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SURPRISE METHODS.

Among all that has been written in the way of text books for ringers, very little has been done for the benefit of those who desire to progress beyond the eight bell limit. The reason, probably, is that those who seek to instruct in this way have felt that not only is the demand likely to be cramped by the limited facilities for ten-bell and twelve-bell ringing, but also that ringers, who have reached a standard of competence on eight bells which will qualify them to advance to higher numbers, are not as much in need of assistance as those who are struggling with five, six, seven or eight-bell methods. Until comparatively recent times ringers were content on higher numbers to confine themselves almost entirely to the four 'standard' methods, but the progress of the art has naturally brought with it the introduction of more advanced methods on ten and twelve bells and the practice of these will undoubtedly increase as the number of rings of ten and twelve bells grows and further methods are produced which make perfect extensions. And as this practice expands, so the desirability for aids for those who wish to increase their knowledge of ringing on higher numbers becomes more apparent. The first step in this direction is now being taken, and very shortly, we understand, a pamphlet dealing principally with the extension of Cambridge Surprise, but also including some other methods, is to be issued, the author being Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol.

That Cambridge should claim chief attention is only natural, in view of the increasing popularity of the method. It has already ousted the once much vaunted Superlative from pride of place. In the earlier days of Surprise ringing, Superlative was looked upon as the method *par excellence* for the ringer's attention, as soon as he got away from the Treble Bob or Double Norwich stage. Now, however, it is usually Cambridge to which he turns attention. Superlative, of course, is by no means ignored, but its practice does not expand, if peal ringing is any criterion. Twenty years ago, in a year when a total of 2,329 peals was rung, there were 85 of Superlative. Last year, when, altogether, 2,082 peals were scored, Superlative Major numbered 86. Compare this with Cambridge. In 1912 there were 36 peals of Major, last year 108, so that the number had increased just three times; while peals of Royal increased in the same period from eight to 20 and Maximus from one to seven. This ignores peals of New Cambridge, which remained stationary in number, being nine in each year. This raises a point to which Mr. Cave refers in the preface to his new pamphlet, Why is it that this variation is not

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rung more often? The answer is generally assumed to be the objection to three bells on the front lying still for two consecutive blows twice in each lead. It is a great blemish and one to which, we think, ringers have shown their objection by declining to ring the method except on rare occasions. New Cambridge has its advantages in the greater scope which it gives for composition and the possibility of avoiding that *bête noir* of all who have a musical ear, the second behind with the tenor, but apparently Surprise ringers generally do not look upon this as sufficient compensation for the other very undesirable feature.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

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| GEORGE E. LARGE Treble | ALBERT WALKER... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2 | HECTOR G. BIRD 8 |
| FREDERICK W. BAILEY 3 | FRANK E. HAYNES 9 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN 4 | SAMUEL GROVE 10 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 5 | JOHN NEAL 11 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 6 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble | WILLIAM PYE 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | WILLIAM LINCOLN 8 |
| LESLIE J. CLARK 3 | JOHN W. WOOD 9 |
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4 | ARTHUR HEAD 10 |
| SYDNEY TAYLOR... .. 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... .. 11 |
| *HENRY W. KIRTON 6 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES
* First peal on twelve bells. The conductor's 150th peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| A. G. CLARKE Treble | †W. SHAW 6 |
| A. BARNES... .. 2 | †J. A. GORDON 7 |
| H. MEAKIN... .. 3 | W. GORDON 8 |
| *E. A. JACKSON 4 | B. THORPE 9 |
| †W. WRIGHT 5 | †A. SHARPE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. THORPE.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. Rung on the election of Councillor George Gill as Mayor of Stockport.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5183 CHANGES;

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| ALBERT WRIGHT... .. Treble | ALFRED HANNIS 6 |
| THOMAS BALDWIN 2 | TRAVERS PRICHARD 7 |
| WILLIAM IRELAND 3 | THOMAS PRICE 8 |
| HARRY PHELPS 4 | JOHN F. BALLINGER |
| GEORGE ORCHARD 5 | LESLIE BARRY Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

An Armistice peal.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

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| FRANK LAWRENCE Treble | *REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT 2 | *REV. E. GROFFREY BENSON 7 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3 | WILLIAM RANFORD 8 |
| JOHN ADSTIN 4 | FRED HAWKES 9 |
| CYRIL TANSSELL 5 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. G. Benson, who is leaving Tewkesbury, having accepted the living of Quatford, Salop.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| ALFRED PEARCE Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT 5 |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE 2 | HERBERT KNIGHT 6 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 7 |
| HENRY PRING 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the steeple-keeper, Mr. George T. Daltrey. Rung in the octave of All Saints', and also on the eve of the 50th birthday of the Vicar, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Malmesbury.

FARINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

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| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... Treble | CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK 6 |
| WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3 | EDWARD C. HUGHES 7 |
| HAROLD H. EDWARDS ... 4 | GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. LOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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| THOMAS E. SONE Treble | HARRY BAKER 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER 2 | TOM SAUNDERS 6 |
| *CHARLES H. SONE 3 | LUTHER J. HONESS 7 |
| †SAMUEL SMITH VINCE ... 4 | BENJAMIN J. BAKER Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 200th peal. † First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. O. H. Sone, who attained the age of 65 on the previous Tuesday.

BOOKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| SAMUEL WARNE Treble | GEORGE WIFFEN 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6 |
| WALTER ARNOLD 3 | WALTER HAMMOND 7 |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor |

Composed by W. MOORE.

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

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| *RICHARD BUSBY Treble | THOMAS CLARK 5 |
| *ROBERT JEFF 2 | JAMES T. TITT 6 |
| GEORGE W. PARK 3 | ROLAND PARK 7 |
| WILLIAM BROADLEY 4 | W. NORMAN PARK Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Treble | *JAMES W. KNIGHT 5 |
| LEONARD A. TIDY 2 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6 |
| RICHARD D. DIVALL 3 | ERNEST H. EVEREST 7 |
| GEORGE LAMBERT 4 | JOHN O. WELLER Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| THOMAS H. REEVES Treble | JOSEPH W. PARKER 5 |
| JOHN ANDERSON 2 | JOSEPH E. KEEN 6 |
| KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 3 | ADAM DEAS 7 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER 4 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition is the late Henry Cooper's peal, given on page 120 of 'Stedman,' corrected and rearranged by Joseph W. Parker. The first peal of Stedman ever rung in two exactly equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor, which occurred on the previous day.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | ARTHUR N. DAVIS 5 |
| JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2 | WALTER J. SCOTT, JUN. ... 6 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3 | CYRIL F. TURNER 7 |
| GEORGE PRESTON 4 | WILLIAM UPTON Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Southampton to open the new Town Hall. The band represents four districts of the Guild.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| F. MORRIS Treble | P. NUTTALL 5 |
| E. WEBSTER 2 | J. TYSON 6 |
| H. GREENHALGH 3 | J. NUTTALL 7 |
| J. YATES 4 | J. LEATHER Tenor |

Conducted by J. NUTTALL.

