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EXTENDING THE MINOR REPERTORY

While the pundits—and others—argue about what shall constitute a peal of Minor, the peal at Hayfield, Derbyshire, in which twenty-one methods were spliced into seven true extents, should give many people cause for thought. Twenty-one methods is by no means the limit of what can be done on these lines, and as long ago as 1923 no fewer than thirty-five methods were introduced into a 5040; but these occasional performances which include such a number of methods should remind six-bell ringers of the vast field of variety and interest that lies before them and make them wonder whether any of the compositions which fill the appendix of the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods, and others about which there has been so much discussion, are really worth bothering about. All the while ringers want to ring peals of Minor in only one or two methods it may be argued that such compositions should be open to them, although up to the present they seem to have been treated rather sceptically by conductors. Apart from the Bankes James' Cambridge composition, and the two arrangements of Doubles, which were in use before the Collection appeared, we believe that only once has any composition from the appendix been rung, while the discussion which has taken place has, as far as we can judge, considerably curtailed the use of the Pitman and Morris arrangement of Doubles.

This article, however, is not intended to discuss the propriety or otherwise of ringing such compositions in peals, but to suggest that from the ringers' point of view, as distinct from the conductor's, there ought to be very little use for them. No ringer ought to be satisfied with being able to ring only one method—whether of Doubles or Maximus. Where, however, there are only five or six bells, it should especially be the aim of every ringer to master a variety of methods and at least to maintain the standard aimed at fifty years ago of ringing not less than seven methods in a peal of Minor. There is comparatively little credit to the ringer or band who, from one year's end to the other, makes no attempt to progress beyond one method, for with the scores of good methods that are now provided for them, ringers have not only a wide field open before them, but every encouragement to pass on to higher attainments. A peal in seven methods, if only plain methods, is an end worth striving for and except to complete some personal ambition, such as ringing a peal of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in one method, like Cambridge, for instance, peals in just one method of Minor ought to be only stepping-stones to at least seven extents, and not, as sometimes seem the case, a permanent resting place.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	THOMAS HILL ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 8
HARRY BOSWELL ... 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
ALFRED ADAMS ... 4	SIDNEY ELTON ... 10
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 11
BERT HORTON ... 6	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung for the Christmas Festival and as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 9
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 10
JOHN POTTER ... 5	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 11
EDWARD J. BEER ... 6	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. D. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 8
*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 9
†CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Low Moor, Bradford, on attaining their silver wedding.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... 9
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. SYMONDS.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

YEovil, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 6
*WILLIAM J. FRY ... 2	†WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 8
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	S. PERCY MERSON ... 9
SIDNEY A. RICKETTS ... 5	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE Treble	GODFREY WALPOLE 6
FREDERICK A. FINCH 2	STANLEY COPLING 7
*MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS 3	CHARLES BAILEY 8
*MISS VIOLET BECKETT 4	JAMES SPALDING 9
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE 5	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of 'Plain Ten' by all the band.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
*GORDON BACON 2	HENRY T. WILSON 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JOHN G. NASH 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	† WILLIAM J. WHITING 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	JOHN HOYLE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
*W. CYRIL SMITH 5	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Caters.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*EVEREST FORD Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES 6
ERNEST COTSPORTH 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*MISS G. ANNIE CROOK 3	*PETER CROOK, JUN. 8
*GEORGE MARIES 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. 9
*EDWARD IDON 5	*RICHARD WILLIAM MOSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the third, who had never had a touch of Grandsire Caters before. She filled a vacancy at the last minute. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. (approx.)

PERCY E. JONES Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK CORER 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal of Major on the bells for over 40 years.

NETHERSEALE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 23.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. W. Worthington, Maple Hayes, Lichfield, patron of the living, by whose generosity the bells were increased from five to eight. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
*THOMAS J. LOCKE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DENTER'S ARRANGEMENT OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 5
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2	*DOUGLAS ELLENDER 6
WILLIAM T. COX 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
*CHARLES A. PARKER 4	FREDERICK WATTS Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Stedman.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM J. CARTER 5
*ERNEST CALCUTT 2	*REGINALD CHANCE 6
JOHN BASS 3	†RALPH PARTON 7
RALPH MOORS 4	HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the opening of the bells, with the addition of two new trebles, and also for the Christmas Festival.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

W. CYRIL SMITH Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Four Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7616 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY 3	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL ... 7
PERCY L. JOHNSON 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLANCELL
Longest length by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells. Also the longest peal of Major for the Suffolk Guild.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIMBORNE BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS MARCIA WHITE Treble	CYRIL F. TURNER 5
* LESLIE V. DAVIS 2	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 6
ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
HERBERT G. MITCHELL ... 4	EDWARD J. DOEL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL Treble	ALBERT E. SELLARS 5
HARRY FAIRLAM 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 6
HORACE S. MORLEY 3	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 4	EDWARD PHILPOT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First 5,040 on the new peal. Owing to fog preventing traffic across the Humber, Mr. J. W. Hobson, the organiser of the peal, was unable to take part, Mr. Philpot taking a rope at the last minute.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

* ERIC DURRANT Treble	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	PHILIP N. BARTON 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
EDWARD HOWES 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8048 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY 5
WILLIAM LANGHORNE 2	GORDON WHITTAM 6
* EDWIN JENNINGS 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 7
† JAMES E. BROWN 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Bob Major and belongs to Whitehaven.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 5
NICHOLAS NEWBY 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
JAMES E. BROWN 3	GORDON WHITTAM 7
WILLIAM LANGHORNE 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH T. PACK Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
* MISS GLADYS PACK 3	TOM SAUNDERS 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON

