, and these, if all goes well, will also soon be made into twelve, so that the addition at North Stoneham is not only an interesting personal gift from the first man and wife who took part in a peal together, but a timely augmentation for the Winchester diocese.

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, a well-known member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, of which he was formerly hon. secretary, has just taken his degree of Doctor of Physics in the Faculty of Science at Liverpool University.

The enterprising band at Leiston, Suffolk, have rung peals in no fewer than ten Surprise Major methods this year: Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, London, Guildford, Surrey, Dublin, Rochester, Camdon and Suffolk. A fine record!

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, of Guildford, and their daughter, Miss Jessie Melville, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday at Epsom, Surrey, to commemorate the anniversary of the parents' wedding day. This is, we believe, only the second time that a peal has been rung in which father, mother and daughter have taken part.

Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, aged 12, a daughter of John F. (Ben) and granddaughter of Frederic J., rang the treble at St. Andrew's Church, Rushmore, on Thursday evening last, at the first attempt, to 720 Plain Bob Minor. It would be interesting to know if she is the youngest girl to ring the extent on tower bells.

The name of the ringer of the tenor at Bridstow, Herefordshire, in a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 21st, and a peal of Stedman Doubles on December 5th, should have been given as Harvey H. Winney.

A BURY ST. EDMUNDS INCIDENT.

THE NEED FOR ACCURACY IN RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested that the 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick may be accepted by succeeding generations as a true peal. Without expressing any opinion on this unfortunate matter, I might say that the ringing at Bury St. Edmunds on Monday, May 14th, 1855, seems to have been recognised as a true peal, and a record has appeared in Mr. Morris' book giving the impression that a peal of 5,000 changes, conforming to the recognised standards of ringing, was completed on that date.

According to William Freeman, who rang the 6th in the 'peal,' the bells did not come 'home' (somebody turned round to look at a watch!), the ringing coming to a premature end and a few changes from home. The 'Norfolk News,' recording the performance, uses the phrase 'UPWARDS of 5,000 changes,' when on each occasion before and after the number of changes is definite; and the late Mr. Samuel Slater, well known for his knowledge of local ringing history, on the conclusion of the peal of Kent Royal on Saturday, February 23rd, 1895, at the Norman tower, remarked, 'Well, gentlemen, we have now rung the first peal on the bells.' 'Campanology' of December 23rd, 1896, page 175, also states in an appreciation of Samuel Slater: 'Mr. Slater was the organiser of the band that rang the first and only peal on the ten bells of the Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds.'

I do not think the Norwich worthies of the 1855 peal would have deceived the public intentionally with regard to their ringing at Bury, but the fact remains that they have received the credit for the first peal there; and in writing this letter I am of the opinion that our records should be as accurate as possible.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A pleasant meeting of the Towcester branch was held at Bradden on Saturday. The service was well attended, and after tea, which was served in the Parish Hall, the secretary (the Rev. R. Howes) presented certificates to Miss Grant Ives, Messrs. Richardson, Pilgrim, Hillyer, Johnson, Green and Meakins for first peals. He said that some towers were now getting on to Stedman with the help of the guild instructor.

Votes of thanks were given the ladies for preparing the tea and to the Vicar.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY COMMEMORATION.

PICTURES AT CAMBRIDGE.

Below we give, by the courtesy of the 'Cambridge Chronicle,' two interesting pictures taken at the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration at Cambridge. In

the upper photograph the clergy, the band which opened the bells, the architect, bell founder and other officials are seen at the entrance to St. Benedict's Church; in the lower picture the secretary of the Ladies' Guild is seen actively engaged in selling ash tray souvenirs.



In the top picture are the Rural Dean (Canon Adams), who dedicated the bells (on the extreme left), and the Vicar of St. Benedict's (on the right). Among others in the group are Canon Coleridge, the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. Troup (architect), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (bell founder), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. C. H. Howard (Essex Association), W. Pye (Middlesex Association), J. D. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) and J. S. Goldsmith.

In the bottom picture Mrs. Fletcher finds no difficulty in disposing of ash tray souvenirs.

AN ANNUAL NATIONAL GATHERING.

DEAR Sir,—Having been privileged to attend that truly great occasion at Cambridge on Saturday week, and seeing such a vast concourse of ringers from all parts of the country, it struck me very forcibly that a national gathering of ringers might be held once a year, say in London, with a special service in St. Paul's Cathedral and the city churches open for ringing. (I do not suggest that St. Paul's bells should be thrown open.) There are so many organisations recognised in these days, and it would be a grand thing if the bellringers of this country could have a recognised gathering in the great centre of the

Empire; recognised by the Church through a gathering at St. Paul's.

If this suggestion does not appeal to the majority of the Exercise, could a meeting at Cambridge annually be arranged upon the same lines as on Saturday week? I am sure very many would enjoy it.—

Yours sincerely,
Little Munden, Herts.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

WHERE RINGERS CAME FROM.