Rung in honour of Mr. P. Nuttall, who attained his 70th birthday on November 6th, and who has completed 50 years as a ringer in this tower and is still an active member of the band. The peal was conducted by his son.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 5. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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| RICHARD HAYES Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE 5 |
| WILLIAM M. STONE 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6 |
| HENRY HUTTON 3 | ALFRED H. PULLING 7 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH 4 | SIDNEY ELTON Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the signing of Armistice.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM BLAKE Treble | WILLIAM G. COLLETT 5 |
| HARRY MILES 2 | WILLIAM SIMMONDS 6 |
| FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3 | RICHARD A. POST 7 |
| WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4 | WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Alderman C. H. Brown on his election to the Mayoralty of Oxford. Alderman Brown is a ringer and a member of the above society.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

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| ROBERT THOMAS Treble | EDWARD J. REDFEARN 5 |
| G. WILFRED SLACK 2 | *LEONARD DRAKE 6 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON 3 | JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7 |
| GEORGE ROBINSON 4 | JOHN MARSHALL Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. R. Thomas commencing ringing, and also of his 63rd birthday.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *GEORGE MEATH Treble | DAVID HINGLEY 5 |
| *GEORGE BUTLER 2 | WILLIAM FISHER 6 |
| ARTHUR HINGLEY 3 | BERT HORTON 7 |
| †JACK GIBBONS 4 | *ALFRED G. BUTLER Tenor |

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. All are Sunday service ringers with the exception of Mr. W. Fisher, who took a rope at short notice, and to whom the band offer their sincere thanks.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR MARTIN Treble | THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 5 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 2 | WILLIAM WALKER 6 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 3 | †ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE 7 |
| *WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4 | JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor |

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers 'in remembrance.'

LUTON, BEDS.—On November 5th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, E. Shaine 3, A. Day 4, F. Hunt 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Green, aged 85, one of the oldest members and benefactors of the church, who passed away on November 1st.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble | JAMES HAYWOOD 5 |
| MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2 | FREDERICK CARDWELL 6 |
| MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 3 | HAROLD TAYLOR 7 |
| MISS MILDRED HIGGINS 4 | FRED WATKINSON Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

Rung with clappers half-muffled to the memory of the fallen in the Great War, 1914-1918.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| FRANK LAWTON Treble | JOSEPH OGDEN 5 |
| FRANK BRADMONT 2 | HERBERT BARLOW 6 |
| FEED DUNKERLEY 3 | GEORGE BARLOW 7 |
| JOSEPH MOWBRAY 4 | VERNON SYKES Tenor |

Composed by JOHN HOPWOOD.

Conducted by V. SYKES.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to those of the district who fell in the Great War.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT 3 | HARRY HOVERD 7 |
| MRS. G. H. CROSS 4 | JOHN WHEADON Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| EDWARD F. MAWBY Treble | HARRY NORGROVE 5 |
| ROBERT DAVIES 2 | CHARLES OLLIER 6 |
| WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th and to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Keystone, Hunts, on the occasion of their sixty-ninth birthdays.

KINVER, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. | |
| JOSEPH F. SIMPSON Treble | JOHN BASS 5 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | †FRANCIS BROCKERTON 6 |
| *FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 3 | HARRY BOSWELL 7 |
| WILLIAM A. COOPER 4 | *THOMAS FIELD Tenor |

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. † 60th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War. At the conclusion of the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Simpson.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| *FREDERICK S. PRICE... ..Treble | SAMUEL PINDER 5 |
| FREDERICK HOOPER 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 6 |
| GEORGE E. FOSTER 3 | PERCIVAL PRICE 7 |
| J. CHARLES DICKEN 4 | EDWARD FOSTERTenor |

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* 100th peal on tower bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| LESLIE G. BRETTTreble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2 | WALTER RUFFLES 6 |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3 | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4 | THOMAS WILLIAM LAST ...Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Armistice Day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| CHARLES F. BAILEYTreble | FREDERICK J. SMITH 5 |
| *WILLIAM C. BUNN 2 | JAMES M. BAILEY 6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 3 | LEONARD P. BAILEY 7 |
| ALFRED KEEBLE... .. 4 | JAMES G. RUMSEYTenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First 'touch' of Cambridge. Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of ringing the Armistice.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ..Treble | FREDERICK E. PARSONS 5 |
| WILLIAM T. PALMER 2 | FREDERICK A. ADAMS 6 |
| WILLIAM J. THYNG 3 | THOMAS E. LEE 7 |
| NORMAN C. LEWIS 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ..Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| FRANK I. HAIRSTreble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| KEITH HART... .. 2 | ROBERT SWIFT 6 |
| MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 3 | JOHN DEARLOVE 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMSTenor |

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

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM M. STONETreble | C. ERNEST SMITH 5 |
| *FREDERICK G. WOODISE 2 | WILLIAM T. BRESON 6 |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW... .. 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7 |
| *ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 4 | ALFRED H. PULLINGTenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method and first attempt, also the first peal in the method on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH LUFFS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, called differently. Tenor 22 cwt.

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| *ALBERT L. CADWELL ...Treble | *FRANK C. BROWNSSELL ... 4 |
| *AUBREY R. ATKINS 2 | ALBERT W. GIBBONS... .. 5 |
| †HERBERT GARRATT 3 | †ERNEST BATESTenor |

Conducted by ALBERT W. GIBBONS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entire band of Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Garratt.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| FREDERICK WATTSTreble | *GEORGE ROBINS... .. 4 |
| EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2 | JOHN TAYLOR 5 |
| WILLIAM T. COX... .. 3 | FRANK E. PERVINTenor |

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the local Armistice services.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 28 cwt.

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| THOMAS BUTTONTreble | †HERBERT TITT 4 |
| *NORMAN KNEE 2 | EDWARD F. MARLOW... .. 5 |
| ERNEST F. WHITE 3 | †A. R. MOGG... ..Tenor |

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. This is believed to be the first peal of Doubles rung in this tower. All the ringers belong to the local band of service ringers.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *JOHN E. WOODCOCKTreble | FREDERICK WOOLWAY 4 |
| JOHN P. COX 2 | *PERCY SINDEN 5 |
| ARTHUR WENEAN 3 | ROBERT COLLINSTenor |

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are local ringers except the 4th and tenor. Rung with half-muffled clappers for Armistice.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being forty-two six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *ARTHUR STOPPORDTreble | THOMAS PRICE 4 |
| LESLIE BARRY 2 | THOMAS BAILEY 5 |
| *LEONARD DAWSON 3 | ROBERT ROGERSTenor |

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate Armistice Day.

DUBLIN.—On Saturday, October 8th, at St. George's Parish Church, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, T. McMorran 2, W. Lynch 3, H. Richardson 4, G. G. Lindoff 5, F. Stephens 6, F. Dukes 7, W. McGregor (first quarter-peal) 8. This was rung after meeting late for a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes).