* First peal on eight bells. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their usual kind hospitality before and after the peal.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* REGINALD MASKELL Treble	† HARRY PALMER 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 2	HUBERT RICHARDSON 6
JIM TEBAY 3	FRANK WILSON 7
HECTOR T. WOODBURN ... 4	* CHRISTOPHER FAWCETT ... Tenor

Conducted by T. S. JEFFERSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal and first attempt by a local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Walker, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* LESLIE A. S. BROWN Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	EDWARD A. MORRIS 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
† GEORGE E. BRADFORD ... 4	JOSEPH LOVELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the foundation of the parish of St. Mary, Twickenham.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 2	* GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	† HUGH ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* 250th peal for the association. † First peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	* JOSEPH T. PACK 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
* MISS MARGARET PACK ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HORBLING.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, December 27th, 720 London Surprise Minor in 27 mins.: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, *Miss F. Humphrey 2, R. W. Daniels 3, T. Cooper 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6. Rung after a peal attempt had failed.
* First 720 in the method, rung without any practice and at first attempt.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HONT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* 900th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
*CESAR DAVIS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
ALFRED W. HEATH 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and hails from Somersetshire. Rung as a wedding peal for the daughter of the ringer of the fourth, the wedding having taken place the previous day at St. John-the-Baptist's, the Parish Church of Cardiff.

GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*E. CHARLES PATTEN 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WALTER H. DOBBIE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	NORMAN E. TOMBER Tenor

Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

* First peal, and aged 13 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer, and to Mrs. S. B. Dobbie.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

G. DENNIS DEIGHTON Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE 5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY 2	*B. JACK STUBBS 6
FRED STUBBS 3	WALTER COPPERWHEAT 7
STANLEY G. ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal in the method by all except the 3rd ringer. The average age of ringers of 2, 5, 6, 7 and tenor is 19 years.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 20th, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. Smith (first 720) 1, F. Shaker 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, H. Box 4, T. Hurd (conductor) 5, P. Kelsall 6. First in the method by all except ringer of 3rd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM COLL Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD 4
†ARTHUR CARTER 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
FRANCIS RIMBELL 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. D. Annand.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY RIDDIFORD Treble	*BRUCE WILLIAMS 4
WILLIAM JONES 2	SAMUEL LYES 5
LESLIE BARRY 3	ARTHUR STOPFORD Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five different callings.

F. DAVIS Treble	E. PHIPPS 4
R. TAPLIN 2	A. E. BORSBERRY 5
J. E. FAIRBROTHER 3	E. MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by A. E. BORSBERRY.

Rung in honour of A. E. Borsberry's first year as foreman and conductor.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM HALFORD 5
FRED HAWKES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

WHICKHAM, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

RAYMOND THOMPSON Treble	W. JAS. DAVIDSON 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
GEORGE WALL 3	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Tenor

Conducted by K. W. CHEESEMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	*PERCY TOUT 4
*MISS LUCY MUXTWORTHY 2	JESSE TOUT 5
MISS LUCY HAWKINS 3	WALTER J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JESSE TOUT.

* First peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS HANNAN... ..Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 4
ERNEST SWAIN 2	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 5
THOMAS W. VAREY 3	RICHARD RAINFORDTenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in two methods by all the band except the conductor. 50th peal for the Lancashire Association as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. R. Cocking, wife of one of the old local ringers.

WILLINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOODYTreble	*ERNEST BRITAIN 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 5
FRANK LORD... .. 3	JACK BRAYTenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*COLIN E. ROETreble	*E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*REV. EVERARD V. ROE ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	*D. W. CHARLES CHANT ...Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. 50th peal as conductor.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT E. BUTTERY... ..Treble	*GEORGE HARLEY 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
NELSON BLOCKESIDGE... .. 3	*GEORGE L. TALBOTTenor

Conducted by ALBERT WOODVINE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Richard Stanley Roberts (Whitchurch) and Miss Sallie Auranis Chilton (Dawley).

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, six of St. Dunstan's and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH NORTONTreble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
HENRY PAYNE 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 5
HENRY FAULKNER 3	CLARENCE JONESTenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

First peal on the bells since the addition of a treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in November. First peal ever rung by a local band on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*WILLIAM AVERY... ..Treble	NORMAN KNEE 4
E. C. MARLOW 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
E. F. WHITE 3	R. MOGGTenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* Local service ringer and first peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Smith, who celebrated his 70th birthday on December 17th. It was also a birthday compliment to Norman Knee.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCIS HUMPHREY...Treble	COTBERT T. H. BRADLEY... 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	THOMAS BAINBRIDGETenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 21 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg; (2) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk; (3) College Exercise and Norbury; (4) Poynton and Old Oxford; (5) Bocking and Willesden; (6) Grove Delight, Nensden, College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*STANLEY ARDERNTreble	*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	*JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES ARTHUR MILNER ... 3	ERNEST BENNETTTenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal in 21 methods.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Single Bob and one each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

CYRIL WALLISTreble	JOSEPH WALLIS, JUN. 4
JOSEPH WALLIS 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS 5
ARTHUR HOLMAN... .. 3	HUGH R. THORPETenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Buckland

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD PENCLETON... ..Treble	*HERBERT HUTCHINSON ... 4
†MISS HESTER BELL 2	JOHN CRYER 5
*CLARENCE HUXLEY 3	WILLIAM HORANTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Fred Howard, a member of the choir and Church Council, who passed away on Christmas Day.

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AN ANCIENT GIFT FOR BELL ROPES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A letter, entitled 'An Ancient Gift for Bell Ropes,' in 'The Ringing World' of December 16th last, has been shown to me, and I was asked if I could answer the inquiry.

