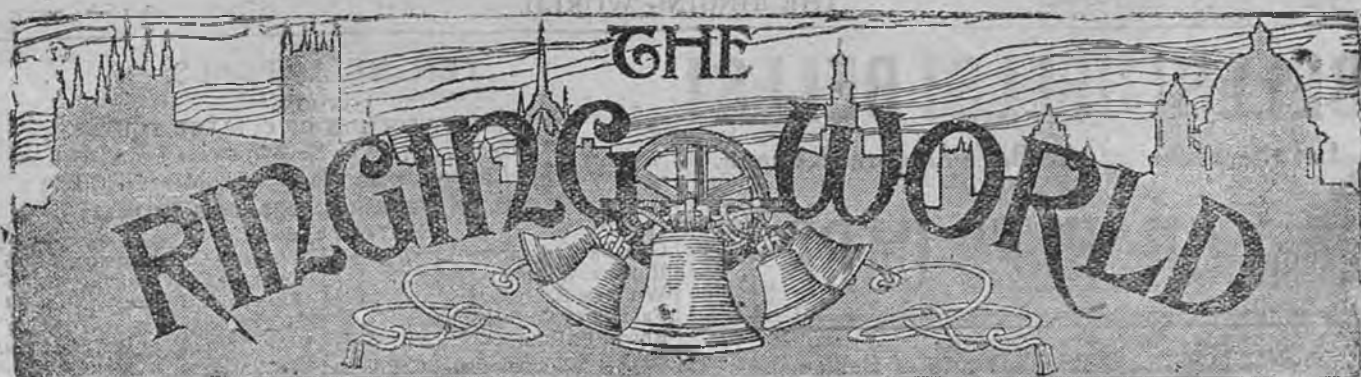




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INSTRUCTORS.

The question raised at the recent meeting of the Hereford Guild as to providing instructors for new ringers is one which ought to occupy a much more prominent place in connection with the work of many of our ringing associations than it actually does. Some of the organisations, it is true, provide facilities for teaching, but there are very few which really give systematic effect to them. Generally, an instructor is more or less indiscriminately appointed, he visits the tower for a certain number of lessons, and leaves the band to their own devices, so that they may or may not thereafter make progress. The association, unfortunately, takes very little interest after the instructor has been appointed.— We have known more than one instance of a band who have had a course of instruction, but who, so far as future effort is concerned, have failed to profit by the trouble expended upon them, and, in fact, have, on the contrary, very quickly slipped backward.

This, not infrequently, is the fault of the association and the lack of organisation to follow up the advantage which has been gained by the instructor's lessons. Except that the rules may provide for sending out paid instructors for helping beginners, few associations have any settled plans for carrying the teaching beyond the very rudiments of the art; indeed, it is often considered that when a band has been instructed in the way to ring a plain method like Bob Minor or Grandsire the responsibilities of the association have been fully discharged. Would it not be to the greater advantage of the Exercise, however, if instruction could be carried some stages further than this?

It may be advanced that, having been initiated into the elements of method ringing, a band ought to have sufficient interest and keenness to go on by themselves. Given the right kind of company, they will probably do so; but the majority of new companies are not so gifted, and in country districts, where they may be some miles removed from the nearest change-ringing tower, the absence of help and the difficulties which confront the beginner not only deter them from further progress, but sometimes result in the evaporation of interest and the gradual dropping away of the men until the band is so depleted that no change-ringing can be done. In some cases the band has, perhaps, to be content to confine its ringing to the one method which the instructor may have taught them. That they are unable to go ahead may be due to their limitations, and not to their fault. What we should like to see is in all associations a scheme for sending out instructors to teach the ringing of higher methods to those who are still unable to get further than plain methods. Why should there not be instructors for Stedman and Double Norwich as well as for Grandsire and Plain Bob?

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON Treble	* WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY... 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3	ERNEST E. BRETT ... 8
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	* ROBERT E. PELLATT... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.

* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	* ALFRED PRIOR 6
REGINALD BROUGH 2	RICHARD BEVAN... .. 7
GEORGE CARD 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5	* EDWARD SMITH Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on ten bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDISRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	REUBEN HALL 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 8
SAMUEL BAKER 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 5	WILLIAM MEEK Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. H. Phelps, R.D., in honour of the 3rd anniversary of his induction as Vicar of Dudley, also to celebrate Mr. H. Sheppard's 25th year as a ringier at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 6
* HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN... .. 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for permission to attempt the peal and Major Wilkinson, the Master of the recently formed society of Bushey Heath, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIXSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS PHILLIPS Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
JAMES FORD 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
*PERCY BRETT-SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Phillips, R. Brett-Smith and J. Ford of the local band, also Mr. C. Dabner, an old ringer, and over 50 years a chorister at this church.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

BERT RYDER Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 3rd, 7th and tenor. This composition, Author's No. 177, is now rung for the first time.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MOOREY Treble	WILLIAM MELVILLE 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 6
MAURICE SMITHER 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 7
CHARLES BISH 4	WILLIAM G. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. FOWLER.

This peal was arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit to Godalming from Christchurch, Hants.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*WILSON RUSHTON Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 6
MISS GLADYS E. BATEMAN 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major.

BLEWBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES 5
THOMAS EAST 2	JAMES S. NAPPER 6
FREDERICK S. MACEY 3	RICHARD G. RICE 7
*ALFRED WEBB 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since before the war.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL J. JENNINGS Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 5
*WILLIAM BARWELL 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILLIAM POYSER 3	WILFRED H. BEXTON 7
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	R. ALLEN HICKTON Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY Treble	ROBERT J. DAWES 5
WILLIAM PELLING 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
ALFRED J. TURNER 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Pelling was re-elected a member of the Association, it being 15 years since he has attempted a peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
*MISS MARY C. BARNES 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
JACK BARNES 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. This peal is Author's No. 172 and is now rung for the first time. Contains the 6th the extent right, without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place. Rung by the local company.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM G. FAREY, JUN. Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. 2	HERBERT RAINBOW 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	HENRY BLUNDELL 7
JOSEPH C. DEAN 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

First peal of Cambridge by all the band, on the bells, and in the town of Northampton. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Rainbow.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JACKSON PALLISTER Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
GEO. W. PEVERELL 2	THOMAS WICK 6
*ALFRED COATES 3	WILLIAM KINGDON 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	ROBT. B. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

* First peal in method. Rung, with bells muffled, at hand stroke, as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Titt. Ringers of 3 and 4 were proposed members of the Association before starting.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD. — On Sunday evening, December 4th, for the evening service, 720 of Doubles (240 each of St. Clement's, St. Simon's, and Grandsire): W. Fayers 1, L. Poulson 2, J. Martin 3, W. Head 4, V. Cornell (conductor) 5.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS Treble	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	GEORGE G. JENKINS 6
REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE 3	CHARLES W. BRETT 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	PERCY J. PAINE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

A birthday peal for Capt. W. Franklyn Helmore, 2nd son of the riager of the 3rd, born Dec. 7th, 1880.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Dec. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	TOM STANCLIFFE 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	*JOHN BLACKSHAW 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	*RICHARD STANCLIFFE ... 7
*TOM CHAMBERS 4	FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by St. Michael's Company. The composition is the Author's No. 164, and is now rung for the first time.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	ARTHUR F. JAMES 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
*WALTER PRIOR 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

Ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7 hail from Saffron Walden, the rest being local men. This peal was arranged for L. E. Pitstow, it being his first Surprise peal and first attempt.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKE'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. EVANS Treble	G. CHAMBERLAIN 5
† J. BLACKMORE 2	W. WORGAN 6
F. ILEY 3	† E. PARKER 7
J. T. DYKE 4	* L. TANNER Tenor

Conducted by E. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First attempt as conductor. Rung on the 31st anniversary of Mr. F. Iley's wedding-day. The band appreciate Prebendary Norton Thompson's kindness for use of bells.

LUTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY WOOD Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
* HARRY WALKER 2	* THOMAS KENDALL 6
* BERT WILSON 3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
ALFRED KING 4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Mollan Williams, Vicar Designate, who was instituted and installed as Vicar on Dec. 12th by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 6
ERNEST J. BROOKS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	EDWIN GOATE 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
CHARLES SAYER 3	THOMAS BECKETT 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	GEORGE SPENCER 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

BOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	* PERCY JERVIS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
GEORGE M. THORPE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 2	WILLIAM MATHEWS 6
GEORGE ESSEX 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	SYDNEY NAILER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

* ALEC J. TAYLOR Treble	* WALTER TAYLOR 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 6
GEORGE GIBBIN 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4	† IVOR PROBERT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER SADLER Treble	FRANK CLAYDEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 3	ERNEST BECKWITH 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method ever rung in Sudbury. Also the first in the method by the Association and first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
GEORGE H. BARKER 2	† GEORGE GRAY 6
* REGINALD DORE 3	* JOSEPH LADLEY 7
* HERBERT J. GRAY 4	HERBERT BAKER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by COL. H. BAKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob with an 'inside' bell.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WOODWARD Treble	WILLIAM HUTTON 5
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 6
WILLIAM G. DAVIS 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Ringer of the 3rd was elected a member previous to starting. This was the first peal on the bells since they were overhauled, the 'go' being now excellent.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MORLEY Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
FRED SMITH 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
ERNEST LANDON 3	EDWARD SHERRATT 7
GEORGE CRAWLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by C. H. PAGE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the ringers wish to thank Mr. Slater, of Congleton, for having everything in readiness.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
RICHARD MORGAN 3	HENRY SIMMONS 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	* FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Dr. Hy. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, and Vice-President of the above Association.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, F. Ely 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD H. KING Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
CALEB FENN 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6
* WILLIAM G. JACKSON ... 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
HENRY E. PARKER 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 7th, who celebrated their golden wedding on Dec. 2nd.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	* HERBERT J. ELDRED ... 5
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 2	HARRY MILLER 6
FRANK A. MILNE 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 4	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Crane. This is the first attempt for a peal on these bells since they have been a ring of eight.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CLEAL'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* MISS STELLA DISNEY ... Treble	† TOM ATKINS 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... 6
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7
HENRY BRIGGS 4	WILLIAM BRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Three generations of the Briggs' family took part in this peal. The ringers congratulate Miss Disney (daughter of the Rector) on her excellent ringing throughout the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Doub 1 Oxford, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt 9.

* FRED GARDNER Treble	† FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	JOHN TAYLOR 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTONE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	CHARLES MORTIMER ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	PEARLE INSKIP 5
FRANK WEBB 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Sibley 1, R. B. Bailey 2, W. H. Austin 3, W. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. J. Dove 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We desire to draw the special attention of correspondents to the fact that all matter intended for publication in our issue of December 30th should reach us as early as possible next week.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE STOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A

*WALLACE COUSINS Treble	GRAHAM SPRATT 4
ALFRED BACON 2	†CLAUDE COUSINS 5
HARRY PORTER 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. E. SUGG Treble	*R. E. SUGG 4
W. T. LUCAS 2	B. T. JEANES 5
W. GIGG 3	H. CHAPPLE Tenor

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Mr. Chapple has been a member of the local band for 32 years. First peal on the bells.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire, each called differently.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	†SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4
*JOHN HAYES 2	*ARTHUR NEWELL 5
*FRANK FOX 3	*GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. The bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'go' bow is perfect.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK RUFFLES Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 4
ERNEST CURTIS 2	PERCY POTTER 5
*GEORGE STANNARD 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS ANNIE PARKINS Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	TOM TEBBUTT 5
MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and twelve 120's of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*FRANK LEWIN Treble	MATTHIAS HOBES 3
*HERBERT F. WAINWRIGHT 2	†WILLIAM R. LAWRENCE 4
CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells since 1914.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	*WILLIAM TILLEY 4
*ERNEST WRIGHT 2	†JOSEPH LONDON 5
†ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	†WALTER A. DAY Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First peal by a local band in the tower, and all are Sunday service ringers. * First peal of Minor. † First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Fulbeck Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD W. PORTER Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE 4
GEORGE SCOTT 2	CALEB L. SIMCOCK 5
CHARLES W. BAINES 3	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* First peal in six methods. Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST WEATHERBY 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
*JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	*RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6	*WILLIAM L. GOFTON 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON, Umpire: GEORGE R. HOLMES.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal on handbells by W. L. Gofton. This is the first peal of Cinques on handbells by all the band and by the Association.

ILKLEY.—At All Saints', Ilkley, on Nov. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Rayner 1, Mac Crawshaw 2, W. Naylor 3, R. Naylor 4, H. Crawshaw 5, T. Grange 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, M. Hodgson 8. The first touch of any length attempted by the company, all of whom are new ringers except the conductor. This touch qualifies all the ringers for membership of the Yorkshire Association.

KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

With much regret we record the death of Mr. Fred Hayes, of Milton-next-Gravesend. He caught a cold, pneumonia set in, and he died on Thursday, December 1st, after quite a short illness.

Fred Hayes had been connected with ringing practically all his life, his association with Milton Parish Church extending over 40 years. He was a member of the Kent County Association for the whole of his ringing career, and had been a member of the College Youths since 1886. Only last month he journeyed to London for the College Youths Dinner, and remarked that it was the best he had attended. It was very singular that on that occasion he had his first and last pull on twelve bells at St. Giles', Cripplegate. As a ringer he was very safe, and his first thought was Sunday Service ringing. During later years he suffered with slight deafness, and found this a drawback at times in visiting a strange tower. Of how many peals he rang he did not himself keep a record, but during the past nine years the writer has rung over 30 with him, and can claim some knowledge of his ringing capabilities, comradeship, and good nature. He walked miles to further the cause of the Exercise, and how many ringers he has taught it would, indeed, be hard to say. In all his wanderings no bells were the equal of his favourite peal of six at Milton-next-Gravesend, and he will be sadly and sorely missed in many towers in the district.