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *STANLEY BLUNT Treble | †ERIC CHAPMAN 4 |
| KITTY WILLERS... .. 2 | JACK HARPER 5 |
| ARTHUR WILSON 3 | EDWARD HAYNES Tenor |

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with fully muffled clappers on the Day of Remembrance.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

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| F. CANTER Treble | F. SIMMONDS 4 |
| P. PONTING 2 | H. PHELPS 5 |
| E. JEFFERIES 3 | F. PONTING Tenor |

Conducted by F. PONTING.

First peal in the method by all and the first attempt. This all-local company have now rung three peals of Surprise Minor, each constituting the first in the method for the above association.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| PERCY AMOS... .. Treble | JOHN R. NICHOLS 4 |
| J. GREGORY GEARY 2 | ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5 |
| HENRY PAYNE 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to commemorate the Armistice. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. Smith, the local tower-keeper, for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea afterwards.

IRNHAM, LINES.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *CYRIL PICKERING Treble | HARRY GIBBARD 3 |
| STEPHEN LAXTON 2 | GEORGE R. COLEMAN 4 |
| ROBERT C. CHALLAND Tenor | |

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Armistice.

CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

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| *ALAN FORSBROW Treble | THOMAS METCALF 4 |
| GORDON WHITAM 2 | EDWIN JENNINGS 5 |
| NICHOLAS NEWBY 3 | †GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on these bells, which were augmented to six recently by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being all that is desired.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble | ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5 |
| MRS. LAURA EAST 3 | LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Midwinter, on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

TWO-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

AN ANCIENT COMPOSITION REARRANGED.

Modern peals of Stedman Triples so completely hold the field among conductors, and have so many obvious advantages, that the very early compositions are unknown except to students of historical peals. Jasper Snowdon did a great service to the Exorcise when he preserved in his work on 'Stedman' the work of some of the earliest composers in the method.

One of the celebrated early peals was that by Henry Cooper, which was first rung on June 5th, 1819, at Shifnal, conducted by its composer from the manuscript. It contained 582 bobs and singles, two of the latter being special ones, called 'turning singles,' at the part ends. Unfortunately, as reprinted by Snowdon, the composition is false, probably through an error in copying from an indistinct manuscript, but, as Mr. J. W. Parker pointed out in our issue of November 4th, the course-ends give a true peal in two equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles which, he remarks, it may be safely said, no other course-ends will give. Further, the seventh is undisturbed throughout the peal.

Mr. Parker has rearranged Cooper's peal, retaining the same course-ends, and this perfect two-part was rung for the first time on November 5th at Gateshead—the first peal of Stedman ever rung in two exactly equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles. Here is the composition as rung at Gateshead:—

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

ARRANGED BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

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| 156243 | S | S | — | — | — | — | — | S | — | S |
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| 412563 | S | — | — | S | — | — | — | S | — | S |
| 524316 | | — | — | — | — | S | — | S | — | S |
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The whole repeated.

First rung at the Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, on Saturday, November 5th, 1932, conducted by William H. Barber. The first peal of Stedman ever rung in two exactly equal parts with ordinary bobs and singles.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Sheffield and District Society held a very successful and well-attended meeting at Killamarsh Church, on Saturday, November 5th, over 40 members turning up to enjoy the delights of Minor ringing. The bells were available early for the visiting members, and good use was made of them from rounds up to Surprise methods. Killamarsh Church has a splendid band of ringers, captained by Mr. C. Severn, who with his colleagues was present to welcome the visitors.

The Rev. J. Milner (Rector) very kindly entertained the members to tea, at which he joined them.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, during which the hon. secretary drew attention to the alteration of the date of the next meeting to be held at Rawmarsh on November 26th instead of December 3rd, so that a joint meeting can be held with the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. C. Haynes (president of the society) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality and for the use of the bells, also to the local company for having all ready for their comfort.—Mr. Geo. Lewis seconded the proposal, which was acknowledged by the Rector.

Ringling was continued in the evening, everyone having had an enjoyable time.

HELMINGHAM SURPRISE.

5,088 by G. LINDOFF.

The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham on November 4th.

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| 42816375 | 63254 | — | — | — | — |
| 42183657 | 56234 | — | — | — | — |
| 24816375 | 26435 | — | — | — | — |
| 42861735 | 26354 | — | — | — | — |
| 48267153 | 32654 | — | — | — | — |
| 84621735 | 63254 | — | — | — | — |
| 86427153 | 36524 | — | — | — | — |
| 68472513 | 53624 | — | — | — | — |
| 64875231 | 25634 | — | — | — | — |
| 46782513 | 25346 | — | — | — | — |
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| 78465213 | 42635 | — | — | — | — |
| 87642531 | 62534 | — | — | — | — |
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| 67851432 | 35426 | — | — | — | — |
| 76584123 | 42356 | — | — | — | — |
| 75681432 | 34256 | — | — | — | — |
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MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: *N. Foakes 1, A. Honeywood 2, *A. Osborne 3, S. E. Moss 4, C. Honeywood 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. *First 720.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Southampton District was held at Bishopstoke on November 12th, when 38 members and friends were present from Bishopstoke, Eling, Fareham, Dibden, North Stoneham, Owslebury, Portsmouth, Swaunmore, Southampton, Titchfield and Twyford. Welcome visitors were Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor) and Mr. Troke (St. Giles-in-the-Fields).

At the business meeting, which followed the tea, the district secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker) tendered his resignation, and explained that he had been transferred by his employers (the Southern Railway) from Eastleigh to Selhurst, Croydon. This was accepted with regret, as Mr. Tucker has been a very popular district secretary for the past twelve years.

Mr. G. Pullinger was appointed secretary pro tem. to act until the annual district meeting in January, when a successor to Mr. Tucker will be appointed.

It was reported that the bells of Romsey Abbey had been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for overhaul, and it was expected that the work would be completed before the end of the year. It was therefore decided to hold a special meeting at Romsey as soon as possible after the bells had been put in order.

The Rector of Bishopstoke and Mrs. H. White were elected hon. members.

The bells were made good use of from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., touches in the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major.

THE YOUNGEST PEAL RINGER IN WALES*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of October 21st it was stated that Arthur E. Pegler, jun., of Bangor, rang his first peal at the age of 14, and the question was asked if he is the youngest ringer to ring a peal in Wales.

A peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) was rung in Llangollen Parish Church on June 12th, 1889. This was the first peal on the bells, and the first peal by local ringers. Our Vicar's son, Arthur Rhys James, 12 years of age, was one of the band, and we have the record on a peal board in the belfry.

Mr. James is now a Vicar in some part of Yorkshire, and, of the ringers who took part in that peal, two are still ringing in the same church.

THOS. DAVIES,
Captain, Llangollen bellringers.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Alderman C. H. Brown, a member of the Oxford Society, has been elected Mayor of Oxford.

The peal of Little Bob Major rung at Deane and reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' was not the first in the method by the association, as was claimed. The first for the association was rung at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on May 2nd, 1914, conducted by G. R. Newton, and two others were rung in the Preston Branch in 1923—one at Samlesbury and the other at Whittle-le-Woods.