The acre of land named 'Belleropes' is now part of a field called Lumley's Close, or, as it is named in old records, 'Grimsdale' or 'Grimsdale.' A few trees and marks of a ditch show where the hedge stood which divided 'Belleropes' from the other part of the field. This field now forms part of the estate of Earl Spencer, together with practically the whole village of Harlestone, and has been in the possession of the family for about 100 years.

No funds for bell ropes are now derived from 'Belleropes,' and I do not know of any record as to when they ceased.

J. F. COOCH.

Harlestone, Northampton.

The record referred to was discovered by Mr. Anthony E. F. Trotman, in 'The Estate Book of Henry De Bray.' The rough translation of the entry is: 'In the year of our Lord twelve hundred and ninety-four an acre of land in Grimsdale was handed over by the village community to Master Richard de Hette, who was then Rector (of Harlestone) to provide funds for bell ropes.'

BELLS ON THE 'WIRELESS.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have just been 'listening' to Winchester Cathedral bells, and again I wonder why it is that ringers who broadcast cannot realise that anything beyond Triples or Major is unsuitable for wireless reception. A non-ringing friend asked me what they were 'trying' to ring, and I confess I couldn't tell, but I thought it was a method called 'Stedman' on eleven bells, with the largest bell coming last every time. 'Well,' said my friend, 'I can't say I find anything beautiful about that jangle.' And I had to agree with him. I still feel a little doubtful as to what they were ringing, as the tenor seemed to be leading at times.

Anyway, I think it is a great pity Triples is not chosen on these occasions, and even then rung slowly enough for people who know nothing of the science to appreciate that it is at least as nice to listen to as the chiming on St. Martin's bells we hear so often.

A. REEVE.

Corringham, Essex.
Christmas Night.**DATE TOUCHES.****AN INTERESTING JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.**

For morning service, at All Saints' Church, Maldon, on Sunday, December 18th, a date touch of Minor (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 3 mins., being 492 Plain Bob, 720 Double Court and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: W. H. Chalk 1, J. H. Waldoock 2, A. South 3, Miss A. E. Waldoock 4, F. Chalk 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

This was arranged on the 50th anniversary of a date touch of 1,882 changes, viz.: 442 Plain Bob, 720 Double Court, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers of which were F. Fitch 1, R. Hutson 2, T. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, Wm. Chalk (conductor) 5, W. Mansfield 6.

It was hoped that Mr. Richard Hutson, the only surviving member of the 1882 company, would have been able to ring, but he felt he could not manage to do so that morning. He, however, took part in 120 Plain Bob just previous to the service. In ringing the 1,932 changes three sons of the former ringers took part.

At Thrapston, Northants, on New Year's Eve, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Minor with 6-8 covering, consisting of 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Single Bob, and 192 of Plain Bob (1,932 changes), was rung in 1 hour 16 mins.: J. Nickerson 1, G. Groom 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, G. H. Roberts 4, T. Jervis 5, W. C. Labraham 6, C. Wilson (conductor) 7, R. Davis 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of 6 and tenor.

A CARDIFF WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Heath took place at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, the bridegroom being Mr. W. A. Hutchinson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. Heath, one of the St. John's ringers, also well known in Cardiff in connection with the Cardiff City Fire Brigade. Both parents are held in high regard and esteem. The bride looked most charming in a costume of blue.

Although the service was held at the early hour of nine o'clock, many ringing friends of Mr. Heath (better known to the ringing fraternity as Bill Heath) were present from Aberavon, Llandaff, Newport and Whitechurch, together with the local men, who mustered well to honour the bride and to show their highest regard for one of their keenest ringing colleagues.

Immediately following the service the bells struck out. Rounds, 'firing' and 'Queen's' were followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,313 changes) by: Ernest Coles 1, Evan Coles 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, J. W. Jones 5, E. Stith 6, A. Rowley 7, F. Chamberlain 8, E. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There was a big burst of peal ringing last week, as was only to be expected, with two bank holidays in addition to Saturday. We have received close upon a hundred reports of peals rung during the week, and they will be published as quickly as space permits.

The new 'Beeston' Library, containing the books and papers presented to the Chester Diocesan Guild by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, has been placed in the belfry of St. George's Church, Stockport.

The attention of members of the Leeds and District Society is drawn to the alteration of date of the Pudsey meeting. It has been arranged for January 14th instead of the 28th to avoid clashing with the Yorkshire Association meeting.

The Berks and Bucks ringers send their hearty greetings for the new year to diocesan and distant friends of the Exercise.

In connection with the Middlesex Association (South and West District) dinner on Saturday, January 14th, it is interesting to remember that the West Middlesex Association was founded in 1874, a few months after the Devon Guild, the first of our belfry reform societies.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, rang his 900th peal on Tuesday of last week. These peals have been rung in 63 counties and have taken him 50 years to accomplish.

Mr. G. R. Pye is easily 'top scorer' among the peal ringers for 1932. Here is his record for the year in brief: Ninety-seven peals, in 72 towers, situate in 23 counties! That is literally good going. Fancy ringing peals in half the counties of England in a single year! The vast majority of peal ringers do not do that in a lifetime.

The greatest number of peals rung by an individual in one year was 136 by the late Mr. Alfred Grimes in 1913, which, added to his 114 in 1912, brought his total to exactly 250 in two years. Many of these were rung on handbells.

Miss Amy Kynaston, of Oswestry, is believed to be the first Shropshire lady to ring a peal when she took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples last week, the other ringers including three of her brothers. Although the tenor is only 16 cwt., it was a 'two-man' job.

Filling a gap at the last minute, and never having rung a touch of Grandsire Caters before, Miss Annie Crook, of Bolton, daughter of Police-Sergeant Peter Crook, rang a peal in the method at Leyland and rang splendidly. She is to be congratulated on her performance.

