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## OBJECTIONS AND REMEDIES.

Last week we recorded a case where parishioners had petitioned a vicar to have the church bells rung again, after a period during which, owing to the lack of ringers, only one bell has been chimed for services. This week comes news of an opposite kind—a memorial signed by a considerable number of people in Taunton—to have ringing, both at St. Mary's and St. James' Churches, considerably restricted. Both these churches are in the thickly populated portions of the town. We also refer in this issue to the silence of a celebrated peal of bells in London, a silence broken only on very rare occasions. Until Sunday evening these bells had not been rung for service for years.

It is always gratifying to know, as in the case of Drayton, that the parishioners miss the bells when they are not rung, and that they have sufficient interest in them to seek to get ringing restored. At the same time it is of no use to be blind to the fact that the situation in populous districts is different and difficult. At Taunton, apparently, the chief objection is to early morning ringing and peals; at St. Bride's the objection is to ringing at any time. When ringers pursue their art all the world about them can hear, and for that reason when bells are situated in thickly populated districts ringers in their own interests should exercise their craft in moderation, just as they expect the public to show toleration. We do not suggest for a moment that the ringing done in the two towers in Taunton is not done in the strictest moderation, but we do know that no toleration is shown towards ringing at St. Bride's.

While agreeing that the public must have consideration and that ringers would damage their own interests in ignoring substantial and reasonable objection to the sound of the bells, we hold that the church authorities could do a vast amount to placate the public and maintain the use of their bells if they would adopt the simple expedients that are so constantly advocated by those who really know what they are talking about. The brick-ing up of louvres, or the use of sound resisting material in the windows of the bell chamber, has been proved to have all the results desirable. To point to one of many instances that could be quoted: Bradford Cathedral, which stands right over the General Post Office. It was impossible to conduct business in this latter building when the bells were ringing and ringing would have had to stop if nothing had been done to moderate the sound. The louvres, however, have been effectually blocked, the sound finds its way out through the roof; the bells can

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We have often been staggered to find, when new bells have been put up or expensive restorations carried out, that while hundreds of pounds have been spent on the bell work, for the sake of a little extra money the bells have been left to become an almost immediate source of annoyance to surrounding residents. It should, we contend, always be part of a bell restoration scheme to provide for the moderation of the sound, outside as well as inside the tower. Moreover, in every populous area where the bells are over noisy, it should be the business of the ringers to urge upon the church authorities the need for carrying out a scheme of their own volition, instead of waiting for pressure outside, which in these days of growing feeling against noise of all kinds, will assuredly come sooner or later.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

No. 1 JOHN CARTER'S BROADSHEET.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM TILLET ... 8
CHARLES MEE ... 3	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
HARRY R. ROPER ... 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* 100th peal on twelve bells. Ring to celebrate the 85th birthday of R. H. Brundle, also a birthday compliment to H. E. Smith and F. J. Tillett.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... Treble	HENRY G. MILES ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... 8
RONALD A. TOFFIN ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 10
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	FRED PRICE ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 10
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 11
*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. William C. Dowding has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. Albert Walker's 200th twelve-bell peal on tower bells.

## FIRST 720's ON THE BELLS.

The bells at Wareborne, Kent, have just been increased from five to six by the addition of a new treble, and on Saturday the first 720's of Minor were rung upon them. These were two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent, the ringers being P. Page 1, R. H. Maile 2, E. J. Barrett 3, P. A. Corby 4, H. S. Blackett 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. WRIGHTSON ... .. Treble	*F. LINGWOOD ... .. 5
†R. BELL ... .. 2	†D. F. MAY ... .. 6
J. PICKERING ... .. 3	R. L. PATTERSON ... .. 7
H. B. DITCHBORN ... .. 4	*I. SEWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by D. F. MAY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells since they were recast in 1932.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

This method, now rung for the first time, is named Newcastle Surprise as a compliment to members of the Durham and Newcastle Association in appreciation of the welcome and help given to the band who toured that district this year. The author of the method and five of the ringers who took part in the peal were on the tour.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Guild and by all the band. A peal of welcome to the Rev. F. J. Okell, vice-chairman of the Chester Branch, recently instituted to this living, and a compliment to his youngest daughter, who was christened on the previous Sunday.

ABERDARE, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elvan,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

J. EMM ... .. Treble	*A. SCRIBBINGS ... .. 5
E. EMM ... .. 2	G. MEAD ... .. 6
F. CHAVE ... .. 3	W. ROWSELL ... .. 7
G. KERLEY ... .. 4	†B. SHELTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROWSELL.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal. The conductor is from Llantrisant, the remainder are all service ringers of St. Elvan's. This is the first peal since the bells were rehung by Gillett and Johnston, and a wedding compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer, who was married to Mr. A. Coulter at Weston-super-Mare on October 5th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER F. TYLER ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* 50th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CYRIL DOBNEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... .. 5
FRANK RICHARDSON ... .. 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 6
RALPH G. LEY ... .. 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
ERNEST T. KING ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 6th and tenor. All are members of the local band.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 27 cwt.

*WALTER L. PROSSER ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	THOMAS J. SETTER ... .. 6
†EDWARD BARKLEY ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
GEORGE TALBOT ... .. 4	SKYMOOR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Cardiff.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 5
HORACE MOULT ... .. 2	†E. JAMES TOVELL ... .. 6
*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 4	GEORGE WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Triples in the method. † First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 2	ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal in the method.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. Price.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 7
JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 4	LUTHER J. HONNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
\* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal for the Guild by the Kent County Association. The composition, No. 122, is rung for the first time.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
JOHN E. BALLARD ... .. Treble	F. GORDON COOPER ... .. 5
* CHARLES W. MONDAY ... .. 2	HARRY E. BALAAM ... .. 6
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 3	JOHN CHESTER ... .. 7
ROBERT G. C. FLEW ... .. 4	JOHN B. WOODLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY E. BALAAM.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Ring as a birthday compliment to J. B. Woodley, who has rung his first peal at the age of 60.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 6
WILFRID STEVENSON ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Catherine,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAYDEN D BBINS ... .. Treble	WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 5
GILBERT HOWELL ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
* LATIMER O. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	* JOHN H. HANTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for ringers of treble and tenor. Ringers of 6th and 7th from Aberavon, the rest belong to the local band.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 6
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BRESSON ... .. 7
RAYMOND PHILPOIT ... .. 4	WILFRED BARILETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Consisting of four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

* F. C. WILSON ... .. Treble	G. S. LEE ... .. 4
L. T. PARKIN ... .. 2	* F. PICKERING ... .. 5
* F. S. WILSON ... .. 3	* H. MORTEMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd, 3rd (21st) and 6th.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, October 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

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

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 4
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	ADAM DRAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

The conductor's 150th peal.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... .. 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 5
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 3	ERNEST GARDINER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

* HARRY MEANS ... .. Treble	JACK RICHARDSON ... .. 4
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 2	WALTER FREEMAN ... .. 5
TOM BUSH ... .. 3	LEWIS BUSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BUSH.

\* First peal.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Treble	† CLAUDE NONN ... .. 4
* MISS BERTHA REEVE ... .. 2	FRANK E. WISEMAN ... .. 5
* MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... .. 3	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.



COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

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

Forty-two six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES HARVEY ... .. Treble	*LESLIE B. COLES ... .. 4
†F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. 2	*WILLIAM BAILEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 3	*STANLEY BATER... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

\* First peal and first attempt. † 25th peal. The ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are the first men of the parish to ring a peal. The conductor's first peal for six years, after a long illness, it being the 18th anniversary of his wedding day.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being seven 720's called differently.

THOMAS HILL ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. 5
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 3	GILBERT HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the front six of the peal of ten.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 5
GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in seven methods. Mr. G. E. Feirn has now 'circled' the tower. Rung for the patronal festival.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Friday, November 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents: Original, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, College, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILFRED HARVEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. HALL... .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 2	MARTIN WALKER... .. 5
†RONALD BOWNESS ... .. 3	GEORGE DORBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The extent of Original contained 160 bobs and two singles. Rung for the patronal festival.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
ERIC GILBERT ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

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On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS VESSEY ... .. Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE ... .. 4
*ARTHUR MULVEY ... .. 2	FRANK VERNON ... .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Being ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob and eleven 240's of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	*ERNEST F. SALMON ... 4
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung for evening service.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

SEDGEBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS KATH. M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire—J. William Heath.

## ENJOYABLE MEETING AT COTGRAVE.

LADIES AND SHERWOOD YOUTHS JOIN HANDS.

A very pleasant meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Branch) and the Sherwood Youths was held at Cotgrave on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Beeston, Breaston, Colston-Bassett, East Kirkby, Farndon, Long Eaton, Mansfield, Newark and Nottingham (St. Mary's).

The ringing, which commenced about 3 o'clock, was continued until shortly after 8 o'clock, save for an adjournment for a short service in the church, conducted by the Rector, and tea, kindly arranged by Mrs. Walter White.

Ample justice having been done at the table to the good things provided, a course or two on the handbells was rung before a return to the tower.

During the meeting methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, also an attempt for Cotgrave Alliance, but owing to this being sprung on some of the ringers at very short notice, it was not an unqualified success—but better luck next time.

This may be said to have been a very successful meeting, expressions of pleasure and enjoyment and hopes to come again being heard on all sides.

## RINGING FOR 62 YEARS.

At Pirbright, Surrey, on Nov. 1st, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. D. Cheeseman, who has been a ringer at this church for 62 years and verger about 45 years: Hazell Thompson (first 720) 1, F. Martin 2, J. Avenal 3, J. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman (conductor) 5, W. Thompson 6.

Recently the band lost Mr. G. H. Rose, who died on September 15th. He had been a ringer at Pirbright for nearly 50 years, and 720 Bob Doubles was rung with bells half-muffled in his memory: Phyllis Sayers 1, J. Avenal 2, F. Martin 3, J. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman 5, W. Thompson 6.

For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Faggetter, old and respected inhabitants of the village, the same band rang, on August 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. This was Miss Sayers' first 720.

## FOR BEGINNERS.

### A SEVEN-METHOD PEAL OF MINOR.

In recent articles we have referred to methods which internally are similar in construction, but are varied by the addition or omission of 2nd's place when the treble leads and 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind, and we have shown, we hope, the value of the diagram as a means to learning the methods.

Now, in the methods of this type diagrams can be utilised in an interesting way. Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, who was the author of the Central Council's handbook of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' explains how he gets four methods from one diagram. It is based on the linking up of the half-leads by the 5th's and/or 2nd's places. Mr. Dyke worked out a course of Cambridge Minor on squared paper, filling up with black each square into which the bell would fall throughout the course. He then cut it into half-leads. These half-leads can be joined together in four ways, thus producing, in addition to Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose at a few seconds' notice.

These are four Surprise methods, but the same thing can be done with plain methods, and if you like to make out a diagram of Double Court in this way, you can cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the blows of the treble in front and behind, and by rearranging them produce a diagram of either of the other three methods at will.

While on this subject of similar methods of Minor there are two others, simple variants of those already given, which you might like to study, as, with them and the other four based on Double Court, and a 720 of Plain Bob, you have seven 720's for a peal in seven different methods.

Lytham Bob and Thelwall Bob are very like London Bob and Double Oxford. Everything is the same except in the dodging on the front. In London Bob and Double Oxford two bells meet in 1-2 when the treble goes away and dodge continuously until the treble returns.

In Lytham and Thelwall these bells lie still over each other in turn in the middle of the lead. At first sight it looks rather a tricky piece of work, but in reality it isn't if you examine the work of the two bells in combination.

The bell that takes the treble off, leads, has one blow in 2nd's (part of a dodge), leads another whole pull, then has a whole pull in 2nd's, and one blow at lead (also part of a dodge), then it passes the treble and goes away to its dodging and place-making in 3-4.

The bell coming on to the front from 3-4 does the work in the reverse order. It has one blow at lead (part of a dodge), makes 2nd's and leads a whole pull, then one blow in 2nd's (part of a dodge) and leads another whole pull, as the treble comes to lead again.

Let us put down a lead of Double Oxford and Thelwall so that you may examine the difference. We will separate the two front bells to make it clearer, and the two back bells so that you can also see better the place-making across the treble in 3-4.

Double Oxford	Thelwall
12 34 56	12 34 56
21 43 65	21 43 65
24 13 56	24 13 56
42 31 65	42 31 65
24 36 15	24 36 15
42 63 51	24 63 51
24 36 51	42 36 51
42 63 15	42 63 15
24 61 35	24 61 35
42 16 53	42 16 53
41 26 35	41 26 35
14 62 53	14 62 53
14 26 35	14 26 35

The lines across indicate the half leads.

These figures show what little difference there is between the two methods, and it should be simple when you have learnt Double Oxford to go straight to Thelwall.

Lytham is Thelwall without the 2nd's place when the treble leads and has the same relation to it that London Bob has to Double Oxford. The second 'lead head' of the course, that is the row under the bottom line, will be 164523, and as 6th's place is thus made when the treble leads, the bob has to be made on the three back bells instead of the three front ones.

Whatever the method of Minor, the bob is made in 4th's. If the method has 2nd's place, one bell runs Out and the other In, as in Bob Minor. But if, when the treble leads, 6th's place is made instead of 2nd's, then at a bob the bells behind have another dodge together instead of separating. The work which they then take up varies, of course, with the method.

The calling of these two classes of methods should not give the conductor difficulty, for just as he can get a 720 in methods with 2nd's place by calling the 6th Wrong, Right, Wrong, twice repeated, and doubling it by singles called at the last plain Right in each half, so, in methods with 6th's place when the treble leads, 720's can be obtained by calling the 6th In, Out In, and a single at the last plain Out in each half.

Now, what about practising for that peal in seven methods?

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### EVENTFUL DAY AT LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Lancashire Association and their friends when they assembled in that city for the fifth annual dinner on Saturday, October 31st.

Early in the afternoon many members of the party visited the Liverpool Cathedral in order to see the progress that has been made with the central tower. An account of this visit by Mr. E. H. Lewis appeared in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'

Later the members of the association and their friends were the guests of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool in the Town Hall. In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the guests were received by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman F. T. Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson, supported by the president of the association (the Rev. A. Scott). After tea a short address of welcome was given by Alderman Richardson. The president and the Rector of Liverpool replied. Alderman Richardson conducted the party through the building, pointing out the objects of interest. The music was supplied by the Liverpool City Police Band.