He was buried on Tuesday, December 5th, amid many manifestations of sympathy. The first part of the burial service was read at Milton Parish Church under the shadow of whose tower he lived and died, and where he had done much yeoman service in the cause of ringing. The remains were afterwards interred in the beautiful cemetery at Swanscombe in the family grave. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, among them being wreaths from Dartford, St. Stephen's, Baling, W., Swanscombe, Gravesend, Northfleet, Shorne, and a large bell from his past and present comrades at Milton-next-Gravesend. Mr. Hayes led a life that was well worth following, and now, at the age of 60 years, his earthly peal has finished.

By special request of the bereaved widow, the bells at his favourite tower were not rung during the time he lay dead, nor on the day of the funeral.

CHISLEHURST. — Kent County Association.—On Monday, Nov. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Phillips 1, J. Bond 2, *P. Brett-Smith 3, H. Durling 4, R. S. Goodchild 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 7, *F. Groombridge 8. * First quarter-peal on tower bells.

THE NEW KNIGHTS OF JERUSALEM.

For the third year in succession eight members of the Exercise met at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. T. McLean), on Dec. 9th, to celebrate the capture of Jerusalem by the Allies during the war. On the second anniversary of that event, in 1919, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in commemoration, whilst last year, on 'the day,' the same band met at the unveiling of a very fine peal board, which had been erected to record the peal.

This year, on Friday, December 9th, the band met again, and were welcomed at the church by the Rev. G. E. B. Mort, curate. A fine quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the following, standing in the same order as in the peal: C. T. Coles, A. K. Harrison, E. H. King, W. J. Kemp, H. J. Walton, A. R. Macdonald, A. D. Barker (conductor), A. W. Coles.

Afterwards, in company with the towerkeeper, Mr. A. Riley, a move was made to the Alexandra Hotel, Victoria Park Road, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed, followed by reminiscences, etc., and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

The 'eight,' it should be noted, all served during the war with H.M. Forces in the East, and they hope to be able to celebrate this day together for many years to come.

Thanks are due to the Rector and curate at St. John's Church for making it convenient for the bells to be rung on the actual date necessary, and to Mr. Riley for having all in readiness. C.

DATE TOUCHES.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—On November 28th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a date touch of 1921 changes of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 25 mins.: Emma Franklin 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, S. Chapman 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp 5, F. Freeman 6, J. Hazell 7, W. Mathews (conductor) 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Nov. 2nd, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of 1921 St. Dunstan's Doubles: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, G. W. Hastings 6.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs. — On Monday, November 28th, a date touch of 1921 changes of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: H. H. Robinson 1, J. R. Taylor 2, J. Morley 3, E. W. Hutchinson 4, W. Taylor (conductor) 5, J. Gornell 6. Longest length for the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new treble, weighing 6 cwt. 3 gr., has been cast by Mr. Thomas Bond, of Burford, Oxon, and added to the peal of five at Ilmington, near Shipston-on-Stour, where the bells were rehung by Mr. Bond in 1902. The new bell bears the inscription: 'Thanks be to God who giveth us victory and peace. A. N. Warner, Rector; H. L. Terry, Ringing Master.'

A peal of London Surprise was rung at Kidderminster on Saturday as a compliment to Mr. T. J. Salter, on the completion of 40 years as a ringer, and 35 years as a Sunday Service ringer at the Parish Church. Mr. Salter is one of the few ringers who have rung 100 peals in their own tower. This he accomplished 14 years ago. It is 20 years since a peal of London was rung on the bells at Kidderminster, which, by the way, was Mr. W. Short's first peal of London. In those days, Kidderminster had one of the most progressive hands in the country.

The talented Gofton family have added yet another to their achievements, by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. The fact that we are getting accustomed to 'family' peals in no way detracts from the interest or the merit of the performance, and congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to these skilful ringers.

The suggestion made in our issue of November 17th, that Bristol would be a very suitable point for a 'triangular' dinner seems to have borne some fruit. We learn that a meeting is being held to-night in Bristol, to which all Guilds in that city have been invited to send a representative. It is probable that an announcement will appear in our notice columns next week, and, if this should prove to be the case, the Bristol ringers deserve hearty support from members of London and Provincial Societies for their enterprise.

It would be very appropriate if Mr. C. H. Horton (well known in Bristol, and a past Master of the College Youths), who reminded the Bristolians of their need for activities, would honour the gathering with his presence, and take with him a party from London. It is quite certain that if an annual dinner is instituted at Bristol it will be of the highest order.

Mr. E. H. Arnold, hon. secretary of the Westbury Bells Restoration Fund, writes: 'I am naturally delighted to hear of the splendid use Mr. Fussell made of the 118 miniature bells I sold him on our dedication festival, but I thought I should like to correct the impression that just over "100" were sold. We actually sold 2,450, and they were in demand after I parted with the last 100 to Mr. Fussell. In fact, I re-collected 20 for pressing buyers, the whole helping our fund to the extent of £30. The miniatures were sold at 3d. each.'

RINGER'S DEATH IN THE BELFRY.

TRAGIC ENDING OF A PEAL AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

We deeply regret to record the sudden death, in the bell chamber of Manchester Cathedral, on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, of one of the ringers, Mr. Richard Massey, who was 40 years of age.

An attempt was being made for a peal of Grandsire Caters which Mr. Massey was conducting, the ringing being in honour of the quinqucentenary of the Cathedral. The band were: C. McLoughlan 1, R. Massey (conductor) 2, R. Ravenscroft 3, W. Owen 4, J. Simpkins 5, H. Arden 6, W. C. Bridgeford 7, W. Sanders 8, A. Ridyard 9, J. Wright 10.

After ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins., Mr. Massey was seen to collapse and fall backward, his head striking the mat near the door, and his rope flying all over the room. In the excitement of the unexpected happening, it was a minute or so before anyone could go to Mr. Massey's help.

Every effort was then made to bring him round, but it was found he was beyond aid. Some difficulty was experienced in getting the deceased down the staircase to the ambulance. A doctor, who was called, said Mr. Massey died of a blood clot on the brain, caused by a degenerated artery, and death might have occurred at any time, at home or at business. An open verdict was given at the inquest.

The deceased was buried at St. Luke's, Cheetham, and many friends of the deceased and scholars from the Cathedral Sunday School attended.

The floral tribute from the ringers was in the shape of a bell, made of white chrysanthemums, with a clapper of red roses.

A memorial service was held on Sunday morning, when the bells were muffled.

To the deceased's wife and two children the Exercise will extend their deepest sympathy.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Williams, for many years a ringer at North Cerney, Gloucester, took place on November 11th, when a half-muffled quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles was rung at the Parish Church by A. Dowdeswell 1, O. Bliss 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, J. Miller 5, W. Peachey 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DISTRICT AT BRADFORD.