It is impossible to mention a tithe of the places from which ringers came to attend the celebration. Durham, Lancashire, Yorkshire,

Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Oxford, Dorset, Wilts, Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Monmouth and Glamorganshire were all represented, to say nothing of a strong contingent from London, and other counties may have had ringers among the big gathering. Several ringers had to leave home on Friday in order to reach Cambridge in time. One ringer travelled all Friday night from South Wales.

STEDMAN DOUBLES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOWERS.

At St. Peter's, Stetchworth, Cambs, on Sunday morning, November 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. C. Sharpe (Newmarket) 1, L. C. Briggs (Stetchworth) 2, J. F. Lancaster (Stetchworth) 3, S. J. Twitchett (Stetchworth) conductor 4, S. Brown (Exning) 5.—At St. Mary's, Dullingham, on November 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. C. Sharpe 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster 3, S. J. Twitchett (conductor) 4, S. Brown 5.—At St. Mary's, Newmarket, on December 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles in 50 mins.: L. Warner 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster 3, R. C. Sharpe 4, S. Brown (conductor) 5, R. Heath 6.—At St. Mary's, Woodditton, Cambs, on December 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles in 45 mins.: S. J. Twitchett 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster (conductor) 3, R. C. Sharpe 4, S. Brown 5.—At the Parish Church, Swaffham Prior, Cambs, on December 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles in 47 mins.: R. C. Sharpe 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, S. Brown (conductor) 5, W. Webb (Exning) 6.

On December 5th, at St. Lawrence's Church, Bradwell, Bucks, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes) to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary: C. Alderman 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, A. Justice 3, W. French 4, A. Coley 5, A. Lathall 6.

At St. Michael's, Basingsstoke, on December 5th, in honour of the commemoration, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Ballard 1, F. Wilson 2, E. Austin 3, H. Balaam (conductor) 4, R. Wooding 5, C. Ostler 6, J. Chesterman 7, H. Munday 8.—For evening service on Sunday, December 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples; first in the method by J. Munday.

The local ringers of St. Michael's Church, North Cadbury, rang touches of Stedman Doubles to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman on Saturday, December 5th, this being the first time in the history of the church that Stedman has been rung on the bells by the local ringers.

At Christ Church, Southgate, for morning service, 300 Stedman Triples in commemoration of the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. G. Nash 1, E. H. King 2, J. E. Miller 3, D. Ovington 4, W. Pickworth 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, G. Plater 7, A. G. Crane 8.

On December 5th, at Wimborne Minster, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, J. I. Davis 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, A. F. M. Stewart 4, F. Price 5, A. G. Rose 6, W. E. Cheater (conductor) 7, F. C. Hart 8; and at St. James', Poole, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, J. I. Davis 2, V. Stock 3, R. J. Martin 4, A. G. Rose 5, J. P. Vatcher 6, C. F. Turner (conductor) 7, H. P. Davis 8.

At Bridstow, Herefordshire, on Tuesday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 minutes: W. T. Poston 1, R. E. Summers 2, J. J. Webb 3, W. G. Shaw 4, E. H. Foster 5, A. Alford 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, R. Summers 8. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

At Hounslow on Sunday for evensong and in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, W. W. Daniell 2, W. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. W. Barrett 5, C. J. Tricker 6, H. Impey 7, W. Sparrow 8. Also a further two courses with Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport (Mon) ringing the 2nd.

At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Sunday, December 6th, for evening service and in commemoration of the Tercentenary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Swift 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, F. Buckland 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, W. Fletcher 8.

SOUVENIRS.

Two splendid souvenirs of the Tercentenary have been prepared and may be obtained by ringers. One is a daintily got up booklet, which records the details of the Commemoration scheme, has a long and interesting article on Fabian Stedman and a description of St. Benedict's and its tower and bells. In addition there is a complete list of subscribers to the Tercentenary Fund. There are several illustrations, including, as a frontispiece, a fine picture of the Saxon tower. Every ringer should secure one of these souvenirs, which can be obtained post free 8d. each from the 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

The other memento of the unique event is an ash tray. A number of these have been turned up out of an ancient oak beam which was removed from St. Benedict's tower in the course of the restoration, and they form very charming souvenirs. Nearly all that were ready were disposed of at Cambridge, but more will shortly be on sale and will be obtainable at 2s. 3d. post free from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. Early application for these is desirable, as the number is limited.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY ARGYLE. WARWICKSHIRE GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

The ringing fraternity will be deeply sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Argyle, who passed away on Wednesday, December 9th, after a five weeks' illness following an operation. He was progressing favourably until five days before the end, when he had a relapse and passed away as stated.

The interment took place at Nuneaton Cemetery on Saturday, December 12th, and was preceded by a service in church. This was attended by a large number of Freemasons, Mr. Argyle having been a member of both the Nuneaton lodges and hon. secretary of the Abbey Lodge, No. 432.