About 180 were present at the dinner in the Bear's Paw Restaurant. The president of the association presided. Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Liverpool (owing to indisposition), the Bishop of Manchester, the Rev. Canon G. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. W. S. Mann, the only surviving founder of the association.

After the toast to the King, Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, proposed 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association.' Mr. Lewis referred to broadcast ringing and said that many did not appear to know when ringing was fit for broadcasting, because they did not seem to be able to hear good striking. In order to achieve better striking, Mr. Lewis urged more practice on handbells. After attaining perfect striking on handbells it would be much easier to obtain good striking in the tower, and Mr. Lewis urged ringers not to be satisfied until their ringing in the tower was as good as the best handbell ringing they had heard.

Mr. George R. Newton, responding, unfolded the story of the association and of great achievements in the past. He referred to the fact that bells were now silent in towers that had been famous for good ringing and deeply regretted that such a thing had come to pass. Mr. Newton went on to say that the strength of an association should be judged by its standard of peal ringing, and they did not seem to get the same class of peals as they did 30 or 40 years ago. He assumed that it was due to the loss of many of the best men.

### LIVERPOOL RECTOR'S SUGGESTION.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by the hon. treasurer of the association, Mr. Claude I. Davies, and the Rector of Liverpool (the Rev. David Railton) responded. Mr. Railton said that he did not think that people fully appreciated bellringing until they went to places where they could not hear them, and he thought a sure way of making bellringing appreciated by the general public would be to stop all ringing for a period of some months. He would never forget his feelings on hearing the bells of Folkestone Parish Church on his arrival from France after the war. Mr. Railton went on to suggest the extended use of bells to occasions other than Sunday services. The coming Coronation would afford an opportunity of seeing how the people of the country valued bells; they would be ringing out over the world and symbolising what could not be expressed in words, the meaning of our constitution and hopes for the future.

The President, in replying to 'The Health of the Chairman,' proposed by Mr. F. R. Williams, president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, thanked the association for the honour that they had conferred upon him by electing him president in the place of the late Canon Elsee. He realised that no light task awaited him in succeeding a man respected and beloved by all and one who had been president of the association for over 45 years. Mr. Scott referred to the speeches of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Newton, and said that it was the duty of the present members of the association to achieve the same standards, if not better ones, as those mentioned by Mr. Newton. That meant each individual member of the association becoming as efficient as possible, including the president. After expressing the thanks of the company to those responsible for the success of the evening, Mr. Scott ended his remarks by saying that the president was at the service of the association.

Messrs. Crompton and Blundell, of the Liverpool Cathedral choir, and Mr. T. Christie entertained with songs and duets, Mr. C. Sharples by handbell tapping, and Mr. and Miss Booth with handbell ringing.

The arrangements of the dinner were admirably made by Mr. Claude I. Davies.

### WEDDED 61 YEARS.

At St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, Worcestershire, on Sunday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Caters (1,259 changes), composed by Mr. J. George: T. Whorton (first quarter-peal) 1. H. Goodman 2. J. Goodman (conductor) 3. W. Goodman 4. J. S. Mason 5. N. G. Leech 6. W. Green 7. H. Sheppard 8. R. Goodman 9. G. Guest 10. This was rung to celebrate the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman, parents of the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The ringer of the 9th is a grandson.

**LORD MAYOR'S GRAMOPHONE BELLS.****MANCHESTER'S SUBSTITUTE AT THIS YEAR'S CIVIC CEREMONY.**

The new Lord Mayor of Manchester took office to the accompaniment of gramophone bells. The bells at Manchester Town Hall are now at Loughborough Foundry, where they are being recast and formed into a ring of twelve. The bells have long played a part in the civic celebrations on November 9th, and in order that tradition might be maintained, a gramophone record of the bells of St. George's, Stockport, were amplified from the Town Hall tower. Grandsire Caters and 'firing' had been recorded, and by the use of two records and two turntables the bells could be reproduced continuously for as long as desired.

**ALDENHAM'S FIRST LOCAL PEAL.****LORD ALDENHAM PRESENTS PEAL BOARD.**

On the eve of All Saints, a peal tablet was dedicated at Aldenham, Herts, by the Vicar, recording the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely local band. After prayers and a psalm, the tablet was unveiled and a touch of Triples rung by the band who took part in the peal.

The tablet is of polished oak lettered in black, a simple, dignified record.

With the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. A. P. Coote and H. P. Harland), the ringers and one or two guests enjoyed an excellent tea at the Village Club.

Mr. Inwood, on behalf of the society, thanked the Vicar and wardens for their kindly interest, and the conductor for his services in enabling them to ring the peal.

Mr. C. H. Horton replied, and the Vicar, in well-chosen words, gave an account of the bells and expressed his appreciation to the band who ring for Sunday services. He encouraged them to advance to higher methods.

The tablet was presented by Lord Aldenham and the company entertained by the wardens.

This beautiful church is chiefly of the Perpendicular period, with some Early English and decorated work, roof carved and painted. It dates from 1480. The font, an oak chest and some brasses date from about 1250: there are also several interesting tombs. The bells were cast originally in 1683. The tenor (15 cwt.) was cast by Chandler in that year; the 7th, 6th, 5th and 4th old bells were recast in 1885. The three smallest (undated) were cast by Mears between 1780-1850 and a sanctus by William Whitman. The tower was erected about the 13th century.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTHERN BRANCH AT SCUNTHORPE.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at the new Charter Town of Scunthorpe on October 31st. Owing to weddings, the bells were not available until 3.15, after which hour, however, the fine peal of eight were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Members attended from Bigby, Grimaby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Barton-on-Humber and the local tower. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson were present, also ringing friends from Treeton and Lea.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Steele, who gave an excellent address. Mr. Ramsey presided at the organ. Thirty-two afterwards sat down to tea. The president (Archdeacon Parry) presided over the business meeting, supported by the Vicar and Guild Master. It was decided, providing it can be arranged, to hold the district committee meeting at Waltham on Saturday, January 9th.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. J. Bray) said that he should like to see representatives from all the towers in the district at the committee meeting.

The President expressed pleasure at the presence of the Guild Master and Mrs. Richardson, seeing that they had such a long distance to travel.—The Master, in reply, said he made an effort to attend as many meetings in the Guild as possible.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and those who had made the arrangements, were passed, and a similar vote to the president for presiding brought a very happy meeting to a close.

The President mentioned that the meeting was unique in that four members of the Central Council were present.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, November 7th. Ringing was very good and ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise. Members were present from Cambridge (Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's), Chatteris, Haddenham, Wilburton, Over and the local company. As a service had been arranged for 6.30, the Rector (the Rev. Canon A. C. Hair) consented to omit the 4.30 service, the Guild service taking the place of evensong. Canon Hair gave an interesting address, basing his remarks on the one word 'Unity.'

Further ringing took place afterwards until about 8.30.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of eight bells at St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington, are to be recast and rehung in a new frame, with new fittings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Within a fortnight three rings of eight have been dedicated in the Diocese of Guildford. First the restored and retuned peal at Yorktown, next the recast peal of eight at Chiddingfold, and, last Friday, the octave at Shalford recast from the old six.

No fewer than 97 visitors have signed the visitors' book during the past twelve months in the tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn. It shows the popularity of this church in the centre of London, where a very loyal band regularly carry out Sunday service ringing.