On Saturday, December 10th, the association were invited to Bradford Cathedral to the ringers' opening of the glorious peal of ten bells recently recast by Taylor to the memory of the men who fell in the great war. This magnificent ring proved a great attraction, and were heard during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods.

A short service was held in the Cathedral, attended by most of the visitors present, when the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Stanton Jones, gave a very inspiring address. At 5 p.m., about 250 members and friends sat down to tea in the Captain Street Schools.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president of the district) in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president), and other officers. Several ringers were admitted as members of the association. No invitation being forthcoming for the annual district meeting to be held in March, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee to select a place.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Bradford and wardens for the invitation and use of the bells and schoolroom, on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Archdeacon Stanton Jones expressed his sorrow at the tea-tables that he could not stay to the meeting, and said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers to Bradford. He remarked that these meetings did a great deal of good, and said how helpful the quiet hour was that they had spent in the Cathedral that afternoon.

The Rev. C. O. Marshall, in moving a vote of thanks to the local ringers and ladies who assisted with the tea, said being now an old ringer he felt quite competent to judge a good ringers' tea as regards the quality and price. It was going back to the olden days when ringers used to cater and entertain the visitors, and he hoped it would be a precedent for future meetings.—Mr. J. Lawson, in seconding, said he had heard nothing but praise that day as to the beautiful tone and 'go' of the bells. It looked like old times again to see so many present, and did great credit to the Bradford ringers. He hoped it would be an incentive to other companies to make the Yorkshire meetings the same as they used to be.

Mr. Harvey, of the local company, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to see so many there, and hoped it would not be long before they had another meeting at Bradford. No doubt some of the visitors that day would not have the chance of ringing, but they would be welcomed at any practice on a Tuesday night, or at any other time.

A sub-committee was chosen to deal with the question of a wedding present (a model of a bell, or something similar, to be used as a gong) from the Yorkshire ringers to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles.

The Chairman remarked that the present Ringing Master (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was retiring owing to the fact that he was now the general secretary of the association, and hoped members would look round and nominate someone for the position, due notice of which would be given on the circular for the March meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The room at the Talbot Hotel, reserved for handbell ringing and social intercourse, was taken full advantage of. Stedman and Grand-sire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major were rattled off in great style. The meeting was the most successful ever held in the district.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Barnsley on Saturday, Dec. 10th, when the following towers were represented: Arksey, Bolsterstone, Crofton, Darfield, Doncaster, Hoylandswaine, All Saints', Sheffield; Rawmarsh, Wath and Wortley, and good practice was obtained in Bob Major, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples, while later in the evening the six-bell experts of the neighbourhood had a turn to themselves. A short service was held, at which the Vicar officiated, and gave a short address, in which much good counsel and advice was given.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) being in the chair.—Mr. W. Marsden (Hoylandswaine) and Mr. H. Crossland (Cawthorne) were elected members.

An invitation having been received from Handsworth to hold a meeting there, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the division at that place on the third Saturday in March 1922.

Mr. Willey presented the result of his endeavours, on behalf of the David Breasley Memorial Fund, and was heartily thanked for his efforts and the trouble he had taken for this worthy object.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the address, and to Mr. C. D. Potter for his kindness in making all arrangements, brought the meeting to a close, after which the majority of the visitors were the guests of Mr. Potter for a pleasant hour.

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for ringing. With several new arrivals, the whole company adjourned to that tower, and several touches and courses of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, and Bristol and Cambridge Surprise were rung. The meeting was thus turned into a success, from a ringing point of view, in addition to the success as a social event already assured to it.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The subject this week is Double Court: The bell the treble turns from lead hunts up $\frac{x}{2} + 1$ places, makes the place, changes with the treble in the middle; she then hunts $x-1$ places if she crosses the treble or $x-3$ places if she does not cross the treble and dodges, and continues to do this until the treble turns her from lead or behind.

These rules will ring the method on all even numbers, and on odd numbers also, by ignoring fractions and taking the next whole number above and crossing the treble and bell in the hunt between the making of the places.

In Minor, x equals 6. $\frac{x}{2} + 1$ is four, make fourth's place change with the treble in the middle, make third's, hunt $x-1$, that is, five places and dodge, 3 more places and dodge, 5 more places and dodge and treble turns you.

In Triples, $x=7$. $\frac{x}{2}$ is 3½, call it four.

Major Caters and Maximus produce four blows in front and behind, and are, therefore, useless.

Royal $\frac{x}{2} + 1$ equals 6, and $x-1$ equals nine

These rules will ring the method; what do they tell us about its extension?

From 6 to 7 add a bell in the hunt and hunt two more places between the dodges, that is, hunt one more place, for each added bell from 6 to 10, add four places to the dodging.

This proves that the extension of a double method with a plain hunt treble is simply the extension of the plain hunting between the dodges in proportion to the number of bells added, and so again the practical and theoretical extension agree.

I now think anyone can prove the same truth for Double Bob for themselves, and next week I shall deal with Double Oxford.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Law James is ambiguous. What does he mean when he says 'we have to take both (rival theories) into account?' Does he mean (1) that after the theoretical extension of a method has been obtained it is necessary to take into account its ringing value before starting to practise it? If so, we should, of course, all agree, but it hardly seems necessary to have mentioned so obvious a fact.

Or (2) is he trying to bring home to the practical ringer the value of the scientist's efforts on his behalf by pointing out that the scientific extension is likely to appeal to the ringer by producing on all numbers similar work on the part of individual bells occurring in the same order? His illustration seems to suggest this, and it is a valuable addition to the points mentioned in my last letter.

Or (3) there is another possibility which I should hesitate to suggest owing to its utter absurdity, were it not that others of our recognised experts appear by their writings to have fallen into the heresy. Does he really mean that the investigator is to try to combine in his extension mathematical considerations with the requirements of practical ringing? To this the answer is simply that the extension of a method is either a mathematical process or it is not. Mathematics will allow no half-hearted following. You must go wherever it leads you, or you must leave it alone altogether.

Holbeton Vicarage.

E. S. POWELL.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE BELLS OF ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and Loudon Diocesan Guild met at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 10th, and a good company of ringers attended in the hope of a pull on this historic peal of bells. Unfortunately, however, the bad 'go' of the tenor made the ringing anything but pleasurable, so that the touches rung were limited to a few of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples.