A number of ringers were present from Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Higham, Leicester and Rugby, with members of the local band. Canon J. L. White, M.A. (Vicar of Nuneaton) officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A. (president of the Warwickshire Guild) and the Rev. J. H. Faulkner (curate).

The service was fully choral, Psalm 23 being sung and hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul' and 'Lead, kindly light.' The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Argyle and Mr. and Mrs. R. Argyle (sons and daughters-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chapman, Mr. Chapman having been associated with Mr. Argyle in the belfry for 42 years. The widow did not attend the service. At the close of the committal service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. A. Fenton 1-2, J. H. W. White 3-4, W. H. J. Hooton 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8. Among the numerous wreaths was one from the Warwickshire Guild, in the shape of a bell in white chrysanthemums and violets, also one from the Nuneaton ringers and one from the Coton ringers.

In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of Nuneaton Parish Church with the clappers muffled on the back stroke.

Mr. Harry Argyle was a native of Burton. He rang his first peal at Shenstone, near Lichfield, on Saturday, February 26th, 1878, at the age of 13 (the treble to a peal of Grandsire Major) and his second peal at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent (the treble to Grandsire Triples), the following Thursday. He did no further ringing until he moved to Nuneaton in 1889, where he joined the band at the Parish Church, who were then struggling with Grandsire Doubles and Triples. After several years of hard work teaching young hands with variable success, he, together with Mr. T. W. Chapman, got together a good band of Sunday service ringers, who have rung all the standard methods and the well-known Surprise methods for over 20 years. They continued the good work at Chilvers Coton, and it is largely due to their efforts that there is a promising Sunday service band there.

Mr. Argyle had rung over 190 peals, having conducted twelve. Messrs. Argyle and Chapman have rung 100 peals together on the bells of Nuneaton Church.

Mr. Argyle joined the Warwickshire Guild in 1907, the year of its formation, and had been an active worker in its interests until his death, attending the last quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, October 24th. He has represented the Guild on the Central Council for a number of years. He rang in the first peal of Major for the Guild at Bedworth on Saturday, March 7th, 1908, and rang his 100th peal for the Guild on Thursday, November 7th, 1912. He also rang in the first Masonic peal, Grandsire Caters, at St. Clement Danes, on December 4th, 1919.

The elder of his two sons is an accomplished ringer also, having rung a peal of Stedman Triples on May 27th, 1911, at the age of 14. On December 28th of that year he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples, and a year later rang a peal of Superlative Surprise.

Mr. Harry Argyle will be greatly missed in Nuneaton and district, having been a ringer at the Parish Church for 42 years and for many years a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division, held at Kings Langley, was attended by about 20 ringers (including two ladies) from Abbots Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Watford, Waltham Abbey, Hemel Hempstead, Maidenhead and the local company. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung in the afternoon. Then the Vicar (the Rev. Lushington) conducted a short service, and in the course of his address emphasised the great need of Christianity in the present world crisis.

At the Vicar's kind invitation tea was partaken of in the Village Hall.

Subsequently it was decided to hold the next meeting at Northchurch in February.

Mr. F. Reeves, president of the society, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his great kindness, and also all others who had helped to make the meeting a success.—The Vicar suitably responded, saying it had given him great pleasure to 'do his bit.' The ringers were a branch of churchworkers whom he greatly admired.

Although not in the highest methods, the ringing which took place was an encouragement to several present.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LINDLEY.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Lindley on Saturday last, when upwards of 50 members attended from Armley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Lightcliffe, Earlsheaton, Batley, Queensbury, Keighley, Birstall, Pudsey, Longwood, Idle, Elland and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were kept going, and tea was served in the Parish Room. Mr. J. Cotterell, vice-president of the association, presided over the business meeting, at which five new members were elected, viz., S. Britton (Birstall), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), H. J. Poole (Leicester), J. A. Brown (Chester-le-Street) and H. Armitage (Longwood).

It was decided to endeavour to arrange the next meeting at Northorham.

The Chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and Parish Room, said it was 38 years since the association last visited Lindley.—The vote was seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse and carried unanimously.—The Vicar, replying, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers, and was glad to hear they had enjoyed the use of the bells and the Parish Room. There was, he said, nothing finer than a good peal of bells, and he hoped that it would not be 38 years before they visited Lindley again.

A vote of thanks to the local band for providing the tea free was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said he would like to pay tribute to the enthusiasm of the local ringers, and added that there was a Yorkshire saying, 'If the does owt for nowt do it for thisen,' but the Lindley ringers had 'done summat for nowt,' not for themselves, but for the visitors. He also included in the vote the ladies who had assisted at the tea tables.—The chairman, seconding the vote of thanks, said the visit to Lindley reminded him of a peal of Treble Bob he rang there, which was composed and conducted by Mr. Schofield, a member of the Lindley band, who had recently passed away, and in which all the calls were extremes.—The motion having been carried, Mr. Smith, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the association to Lindley. They had had the whole of the parishioners behind them in providing the tea, the Vicar had given them every assistance and the ladies, when asked for their help, were delighted to give it. He had always enjoyed attending meetings at other towers and was glad to be able to return the hospitality.