We thought the opportunity was too good to be missed by those who are fond of midnight peals. At Burton-on-Stather, Lines, the handbell band saw the new year in with a peal of Grandsire Triples, so that the peal was rung in two days, two weeks, two months and two years. That, at any rate, is something which cannot be beaten.

Among the peal reports that reach us there are sometimes cryptic notes, and the record of a peal rung at Deeping St. James on Boxing Day contained a reference which at first caused us some thought. Among the 720's which made up the peal was one of College Single (Regular). It was the '(Regular)' that puzzled us, but we think we have found the explanation. Mr. Day will correct us if we are wrong.

Presumably it means that the method rung was that which appears in the Central Council's Collection, and not the one that, years ago, was published under the same name in the early editions of 'Standard Methods.' The method has had various names. The first edition of the collection termed it 'College Single,' a later edition of Standard Methods called it 'College Single Reverse'; in the last edition of the Collection it is 'College,' pure and simple.

The composition of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Overseal on December 17th was E. Morris' transposition of Parker's 12-Part.

'STURDY ARMS OF THE LAW'

Even the lusty and capable policemen who regularly ring at Manchester Town Hall must have smiled at the comments of 'Mr. Manchester' in the 'Manchester Evening News' last Friday, in referring to the fact that the new year would be 'rung in' on the Town Hall bells by 'the sturdy arms of the law.'

'As a matter of fact,' he writes, 'I am told that only the police ringers can ring the Manchester Town Hall bells properly. They are reputed to be the heaviest set of chain bells in the country, and ordinary ringers cannot do much with them. The weight of the heaviest of them is 52 cwt., and I defy anybody but a lusty policeman to go on pulling a mass like that about for long.'

Shades of Harry Chapman—they ought to be sufficient for the purpose, but if they are not there are others who could be mentioned!

40—50—60—70 YEARS!

At Longbridge Deverill, a village in Wiltshire, lives Mr. Arthur Smith, who worked hard in the interests of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in its early days, and was one of the first change ringers in that part of the country. For four years he was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.

For forty years Mr. Smith was sexton at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, he has just completed fifty years as a service ringer and sixty years in the choir, while on December 17th he celebrated his 70th birthday. It is not surprising that members of the Salisbury Guild honoured him with a peal, which they scored on Boxing Day. Afterwards they were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

YEOVIL'S FINE BELLS.**HISTORY TOLD IN THEIR INSCRIPTIONS.**

Yeovil bells, upon which a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Boxing Day, are one of the heaviest rings of ten in the country, the tenor being nearly 41 cwt., while since their restoration and retuning carried out at the White-chapel Foundry in 1931, there are, despite the fact that they are a 'mixed' lot, few, if any, peals of ten superior to them in tonal quality. By recasting the two trebles and tuning the remainder Messrs. Mears and Stainbank worked a marvellous transformation.

At some time prior to 1561 there were six bells in the massive western tower, and these remained until 1760, at which time it is said that twenty-two to twenty-five men were required to ring them. The original tenors were the gift of Stephen Hooper and his wife, Joan, who, with

The inscriptions on the bells are interesting, as they form an historical record. The original eight bells were inscribed as follows:—
Treble.—Mr. William Tanner and Mr. Samuel Garland, Ch Wardens. T. Bilbie F. 1768.

2nd.—Same as treble.

3rd.—Although I am the least of all I'll be heard above you all. I.C.E.H.C.W. Anno Dom. 1662. T.P.I.K.I.D.I.H.

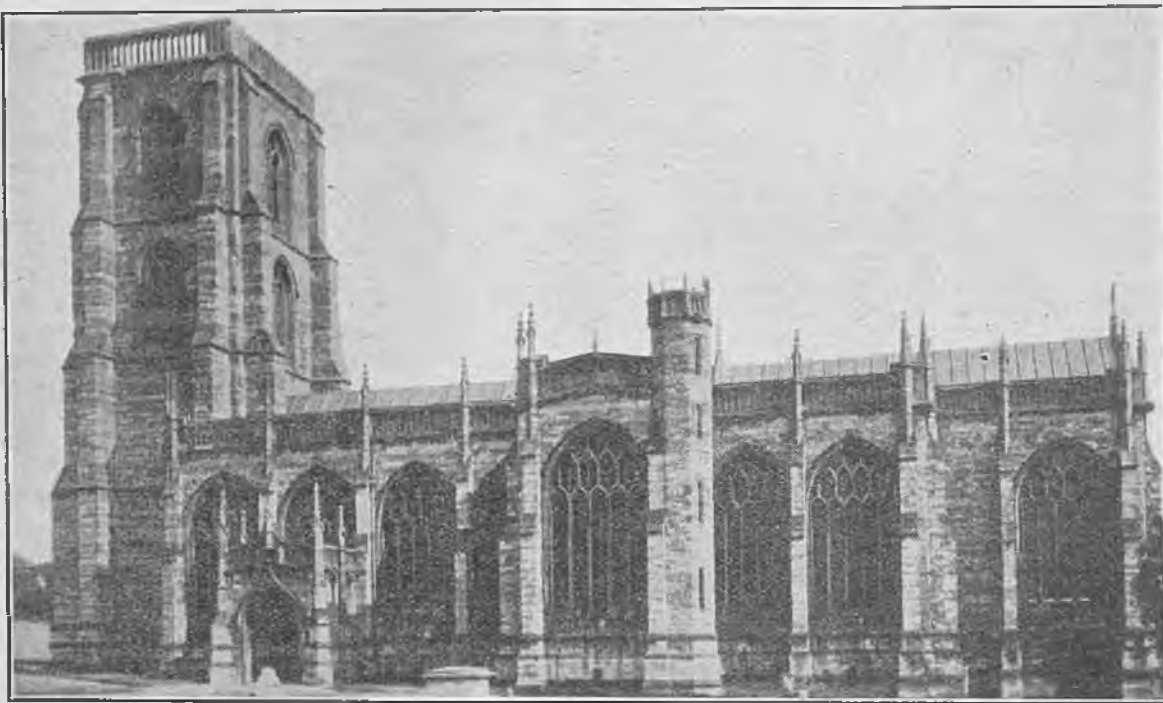
4th.—Thomas Lane, John Whedon, Churchwardens. T. P., Anno Domi 1626.