The peal of Double Norwich Major on November 5th for the Norwich Diocesan Association, printed as rung at Marshland, was rung at Marsham.

Will Mr. Harold G. Cashmore and Mr. Harold E. Symonds please communicate with Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles', Lincoln.

A Royal Charter was granted to the Antient Guild of St. Stephen's ringers, Bristol, on November 17th, 1620. The Guild is still in existence, although its present connection with ringing is remote.

Two hundred years ago next Wednesday the Society of City Scholars rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at St. Giles', Cripplegate, London. Three men were required for the tenor.

Mr. C. Gudgeon has written to say that the claim made in respect of the peal was entirely his own mistake.

Mr. Walter E. Bryant, an old member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, has passed away at the age of 76 years. He was buried on Friday at Smethwick.

MR. WILLIAM STORY, J.P.

HONOUR FOR NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE RINGER.

Mr. William Story, a past-president of the Durham and Newcastle Division Association, and a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, has just been made a Justice of the Peace for the city. Mr. Story has retired from the coal trade, and has now time to devote to such duties as these without stint.

This is the second honour of the same kind bestowed on members of this Guild within twelve months, Councillor Arthur Payne having been created a J.P. for the borough of Gateshead in the autumn of last year.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be allowed to give a reply to my friends, Mr. Lindoff and the 'Mad Hatter' on the above subject. My letter to the Press merely stated that the method had been published before, and under Mr. Craven's name. Now, how could any composition whatever be published under one name and be rung under another without drawing someone's attention to it? In the case of the method 'Warwickshire,' if what the 'Mad Hatter' says is true, then the method belongs to Mr. John Carter and not to me, and I wish to relinquish all claim to it. Perhaps the 'Mad Hatter' would like to send to me the remaining 24 methods to add to my collection, as that is about all the interest I have in regard to the above. I might say that I have no intention of handing out lustre or favours to any individual. To me all ringers are the same—good friends. E. W. TIPLER.

47, Baker Street, Lutterworth.

PEALS OR PERFORMANCES?

To the Editor.

Sir,—There appear to be certain of your readers who rather resent the title 'peal' being given to a 5,040 of Minor or Doubles, and who would, if they dared to speak the truth openly, very much like to see the old terms 'Seven 720's' and 'Forty-two 120's' used again. This constant quibbling on the subject is, to my mind, nothing more than an attempt to try to influence the Central Council and ringers in general to bring back the old term which classed these as 'performances.' What are the associations going to do about it? Ringers who are interested in five and six-bell ringing would be well advised to nip the 'bud' in time and prevent this attempt from going any further by showing their disapproval of it when at association meetings the item 'any other business' comes up on the agenda.

According to some an extent and a peal are both the same. Mr. Willson does not say so in actual words, but from the trend of his letters this is the only conclusion one can come to! How many he will get to agree with him that a ringer who has rung 5,040 of Minor has rung seven peals, or 5,040 of Doubles, 42 peals, remains to be found out, but my opinion is very few. How would this argument apply to the band who have rung 5,040 on a number of bells above seven, where the extent runs into many thousands and even millions? I suppose these 5,040's are only fractions of a peal?

This subject becomes all the more interesting when one comes to find out that the men who are doing all the talking are the 10 and 12-bell men, who never ring a peal on five or six bells, and, if asked to do so, would think they were being insulted. What right then, have they to interfere with what five and six-bell ringers do? These men have held the reins over a lot of subjects and have driven the Exercise into thinking their way, but let there be no mistake about this Minor and Doubles question. Ringers who are against the old term being brought into use again will be well advised to get up and say so and not be content to sit still and let the 10 and 12-bell men do just what they like with them.—Yours, PEAL RINGER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS.

MAKERS OF NORTHANTS RINGING HISTORY.

Among the bands of ringers who have made local history, and who are still actively engaged in ringing, is the enterprising company at Irthlingborough, Northants.

Some 39 years ago, in September, 1893, the tower and bells of St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, were reopened after being thoroughly restored. At that time a company of ringers was formed under the tuition of the late Mr. Henry Stubbs, of Raunds, one of the pioneers of change ringing in that neighbourhood. Progress was soon made, and the first peal on the bells was rung in December of that year. Other peals in various methods soon followed, and in 1896 the first peal of Superlative in the county was rung by J. Houghton, sen., J. Houghton, jun. (both of whom are deceased), A. Perkins, W. Pettitt, J. Garratt, J. Martin (deceased), A. Martin and A. Y. Tyler.

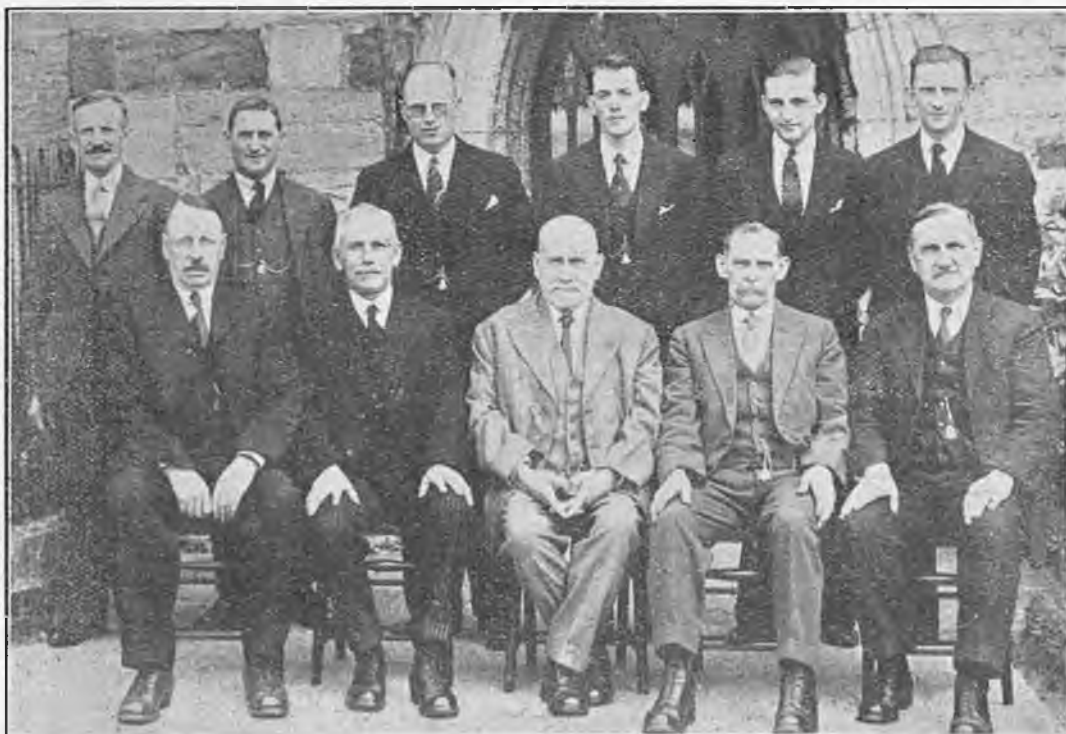
In 1897 Mr. J. J. Mawby rang his first peal, the method being Kent Treble Bob Major, and he has since rung many peals in various Surprise methods and Stedman Triples.