The death of Mr. Albert Henry Terry, aged 64, a signalman, who was due to retire next March, took place at Shilton, Coventry, on November 1st. He was a chorister and bellringer at Shilton Parish Church.

Mr. Taylor, of Alleale, has suffered a severe blow in the death of a son, who was tragically killed in a motor-cycling accident near his home.

Three much travelled ringers were present at the opening of Leamington Hastings bells on November 1st, namely, J. H. Shepherd, A. P. Cannon and W. A. Stote, with 2,854, 552 and 592 towers respectively to their credit.

Shalford, Surrey, where a new ring of eight bells was dedicated last Friday, is one of the few places where the ancient village stocks can still be seen outside the churchyard gate.

The 'Grand Old Man' of Ipswich, Bob Brundle, has recently completed his 85th year. Last Saturday he celebrated the event by ringing the 5th at St. Mary-le-Tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques. It is a wonderful performance for a man of that age, and ringers throughout the Exercise will join in congratulating him.

On Sunday, November 22nd, at 6.30 p.m., a peal tablet will be unveiled and dedicated at Milnrow, Lancs, by the Rural Dean (the Rev. S. Hutchinson). This tablet is to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. John Fitton, who was a ringer at Milnrow for 64 years. He was present at the reconstitution meeting of the Lancashire Association.

Mr. Arthur E. Sharman, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, has been elected to the Town Council of Dunstable.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Guild, will be away from home until December 10th. Guild correspondence should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

## RINGING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The report of Canon J. O. le P. Hatten's address at the Uckfield meeting gives rise to certain reflections. Do let us clear our thinking of humbug; however sincerely we, as ringers, strive to live up to the pattern of Christ, our thoughts while we are ringing are centred round the method and the striking, the co-ordination of mind and muscle in an agreeable pursuit. Even though our art is consecrated to the worship of God, is it true to say that it is, in itself, a sufficient act of worship?

True worship has God as the Central Figure, and organ, choir and ringing are meant but to prepare and direct our minds thither, all working together as part of a pattern. To divorce ringing from the pattern and call it as great an act of worship as the service itself does not seem to me to be aiming very high.

May I presume to suggest a better way to Canon Hatten and to other clergy: give us laymen a service which is thrillingly alive with the spirit of Jesus Christ, where we may see the vision of the transformation that Glorious Manhood can make in us, and we shall stay to such a service because we want to, and not from any sense of mere duty.

LESLIE J. MALINGS.

Deddington, Oxford.

## 'BURTON' SURPRISE MAJOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The second and third sections of this method in your issue to-day are very much mixed up, but as the other six sections are 'Brighton' Surprise there is no doubt that this is the method intended.

'Brighton' Surprise was first published in 'Bell News' about September, 1899, and the first peal, with a fourth's place Bob, was rung many years ago, conducted by Mr. F. Bennett.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

[In the figures printed in our last issue one line was accidentally misplaced: 42813675 should have appeared after 24186357.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

Similar information has also been supplied by Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, and Mr. S. H. Hoare. The latter points out that the first peal was rung on October 29th, 1913, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.



## ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET. SCENE OF BENJAMIN ANNABLE'S TRIUMPHS.

Famous Bells that are now Seldom Rung.

Many Cumberland Youths and several Cumberland Ladies assembled at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, on Sunday evening, when they had the now rare opportunity of ringing these famous bells for service. The bells had not been rung on Sunday for a long period.

They were rung last year for the Silver Jubilee and on Lord Mayor's Day. This year they were open on the occasion of the Central Council meeting and were rung for Lord Mayor's Day on Monday, as well as on the previous evening. Next year's programme, it is said, will comprise ringing for the Coronation celebrations and Lord Mayor's Day. In the intervals the ropes are removed from the wheels and stored—a necessary precaution to prevent rapid deterioration.



THE STEEPLE OF ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH.  
From a Photo by F. E. Dawe.

The pity of it! A notable peal of twelve bells unring for the purpose for which they are intended—the services of the church. The excuse is that they are in the heart of London's newspaper land. But the heart of London's newspaper land does not throb on Sunday mornings. Even if it has begun to beat again by the evening—well there may be some newspaper men who would not be any the worse

(Continued in next column.)

## PETITION AGAINST BELLS.

### TAUNTON RESIDENTS' PROTEST.

There is an agitation in Taunton for restricting the ringing of the bells at the Churches of St. Mary and St. James. A petition, containing 240 signatures of people living or working in the neighbourhood of the churches, has been sent to the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council.

Special attention is drawn to occasions when the bells are rung as early as 6 a.m., or 7 a.m., and to the 'prolonged bouts of ringing for three or four hours, with hardly a break,' and the petitioners ask that this should be discontinued.

The Rev. W. H. Heaton-Renshaw, Vicar of St. Mary's, writing in the current issue of the Parish Magazine, points out that the petitioners include occupiers of offices, such as those in Hammet Street, who are not normally at work during the times which are the subject of complaints.

Others who have signed the appeal, however, are nearby residents.

'Bells have been rung at both churches for many centuries, long before any of the present houses, shops or offices were built, so it is no new matter,' the Vicar observed.

'It deserves attention, however, and it will be considered at the Church Council when next they meet.'

## ARMISTICE RINGING.

**PYTOHLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On Armistice Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peal of Doubles, viz., 240 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury, 360 Old Doubles, 300 Grandsire: Cecil Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Hicks (longest touch on an 'inside' bell) 2, S. Munton (conductor) 3, E. Coleman 4, G. Brown 5. All are local ringers. The bells were half-muffled.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, for Armistice remembrance and thanksgiving service, on Sunday afternoon, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, J. Parish 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**GRAYFORD, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Groombridge, jun. 1, D. M. Sharp 2, A. J. Hopper 3, E. Barnett 4, F. H. Oxenham 5, C. A. Hopper 6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7, J. C. Cooke 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the brothers Hopper. All are members of the local band.

## HISTORIC PEALS

(Continued from previous column.)

for a reminder of the things for which the Church stands. And the bells are the only sounds of this kind that are likely to reach them.

St. Bride's tower is one of the most beautiful of Wren's steeples, and it has the distinction of being the first London tower to contain a peal of twelve bells. In 1710 Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a peal of ten for St. Bride's, with a tenor of 28 cwt., and on January 11th, 1717, what is supposed to have been the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung was accomplished on these bells by the Society of London Scholars.

In 1719 Rudhall added two trebles to make a ring of twelve, and an old tablet records the following performance:—

On Tuesday, the 10th January, 1724, the SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS rung completely a peal of 5,060 GRANDSIRE CINQUES, being the first that ever was done. The Persons that performed the Same were as follows, viz.: Wm. Woodruff 1, Benj. Annable 2, Edward Chadwell 3, John Ward 4, Jno. Pearson 5, Robt. Catlin 6, Robt. Carter 7, Wm. Thompson 8, Wm. Jackson 9, Peter Merrygarts 10, Matth. East 11, Thos. Rowland 12. Abraham Goodwin, Aaron Jex, Churchwardens.