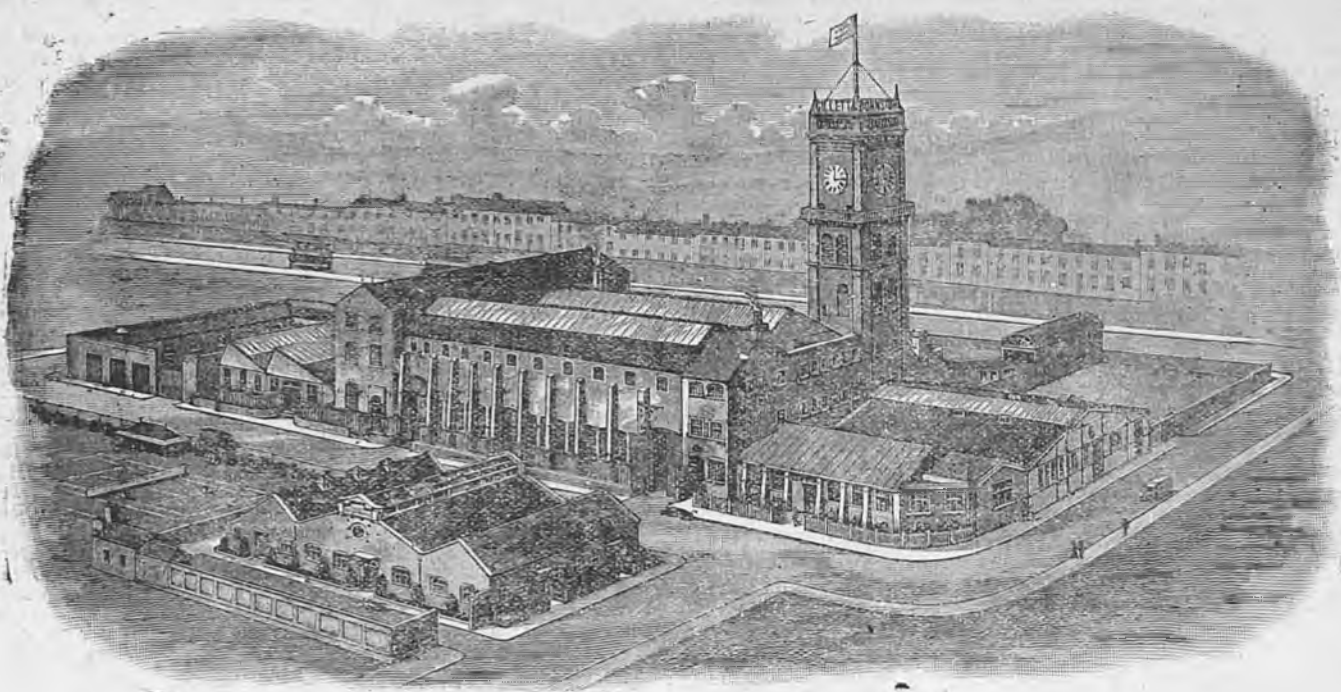
A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Parker), who afterwards presided at tea, in company with the churchwardens. A very nice meal had been prepared, and was much enjoyed after the hard work of the afternoon. A course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells by Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, J. Thomas and B. S. Thompson.

At the subsequent business meeting, two new members were elected. A hope was expressed that something might be done to put the bells into ringing order again, and, in replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar stated that the matter would be given serious thought. The great difficulty was the expense, as the church was situated in a very poor neighbourhood, but they would see what could be done. He stated that he was sorry that not much ringing could be done that afternoon, as they had looked forward to the visit of the society.

By the kindness of the Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and Mr. J. Raynor, steeplekeeper, the bells at that church were made available (Continued in preceding column.)

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THE C. H. HATTERSLEY MEMORIAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The remarks contained in your issue of December 9th, written by A. T. Baker, can be assessed at the same value as those of a spoilt child, who cries because it cannot have all its own way. They are simply the outcome of personal feeling on the part of one who walked out of the Cathedral tower because another member of 35-40 years' standing dared to say two words in reply to Mr. Baker during an argument.

He states that he only incidentally mentioned the matter of a memorial dinner outside the committee meetings, so that evidently his abilities in that sphere were not a success, as he hadn't the strength of conviction to bring the matter forward in a proper manner.

It is still the wish and desire of those intimately connected with the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley to hold a commemorative dinner, but it is obvious to us that the initiation of such a scheme is more exhaustive and expensive than the continuance of those at present in vogue, especially so, when we wish to make it a success that would correspond with the esteem in which the late gentleman was held by his many friends.

The fact of your article in the issue of October 14th advertising the C.H.H. Library, and the willingness with which we are pleased to lend any books to those who desire them, certainly disposes of the selfish creed which we are alleged to possess; also, we might add, applications for volumes from our library collection have been so numerous lately that we have reluctantly been unable to satisfy the demand.

Bearing in mind that with a view to economy, and as an example to other bodies, the Sheffield Cutlers Company decided to postpone their annual function this year, we did not think that the present was a suitable time for the inauguration of a memorial dinner, but we feel sure of the support of those who really know us immediately we are able to carry same out.

In conclusion, may we add that 'A.T.B.' is not gifted with Sheffield birth, that he will have to measure 'six-feet' very quickly if he does not desire to see a 'C.H.H. Memorial Dinner.'—Yours faithfully,

COLIN HARRISON, W. LOMAS, G. HOLMES, J. THORPE,
L. CHARLESWORTH, R. HARRISON, W. BUR-
GAR, F. WARD, S. SEED, H. THORPE, S. PALMER,
H. NAYLOR.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual social of the Preston Branch was held at Chorley on Saturday last, and was in every way a complete success. The bells of the Parish Church and of St. Mary's (R.C.) were available from 2 till 5, and the first named were utilised again from 5.45 to 6.30, whilst the second sitting for tea was in progress. Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich and London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung during the afternoon. It is rather a pity that the 'go' of the bells at St. Mary's is affected by the excessive vibration of the tower, and in consequence there is no regular ringing at this church.

Tea was served in the Gymnasium of the Church Institute, and the attendance was rather startling to the organisers, no less than 127 adults and nine children sitting down. However, the caterer was equal to his task, and the tables were loaded with good things which, needless to add, rapidly disappeared from view. A second sitting was necessary for a few owing to limitations of the seating accommodation. Tea over, a whist drive took place in the upper room, about 100 taking part, the caterer very kindly presenting the prizes. The successful players were: Ladies: 1 Mrs. Martin, 2 Miss Kearney. Gentlemen: 1 Mr. Cliffe, 2 Mr. Wm. Nelson. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and singing, a small ringers' orchestra providing the music. These gentlemen, who deserve a special word of praise, considering they had not previously played together, were Messrs. Jas. and Percy Watkinson, of Leyland, violin and clarinet; J. H. Gartside, of Chorley, piano. Handbell selections were rendered by Mr. Booth and his daughter, of Standish, and drew an encore on each occasion. Songs were rendered by Miss Gartside, Messrs. Jas. Miller and J. Watkinson.

At an interval, Mr. Lofthouse read an apology for absence from the Rector of Chorley (the Rev. Archdeacon Allen), who was confined to the house with a chill.