5th.—Andrew Everton & Mr. George Butcher, Churchwardens, 1728. T. B. cast me.

6th.—John Star and Mary his wife gave forty shillings to the casting of these bells. Giel's Innings and Joseph Star stode bound for the performance of the worke in 1626.

7th.—In Multis Annis Resonet Campana Ioannis. T. P., Anno Domini 1728. In the name of the Trenite, Stephen Hooper paid for the tenor and me.

8th.—Take me down and way me right for I am near five thousand weight. Sing praise to God, T. P. F., Mr. Andrew Everton and Mr. George Butcher was churchwardens when I was new cast september the 26 in the year 1728. Stephen Hooper and his wife Ioane was the downer of me alone. Come let us sound out. He keep my place no doubt. You wrath and



YEOVIL'S FINE OLD PARISH CHURCH.

others, were the founders of the Chantry of the Holy Cross in 1432. The tenor was recast by the younger Bilbie of Chewstoke in 1728, the fifth, fourth and second of that early period having been recast in 1525 by Thomas Pennington, of Exeter. The treble was recast by Thomas Purdue, of Closworth, in 1662, and the third by Bilbie at the same time as the tenor. In 1760 the six bells were rehung in the then modern method, so that, instead of more than a score of men being required to ring them, they could be rung by seven men only. Bilbie cast two additional bells at the expense of the townspeople in 1768, and two further trebles were added by Warner in 1891, when the rehanging of the other eight was carried out.

The building of the present church was begun about 1380, and is an imposing structure in local limestone. The tower rises in four stages to a height of ninety feet, and is surmounted by a rather uncommon parapet of narrow perforated panels with cusped heads.

wright pray speak the right, come see how I am run. Twa's young Bilbie that cast me. Such work you never done.

The two present trebles, added by Warner in 1891, and recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in the recent restoration, bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—Cast by J. Warner & Sons, 1891. Added to the ring by the parishioners Anno Domini 1891. We praise Thee O God. H. T. Beebe, B.D., Vicar. Edmund Damon, Thomas Denner, Churchwardens.

(On reverse, in waist): Recast 1931. J. E. S. Harrison, M.A., Vicar. H. H. Lock, W. Earle Tucker (Mayor of Yeovil), Churchwardens.

2nd.—Cast by J. Warner and Sons, 1891. Added to the ring by the parishioners. Anno Domini 1891. Day by day we magnify Thee.

The remainder of the inscription is the same as on the treble.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's the following 720's were rung on December 31st: Before 11.45 p.m. watchnight service, with bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; after service, with bells open, 720 Cambridge Surprise.—On Sunday, January 1st, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 London Surprise and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Kingston Treble Bob. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch and A. Bradley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**MR. D. CLIFT ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Cardiff on Boxing Day. The bells were available and rung during the afternoon in a variety of methods, including Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Lewis). In his address he extended a hearty welcome to the association to his parish, and then gave a most interesting history of the church and of the old bells and their inscriptions, prior to the augmentation to ten by John Taylor and Co. Following the service, tea, which had been very kindly arranged for by the Vicar, was partaken of at a cafe in Queen Street, after which a move was made to St. John's Schoolroom for the transaction of business. The Vicar took the chair. Instructors' reports were received and restoration and augmentation questions were discussed.

Mr. D. Clift, of Usk, was elected Master for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) and the auditors were re-elected. A discussion followed on the appointment of representatives to the Central Council. The hon. secretary and the Master, Mr. D. Clift, were elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Woolos, Newport, and quarterly meetings at Aberavon and Caldicot.

The hon. secretary gave a short report of the work done during the year.

New members were elected, including the whole of the Redwicks ringers, which adds another tower to those affiliated to the association.

Tribute was paid to the Pentre ringers who had recently rung their first peal of Superlative, the first peal in the method rung by an entirely local band for the association.

Mr. Perry, of Bridgend, raised the question of having an annual dinner. A committee was formed to arrange details and report at the next quarterly meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and terminated the business.

There were several visitors from neighbouring associations, including Mr. J. Austin, Mr. T. Baldwin and Mr. J. Gillett, of Gloucester. There was a fairly representative gathering of members from both dioceses.

The bells were afterwards kept going in Triples, Major, Caters and Royal, which closed a very pleasant, genial and happy meeting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD PEALS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Erdington on December 19th, 1932, and recorded in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' as the 1,000th peal for the Guild, though substantially correct is very misleading. Mr. Swann has based the total of 1,000 peals on the number rung from January, 1889, to December, 1932. The peal books in possession of the Guild record all peals rung from the year 1755 to 1931. (1932 peals will be entered in due course.) The peals rung 1755 to 1888 are St. Martin's Society, those rung from 1889 to 1905 are St. Martin's Guild, and those rung from 1906 to the present date are St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham.

The very fact that St. Martin's Society extended its activities in 1889, also again in 1906, does not alter the fact that St. Martin's peal records date from the year 1755, and that we have a continuous existence to the present day, therefore the total number of peals rung date from the first peal of Bob Major in 1755, followed by many historic record peals rung at St. Martin's and elsewhere.