On November 22nd, 1725, the College Youths rang at St. Bride's what is believed to be the first peal of Bob Royal, composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable, and on February 26th, 1726, they rang the first peal of Bob Maximus. The ringers were William Woodruff, Robert Catlin, Edward Chadwell, John Ward, John Hardman, Francis Geary (who afterwards became an Admiral), John Dearmore, Samuel Jeacock, William Laughton, Peter Merrygarts, William Thompson, Benjamin Annable. It is recorded that 'all the persons who rung in this peal left the church in their own carriages.' Fleet Street, in those days, it is said, used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry who had come to hear the music of the bells. But times have changed; apparently no one wants to hear them now.

Benjamin Annable, who died on February 1st, 1756, was buried at St. Bride's, and the following panegyric appeared in the newspaper account of his death and burial:—

'A few nights ago was buried under the tower of St. Bride's Mr. Benjamin Annabel, the best ringer that was ever known in the world. Till his time ringing was only called an Art, but from the Strength of his great Genius, he married it to the Mathematics and 'tis now a Science. This man of Figures and Ringing was like a Newton in Philosophy, a Rastell in Physic, a Hardwick in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespear in Writing, a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben.'

Other early peals on the bells in addition to those mentioned were 5,104 Grandsire Cinques by the Union Scholars in 1751, and 5,232 Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths in 1777.

The 5th and 6th bells were recast by Samuel Knight in 1736, but the rest are still the bells cast by Rudhall 226 years ago.

## HOBART CATHEDRAL'S NEW TOWER AND BELLS ELABORATE CEREMONY FOR DEDICATION.

### Many Archbishops and Bishops to Attend.

Great interest was created in Hobart, Tasmania, when the bells for St. David's Cathedral arrived by the s.s. 'Port Alma.' They are 13 in number, with a tenor of 15 cwt., and eight will be hung for ringing. The erection of the bells, to the specifications and drawings of the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, is being carried out by Messrs. Johnston and Wells, Engineers.

A Hobart paper, referring to the arrival of the bells, said, 'Passers-by paused to view closely the four great bells which, of the total of thirteen, had been newly moved from the wharveside to the tower foot. The bell coming in for closest scrutiny was that around which, beneath the house sign of its Loughborough founders, ran the inscription, 'Each clime or step from earth to Heaven till ye reach the great white throne.'

### 'CLIPPING THE CATHEDRAL.'

Elaborate preparations are being made for the dedication of the tower and bells on Sunday, December 6th. The service is to be attended by the Archbishops of Melbourne and Sydney, Bishop Stephen, and the Bishops of St. Arnaud, Bendigo, Newcastle, Gippsland, Goulburn and Riverina, as well, of course, as the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. Hay).

The visit of all these ecclesiastical dignitaries will be made the occasion of great church gatherings. Every day from Saturday, December 5th, when the proceedings begin with a *Conversazione* in the City Hall, to Thursday, December 10th, has its special events.

The service for the dedication of the bells takes place at 3.30 on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, when the preacher will be the Archbishop of Sydney, and the tower and bells will be blessed by the Bishop of Tasmania during the picturesque ceremony of 'Clipping the Cathedral.'

In this ceremony the choir, followed by members of the congregation, will go in procession through the cloisters round the building, and will join hands, thus encircling the Cathedral Church. A second procession of leading lay officials of Tasmania will follow, headed by His Excellency the Governor and the Lord Mayor, followed by the visiting Bishops' wives and their hostesses. A third procession will consist of diocesan lay officials, members of the Synod, the Diocesan Council, the Church Trustees, headed by the Cathedral Board and the Church Advocate. A fourth procession will comprise the visiting Archbishops and Bishops and their chaplains, and the last procession will consist of the clergy of the Diocese of Tasmania, headed by the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter.

After the blessing of the tower and bells, the bells will be rung by the St. David's ringers and the ringers of Holy Trinity Church.

The St. David's ringers consist of the Dean's servers, 16 in number, and they have been receiving every help in learning from the Holy Trinity Association.

### HOLY TRINITY ASSOCIATION.

The ringers at Holy Trinity continue their activities. They have been strengthened by Mr. S. Smith, a former Suffolk ringer, and are now ringing Grandsire Doubles.

At their recent annual meeting, when the Rev. M. J. May, precentor of the Cathedral, presided, a healthy state of affairs was revealed. The funds have a balance of £4 2s. 11d. The officers were re-elected, except that Mr. S. Smith takes the place of Mr. S. Taylor as Deputy Ringing Master, the other officials being: Patron, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania; president, Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Quarmby; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Taylor; hon. secretary, Mr. A. R. Wilson.

The bells of Holy Trinity Church will be 100 years old in 1946, and the meeting formed a committee to report on the bell frame, which shows signs of needing attention. The committee consists of Messrs. B. McElwae, A. Taylor, J. Newell and A. R. Wilson.

Holy Trinity Church has lost a valued member by the death on Sunday, September 13th, of Mrs. Rupert Taylor, mother of Mr. S. Taylor, and Mr. Malcolm Taylor, who is at present in this country. Feeling reference was made in the sermons, and as a mark of respect the church bells remained silent that day until after evening service, when they were rung muffled. Sunday School was abandoned and a children's service held instead.

### A BAD GOING TENOR

At Broughton, Northants, on Saturday, November 7th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Doubles at the Church of St. Andrew as a compliment to the new Vicar (the Rev. Esmonde T. Lang), who was inducted the previous day. After ringing a well-struck quarter a late call put a premature end to the peal.

Owing to the bad going of the tenor bell another attempt was deferred to a later date. The ringers were: Cecil Sargent (Broughton) 1, George Brown (Pitcheley) 2, Sidney Rowney (Broughton) 3, Sidney Munton, conductor (Pitcheley) 4, Fred Randall (Broughton) 5.

## BELLS OF LEAMINGTON HASTINGS.

### IN USE AGAIN AFTER QUARTER OF CENTURY.

Not for 26 years, with the exception of the day the Armistice was signed, have the church bells been rung at Leamington Hastings, owing to their unfit condition. A fund was started some years ago for the restoration work, but as interest in the subject fluctuated a great deal, very little was done until the present Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Wigram) was inducted in 1928. He revived the lost interest, and by private house whist drives and social events the fund grew slowly till at last, by a bequest from Canon Cartwright, followed by a gift from the children of the late Canon and Mrs. Sitwell, the moneys aggregated to the amount required.

A tablet is erected in the belfry, which bears the words: 'These bells were rebung in 1936 at a cost of £350 by the parishioners, assisted by a bequest from the late Canon Theodore John Cartwright in memory of his marriage in this church, and a gift from the children of Canon Degge Wilmot Sitwell and his wife, Rosamond Shuttleworth, in memory of their happy family life.'

The particulars of the bells are:—

Treble.—8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1851.

Second.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1851.

Third.—11 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. Founder's Mark (Hugh Watts, Leicester). I.H.S. Nazarens Rex Indeorvm. (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.) Fili Dei Miserere Mei. 1620. (Son of God, pity me.)

Fourth.—12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. Founder's Mark (Hugh Watts, Leicester). Cvm Sono Si Non Vis Venire Nunquam Ad Preces Cypres Ire. 1631. (If you won't come at the sound of the bell, you will never be willing to come to prayers.)

Tenor.—15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. Founder's Mark (Hugh Watts, Leicester). God save the Kinge. 1615.

Sanctus.—0 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. Abraham Dracy. 1677.