This concluded the business meeting and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held jointly with the Doncaster and Barnsley District Societies at Rawmarsh on Saturday, when upwards of 30 members attended from Bolsterstone, Conisborough, Doncaster, Arksey, Handsworth, Sheffield (the Cathedral and St. Marie's), Rotherham, Wath, Ecclesfield, Treeton, Wortley and the local company. Touches in various methods were brought round previous to a short service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Scovell, who gave the visitors a very hearty welcome to his church.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local company, and quite upheld the high standard associated with Rawmarsh.

At the business meeting which followed the Rector was voted to the chair, and an apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. Panther (secretary of the Barnsley and District Society).

The following were elected members of the Yorkshire Association: Messrs. A. Champion, J. H. Sykes, E. Tyas, H. Dawson, F. Cartwright, N. R. Brownhill (all of Penistone), C. Lyons (Gainsborough), R. Daniels (Stanford) and J. Marshall (Edinburgh).

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 12th.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and his curate, to the ladies for tea and to the local company were heartily carried and replied to by the Rector on their behalf, and this brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Further ringing in various methods was indulged in after the meeting.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT YORK.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on Saturday, December 12th, and was attended by some 30 members, representing towers at Beverley, Hemmingborough, Hull, Leeds, Market Weighton, Patrington, Pontefract, Selby, Withernsea and the local company.

By courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford), the peal at the Minster was available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the privilege was greatly appreciated by those present.

An excellent repast was served in the Feasegate Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) presiding.

The Rev. R. P. Frost, M.A., Rector of Patrington, was elected an honorary member of the association, and the following as ringing members: Messrs. H. Andrews and R. Culbert (Patrington), Mr. J. W. Schofield (Burler, Leeds), Mr. F. Atkinson (York) and Mr. T. Creasey (Hemingborough).

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THE FIRST PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

MR. CHALLIS WINNEY'S RECOLLECTIONS.

We referred recently to the fact that December 10th was the jubilee of the first peal rung on the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was rung by J. Pettit 1, G. Musket 2, W. Cooter 3, J. R. Haworth 4, R. Jameson 5, G. Mash 6, G. Dorrington 7, W. Tanner 8, M. Wood 9, E. Horrox 10, J. M. Hayes 11, W. Jones and W. A. Tyler 12.

One of the few ringers who remember this notable performance is Mr. Challis Winney, and he sends us his recollections of the occasion.

The Goose and Gridiron, he writes, stood on the north side of the west front of St. Paul's. The preliminary rounds were rung with M. A. Wood on the 4th and W. Greenleaf on the 9th. Mr. Haworth turned up late and the writer assisted him to climb over the low fence and enter by the west door. He reached the tower through what is now All Souls' Chapel (or Kitchener Chapel). Mr. Greenleaf gave up his rope at once and Mr. Wood gave the 4th rope to Haworth and took the 9th. Mr. H. W. Haley, who, by the way, was never a 'parochial' ringer at St. Paul's, came along after two courses had been rung and at once recognised the peal as one of his compositions, which he had called 40 years previously, and, curiously enough, the date was the actual anniversary of it. It was delightful to see him put down the remainder of the course ends. Just previous to a course end coming up he would adjust another pair of spectacles, put down the figures and then resume his original pair. Then he would go on chatting as before, and as the next course end approached, sink into silence, change his glasses, and go through the same performance. On the same day the Royal Cumberlands rang a peal at St. Martin's, composed and conducted by Mr. John Cox. The writer and Mr. John W. Rowbotham heard this peal run round and skeddaddled back to the Goose and Gridiron to hear the end of St. Paul's peal. Mr. Rowbotham somewhat impetuously entered the upper room where Haley sat and called out, 'They have just finished their Cinques at St. Martin's.' Mr. Haley, very quietly and dignified, said, 'Keep quiet, you will hear them round in a real peal directly.' After the peal, as each ringer came up in turn to the room, he was greeted by clapping of hands.

A picture of this room has lately been discovered by an old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. J. C. Mitchell, who has presented it to the society. The tavern was a rendezvous, in 1710, of the Ancient Order of Freemasons, of which Mr. Mitchell is an ardent member. It was in this room that Mr. Mitchell rang his first handbell peal (Holt's Original) on January 25th, 1887. On February 25th of the same year he took part in the 'Original' rung non-conducted, and on December 29th, at the Goose and Gridiron, was one of the band that rang a strictly non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH HAVE A 'STEDMAN' MEETING.