Y. Tyler, while on June 11th of this year another new method was successfully rung, and the name of Irthlingborough Surprise Major given to it in honour of the many excellent performances at this tower. Both these compositions were by Mr. E. W. Tipler. Those taking part in the latter peal were: Messrs. C. Newman 1, F. Palmer 2, J. Ward 3, J. J. Mawby 4, A. Bigley 5, H. Chambers 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8.

It is interesting to note that Messrs. A. Perkins, A. Y. Tyler and C. Newman have been members of the belfry during the whole of the 39 years since the restoration, and that Messrs. A. Y. Tyler and W. Perkins have rung 150 peals together. Of these 136 and 133 respectively have been rung on Irthlingborough bells. Mr. W. Perkins has recently rung his 350th peal.

Unfortunately Mr. A. Perkins is unable to take any active part in ringing at the present time owing to a recent severe operation in Northampton General Hospital, but it is hoped he may be able to do so in the near future.

We who live in this present age can hardly imagine this England of ours without its bells and their music, but perhaps the general public does not realise the amount of practice, patience and perseverance necessary to attain such a high state of efficiency. There



THE IRTHLINGBOROUGH COMPANY.

Standing: G. Hewitt, J. Ward, H. Chambers, A. Bigley, F. Palmer and E. L. Shelton.

Seated: J. J. Mawby, C. Newman, A. Perkins, A. Y. Tyler and W. Perkins.

At Christmas, 1902, Mr. W. Perkins removed from the neighbouring township of Finedon to live at Irthlingborough, and on January 10th, 1903, this enthusiastic band scored the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rung in the county of Northants, conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler.

Newcomers being necessary to keep the company up to full strength and to replace those who had 'crossed the bourne,' Mr. J. Ward joined the band, and soon rang his first peal of London Surprise Major. Included in this peal were Mr. W. V. Newman and Mr. F. Palmer, both of whom have since passed away.

On June 3th, 1912, the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major in this county was rung, and was conducted by Mr. W. Perkins. In 1919 Mr. G. Hewitt joined the company, and later on in 1922 Messrs. H. Chambers, A. Bigley and E. L. Shelton. Some of these have taken part in many peals, including London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Triples. In 1923 Mr. F. Palmer came into the band, and before the end of that year had rung the treble through a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Since then he has taken part in peals in all the above methods. He is the youngest member of the band.

On February 14th, 1931, the first peal of Irchester Surprise Major ever rung was successfully completed, and was conducted by Mr. A.

is no doubt that the members of Irthlingborough belfry are amongst the most efficient and progressive in the country. But it is not only in peal ringing that they excel. It is most gratifying to know that they are to be found doing their duty Sunday by Sunday in the beautiful Parish Church of St. Peter.

REV. H. L. JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.

The following amounts have been received by the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild towards the Rev. H. L. James Memorial, which is to consist of the addition of two trebles to make a ring of twelve at Surfleet. Contributions may be sent either to Mr. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, or to the fund at the National Provincial Bank, Spalding. Those desiring to subscribe should do so as soon as possible, as it is hoped to dedicate the new bells on February 4th next, the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of Mr. James' death.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; Mr. G. R. Pye, £1; Mr. W. H. J. Hooton 10s. 6d.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 10s.; Mr. W. Pye, 5s.; Mr. J. Bennett, 5s.; Mr. A. W. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Mr. T. Fitzjohn, 2s. 6d.; total, £3 16s. 6d.

Collecting cards have been issued to all the Lincoln Diocesan Guild towers.

A BEDFORDSHIRE BELL RESTORATION.

PERFECT BLENDING OF OLD AND NEW BELLS AT STAGSDEN.

A new Vicar, the Rev. Walter Alexander Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S., was instituted and inducted to the benefice of St. Leonard's Church, Staggsden, Beds, on November 4th, and at the same service the Bishop of St. Albans dedicated a new treble bell which has been placed in the tower as part of an extensive restoration scheme. The impressive service was attended by a crowded congregation, and the bells were first rung in rounds by six of the Staggsden company: S. Clark, P. L. Bazley, H. Welch, T. Welch, A. Welch and L. Cook.

At the end of the service, while the congregation was dispersing, a representative band of the Bedfordshire Association rang the opening touch on the bells, this being 288 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and in this the bells were heard to full advantage. The ringers were: H. L. Harlow (Bedford) 1, F. C. Tysac (Bromham) 2, E. Frossell (Biddenham) 3, H. Stapleton (Turvey) 4, W. West (Biddenham) 5, P. Inskip (Kempston) (conductor) 6. After this the other visiting ringers took part in touches.

The restoration of the bells, the consummation of the efforts of the parishioners during the past two and a half years, has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and has included the complete reconstruction of the lower portion of the oak bell frame and the providing of a completely new upper frame, the recasting of the second and fifth bells and the addition of a new treble bell. The medieval bells, dated 1652 and 1684, have been preserved, and these have been carefully retuned, and it was the opinion of all who heard them that they blend delightfully with the new bells, the whole peal being most musical. The 'go' of the bells can only be summed up in the one word 'perfect.' They are hung with completely new modern fittings, including cast-iron headstocks and self-aligning ball bearings. A reinforced concrete corbel course carries the bell frame, and this has greatly strengthened the tower. New oak louvres have been fitted to the tower windows, and the tower has been limewashed inside from top to bottom, producing a clean finish. The whole scheme has been supervised by Professor A. E. Richardson, F.R.I.B.A., and has cost about £490.

While the needs of the modern ringer have been studied, antiquarian interest has also been given a thought by the retention of the 17th century bells in the peal and the reconstruction of the oak bell cage, and it can be said to-day Staggsden Church possesses one of the best light rings of six in the county. The tenor bell weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in the key of G.

It is proposed to hold a ringers' festival on Saturday, November 26th, to be followed on Sunday, the 27th, with special thanksgiving services for the restoration of the bells, at which any ringers and others interested will be welcomed. The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. A. Limbrick.

SOMERSET RESTORATIONS.

The restoration of the bells at Cheddar Fitzpaine, near Taunton, has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. A new teak frame has been installed, the treble recast, and the other four bells tuned, making a nice little ring of five pleasing to the ear.

In the adjacent parish of Staplegrave, the church bells have been rehung on ball bearings. Both jobs have been admirably carried out by the Whitechapel firm.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Mary's Church, Swansea, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 30 mins.: Albert W. Edwards 1, Haydn Dobbins 2, Reggie Dobbins 3, David J. Williams 4, J. Brettell 5, John T. Williams (conductor) 6, Wallace Dobbins 7, Gilbert Howells 8.

This is the longest touch for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age.

ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Armistice Day, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the fallen, was rung a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 55 mins.: J. Withers, jun., 1, C. Webb 2, J. Withers, sen., 3, H. J. Turner 4, H. Williams 5, H. H. Fearn 6, J. E. Eaton 7, C. H. Stanley 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

RIPPINGALE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Friday, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pickering 1, S. Laxton 2, W. Williamson 3, H. Gibbard (conductor) 4, R. C. Challand 5.

HENFIELD SUSSEX.—For Armistice service, on Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, Eric Morey 2, C. A. Barnes 3, William Morey 4, P. Parsons 5, L. Payne 6, A. E. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Armistice: C. Hardiman 1, S. A. Wells 2, H. Whitehead 3, C. R. Milway (conductor) 4, R. T. Clark 5, C. Turner 6, H. C. Saunders 7, E. T. Ellender 8. The tenor ringer is from Eythorne, and this was his first quarter-peal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW DEAN OF ROCHESTER'S INTEREST.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, November 5th. Members attended from Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Queenborough, Upchurch, Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Friarsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Northfleet, Gravesend, Maidstone and Croydon, and the availability of the bells from 3 p.m. enabled the earlier arrivals to ring a few 'touches' before evensong, which the bell-ringers attended. Subsequently the assembled company, numbering sixty-five, accompanied by the Dean of Rochester, adjourned to the People's Cafe, where a splendid tea had been prepared. Before tea the Vicar of Friarsbury (the Rev. H. F. Shepherd) welcomed the Dean on behalf of the ringers.

The Dean, in returning thanks, said he was afraid he did not know much about bellringing, and until he came to Rochester he had never been into a belfry, but the proudest moment of his life was at the time of his installation as Dean, when he heard the beautiful ten bells of the Cathedral pealing a welcome for him.

After tea the business meeting was held, the Dean kindly presiding, supported by the Rev. Shepherd, the Rev. Jarvis, Messrs. W. Spice and F. Belsey (district representatives), Mr. W. Haigh (a life member of the association and formerly leader of the Cathedral ringers), and Mr. S. Shellock (hon. district secretary).

The Secretary read a letter of apology from Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary), which stated how sorry he was in not being able to be present, owing to a prior engagement.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary, in his report, outlined the activities of the district during the past year, which showed that great progress had been made. Dr. Talbot's resignation as Dean was keenly felt by the ringers, but he was pleased to say that their new Dean had already shown his sympathy with them in no uncertain manner, and the members would be pleased to know that Dr. Underhill had already met the Cathedral ringers in the belfry. The association had also lost a faithful friend in the death of Archdeacon Tait, and he asked the chairman to call upon the ringers to stand for a few moments in silence in respectful memory of the late Archdeacon.

Continuing, the Hon. Secretary said the number of peals rung during the last year had more than doubled those rung during the previous year, they had also been successful in scoring a handbell peal in the district recently, and great credit was due to Mr. E. J. Beer, who conducted this, and also those who had taken part. Another very fine performance had been the number of peals in which ladies had taken part, and hearty congratulations were extended to Mrs. E. J. Beer, Mrs. G. H. Cross, Mrs. H. Harper, Mrs. E. H. Spice, and Miss K. Beer. The Secretary enjoined the ladies to do their best to persuade other ladies to undertake campanological work in the churches.

The election of officers resulted in Messrs. Spice and Belsey as district representatives and Mr. S. Shellock as hon. district secretary. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Northfleet, with the permission of the Vicar, on the last Saturday in January.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Underhill was unanimously elected as honorary member of the association.

The belfry was again visited, and 'touches' of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were successfully brought round, and finally a course of Superlative Surprise Major brought to an end another very successful meeting of the Rochester district.

NEW VICAR OF COLCHESTER

For the induction of the Rev. R. B. Bestin, late Vicar of Christ Church, Stratford, to the living of St. Peter's, Colchester, by the Bishop of Chelmsford, assisted by the Bishop of Colchester, on November 10th, some Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. H. T. Pyc, T. Finch, F. L. Bumpstead, G. Rashbrook, W. Chalk and E. P. Duffield. In the evening, when the new Vicar paid a visit to the belfry, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) was rung by H. T. Pyc, G. Wighman, G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. J. Schofield, R. W. Stannard, W. Chalk and E. P. Duffield (conductor), all members of the local company. A touch of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were also rung. T. Finch, a member of St. Leonard's, Hythe, company, also took part.

MR. H. CHAPMAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Saturday last birthday congratulations fell to Mr. Harry Chapman (late of Manchester), now living at Keyston, Hants, on attaining his 69th birthday. His many ringing friends will be glad to know that he enjoys fairly good health, and is still as jovial as ever.

To celebrate the event the following ringers travelled to Keyston: Messrs. L. Chapman (Harry's brother), G. Deight and O. Payne (of Rushden), F. Stubbs, W. Whitmore and E. Whitmore (of Raunds), who were joined by the local band. Several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the heavy but beautiful-toned peal, in some of which 'Henry VIII.' took part. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the White Horse, where Mr. Chapman was the recipient of many good wishes.

A TIMBER TOWER.

GUILDFORD GUILD MEETING AT FARNBOROUGH.

Despite a damp and dreary November afternoon the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a successful meeting at Farnborough (Hants) on Saturday, about 30 members putting in an appearance, and enjoying some useful practice during the afternoon and evening on the light peal of six—too light for some of the ringers. The tenor is under 7 cwt., and they are a merry little peal, but very noisy in the ringing room. Another ceiling covered with a sound-resisting material would effect a vast improvement. The tower is an interesting structure; in fact it is not so much a tower as a massive timber framework built up from the ground and covered externally with weather boarding. And although it has stood for hundreds of years, it is obvious that some of the main timbers were not new when it was erected, for there are mortice holes and other indications that these members had been put to some other use before becoming part of the tower. Tradition says they came from ancient ships. Be that as it may, the structure carries the bells very successfully, and there is not as much movement in it as there is in some modern brick-built towers.

The visiting ringers received a hearty welcome from the local band and from the Rector (Rev. Canon Challacombe), who came into the tower in the afternoon, and later conducted the Guild's form of service. In the course of a brief address the Rector referred to the spirit of comradeship which was characteristic of the belfry, and said it would be a great blessing if this brotherliness and that trust which drove away suspicion and ill-will could be found to a greater extent in the world at the present time. The ringers' service, he said, was a great asset to the Church. Witness for God was never more necessary than it was to-day. Ringers in their work Sunday by Sunday were bearing witness for God, and the sound of the bells must have an influence among those who heard them and who would otherwise be untouched by the fact that they were passing through another Lord's day. If the ringers only brought that one fact home to those who heard the bells they were doing some good. They were rendering to God real men's service with all the vigour and skill of which they were capable, and by that service they were offering a sacrifice to God. It was real worship, and he was certain God accepted it as such. He thanked his own ringers for their faithful service and all the members of the Guild for their worship and sacrifice they were rendering in their towers.

Tea at the Jubilee Hall was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rector presided, supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), the district hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer), the newly-appointed Guild treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), and the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). Amid applause the Rector was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Mr. L. Hallett, of Farnborough, a ringing member.