The restoration work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The bells were rededicated on All Saints' Day, which was the patronal festival of the church. The Rev. E. S. Powell (Vicar of Staverton) performed the ceremony and with the following words gave them into the care of the Vicar and the churchwardens: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

Subsequently a plain course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the Warwickshire Guild: C. H. Webb (Rugby) 1, J. B. Fenton (Rugby) 2, M. O. C. Melville (general secretary) 3, J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) 4, W. A. Stote (Coventry) 5.

In the course of his sermon, the Rev. E. S. Powell said: 'Let me take this opportunity of congratulating you as a parish and a congregation on the rehanging of your church bells. It is a great work which has at last been safely and satisfactorily accomplished.'

In conclusion, the preacher said: 'Once more you have your bells set high in their steeple—well, truly and safely hanging. You will be looking forward, longingly and hopefully, to hearing these bells regularly ringing. You have not spent all that money in order that one should only be rung or that five should be tolled or chimed, but so that they should give forth their full voice, which they can only do when rung in the manner they are intended.'

'Bellringing requires a great deal of application and perseverance on the part of those who practise it. You will have to get learners, but you must not expect them to be able to ring so well in a few weeks as those you have heard ringing just now. In Leamington Hastings you are only a small community, but I ask you, now you have done this first part of the work, that you will really do something more than one generally hears bellringing described—a call to worship—but believe that the ringing in itself is an act of praise to God and an act of worship. I would ask as many of you as possible to be practical and persevering ringers.'

Immediately after the service, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the same five ringers, and then, in turn, other ringers from Rugby, Warwick, Banbury, London, Clifton, Nuneaton, Swindon, Brinklow, Dunchurch, Monks Kirby, Chilvers Coton and Staverton tried the ropes.

The ringers were entertained to tea after the service by the Vicar and Mrs. Wigram and Major and Mrs. Anson.

Several learners have already volunteered to become ringers, and arrangements have been made for their instruction.

## ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The 13th annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild was held on Saturday, October 31st. Tea, served in the Court House, was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Bedford, and, needless to say, very much enjoyed by the members present.

The Rector opened the business meeting by thanking the ringers for their services as Sunday service ringers, also for their gift of bread for the harvest festival.

The cash statement was adopted and the officers elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. U. W. Wildney; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton. After the business meeting, music, song and handbell ringing followed.

## NEW OCTAVE IN GUILDFORD DIOCESE.

## SHALFORD'S SIX BELLS RECAST INTO EIGHT.

The dedication of a new ring of bells at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Shalford, near Guildford, has given the Guildford Diocesan Guild area another ring of eight. The tower previously contained a peal of six, but when their restoration became necessary, it was decided to recast them into a lighter ring of eight. The scheme was promoted during the incumbency of the Rev. David Railton, now Rector of Liverpool, and to him is due very largely its success.

A large congregation attended the dedication service on Friday evening, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Guildford. The Vicar (the Rev. M. Tobias) conducted the service and the lesson was read by the Rev. D. Railton. The Bishop went to the ringing-chamber for the act of dedication and was accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Railton, the Bishop's chaplain and the churchwardens. The waiting congregation learned of the completion of the ceremony by the sound of the bells, rung in rounds by the local ringers.

## BISHOP AND MINISTRY OF CHURCH BELLS.

In his address the Bishop said the ministry of church bells had always seemed to him a very interesting subject. The words which told about it from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam' were well known. The bells held together all the memories of a man's life, following him with strength, quiet and inward peace. The very familiarity of the sound of the bells of their old home, their village, their town, had preached them something of that strength and quietness of spirit that came from things that were familiar.

Was all that just sentiment? He had two answers. The first was that it was local patriotism—the love of one's own place in which certain familiar sounds such as the sound of the church bells of the old home struck a note that was better than they first thought.

'You people of Shalford,' said the Bishop, 'are proud that the bells should ring out again. That is local patriotism; the love of one's own place. It is a feeder to the patriotisms that are greater—the love of country and the love of mankind.'

In the world to-day, he said, the trouble was that many people had the fault that they had no root in any place which really belonged to them.

The best citizens were those who knew that true citizenship was not belonging to a country which had no boundaries, but the country which was beyond those present confines of time and space. Every time the bells sounded from tower or steeple something was being led to the heart and mind of men about that different citizenship. The great note which should be struck in this age was the confident sound of Christian faith. These bells as they rang out would make that a note of confidence and hope about the position of our church in that age.

After the service touches were rung on the new bells, which have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

## BELLS' INTERESTING HISTORY.

Shalford bells have a long history. The Inventory of Edward VI.'s reign indicates that the church then contained five bells, whose weights were said to be 14 cwt., 13 cwt., 12 cwt., 10 cwt. and 8 cwt., with 'a lettill bell callid a sawnce bell conteynnyng bte extynacion xxv lb. weight.'

These bells were recast in 1613 by Richard Eldridge, of the Wokingham Foundry. They bore this appeal in rhyme:—

1. Lord, plead my cause against my foes,
2. Confound their force and might,
3. Fight on my part against my foes,
4. That seek with me to fight.

The tenor, apparently recast later, was inscribed, 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis, 1636. R. E. and J.W.'

In 1789 John Warner, of London, recast the bells into six with a new set of inscriptions:—

1. Thy glory, Lord, we will resound,
2. To all the listening nations round,
3. And with our tongues,
4. Our voices raise,
5. To Thee, O God,
6. In songs of praise.

The tenor was recast by John Warner and Sons in 1866.

Once more the bells have new inscriptions. The following appear on the new eight:—

- Treble.—Sing we merrily unto God our strength.
- 2.—Let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.
- 3.—Sing ye praises with understanding.
- 4.—O praise the Lord with me; and let us magnify His name together.
- 5.—He hath put a new song in my mouth.
- 6.—O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise.
- 7.—O come let us sing unto the Lord.

Tenor.—The tongue of the dumb shall sing. This bell and five others were recast in 1936 to make this peal of eight bells. The parish gave this bell in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. in 1935.

The new tenor is 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., the necessary new bell metal having been added to make up for loss in melting. In place of the old timber frame, which has been scrapped, is a new massive cast-iron framework on steel foundation girders. Modern fittings have, of course, been installed throughout, and everyone who heard them was delighted with the tone of the bells.

## AMBITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The experience of Mr. P. Amos must be unique. In no Exercise is merit more openly recognised than in change ringing. My limited experience teaches me that most of the best ringers are always ready to help 'lame dogs over stiles' by whispering into the ears when their footsteps falter. I cannot agree with the term jealousy being applied to ringers whose names often appear in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

Until 1895 I was a 'stony' ringer. In 1930 I happened to stray into an eight-bell tower and timidly essayed to 'drum' the tenor. Becoming interested, I learnt to ring the treble in Grandsire, Minor and Major, then inside, followed by Kent and Stedman Triples. This particular band had no practices whatever all the time, and I learnt these methods under the guidance of old hands at Guild meetings mainly. It is not true that the remarks of Mr. Amos are universally correct. Pencil and paper helped, but the bugbear of rope-sight had to be got over by practice. Courses in Kent (inside) came as a first shot, and I trust Double Norwich will be similarly successful when attempted.

Opportunity will arise when Mr. Amos will be enabled to prove his ability and recognition, but in the meantime let him master Cambridge, Superlative, London, etc., on paper. The Pyes, Bennetts, Shepherds, Harts and Co. will most certainly give help and opportunity, even for peals when his reputation is established.