The last of the monthly meetings of the Devizes branch for 1931 was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Market Lavington, on Saturday, December 5th. This tower contains a very nice peal of six bells (tenor 15 cwt.), which were rehung and tuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co. about 4½ years ago, and are in excellent going order. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and various methods were rung by nearly 30 stalwarts who braved the weather. The Guild service at 4.40 was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, the lesson being read by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), and Miss Edkins presided at the organ. Tea followed at the Institute, to which 27 sat down, including the Vicar. The following towers were represented: Devizes St. John, St. Mary and St. James, Southbroom, Melksham, Warmminster, Bratton, Rowde, Urethfont and Market Lavington. A short business meeting followed the tea, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

After the usual words of welcome, the Chairman spoke on the life and work of Fabian Stedman, the Tercentenary of whose birth was being commemorated and honoured that day in Cambridge.

It was announced that the annual meeting of the branch would be held in Devizes on Saturday, January 2nd.

The Vicar, who is a very enthusiastic change ringer, also spoke on the Stedman Tercentenary, and hoped all would make themselves efficient ringers of this most musical method. He extended a hearty welcome to the branch at all times.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Ringling was continued till about 8 p.m., the Stedman method being rung as much as possible. During the evening six ringers from Melksham and Devizes visited Potterne tower and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles. Arrangements had been made to ring Stedman at St. John's, Devizes, in the evening, but the weather being anything but pleasant, the band could not get back from the meeting in time.

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The annual meeting in March, 1932, will be held at Selby. On the motion of Mr. A. Walker, sen. (Pontefract), a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Dean for the use of the bells, and to Mr. X. Horner and the local company for their excellent arrangements.—Mr. T. F. Earnshaw responded. Ringling during the evening brought another delightful gathering to a close.

DEVON GUILD.**EXETER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The first annual gathering of the reconstituted Exeter District branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place in Exeter on Saturday, December 5th. St. Petrock's Church was kindly made available by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Bate) for a service which he conducted, and which was marked by much heartiness.

Mr. Bate, in a charming address, congratulated the assembly on being singers as well as ringers, expressed appreciation of the work of ringers, and suggested the possibility of getting a band of youths and young men to ring St. Petrock's bells for Sunday services.

Tea was laid in St. Kerrian's Hall and attended by 58 members and guests, who included the Rev. E. C. Powell (president of the Guild) and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. C. W. Bate and Mr. Cudmore (churchwarden of St. Petrock's). Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Arthur Searle kindly helped with the tea-pouring.

At the annual business meeting Mr. A. W. Searle presided, and announced numerous apologies for absence, including the Bishop of Exeter, Lord Mamhead, Sir Edgar Plummer, Mr. Arthur Thomas, Canon McLaren, the Rev. M. T. Hainsselin (Exminster) and Mr. E. Sawdye.

The annual report reviewed an interesting programme of quarterly meetings and propaganda work, and of excursions (arranged by the chairman), in which ringers' wives and friends were able to participate, including a visit to Mamhead Park, by invitation of Sir Robert Newman (now Lord Mamhead). The year started with a membership of 114; it was hoped to equal, if not exceed, this by the end of the year if arrears of subscriptions were cleared up. The accounts started with about £13 received from the funds of the old Exeter district branch. Ordinary working expenses had been more than met, but outlays on special propaganda and other visits had been heavy, and the prospective credit balance would be about £7 or £8. The report and accounts were adopted.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Biffen and the St. Thomas' band on scoring a peal, especially as four of the band were under 17 years of age.

Mr. Searle was re-elected chairman, Mr. W. Howe hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. W. Wills assistant hon. secretary.

Hearty thanks were tendered to the Rector and organist of St. Petrock's and to all incumbents for use of bells.

Thorverton was selected for a meeting on February 6th, and the question of having collections for funds was set down on the agenda to be dealt with, the bands being meantime asked to consider the matter and report through their representatives.

The Sheriff of Exeter (Mr. C. J. Ross) and the Rev. E. H. Robertson (St. Thomas') were made honorary members, and, at the instance of the Rev. E. V. Cox, it was agreed that congratulations be conveyed to Lord Mamhead on his elevation to the Peerage.

Visits were later paid to the Cathedral and other towers for ringing purposes. At the Cathedral the ringing wound up with a touch of Stedman Triples (called by the chairman) in recognition of the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, who produced the method.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The last meeting of the year was held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, and was much enjoyed by all present. Ringers to the number of 40 attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Brockley, Camberwell, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Crawley, Dorking, Epsom, Ewell, Guildford, Leatherhead, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, Mitcham, Sholdham, Norfolk, Streatham, Sutton and Westerham. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock and good practice was obtained by all present during the afternoon.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. I. Clements), who gave an excellent address, his theme being the well-worn subject of ringers attending service after calling other people to church. The presence of the organist and choir at the service was much appreciated.

Tea had been kindly prepared by some of the local ladies at the Church Hall, and 31 ringers sat down to a very enjoyable meal, presided over by the Vicar.