ALBERT WALKER.

THE LONG PEAL AT APPLETON.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you kindly grant me space in 'The Ringing World' to congratulate the band who rang the record peal at Appleton on Tuesday, December 27th? It was good striking, and that is what we want to hear in long peals. I was sorry I could not stop to hear the finish of the peal.

A. E. PEGLER.

Bangor.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal was Walter F. Judge, not William as printed.

RING IN THE NEW.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on New Year's Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: R. Davies (first in the method) 1, J. Nickerson 3, G. Groom 4, G. H. Roberts 5, T. Jervis 6, C. Wilson (conductor) 7, W. C. Labraham 8. Rung with the tenor covering.

IPTON-ON-SEVERN.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Double Oxford Bob Triples by the local band: C. Young 1, A. Hartland 2, J. Lawrence 3, W. Halford 4, F. Lawrence 5, P. Hawkes 6, C. Camm (conductor) 7, H. Bishop 8. First quarter in the method by all.

THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.**FUNERAL AT HALESOWEN.**

The funeral of the late Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Tuesday week, and was attended by a number of ringers representing the Worcestershire Association, of which he had been Master and was, at the time of his death, a vice-president. As the cortege proceeded from the house in Old Hill to Halesowen Church, two and a half



THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.

miles away, the bells could be heard ringing with half-muffled clappers. The service was conducted by the Rector of Halesowen (Canon H. C. A. Colville) and the Vicar of Old Hill (Rev. A. L. Chapman). Among the ringers present were Mr. J. R. Newman (hon. secretary, Worcestershire Association), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master), Mr. T. Reeves (hon. secretary), Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, G. F. Swann, J. Preston, F. E. Haynes, H. Mason, J. Jaggard, W. Short, R. Matthews, H. Bird, S. T. Holt, S. Grove, A. J. Skelding, C. Camm and ringers from the local towers.

A very impressive course of Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. W. Short, A. Walker, R. Matthews and A. P. Smith, and afterwards muffled touches were rung on Halesowen bells by various hands.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Worcestershire Association and St. Martin's Guild.

TRING BELLS RESTORED.**NEW YEAR'S EVE REOPENING.**

On Saturday afternoon a company of about 40 ringers and friends assembled in the belfry of Tring Parish Church to take part in the formal opening of the bells after their renovation by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'O God our Help in ages past.' Prayers were then offered and an address given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. T. Wood, M.A., M.C.), who referred to the generosity of Miss M. Bright, who had offered to defray the whole of the cost of the bells.

The opening touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, after which the visitors took a hand at the ropes. Afterwards an adjournment was made for tea in the Vestry Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar and Miss Bright. It was presided over by Mrs. C. T. T. Wood, and served by the ringers' wives.

The Vicar gave the visitors a cordial welcome, and wished all a happy and prosperous new year.

After tea the belfry was again visited, and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The ringers were loud in their praise of the way the work had been carried out, and delighted at the 'go' of the bells, which are now a real pleasure to ring.

The towers represented were Dunstable, Totternhoe, Linslade, Berkhamstead, Ellesborough, King's Langley, London, Hinckley (Leicestershire) and the local band. Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was also present.

The work, which has been carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers, includes the rehanging of the eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.) on ball bearings, tightening up the frame with vertical bolts, new clapper staples, new wheels, new iron headstocks on the three heaviest bells, new rope rollers and other fittings. A set of ropes has also been provided.

On Sunday evening, for service and also in honour of the birthday of Miss Bright, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: H. Brackley 1, T. W. Wright 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, F. C. Reeve 5, C. Badrick 6, E. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Hinckley, and the rest belong to the local band.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. W. Gillingham, for many years captain of the Portishead band, the ringers presented him with a very nice easy chair. Arrangements had been made by the regular Sunday ringers to attempt a peal, but owing to the illness of one of the band a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Miss H. Orchard 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, E. J. Goldstone 3, Miss V. Hyman 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, F. Smith 6, A. E. Colburn (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

DAVENTRY SURPRISE.**A FALSE PEAL.**

Mr. George Marriner, of Leatherhead, points out that the composition of the peal of Daventry Surprise, published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' is false in many places. The fact seems to have been overlooked, he says, that 32465 and 43265 are false course-ends, as well as 24365, 32546 and 46253. The consequence is that repetition occurs in several places with the treble in 7-8.

This is unfortunate for the Helmingham men, who recorded the first peal in the method with this composition.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**ANNUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS.**

The following arrangements have been made for the annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers, to be held at Manchester on Saturday, February 4th:—

Ringling.—11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., Manchester Town Hall (10); 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m., Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church (12); 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m., Manchester Cathedral.

Luncheon.—Hot luncheon (2s. 6d., at Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street (two minutes from Town Hall), 1.30 p.m.

Meeting.—Meeting at Waldorf Hotel (immediately after luncheon) for election of officers and other business.

Social.—A social evening will be held at the Waldorf Hotel during the evening.

It is hoped that all members and prospective members of the Guild will make every effort to attend.

Will those intending to be present please forward name and approximate time of arrival to Supt. F. R. Williams, Albert St. Police Station, Deansgate, Manchester, not later than February 1st?

FABIAN STEDMAN.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—The following is, I believe, the entry in Pepys's Diary referred to by Mr. Fussell: January 21st, 1660, '... into London to Mr. Vernon's, and I received my £25 due by bill for my troopers' pay. Then back again to Steadman's.'