Mr. J. T. Miller of Leyland, then proposed a hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Rectors of the Parish Church and St. Mary's for the use of their bells; and, secondly, to the Chorley ringers for their very complete arrangements made for the social.—This was seconded by Mr. R. Sanderson, of Preston, and was unanimously carried. Mr. Lofthouse suitably acknowledging the motion.

The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem, about 11 p.m., everyone voting the affair, what is called in Lancashire, 'A grandly good do.'

It will certainly not be the last 'annual' social for the Preston branch. The large attendance represented some twelve towers, along with the ringers' wives and lady friends.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Swancombe, on December 3rd, when a good number of ringers attended. A short service was held in the church, and the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward), an hon. member of the association, welcomed the members to his parish, and gave an eloquent address. The organist, Mr. C. Horridge, also attended. The Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward invited the ringers to tea, and 36 sat down to an excellent spread.

Prior to the business meeting, the district secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, informed the members of the death, that had taken place two days previously, of Mr. Fred Hayes, of Milton-next-Gravesend, one of the oldest members of the association in the district. He reminded them that he (the speaker) had been associated with the late Mr. Hayes at the same tower ever since he was a ringer, and was a pupil of his, and was in a position to speak of his excellent qualities. A good ringer, Mr. Hayes loved a good peal, but his first thought was for Sunday Service ringing, and now that death had claimed him, he proposed that the district's deepest sympathy be extended to the bereaved widow, and to Mr. George Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper.—The proposition was carried in silence by all standing.

The Rector took the chair for the meeting, and four new members were elected.

The secretary's report and balance sheet held over from the annual meeting were read and adopted.

Three towers were proposed for the next meeting, and on a vote being taken, Rainham was chosen, the meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th February. In the event of Rainham not being obtained the alternative tower is to be Gillingham.

The Secretary stated that the district's total to date for the county war memorial was £6 3s. 9d.

A discussion was initiated by Mr. W. Harper regarding the date of the annual general meeting of the association, and from the remarks it was clear that the meeting were not in favour of the date.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Campbell Ward and the Rector for so kindly entertaining them to tea, also to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

—In replying, the Rector said it gave them great pleasure to receive the district, and regretted that there were not more there, and he hoped their next visit would be in the summer, so that they could have a large gathering, and he and Mrs. Ward would be pleased to entertain them on the lawn.—The secretary promised to remember this.

A collection for the Gravesend Bell Restoration Fund realised £1.

Ringings continued until 9 o'clock, and all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung. Forty members attended during the ringings, including members from Lewisham district, and Prittlewell, Essex. It would hardly be a meeting of Rochester district without the latter ringers.

DEATH OF MR. C. CHAPMAN, CHALFONT.

The death has occurred at Chalfont St. Giles, of Mr. Charles Chapman, who was for upwards of 25 years a member of the Parish Church belfry, and also for some years a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Deceased, who was 46 years of age, had suffered from heart trouble for some time, and passed away in his sleep on the night of Wednesday, November 30th. He had been at his work as usual during the day, and on the previous Sunday evening rang the treble to a 720 of Minor before the service. He was much respected in the village, being of a quiet and obliging disposition, and was very regular in attendance for the Sunday Service ringing, and also at the services.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th, in the picturesque little churchyard of this old-world village, the Rector (the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall) taking the service, and the ringers acting as bearers. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath of chrysanthemums. 'In remembrance and with deep sympathy from his brother ringers.' The bells were rung muffled, after the service, and during the evening. The sympathy of the Chalfont ringers; and, in fact, of everyone in the parish goes out to Mrs. Chapman and her young family in their sad bereavement.

NAMES OF METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The following further claims have been made, and I submit them to the Exercise:—

Page 6, No. 17th, Horsmonden; Page 10, No. 9, Nelson (not Denton); Page 10, No. 11, Woodcock's Victory; Page 19, No. 24, Duke of Clarence (not Armley); Page 20, No. 25, Woodside Delight; Page 20, No. 27, London Victory (not Sutton); Page 20, No. 28, Middlewood Delight; Page 25, No. 18, Beeston Castle; Page 25, No. 20, Pevril Castle; Page 26, No. 22, Lensowe Castle.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Deane, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 720 each of the methods, Nos. 25 and 28, on page 20 in the Central Council's Collection, which were named respectively, Woodside Delight and Middlewood Delight, was rung by W. Green 1, H. Chamberlin 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, T. Hilton 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for the morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of **Stedman Triples**, in 4 mins.: H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom 2, W. Lawrence 3, C. Edwards 4, H. Belcher 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, L. Harris 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on the anniversary of his birthday.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, Dec. 11th, for evening service, 1,260 **Stedman Triples**, in 40 mins.: W. E. Judd 1, E. E. Holman 2, H. Dyas 3, H. Belcher 4, H. J. Eldred 5, W. H. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 11th, for morning service, 336 **Bob Major**, conducted by C. Ross.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Triples**: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Strickland 4, A. E. Hull 5, W. Gibson 6, C. Ross (conductor) 7, H. Blee 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for dedication service, 720 **Kent Treble Bob**: Miss A. Dale 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, Miss K. Jutson 3, E. Tilley 4, W. Waldron 5, F. Rawlinson (conductor) 6. Also 360 **Oxford Treble Bob**, and 180 **Plain Bob**: Miss D. Dale 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, Miss K. Jutson 3, Miss A. Dale 4, W. Waldron 5, F. Rawlinson (conductor) 6.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, 580 **Bob Major**: J. Simmonds 1, W. Scott, senr. 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr. 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. Chambers 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 720 **Bob Minor**: C. Thorley, junr. 1, A. Woods 2, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 3, A. Darley 4, W. Sleight 5, W. Hobson 6, F. J. Hinds (tenor covering).—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, 720 **Bob Minor**: W. Hobson 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, C. Thorley, junr. (first 720 on inside bell) 6, F. J. Hinds (tenor covering).

LETONSTONE.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, for morning service, on Nov. 27th, 720 **Ipswich Surprise**: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, P. H. Avey 2, E. Smith 3, A. Prior 4, W. Miller 5, G. Dawson 6. For evening service, 720 **Cambridge Surprise**: W. Riches 1, P. H. Avey 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller 5, E. Smith 6.

FOLKESTONE.—For evening service, on Nov. 20th, at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eaneswyth, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Triples**, from Holt's Original, in 46 mins.: J. Henley 1, W. Lawrence (West Ealing) 2, Miss Ethel Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Kedwell 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Nov. 20th, a quarter-peal of **Stedman Caters** (1,299 changes) in 54 mins.: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, R. Coles 3, E. Markham 4, G. Twicken 5, E. R. Coles 6, G. White 7, P. S. C. A. Smith (first quarter away from tenor) 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, F. Boxell 10.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 1,056 **Kent Treble Bob Major**: A. Henman 1, G. Lines 2, H. Meadows 3, H. Saddington 4, M. Norton 5, J. Saddington 6, B. J. Saddington 7, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, at St. Thomas' Church, 720 **Bob Minor**, 6-8 covering, for evening service: W. A. Pugh 1, A. J. Skelding 2, C. W. Cooper 3, G. Skelding 4, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 5, H. Bridgens 6, A. W. Dodd 7, G. Grazier 8.