## AN OLD RINGER.

[Our correspondent, whose modesty impels him to withhold his name from publication, is 63 years of age and did no change ringing until five years or so ago.]

## A MOTTO FOR RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—Your article on 'Ambition,' followed by that on 'Maintaining the personnel,' will give ringers something to think about. Ringers who are content to ring for services at their own church may be in a groove, but surely not a bad groove. Apparently the ringers of Drayton are not content to ring for services at their own church.

Mr. George wisely refers to ambition of the proper kind. Now just what is the proper kind? In my opinion it should be the ambition of every ringer who does not belong to a regular service ringing band to join one and use his art for the service for which it is intended. Of course, I know some cannot, but there should not be so many ringers who are unattached and yet have ringable peals in their own parish. The men who do the service ringing not only give service, but are responsible for the church keeping the bells in order, without which there would be no chance for 'stunt' peals.

Secondly, I think it should be the ambition of ringers to ring music, that is to strike well and understand what rhythm is. We have heard of ringers who are responsible for putting a single note in the right place in a simple major scale who do not know the sound of the bell which they are ringing. The only explanation I can think of is they have been so engrossed in learning new methods since they learned to pull the rope that they have had no time to listen to the result of their studies. The motto of every ringer should be:—

Service before self.  
Music before method.

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Somerset.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## RINGERS 'DISCOVER' WINFARTHING.

What the Rector of the parish described as a 'difficult place to find' was 'discovered' by a number of ringers on Saturday last, when members from the North, South and West Branches of the Norwich Diocesan Association, together with visitors from Newmarket, spent a pleasant afternoon and evening at Winfarthing.

A number of methods from Doubles to London Surprise were rung on the six bells. The Rev. C. H. Barber, Rector of Winfarthing, conducted a short service.

Following a hearty tea at The Fighting Cocks, during which the members did ample justice to the delightful spread of home-made cakes and pastries, a short business meeting took place. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on January 23rd.

The Chairman thanked the Rev. C. H. Barber for his address and for the use of the bells, and in reply the Rector expressed his pleasure at having the association's meeting for the first time at Winfarthing. So many people had failed to find the village that he was glad to see so many present, from so far afield as Dersingham, Fakenham and Newmarket. Continuing, the Rector amused the company with his stories of a certain wedding and a certain Sunday School, and said he would be glad to hear similar yarns with regard to bell-ringing.

The Branch Secretary expressed his thanks for the support he had received from all the members, and referred to the members and friends who had set out from Dersingham, Fakenham, Newmarket, Norwich and Wymondham and had helped to make the meeting such a success.



### RINGING IN THE WEST COUNTRY. EFFORTS OF NEW CORNISH BAND.

A few weeks ago, an account of the dedication of Mullion bells was published in 'The Ringing World.' These bells had been silent for many years, owing to structural defects which rendered them unsafe, consequently their restoration has caused great excitement and enthusiasm in the village.

Since the dedication, ringing has been going on apace, and the interest and enthusiasm the ringers is as marked as ever.

Unfortunately, the patience of the villagers with the unavoidable crashes of the ambitious novices is wearing rather thin, but it is hoped that they will bear with them a little longer, as really they are a very promising band, and Mullion will soon be as proud of its ringers as it is of its bells.

There are 17 ringers in all, six of whom are absolute beginners. All six show great promise, and one of them rang very successfully in rounds a fortnight after he started to learn.

The more advanced have been ringing for a few months, and can ring call changes on four bells fairly skilfully, and though the striking is not always as accurate as it might be, it is rapidly improving. All are very keen to master the intricate art of change ringing, some so much so that they want to plunge right into it, not realising that little headway can be made until they have gained proper bell control. Sad to tell, these very enthusiasts are sometimes responsible for the inaccurate striking in call changes.

Sunday service ringing is carried out regularly and efficiently, and possibly at no very distant date the rounds and call changes of to-day will be superseded by touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, that is if the band continue to progress as rapidly as they are doing at present. They are, we understand, receiving 'postal tuition' in change ringing from a friend in a distant county. Good luck to them!

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

#### CHERTSEY DISTRICT OFFICERS NOMINATED.

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Esher on Saturday. The attendance was not large—there were less than 20 ringers present—but the opportunity was turned to good use, in the practice of six-bell methods.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Hone), and an address was given by the curate (the Rev. W. A. Hopher), who also presided at the organ.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Guild Treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), the following were nominated for district officers: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmons (Mr. H. J. Chaffey retiring); hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. There were three nominations for two ringing members on the Executive Committee and three for the one vacancy among the honorary members on the committee.

The Rev. W. A. Hopher was elected an hon. member and the Rev. C. Price (Hersham) a ringing member.

It was decided that the district should endeavour to organise ringing for the Coronation in the towers which at present have no ringers and help in those bellries with depleted bands. It was announced that practice night at Hersham had been changed to Wednesday.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and curate and to Mr. Bristow, the local captain, for the arrangements made.

Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and a variety of Minor methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung. It was gratifying that on this occasion ringers from the district towers were present in larger numbers than usual.

### AN 'EDWARD' CORONATION PEAL.

#### THE SUGGESTED RINGING AT THE ABBEY.

Mr. Edward A. Knight, of Stanwick, Northants, writes supporting the suggestion that a band of eight Edwards should ring a peal on Coronation Day. 'Nothing,' he says, 'could be more fitting than for eight Edwards to ring after the ceremony, on May 12th, of the Coronation of His Majesty the King—Edward the Eighth. I am interested and hope to see a team of Edwards ringing at the ancient Abbey tower.'

The proposal is, of course, an interesting one, and one which, if it could be carried out, would be very appropriate to the occasion, but we ask those who support the idea, and especially the Edwards, not to build their hopes too high of attempting a peal at the Abbey. There are very considerable restrictions there, not only as to the ringing, but also as to who may ring, and on such an occasion as the Coronation the authorities will be doubly particular. Knowing something of the difficulties that would have to be surmounted, we can hardly believe that permission would be granted for a band of 'outsiders' to go there for a peal on Coronation Day. We think the Edwards would do better to concentrate upon getting a band for a peal at some other London church.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.'

### VICAR FOR 50 YEARS.

As a compliment to the Vicar of Stratford-upon-Avon (Canon Melville) on the 50th anniversary of his induction, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Saturday, September 19th: 1. H. Print 1. H. Brookes 2. H. Price 3. F. Lyne 4. F. Kinchin 5. C. R. Steed 6. V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7. H. G. Preedy 8. First attempt for a quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 4.

### AN ANCIENT SUFFOLK SOCIETY.

#### HALESWORTH RINGERS' RULES FRAMED IN 1539.

The fact that the rules of the Halesworth (Suffolk) ringers go back to 1539 was mentioned at their annual dinner and meeting, held in the Church Rooms on October 27th. The chair was taken by the president (the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., R.D.), supported by the churchwardens (Admiral E. F. Bruen, C.B., J.P., and Mr. C. J. Goodwin), Mr. T. Wilson (Porthcawl), Messrs. Clifford Goodwin, A. J. Orford and E. Bastin (hon. members), Messrs. G. Pearl and F. Aldred (sidesmen), Mr. Fred C. Lambert (hon. secretary) and Mr. A. H. Took (hon. treasurer).