The Ringing Master and district secretary were nominated for re-election, and the nominations for the Guild executive committee were Mr. L. A. Muddell (hon. members' representative), Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot), and in place of Lt.-Col. H. M. Gale, who is shortly leaving for Egypt, Mr. T. Upshall (Farnham).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith outlined the executive committee's proposals for a memorial to the late hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), to be carried out, if possible, in conjunction with the scheme for a public memorial which is being organised in Woking, and a resolution pledging the district to do its utmost to support the proposals was passed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the vergers, Mr. Gasson and the local ringers for their co-operation in making the meeting a success.

Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Farnborough, Seale and Woking, and the methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Woolton on Saturday. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and at 5.30 p.m. the usual service was held. The Archdeacon of Warrington gave a very helpful address on 'Comradeship.' After the service the members adjourned to the Church Hall for tea.

The meeting followed, at which a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, the members standing in silence.

A very useful discussion on the instruction of ringers took place, and the general feeling seemed to be that the lead in this matter should come from the top. The following resolution was passed: 'That this branch instructs the committee of the Lancashire Association to forward to the Central Council a resolution urging that more time be given to the question of instruction of ringers.'

A vote of thanks was passed to the branch secretary for his work in connection with the pilgrimage to the Cathedral and the social event at the Bear's Paw, several members expressing their great satisfaction of the manner in which the whole affair had been carried out.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector and Archdeacon Howson and the organist.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is really necessary to ask your correspondents to be careful not to misquote other people. Mr. Wm. Willson having written that I have stated that you cannot have rounds both at the beginning and end, Mr. G. L. Joyce repeats it, and it is, of course, accepted. Now, I have never said anything of the kind. What I have said is that only one of the rounds is counted, i.e., that at the end. I have repeatedly quoted the Council's decision that 'on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' and I have said nothing that is a violation of that decision. Now that is clear we can get on.

I am pleased to know that Mr. Severn is doubtful about his Killamarch peal. Personally I am not. It was quite a legitimate one from the point of view that I am looking at these mixed peals. Now I wish that he would carefully read the first and second sentences of his last letter and see if he can reconcile them. I cannot do so. Then his statement, 'Thus we have four rows of rounds in these 720's' (e.g., three of the Bankes James'). Well, and why not? You have two rows of rounds in one 720, and must do so if you start from and end with rounds. Mr. Severn's trouble is that he has tried to justify the Bankes James Cambridge by counting the initial row 123456 as the first change. It is not a change at all, it is only a row—214365 is the first change.

Mr. Severn now finds himself in the same fix as several other ringers, who, having accepted this composition of Cambridge Minor—it has been rung something about a hundred times—find themselves either (a) forced to accept all other spliced and mixed peals of Minor and Doubles, or (b) finding a reason for justifying that peal and excluding the others. The latter cannot be done. Mr. Willson is at any rate logical enough to want to rule all of them out.

Personally I am also trying to be logical by admitting as true all the peals of Doubles that Messrs. Pitman and Morris have given the Exercise, as well as Mr. E. M. Atkins' Bob Minor with only two singles, and Mr. Turner's mixed Oxford Treble Bob. The Council must find a new definition for five and six-bell peals, and it must either adopt one that will admit these compositions, or rule them out entirely. If it does the latter, it leaves associations no option but to expunge from their records all the peals already rung under these plans—hundreds of them.

I must thank Mr. Severn for showing his 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in an intelligible way—others besides myself could make nothing at all of his first set of figures—but, as I stated in my last letter, since it does contain 5.6 dodging the wrong way, I fail to see why it is brought in in comparison with Mr. Turner's peal.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

November 12th, 1932.

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR.

| 23456 | 4 | I. O. | 4 | I. W. R. |
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| 52436 | — | — | — | 2 |
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| 25346 | — | — | — | 1 |
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| 45236 | — | — | — | 2 |
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| 35426 | — | — | — | 2 |
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| 23456 | — | — | — | 1 |

Dear Sir,—Will Mr. Willson kindly let me know whether the above 5,040 of Kent Treble Bob Minor meets with his approval and is suitable for peal ringing, or whether it is a freak composition?

Mr. A. H. Smith may be interested to learn that the 720's to which he refers were obtained long before Rev. E. B. James produced his peal of Cambridge Minor. I fail to see how a 720 can be true unless rounds is the 720th change, for if it comes earlier on the touch must be false. Furthermore, the rounds at the beginning cannot possibly be the first change, for you cannot have any changes before you start to change.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

West Ealing.

FIFTY-TWO SIX-SCORES.

EXPANDING THE FIELD OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Five-bell ringers and those who seek to expand the scope of five-bell ringing are constantly lamenting the fact that there are but ten true six-scores of Grandsire Doubles to be obtained, and it is for this reason some ringers have taken to ringing the '240's' composed by Pitman and Morris. These are not true six-scores, but in the course of 240 changes each row appears only twice. It should interest the five-bell men, therefore, to know that at least 52 separate and true 120's of Grandsire are to be obtained with bobs and singles only, and the basis on which half of these are obtainable was revealed by the peal of Triples at Eccleston, Cheshire, when Holt's Ten-part was rung, one-half backward and the other forward. The peal was described as 'Spliced Grandam and Grandsire,' but actually it was the Grandsire method with the leads inverted in the first half, a method which, years ago, was rung and designated 'New Grandsire.' The late Mr. H. W. Wilde investigated this method of ringing Doubles, and it enables six-scores of Grandsire to be rung in 52 different ways. Grandsire Doubles ringers, therefore, have a much wider field opened up to them. For their benefit, let us set out the two versions side by side.

| Grandsire. | New Grandsire. |
|------------|----------------|
| 12345 | |
| 21354 | 13542 |
| 23145 | 15324 |
| 32415 | 51234 |
| 34251 | 52143 |
| 43521 | 25413 |
| 45312 | 24531 |
| 54132 | 42351 |
| 51423 | 43215 |
| 15243 | 34125 |
| 12534 | 31452 |
| 21543 | 13542 |
| | 15324 |
| | 14352 |

We have given two leads of New Grandsire to show the continuation of the work. It will be observed that the bell in the hunt is the bell in front of the treble (the 3rd in the plain course) instead of the bell behind the treble (the 2nd in the plain course). The 3rd's place, which in ordinary Grandsire is made when the treble strikes in 2nd's going up, is made in New Grandsire when the treble strikes its first blow at lead coming down.

BOBS AND SINGLES.

The bob is made by an extra 3rd's place, but in this case it is made by the bell coming out of the hunt, the bell going into the hunt being the bell double dodging in 4-5 up.

Now a word as to how the additional six-scores are obtained—the secret lies in the use of alternative singles, both in Grandsire and New Grandsire. These singles have the authority of the Central Council's Method Committee, and are given by them for alternative use in the 'Collection.' Here then are the ways of making the calls:—

| Bob. | Grandsire. Single. | Alternative Single. |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 51423 | 51423 | 51423 |
| 15432 | 15432 | 15423 |
| 14523 | 15423 | 14532 |
| 41532 | 51432 | 41523 |
| | New Grandsire. | |
| 31524 | 31524 | 31524 |
| 13542 | 13542 | 13542 |
| 15324 | 13524 | 15324 |
| 51342 | 31542 | 51324 |

In the New Grandsire version, it will be noted, the effective part of the call comes immediately after the treble's lead, instead of before it, as in Grandsire; consequently, when making a call in the first lead, the conductor would have to say, 'Go, bob,' or 'single,' as the case may be.