Unless I have missed something in my search, there is no other notice of this Steadman, either earlier or later, and nothing to show who or what he was. I used the complete edition published in 1897 (twelve volumes). The usual editions, which give Lord Braybrooke's translation of Pepys's cipher, do not contain the entry. It is pretty certain that Mr. Fussell is mistaken in thinking this man to be 'a clerk of commissioners, resident in the district' of St. Olave's, Hart Street. His place was somewhere in the West End of the town, for Pepys was at the time living in Westminster, and did not move into Seething Lane and so begin his long connection with St. Olave's until June, 1660.

And it is quite certain that this Steadman was not our Fabian Steadman. The difference in the spelling is no great matter, but it is clear from the preface to the 'Campanologia' that if Fabian ever came to London he did not come until after 1677. I imagine that in 1660 he was still little more than a boy who had yet to learn anything about change ringing.

People who find it difficult to believe that Fabian Steadman, a printer, of Cambridge, should get a post on the Audit of the Excise should note how Pepys, without any previous qualification, was appointed Clerke to the Acts, that is, Secretary to the Navy, through the personal influence of a kinsman. And I have discovered that Steadman had friends with sufficient influence to do a similar kindness for him.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Will you please grant me space to inform Mr. James Hunt that he is at least six years too late with his arrangement of the late James W. Washbrook's peal of Steadman Triples published in this week's 'Ringing World'? Apart from the transposition of the singles back to 14 and 2, instead of 9 and 11, the peal will be found in the Gloucester and Bristol report, issued 1932. By starting the calling at the 59th course the 6th is replaced by the treble; had Mr. Hunt started with the 60th course he would have the 5th there. With regard to the last paragraph, I make this 61 courses, starting with a 12-13 and concluding with 3-4-5-6. Is this correct?

The peal is in no sense a variation of 'Thurstans', and this description should cease. Either of the three-course blocks given on page 233 of Snowden's 'Stedman' can be used with equal facility. Also three 'B's' can be used at the start, 3-4, 7-8 & 14 being used in their place.

W. A. CAVE.

A FAMILY 720.

On Christmas Day, at Tunstall, Kent, a family 720 of Surprise Minor was rung by: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, Percy J. Spice 3, J. W. Unwin 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen., 6. The band was made up of father, three sons, one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, which have been recast and rehung on ball bearings, were rededicated on Thursday, December 22nd, by the Rector, Freh. A. B. Wynne Willson. Midway through the service the Rector and choir proceeded to the porch, which is underneath the tower, and there the dedicatory prayers were recited. Then the bells were raised singly. While the Rector and choir were returning to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, which included Mr. R. Langton, who will be 80 years of age this month, and has been a member of the band for 50 years. After the service the local band were joined by the ringers of the other two towers in the town, when several touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. Mr. J. Thomas represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have had the work in hand. The 'go' and tone of the bells were highly appreciated.

PROTEST AGAINST CHURCH BELLS.**SUNDAY SERVICE DISTURBED.**

A childish and very discreditable form of protest against the ringing of church bells at Minety, near Swindon, Wilts, was perpetrated on Sunday. While the morning service was in progress, it was considerably interfered with by the din of motor horns, the shrieking of whistles and the blowing of tin trumpets outside the church.

Mrs. Atkinson, whose property is situated near the church, said she, her husband and some friends were responsible for the noise. She told a newspaper representative that it was done as a protest. 'Ever since October,' she said, 'the church bells have been a source of annoyance to us. On New Year's Eve the bells were ringing from just before midnight until 12.45 a.m. Last Wednesday night they were playing from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Christmas morning from 6 o'clock until 7.30.'

'Much the same thing has been happening every week since October. We have borne the din in silence for a long time, but, after all, we are only human, and we felt that it was time some protest was made.'

'We have complained to the Rector, and my husband has now written to the Bishop of Bristol.'

'I think if people want to ring the New Year in, five minutes is long enough.'

Whether or not the complaint about the bells is well founded—usually these things are grossly exaggerated—we do not know, but the method of protest adopted, by disturbing a congregation at worship, is singularly disgraceful. There is a clause in a recent Act of Parliament which makes the unnecessary blowing of motor horns an offence, even if there is no other Act which prohibits the disturbance of a church service.

The Vicar, in an interview, said: 'We have a right to ring our bells. There are five of them, seventeenth century bells, and they have the most mellow tone in this part of the country. Major Atkinson took this house six months ago, well knowing it was adjacent to the church. He made a protest some time ago about ringing them, and I cut down the practice hours, but it is a centuries old custom to ring out the old and ring in the new year here, and I cannot stop that. I have been Vicar of this parish for thirty-one years, and it is the first complaint that has come from that house. I do not wish anyone to be disturbed, but church bells in England have statutory rights, and I shall maintain them within reason.'

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, December 14th, the marriage took place at Eshowe, Zululand, South Africa, of Mr. Richard A. Chadwick and Miss Barbara V. Birt, of Merstham, Surrey, daughter of Mr. C. K. D. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association. In honour of the event a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung on the same day at Merstham, where Miss Birt was actively interested in the church. The ringers were: A. Wood 1, C. K. D. Birt (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, C. Killick 3, H. B. Wells 4, J. Butters (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. R. Thorpe (conductor) 6.

A MEMORIAL PEAL.