LINSLADE.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 700 **Oxford Bob Triples** in 30 mins.: F. Buttram 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Pickers 3, J. Bear 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman (composer and conductor) 6, W. Jeffs 7, A. E. Seddon 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 518 **Grandsire Triples**: T. T. Hayward 1, W. Farley 2, S. M. Loxton 3, A. E. Mills 4, F. S. Loxton 5, E. G. Lush 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. W. Cave 8. For evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, 518 **Grandsire Triples**: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, W. J. Mills 3, H. Fry 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, H. G. Farley 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, November 20th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending divine service at St. Chad's Church, 701 **Grandsire Caters**: R. Chilton 1, G. Byolin 2, G. Jones 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, D. J. Boucher 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. Longest length of **Grandsire Caters** by 1, 4, 5, 8, 7 and 8.—Also 168 of **Stedman Triples**, 287 **Grandsire Caters**.—For evening service, 168 of **Stedman Triples**, and two courses of **Stedman Caters**: G. Byolin 1, G. Jones 2, S. Snelson 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, D. J. Boucher 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley 9, R. Chilton 10. First course of **Stedman Caters** by 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and tenor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 1,260 **Grandsire Triples**: *F. Darby 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, A. Arnold 3, C. Kippin 4, J. W. Trappitt 5, R. Whittington 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, F. J. Trappitt 8. * First quarter-peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Doubles**: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Crowder 4, H. J. Norgate 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8. After meeting short for Triples, 6 8 covering.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, November 20th, 1,320 **Kent Treble Bob Royal**, in 52 mins.: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, A. Cutmore 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, W. E. Judd 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, F. Skevington 8, A. Harding 9, H. Belcher 10.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of **Bob Major** (1,264 changes), in 42 mins.: *S. D. Breeze 1, *H. Wincote 2, J. W. Fruin 3, *C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, *F. W. Goodfellow 6, *L. Page 7, *Robt. Fardon 8. * First quarter **Bob Major**.

ST. MARY'S, BLECHINGLEY.—On Sunday evening, November 20th, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Triples** (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Kirby 1, L. F. Goodwin 2, W. J. Wilson 3, A. Wood 4, T. J. Coppard 5, F. Balcombe 6, F. Rice (conductor) 7, J. Balcombe 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 26th, a quarter-peal of **Kent Treble Bob Major** (1,280 changes) was rung in 50 mins., by: T. Hill 1, H. Springate 2, R. Hogarth 3, F. Richardson 4, S. Shellock 5, F. Belsey 6, Ctr-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M. (conductor), 7, C. Norris 8. First quarter of **Treble Bob** by the local band.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on November 13th, 720 **Oxford Treble Bob**: C. Bowen 1, Alice Wheelodon 2, Alice Preston 3, W. Wheelodon, senr., 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston 6. For evening service, 720 **Kent Treble Bob**: W. Wheelodon, junr., 5, the rest as above. Both conducted by Alice Preston.

CLEATOR MOOR.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, 720 **Bob Minor**, in commemoration of the Armistice, and in memory of our glorious dead, with bells fully muffled: F. H. Tembey 1, J. C. Joyce 2, T. H. Kewley 3, W. Myers 4, D. Atkinson 5, J. Kewley 6, J. Hutchinson (conductor) 7, R. Bortowdale 8, 6-8 covering.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

294 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567		
S 762453	2	
347562	1	
S 523647	1	
785423	1	
S 327546	2	
S 563427	1	
275346	2	
752346	4	
S 847235	2	
526347	1	
475632	2	
S 234567	2	

L. HEAD.

1,200 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	R
23564	—	1		
52436	—		1	
52364	—	1		
35426	—			1
35264	—	1		
42356	—			1
25463	—	1		
34256	—			1
45362	—	1		
23456	—			1

J. A. TROLLOPE.

1,248 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
42635	—	—	—	
36245	—	—	—	
23564	—	—	—	
35264	—	—	—	
32564	—	—	S	
23465	—	—	—	
34265	—	—	—	
35248	—	—	—	
52346	—	—	—	
53246	—	—	S	
42356	—	—	—	
23456	—	—	—	

F. W. ROGERS.

720 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR.

2345	W	4th	O	I	H
4235	—	—	—	—	
3425	—	—	—	—	
2534	—	—	—	—	
5432	—	—	—	—	
3542	—	—	—	—	
2345	—	—	—	—	

The above is also the calling for Oarlisle, York or Durham, and, repeated, with S at the last H, will run to Bob Minor.

C. SEVERN.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The last meeting of the year for the Stockport Branch was held at St. Paul's, Staley, on Saturday, December 10th, about forty members being present. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sheriff), through indisposition, the service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The usual tea and business meeting followed, with Mr. J. H. Jackson in the chair.

Much useful discussion took place, as to the best way in which fresh methods may be mastered. This was the result of a question raised by the local ringers, who are desirous of making progress.

It was unanimously resolved that the annual branch meeting shall in future be the first meeting of each year instead of the last, as formerly was the case, and the next meeting will be held at Norbury on Feb. 11th, 1922.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

The bells (eight) were well requisitioned, but to ring them is 'labour,' not 'capital,' and it is to be hoped that in the near future the authorities will call in the bell hangers. The local ringers are keen, and, though at present they ring only Grandsire, they strive to maintain the essential of all ringing—good striking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North-West District of the Essex Association was held at Saffron Walden, visitors joining the local company from Cambridge, Newmarket, Sawston, Ely, Bishop's Stortford, Royston, Stansted and Rickling, to take advantage of the opportunity of ringing on the twelve bells. The Vicar (the Rev. L. Hughes) conducted a short service, and the Rev. G. M. Benton gave an address on the use of bells. Miss Dennis presided at the organ. After tea, at the Abbey Temperance Hotel, the business meeting was held, the Vicar being supported in the chair by the Rev. G. M. Benton, Mr. F. Pittow (Master of the Saffron Walden company), Mr. F. J. Pittow (general secretary and treasurer of the Association), Mr. F. Dench (district secretary), Mr. R. A. Strong (secretary of the Saffron Walden company) and Miss V. Shorter (general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association). The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to help in furthering the cause of bell ringing, which, he said, had been going on solely as an English art for several centuries.

Mr. F. Pittow and Mr. F. Dench were re-elected Master and secretary respectively of the district, and the Rev. G. M. Benton was elected an honorary member. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to make the meeting both interesting and successful.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at Roydon and Hunsdon in the New Year.