How then are the 52 six-scores to be got? First there are the well-known ten different callings of Grandsire. By using the 4th's place single, 16 more are obtainable, making 26. In the same way there are 26 with the method rung in the New Grandsire version. The original ten are too well known to need repeating, but here are the other 32 produced by using the alternative single:—

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES WITH 4th PLACE SINGLES.

| 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2534 | 2534 | 2534 | — 4523 | — 4523 | 5 4532 |
| — 3425 | — 3425 | S 3452 | 4352 | 4352 | 4253 |
| 3542 | 3542 | 3245 | — 5243 | S 5234 | — 5342 |
| — 4235 | S 4253 | — 4532 | 5324 | — 5423 | 5234 |
| 4523 | 4325 | 4253 | S 2435 | — 2354 | — 3452 |
| S 2354 | — 2543 | — 5342 | 2543 | 2435 | 3245 |
| 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 |
| S 4532 | 2534 | 2534 | — 4523 | — 4523 | — 4523 |
| — 3245 | — 3425 | — 3425 | S 2354 | 4352 | 4352 |
| 3524 | S 2543 | 3542 | — 5423 | — 5243 | — 5243 |
| — 2435 | — 4325 | — 4235 | S 5342 | S 4325 | 5324 |
| 2543 | 4532 | S 3524 | — 4253 | — 2543 | — 2453 |
| — 4325 | — 3245 | — 2435 | 4325 | 2354 | S 5342 |

Each to be repeated.

| 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 |
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GREAT CHISHILL, CAMBS.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for mission service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Reed 1, R. Howard (conductor) 2, C. Plumb, sen., 3, T. Smith 4, S. Mancer 5.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church on October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Howes (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss K. Bradford 2, W. Naish 3, W. Massey 4, John Howes (conductor) 5, G. Nash 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, W. Maxwell 8.

ILKESTON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, 'Wakes' Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: F. Tarlton 1, H. Harrison 2, S. Hufton 3, E. C. Gobey 4, S. Burgoyne 5, J. Murrell 6, W. P. Stirland 7, T. Wragg (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

STONE STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church for evening service on Sunday, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Herbert 1, A. Ballard 2, L. Towers 3, C. E. Carr 4, C. H. Briggs 5, W. A. Wood 6, C. H. Webb (conductor) 7, W. Briggs 8. Rung for harvest festival, the feast of the dedication, also on the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Briggs, of Stone Stanton. Mr. Briggs is the father of change ringing in the Hinckley district, his son, C. H., and grandson, Wm. Briggs, also rang in the quarter-peal.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—At St. Editha's Church, on October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Chapman 1, G. Peers 2, J. Pratt 3, A. Marks 4, H. Dakin 5, R. P. Brindley 6, G. Chaplin (conductor) 7, S. Ellen 8. Rung for harvest festival evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving morning service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, C. Wells 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, G. Upshall 7, T. Upshall (conductor) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Wells 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 24th (7.30 p.m.). *The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.) *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Wandsworth.

Holy Trinity 3.30 prompt. Tea, Church Hall (both West Hill) 5.15. Meeting 6. All Saints' 6.30. Everyone welcome. Buses 85 and 93. Near L.C.C. trams, ½ mile.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, November 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Guildford District), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). — **JOINT MEETING** at West Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service (4.30) and tea at West Clandon. Nominations for district officers 1933 must be made for Guildford District at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Loughborough, Saturday, Nov. 19th, joint meeting of Lincoln and Northern Districts. Foundry open to visitors during the afternoon. The Foundry Campanile and bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45. Gentlemen invited. — Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Will all who require same kindly advise me? Further ringing after tea, also at Willesden, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed, with a special invitation to S. and W. District members. Nearest stations, Kilburn Park (Und.) and Kilburn High Road (L.M.S.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BUSHEY.—Saturday, November 19th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 6, at the Institute. Ringing after till 8.30. Cheap tickets by coach and train from all parts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Buses leave Belgrave Gate bus station at 1.15, 2.50 and 5.45 p.m. Fare 1s. 7d. return. Please turn up and make it a good meeting, as it is the first meeting to be held there.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d. each) and meeting 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1932 are urgently needed. A good attendance is specially desired. All visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s. 3d. each. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ROCESTER, STAFFS.—The ring of 6 bells restored and augmented to eight by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Thursday evening, 24th inst., at 7 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by 22nd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Ringers' festival at Stagsden will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service conducted by the new Vicar (Rev. W. A. Limbrick) at 4.30. Tea at 5. If you intend to be present please send me a postcard in order that proper arrangements can be made for tea. Don't fail, please! Buses pass church. Sunday, Nov. 27th, special thanksgiving services for the restoration of the bells.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Nicholas, Worcester. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, near Tewkesbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 9, Freeman House, New Park Road, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock, at Mr. Hicks', High Street. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford? I appeal to all ringers of this division to attend this meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Nov. 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Please note alteration of date from Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Thursday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) at 5. Business meeting immediately following tea. It will greatly assist the caterers if all members requiring tea will let me have their names by Wednesday, November 23rd. —H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith, R.D.). Tea, Church House, 5.15. Usual business. A practice is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, and St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at St. John's 3 to 5. Tea, Voysey's, 107, Poole Road. Ringing at Poole 7 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Clover, Wymondham, not later than Nov. 25th.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please inform Mr. H. Bardsley, 176, Hyde Road, Denton, near Manchester, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. — T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Messrs. Street's Restaurant, Brunswick Road, at 1s. 3d. per head. Local secretaries kindly let me know early how many to expect from their respective towers.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Kindly advise me by the 24th how many requiring tea. Bells ready at 2.30.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and short meeting to follow at Crown Hotel. A game of skittles (with prizes) has been arranged for, after the meeting. Please let me know how many for tea not later than Wednesday, the 23rd inst. All are welcome. Please make a special effort to be present, and have a good time.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Duston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Usual arrangements. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 22nd?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fyde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting 6. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whimble (6 bells) on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by Monday, November 28th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Thursday, December 1st.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Rd., Chadwell Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30., tea and business meeting (including nominations of District Officers) to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 29th.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Rd., Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meat tea provided at 1/6 per head, to all who notify me not later than November 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited. Cheap fares available.—M. L. Cross, Dis. Sec., 9, Beverley Rd., Barnehurst, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head), business meeting to follow. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know before Wednesday, November 30th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Saturday, December 3rd. The Vicar of St. Nicholas has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea at the Village Hall after the service. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr W. Laws, Forge House, St. Nicholas, Birchington, not later than Thursday, December 1st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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