The District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presided over the business meeting, which was of a very short character. The election of two members was ratified and one new member elected from Benhilton tower.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and choir for their help, to the ladies for waiting at tea, and to Mr. C. Smith, the local secretary, for making the necessary arrangements.—Mr. Good, the local captain, suitably replied, and added that they would be pleased to welcome any visitors to Benhilton tower either on Sundays or practice night (Tuesdays).

The secretary announced that the annual district meeting would be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, January 23rd.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, when a very enjoyable meeting came to a close. Methods practised ranged from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise and four Surprise methods spliced.

FATALITY TO HUGHENDEN RINGER.**MR. RALPH BIGGS KILLED IN MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.**

A sad fatality occurred on December 3rd, when Mr. Ralph H. Biggs, a popular member of the Hughenden (Bucks) band, was killed while motor-cycling home after leaving his work at the chair and furniture factory in High Wycombe where he was employed. The accident happened about 6.30 p.m.

It is believed Mr. Biggs was temporarily blinded by the dazzling lights of a passing car, and crashed into the back of a stationary lorry, the rear lamp of which was unfortunately obscured by the lowered tailboard. Death was instantaneous.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to the widow and daughter who are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Biggs, who was a ringer at Hughenden for over 40 years, was 60 years of age, and had 156 peals to his credit in the following methods: Stedman Triples 73, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1, Grandsire Triples 20, Grandsire Caters 3, Double Norwich 18, Bob Major 10, Kent Treble Bob 8, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Alliance Major 1, Forward Major 1, Superlative Surprise 9, Cambridge Surprise 2, London Surprise 7, total 156.

He was a splendid striker, reliable timekeeper and a most regular attendant at both service and practice ringing. His loss is an overwhelming blow to Hughenden. Visitors to the belfry were always certain of a hearty welcome from him, and beginners could always rely upon his wholehearted assistance.

He was in a band arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman on December 5th to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary, but owing to his lamented death the attempt was abandoned.

In addition to his ringing services to the church, Mr. Biggs was also for more than 50 years in the choir, and his fine voice will be sadly missed.

He was also chairman of the Parish Council for two successive years. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place in Hughenden Churchyard on the 8th inst., and a very large congregation, including ringers from neighbouring belfries, gathered to pay their last tribute to a universally respected parishioner.

After the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by S. T. Goodchild 1-2, Harry Wingrove 3-4, R. Buckland 5-6, Roland Biggs 7-8. A well-struck quarter-peal was also rung on the tower bells immediately after the service with fully muffled bells.

On Saturday, the 12th December, a peal of Stedman Triples on half-muffled bells was rung in memory of deceased, the record of which will appear in the peal columns. R.I.P.

DEATH OF CLEWER VETERAN.**A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE CHURCH.**

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Edward Thomas Brown, of Clewer, Berks, who died on November 30th, at the age of 82 years, were laid to rest, with those of his wife, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, in the churchyard of St. Andrew's, Clewer, with every mark of respect. In addition to relatives, ringing friends were present at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. W. Brook, M.A., of St. Agnes' Church. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave.

One son, five daughters and six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with the churchwardens, Messrs. Cross and Barlow, carrying wands of office, joined in the service to honour the passing of one of the 'old school'—the last of the five-bell band that existed before the treble bell was added at Clewer. The handbells used were an old set by H. Symondson, with boxwood clappers, more than a century old, and rung in slow time by Messrs. Farr, Stilwell, Fussell and Smith. After the service six-scores of Stedman Doubles with muffled clappers were rung on the church bells by Messrs. Smith, Fussell, Leader, Stilwell, Farr and H. Belcher, the last named now succeeding Mr. Brown as steeplekeeper. Later on the home band met again and rang another touch for their deceased foreman.

Mr. Brown's parents came to Clewer from Bristol by road about 1840. He left home at an early age for Bath, his occupation being that of a gardener, and he first learnt to pull a bell at St. John's Church, Bathaston, in 1867—just rounds and call changes; as he once told the writer, 'There wasn't much half-pull about in those days.' He rang at many towers in Wilts, Gloucestershire and Somerset, and recollected an occasion when the six-bell team from Larkhill did some Grandsire at Bathaston and the treble ringer collapsed and died in the belfry. His migrations took him to Felixstowe, Denham and Slough, and he returned to Clewer in 1881, when he joined the band there, and has acted as foreman for some 20 years past. During the last decade he rang the treble to six-scores and encouraged the successful attempts by Berks and Bucks ringers for the first peals of Doubles and Minor upon his beloved bells.

This contribution is sent to 'The Ringing World' as a record of the faithful and constant duty rendered to the church by a humble call-change hand—'through all the changing scenes of life' and a half-century of belfry reform. W. H. F.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake has not yet told us what his resolution means. Although he may exclude me from the punishment it threatens (because I sit on the fence), yet there must be a large number of members of the Suffolk Guild who have quite definite but differing views on what are rows and what are changes. Mr. Drake says that certain things are a matter of arithmetic, and that we have to accept them. If nobody can have any opinions other than those he puts forward, and if people who sit on the fence (including myself) are excluded, then there remain none who come within the scope of the resolution. Therefore, it falls to the ground as being meaningless, useless and ridiculous, and I hope that if it comes before the Suffolk Guild annual meeting it will meet the fate it deserves.