A muffled peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at Friesland, Yorkshire, recently, prior to a memorial service for the late Captain G. A. Schofield, of Oaklands, Greenfield, and Rysley Hall, Ripon. It was by the generosity of Capt. Schofield that, after the tower was declared unsafe by dry rot, in 1924, the bells and tower were renovated at a cost of £500.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday, December 15th, at the Parish Church, for the Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. S. Parsons 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, H. Gassor 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. J. Lewis, jun., 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, R. P. Siade (Bradford-on-Avon) (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 5-7 covering: R. Tustian 1, B. Morley 2, L. Clifton 3, W. Cross 4, C. Shelton 5, P. Lowe (conductor) 6, J. Clifton 7. First quarter-peal for all, and the first change ringing on the bells by the local band, not one of whom twelve months ago could ring a half-pull change.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Christmas morning, for matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,311 changes): H. White 1, A. W. Bunn 2, J. Holman 3, C. McGuinness 4, T. Pyle 5, L. Snell 6, G. B. Chester 7, G. Flintham 8, J. A. Freeman 9, H. Marcon 10, J. Walden 11, A. Marcon 12. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 2—two lads who have learned to ring at Lincoln Cathedral.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, for evensong, and to commemorate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilkins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Dean 1, W. Austin 2, A. Slade 3, H. Hoare 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, E. Sibley (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Mr. Wilkins has been a member of St. Peter's band for the past 38 years.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for 7.30 a.m. service, 672 Bob Major; for 11 a.m. service 336 and 672 Bob Major; and before evening service two courses of Stedman Triples and 1,008 Bob Major: J. Nunn 1, F. C. Laubert (conductor) 2, R. Gardiner 3, G. Moss 4, G. Howlett 5, C. Angier 6, J. O'Neill 7, A. H. Took 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Hammond 1, A. Holder 2, A. Lowery 3, E. Bishop 4, W. Kitchenside 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

HESLON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's, on Christmas Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: H. W. Cooper 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermole 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, W. Lewis (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8. A 21st wedding anniversary complement to the ringer of the 2nd, who was married at this church on December 25th, 1911.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 960 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's and 60 Grandsire, rung for the first time by a resident band which was formed in January last: C. Lovell 1, J. Hole 2, T. Bass 3, E. York 4, F. Browning (conductor) 5.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Washbrook's 20-Part): C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton, Beds,
Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

THE 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. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.—The ring of 5 (3 recast) rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated on Friday, Jan. 6th, at 7 p.m., by the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church-Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1933. Bells (8) 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.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Lynn (St. Margaret's) bells available for a limited time in the evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, from 4.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, 5.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied by the Rector of Whitechapel. Please make this meeting a success. Visitors will be very welcome. — James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: The Vicar. Tea at 5. Business meeting at 6.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec., 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. 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.

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, Jan. 7th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Peter's (8) from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting in St. Andrew's belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street. — George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bures St. Mary on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Baxter's, Swan Inn, at 5 p.m.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. Election of officers and other important business. Will members please try and be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at Keynsham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30 (1s. each), proceeds to be devoted to the Restoration Fund, followed by meeting. Business to include election of local officers, also nomination of general officers and C.C. representatives. Will all members make an effort to attend? — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at the Judges' Lodgings, No. 4, The Close, Winchester, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Business meeting at 3 p.m., followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5. Cathedral bells (12), St. Maurice (6) available at 1.30 p.m.—G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ravens-thorpe (5) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Usual arrangements. February and March meetings, Creton and West Haddon. Dates to be fixed.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

PONTESBURY, SALOP.—Ring of 6 bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Special thanksgiving service Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 6.30. Preacher: The Venble. Archdeacon of Ludlow.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The third annual dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 28th, a lecture on 'Bell Towers' will be given by E. H. Lewis, Esq., M.A., President of the Central Council, to which all ringers and others interested are invited. Full particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The first annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The towers of Norwood Green (6) and Heston (8) will be open from 3.30 p.m. Supper at 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th, Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room (1s. 6d. each), followed by business meeting. Election of officers, etc. Numbers for tea to reach me by Wednesday previous. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting if possible. Please turn up and make this annual meeting a real bumper attendance.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to this meeting. A really good attendance is requested, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all ringers attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me (certain) by Monday, Jan. 9th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Low Bentham, on Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Prince, Low Bentham, near Lancaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing continuing after. Those requiring tea advise D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Church Hall, Devizes Road. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, 94, Bath Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer-Norton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m. in the School. Please let me know by the 10th if you require tea.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 1.30 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. each) in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. L. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 11th? All members and intending members and friends are requested to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers. All ringers welcome, but please notify. — J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 4 p.m.; also Fordington and Upwey (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kislisbury on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., followed by a lantern lecture on 'Bells,' by Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough. Usual arrangements for tea. Lecture free. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 10th? This is especially requested on account of seating arrangements for lecture. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingborough (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by Jan. 9th prompt, to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elooe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 11th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Adoption of report and balance sheet. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district will be held at Southampton on Jan. 14th. Bells at St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. Notify number for tea by Jan. 11th. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The deferred quarterly meeting will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, the 11th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at Burton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to me by Thursday, Jan. 12th. Visitors welcomed. Please turn up and make a good start for the year.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 12th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, 6 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; A. Walker, Birmingham; G. Nailor, Castle Cary; W. Yeend, Cheltenham; J. Austin, Gloucester; J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton; R. A. Post, Oxford; A. Prince, Bath; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; or from officials, stewards and tower representatives, Bristol Guilds. The Bishop of Malmesbury will attend, and All Saints' (City) (8 bells) will be available from 4.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., after a silence of 15 years. Other arrangements for afternoon will be announced in due course.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) open during afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 in Vestry. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at Warner's Café, Market Place, 5 p.m. General meeting follows. Tea only reserved for those who notify Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, before 19th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WATFORD.—The next meeting will be held on Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. Use that odd change to have a change and ring a change at Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Divine service in St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 to all who notify me by Jan. 17th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by Canon C. H. A. Colville, Rural Dean. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Names for tea to be sent to me not later than Jan. 18th. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Augur). Tea (1s.) at Church Hall 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present and require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Rev. H. Law James Memorial.—The two trebles at Surfleet will be dedicated on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Further particulars later.—R. Richardson.

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