The only toast was that of 'His Majesty the King.'

The chairman welcomed those present as guests of the Parochial Church Fund, to whom it was a pleasure to provide the means.

In his report the hon. secretary referred to the Jubilee and, later, the lamented death of King George V., which were chiefly responsible for the omission of last year's function. They had, however, carried on steadily, and had maintained ringing for every Sunday service until now. Regret was recorded at the loss of two vice-presidents—Capt. H. C. Rush by death, and Miss Rose Stanford by removal to South Africa. The bells, rehung in 1930 by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, were going as well as ever. Incidentally, Mr. Lambert said, they had with them that evening the first and last subscribers to the estimated cost (£300) for such repair—Messrs. E. Bastin and W. Kemp. Messrs. Pearce, Jolly and Kemp, though each over 70 years of age, were still regular ringers, and Mr. Tom Wilson, whose father, the Rev. T. Linton Wilson, had just passed away, was a member of the company 30 years ago.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of £1 13s. on the right side, a matter for thanks and congratulation.

All the officials were re-elected, and the president handed to Mr. Gordon Wright his diploma as a full member, while Messrs. A. Foster, J. Thurlow and S. Ekins were registered as probationers.

The Chairman expressed high appreciation of the 'freemasonry' among ringers, and trusted the present happy all-round feeling would long continue.

Admiral Bruen, a vice-president, gave a highly interesting and stirring address on 'What I saw at the Battle of Jutland.' He regarded Admiral Jellicoe as a born commander and strategist, and Admiral Beatty as a leader of tremendous personality.

Remarking that the primary rules of the Halesworth band of ringers were framed in 1539, revised in 1770, and been in present form since 1896, Mr. F. C. Lambert proceeded to give the history of individual bells and towers in the neighbourhood in his inimitable and instructive style.

Songs, etc., were contributed by Messrs. Goodwin, Lambert, Orford, Took, Ekins and the Rector. Touches on the handbells were given by Messrs. Lambert, Took, Wilson, G. Gowing, H. Jillings, J. Gibson, A. Foster and J. Thurlow.

### FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Bowden 1, \*Mrs. King 2, \*Mrs. Tomlinson 3, E. King 4, H. Miller 5, J. Nash 6, J. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. \*First quarter in the method at the first attempt.

**WATFORD.**—On November 1st for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. N. Leman 1, W. Norris 2, E. Fisher (Congresbury, Somerset, first in the method and first attempt) 3, E. Bullock 4, H. G. Cashmore 5, F. H. Crook 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, W. G. Paul 8.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Thomas' Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. A. E. Whatmore, by Philip Lees, A. D. Fellows, A. Reynolds, A. E. Whatmore, K. I. Pardoe, J. William Smith, C. William Cooper and E. S. Bushell. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. E. Whatmore, by J. William Smith, D. W. Turner, P. W. Gibbs, W. Farley, K. I. Pardoe, A. L. Dunn, A. E. Whatmore and A. Reynolds. First quarter-peal of Stedman by a local band and all of the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung in the morning for harvest festival service at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, on Sunday, October 4th: W. Lyddiard (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, M. P. Oakshett 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, P. S. R. W. Ridgeway 4, J. Lyddiard 5, A. Purdom 6, J. Hurrell 7, H. Blackett (conductor) 8.

**NORWICH.**—On Friday evening, October 2nd, at St. Giles-on-the-Hill, for harvest festival service, 1,376 Bob Major: Miss W. E. Ditcham (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss G. Lunnadine 2, Miss D. Ditcham (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, G. Sayer 4, G. Mayers 5, E. Shorten 6, A. Warner (conductor) 7, C. Bird 8.

### THE FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at St. George's, Gravesend, on June 12th, 1920, conducted by the late Mr. W. H. Judd and published in the Kent County Association Report on page 76 (1921), was F. Robinson's composition of 5,184 reduced to 5,024, and, as such has been proved false, this peal therefore will be withdrawn from the association's peal list, with apologies to the band.

F. M. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.



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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.—Sunday morning ringing, Nov. 15th, 10 a.m. to 10.55. Visitors to London, for College Youths' Dinner, welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The by-meeting at Hollingbourne will be held tomorrow (Saturday) and not on the 21st as advertised last week.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Nov. 14th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea in Church Room at 5.15 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harworth (6 bells, tenor 10 cwt.) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. East Midland buses: From Worksop, No. 23; from Retford, No. 2 to Bawtry; 21 or 23 to Harworth; from Doncaster, No. 21. Please endeavour to be present and send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ollerton Road, Retford, Notts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Elm on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everyone welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton (8 bells), on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6d. Meeting 6.30. The new president of the association will be present.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—Meeting at Emberton, Nov. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Edenbridge (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of eight bells will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 11 a.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Winchester. The peal has been restored, including re-hanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at Reigate Parish Church, Surrey. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please notify W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey, by Monday previous to meeting?—E. K. Fletcher and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

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**HALBERTON, DEVON.**—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwt.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Powick (3 miles from Worcester on Malvern Road) Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 17th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, near Worcester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers will be made welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, Nov. 21st (NOT Nov. 14th as originally fixed). Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nominations for district officers 1937 must be made at this meeting. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swithland on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Usual service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., Rhodene, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The bells will be available at 2.45. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MEETING AT BUSHEY HEATH** (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at Amy's Tea Rooms 6 p.m. Another tower will be arranged for after 7 for ringing.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—By the kind invitation of the Rector, the next meeting will take place at Allesley, Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea in the Rainbow Inn at 5 p.m. This is the last meeting of the year, so please let us have a good finish to 1936.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good turn up is requested. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., may be obtained at Hutchinson's Café, Market Place, Ripley.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. St. Peter Mancroft bells available 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael at Coslany from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s., at The Curat House at 5.30. Will all members and friends requiring tea kindly advise Miss H. W. Bill, 74, St. Stephen's Road, Norwich, by Nov. 18th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 18th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The fine peal of 8 will be available from 5 o'clock onwards, so please come along.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Usual Sunday service ringing at Shoreditch on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at 5.30 p.m., and on Thursday, Nov. 26th. Practice from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The diocesan collection will be presented at the Cathedral on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready at 6.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker.

**KIRBYMOORSIDE, Nr. York.**—The ring of 6 bells which has been recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Whitby on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 5.30 p.m.

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Nominations for district officers will be required at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 28th, at St. Giles', Oxford. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All those requiring tea (1s. per head) please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Miss M. Reynolds, Dis. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. each). Meeting in the School Room at 6 o'clock. The Rev. A. Scott will conduct the service. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Colley, 14, Ashbourne Road, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to W. Claydon, Hon. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D., Vicar of Otterton. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 23rd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by kind invitation of Herne ringers. If you are coming, please send your names in to Mr. C. Hadlow, Hicks Forstal Farm, Sturry, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible, and not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Pye Street, Bishops Stortford.

**CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.**—The new ring will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Details later.

#### BIRTH.

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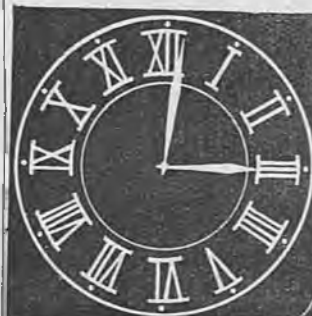
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