One of my several correspondents on this matter has given a good illustration. If Mr. Drake when he goes to church on Sunday morning dons his clerical garb he 'changes.' Then when he gets back into his ordinary clothes he 'changes' again, i.e., two changes. Now he would have us believe that when he repeats the operations on Sunday evening there is NO CHANGE!

However, as I have said before, I do not wish to discuss rows and changes, but hope I have shown that the Suffolk Guild resolution is nonsensical, and that it ought to be consigned, with the Painswick false peal tablet (referred to by the aforesaid correspondent as the 'Great Hoax of Painswick'), to oblivion.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ROWS ARE CHANGES.

Sir,—I don't need arithmetic to prove it. Two Ringers have a Row. Row denotes a difference. Difference denotes Change. Thus: Row x Difference = Change.—Yours,

A FIAT.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The 'high water mark' in enthusiasm was reached at the Cheritsey District meeting held at Weybridge on Saturday. The number of members of that district interested enough to attend for the purpose of nominating next year's officers reached the staggering total of three. Had the Rector of Weybridge, who kindly provided the tea, relied on his own district he would have had any number of stale cakes on hand this week. However, thanks to visitors, representing the youth of a neighbouring district, the Rector's dining table was saved from collapse.

'Churchyard Bob' and Grandsire were rung before tea, but in the evening, thanks to the arrival of visitors from Leatherhead and Maidenhead, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples were accomplished.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the district secretary, the duty of bringing the business meeting to a successful conclusion devolved on Admiral Walker (chairman) and a visiting scribe.

Messrs. H. Hancock and D. Sleet were both nominated for the office of district secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne as Ringing Master, and the Rev. P. E. Robinson and Messrs. H. J. Chaffey and P. Wallis as members of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Guildford District were going to consider a suggestion that that district should be divided into two, and after some discussion a resolution was passed 'That the Cheritsey District recommends to the Guild that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the question of the rearrangement of the districts.'

The members present expressed the unanimous wish that the Master and general secretary of the Guild would continue in office for another year.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the tea, service and use of the bells and to the organist were carried with applause.

A SOMERSET DINNER.

ENJOYABLE PARTY AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

The second annual dinner of the Axbridge Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Weston-super-Mare, was a most enjoyable affair. Eighty ringers, representative of 15 towers, were present, the company being presided over by the Rev. F. S. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard. As last year, the speech of the evening was that of the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar, Vicar of Kewstoke, who, in proposing the toast of 'The Axbridge Deanery,' kept the company interested and amused, and more than one was sorry when they realised that his excellent speech had come to an end.—The president of the branch, the Rev. L. T. Powys David, responded.

The Rev. A. P. Wickham, East Brent, submitted 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) replied.

The toasts of 'The Artists' and 'The Chairman' were also honoured. An exceedingly pleasant programme of music was provided by the Misses Price and Hale and Mr. H. Cottell, with Mr. H. Minifie as hon. pianist.

Soon after 9 p.m. the party adjourned to the dance hall, where those who wished to danced, and those who did not moved about among their friends, or sat and chatted as the 'spirit' moved them. Midnight came all too soon, and many had to travel weary miles through a nasty fog before they reached home, and so to bed.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY TOWERS REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, when there was a very good attendance. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Rev. H. McCarthy (Vicar), who welcomed the visitors and assured them that there would always be a warm and hearty reception for them at his tower. Tea was served to 32 members in the adjoining Parish Rooms, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) took the chair. The retiring District Master (Mr. G. Dent) and retiring secretary (Mr. H. Wacey) were both unanimously re-elected, and were thanked by Mr. Howard for their past services.

The next meeting will be held at Roydon in January.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to the organist and to the steeplekeeper. Further ringing was afterwards indulged in. No fewer than 20 towers were represented at the meeting, and the collection in aid of the bell restoration fund amounted to 9s. 8d.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS GRANT, DUBLIN.

LOSS TO IRISH RINGERS.

The St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, has suffered a severe blow in the death of Mr. Thomas Grant, who passed away on November 13th, after an illness of about six months, at the early age of 47 years. 'Tommy,' as he was affectionately called, joined the St. Patrick's Society at the end of 1899, when only 15, and early in 1900 piloted the treble through the first peal by that society, Grandsire Caters.

Up to the time of his death, with the limited opportunities at his disposal, he had scored some 40 peals, the last of which he conducted and was the first peal by a band composed entirely of Irishmen, viz., Grandsire Caters on December 30th of last year.

He was laid to rest in Martry Churchyard, Co. Meath, on November 16th, the following ringers attending to pay their last tribute of respect: R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., W. H. Wilson, J. A. Atkinson, R. Lynch, G. Lindoff, E. Lutman, G. G. Lindoff, G. Booker and G. Wilmet.

Deceased leaves a widow and two children in bereavement, and the St. Patrick's Society mourn the loss of a great Irish ringer; a man respected by all who knew him.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, on Saturday, December 5th, when a fair muster was present, considering the inclemency of the weather. The beautiful peal of eight bells was placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock. The Guild's beautiful form of service was conducted by the assistant priest (the Rev. K. P. Goodison), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. At the outset he apologised for the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Marley), who was confined to his room with a chill, and on his behalf he gave the members a cordial welcome to Sedgley.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness. Much regret was felt that there were not more members present to partake of the good things provided.

At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Rev. K. P. Goodison. It was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the annual, at Dudley, the date to be fixed by the secretary. It was also proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, subject to the consent of the Vicar and ringers being given, the necessary arrangements for the same are left with the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

The chairman was asked to convey the Guild's sympathy to the Vicar with the wish that he would soon be restored to health, also the best thanks of the members for permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. K. P. Goodison for conducting the service, for his address and for presiding at the business meeting; also to the donors of the tea; to Mrs. B. Fullwood and her band of assistants in preparing and serving the tea and for looking after the wants and comfort of those present; to the organist and choir for the musical part of the service, which was greatly appreciated; to Mr. B. Fullwood for the great part he played in making the necessary arrangements; and to all others who had assisted in any way to make the meeting a success.—The Chairman briefly replied on behalf of himself and others concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

The ringers then returned to the belfry and indulged in further ringing in various methods. The Sedgley members gave selections on the handbells, which were enjoyed by those present.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, November 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: O. Amos 1, F. Bullock 2, F. Millard 3, H. Forbes 4, T. Ford 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, W. Hall 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and rung on the occasion of the 2nd ringer's birthday.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on December 31st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells open for ringing after the service.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are cordially invited. Subscriptions due, and annual report to hand.—D. Brown, 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Reports now ready.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach on December 19th. Eight bells. Ringing from three o'clock. Please note: Meetings for 1932 are compiled at Sandbach on this date.—Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells), on Saturday, December 19th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting of the above branch, which was to have been held at the Saviour's Church on Saturday, December 19th, has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday afternoon, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An annual general meeting of the above district will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 19th. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The bells of St. Nicholas', Dereham, will be reopened on Saturday, December 19th. A service will be held at 3.30, followed by an invitation tea. All ringers accepting invitation are asked to send postcard to Vicar, Canon Macnaughton Jones, R.D.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to five by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday afternoon next, the 19th inst.

BUGBROOKE, NEAR WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—The bells rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will be dedicated on Sunday, December 20th, by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, Vicar of Kingsthorpe, Northampton. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

YATE, BRISTOL.—Reopening of bells (6) after re-hanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will take place Tuesday, December 22nd. Service 7.15 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Gloucester. Will those intending to be present please advise Canon E. F. Smith, Yate? Bristol ringers please advise me.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport (All Saints') on Saturday, December 26th (Boxing Day). Service at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of both All Saints' and the pro-Cathedral available during the afternoon and evening, excepting during the time of service and meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Staveley (8 bells) on Saturday, January 2nd. For tea, please notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than December 31st. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 2nd. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, January 2nd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Start the new year with a good resolution and come to Baldock on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made by Mr. A. H. Bray, 39, Pembroke Road, Baldock, so please notify him if you require tea. All ringing friends welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (5/6 each) obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, January 9th. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, January 11th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—The diamond jubilee will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will be glad to get in touch with all old members, whether able to attend or not.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. D. Vincent is now 76, Victoria Road, Urmston, Manchester.

GREETINGS.

WISHING all members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in general, 'the South and West District in particular,' and all ringing friends near and far, a merry Christmas and a happy new year.—J. A. Trollope, Vice-President; F. W. Goodfellow, Ringing Master; Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., South and West District.

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DEATH.

BAKER.—On December 15th, at Guildford, Emma Susanah Baker, widow of the late Henry Baker, of Lewes, and mother of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, aged 84 years.

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UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening, November 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Lucas 1, P. E. Jones 2, F. Gorke 3, E. Hancox 4, C. Nicholls 5, G. E. Swift (first 720 as conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *Miss G. Church 1, W. J. Ellis 2, *A. House 3, E. H. King 4, W. J. Bowden 5, E. A. Hull 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, *C. Davidson 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dickinson 1, H. W. Strickland 2, Mrs. E. H. King (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, F. H. King 4, H. Ellis 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 29th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of London Surprise (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, T. Grenhall 3, W. Brown 4, E. Forrest 5, J. Cox 6, W. Webb 7, A. Hackott (conductor) 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, October 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes): J. S. Hawkin (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, E. W. Green 4, C. J. Choquet 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pennington-Bickford.

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