DEATH OF A SHILDON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. E. J. Titt, which took place on November 18th, at his residence, King Edward Street, Shildon, after a few days' illness. The deceased was 67 years of age. On Sunday, November 20th, his remains were laid to rest in St. John's Churchyard, near the tower, under the sound of the bells he loved so well, and amid many tokens of sorrow and respect. A short touch on handbells was rung over the open grave at the conclusion of the service.

Deceased learned to ring at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, and was conductor for several years. On his removal to Shildon, in 1900, the people of St. John's were contemplating building a new tower and installing a peal of bells. He got together a band of young men, and taught them change ringing in his own house, and, obtaining practice at Bishop Auckland on the tower bells, they were able to ring for both services on the first Sunday after the new bells had been dedicated. Deceased became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1884, and was also a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He took part in 32 peals, conducting 4. By his death the church has lost a keen worker, and the ringers a friend whom to know was to love. The deepest sympathy goes out to the sorrowing widow and family.

On December 7th a muffled peal was rung on the bells of Shildon Parish Church.

HEREFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Hereford district was held at Moreton-on-Lugg, on Saturday, December 3rd, members being present from Madley, Holmer, Wellington, Lugwardine Hereford and Burghill. The bells are a light peal of six (tenor 7 cwt.), by Mears and Stainbank, but the ropes hang in an indifferent circle, the third being in the centre of the ringing chamber, so that it is not an ideal place for change ringing. Several 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were brought round; also a 720 of Bob Minor, the first on the bells, which was rung in 26 minutes by Ivor Probert 1, W. H. Symonds 2, C. Edwards 3, W. Williams 4, H. J. Taylor 5, F. Arrowsmith 6. This would be an ideal tower for some special conductor to call a peal of Minor blindfolded.

DEATH OF MR. A. SHUTTLEWORTH.

Mr. Abraham Shuttleworth, for 40 years a ringer at Widford, Essex, has recently passed away. On Wednesday, December 7th, a band met at the Parish Church to ring a memorial peal, but were prevented from starting on account of a C.E.M.S. meeting. However, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, was rung by A. Edwards 1, P. Timson 2, C. Pease 3, J. Wood 4, A. Head 5, E. P. Buckingham 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, A. H. Bewers 8.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Harper (Swanscombe) 1, J. Wheadon 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, H. Audsley 7, H. Simmons 8. Also 544 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Harper 1, J. Wheadon 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, H. Simmons 7, H. Audsley 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 13th (Armistice Sunday), for morning service, at the Parish Church, 576 Kent Major. In the afternoon, 1,600 changes in the same method, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Both touches with the bells fully muffled. The following took part: Wm. Cook 1, Benson Douglas 2, Benn Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5, J. Rothery 6, Wm. Norman 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

LLANDAFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, after the anthem for evening memorial service on Nov. 11th, Armistice Day: J. Bailey 1, W. Biss 2, J. Pritchard 3, F. Bailey 4, T. Woods 5, S. Dawe 6, W. Bolton (conductor) 7, J. Wright 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, to celebrate the third anniversary of Armistice Day: J. Eagles 1, C. W. Woolley (Dover College) 2, C. R. Walker 3, H. J. Saunders 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, Armistice Day anniversary, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. A. Smith 1, A. C. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Grainger 5, A. J. Abrams (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. A. Smith 1, A. C. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock (conductor) 4, J. Grainger 5, A. Abrams 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten and a half 6-scores, each called differently: E. Cox 1, H. Palmer 2, W. Hitchman (conductor) 3, L. Hitchman 4, R. G. Rice 5, W. Corderoy 6.

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Bob Triples	1	1
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Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	8	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
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Stedman Caters	12	2
Stedman Cinques	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major...	33	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters ..	1	
Forward Major	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	
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Cambridge Surprise Major	15	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
New Cumberland Surprise Major...	1	
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 22nd and *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Towers open from 2 p.m. till 4 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at Owen's Restaurant at 5. Lyminster bells are also available, buses running each way every hour.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions 1/6 now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 4.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Rawsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available after 12 o'clock. Service at 3.45, to be followed by tea and meeting in Water's Lane Mission Room. All Saints' bells (8) available during the day.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Sunderland on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, the three towers being available for ringing. Ringing begins at 1.30 at Bishopwearmouth, to which church ringers will proceed on arrival, and where bands will be arranged for the other towers. All ringers welcome. Tea 1/6 to those who write by Dec. 24th.—Joseph W. Parker, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

LEICESTER, ST. MARGARET'S.—The new peal of 12 will be available for visiting ringers on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Ringing from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea (2/- each) at 5 p.m. can be arranged for those who advise me before Dec. 22nd. Afterwards a social evening will be held in the Schools. All ringers welcome.—A. Cattell, Hon. Sec., 67, Hinckley Road, Leicester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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HAYES.—On Thursday, December 1st, 1921, at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, Frederick Henry Hayes, aged 60 years.

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LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on November 20th, 448 changes each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: A. J. Smith 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, F. Hunt 5, T. Blackburn 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. The above are all members of the local band.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins., composed by J. B. Hessey, from 'The Ringing World,' August 12th: *W. Crawford 1, H. Nixon 2, A. Bayley 3, W. Wase 4, *R. Jones 5, *J. Hanley 6, L. Hewitt 7, W. Saunders (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major. First quarter-peal of Major by a Coalbrookdale band.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, for morning service, 578 Grandsire Caters: C. Harding 1, G. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, H. Hammonds 4, B. Thompson 5, D. Hayward (conductor) 6, H. Wright 7, F. Pestell 8, G. Fletcher 9, W. Thain 10.—For evening service, 540 Bob Royal: C. Harding 1, G. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, A. Webber 4, H. Hammonds 5, D. Hayward (conductor) 6, H. Wright 7, B. Thompson 8, F. Pestell 9, W. Lee 10.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Advent Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Hughes (longest touch) 1, A. Hickman (longest touch on a bob bell) 2, F. Montford 3, T. Tudor 4, J. Clark 5, W. Weatherby 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th for morning service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Collett 3, E. Parden 4, T. Banning 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8. This touch, composed by E. Mullins, was taken from 'The Ringing World.'

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, a course of Oambridge Surprise Major: H. Chance 1, G. Lewis (first in the method) 2, E. E. Barber 3, W. Niblett 4, J. R. Newman 5, E. Gibbs 6, C. Camm 7, R. G. Knowles 8; and 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bayliss 1, G. Lewis (first touch in the method) 2, E. E. Barber 3, C. Bowers 4, W. Niblett 5, R. G. Knowles 6, E. Gibbs 7, C. Camm (conductor) 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, with B. Hull 1 and R. G. Knowles conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday evening, November 27th, before the confirmation service, by the Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. Gilbert 1, W. L. Darlow 2, C. S. Gouldthorpe 3, E. Bonnett 4, R. G. King 5, S. E. Roberts 6, W. B. Manning (conductor) 7, F. Harper 8. Longest touch of Stedman by all except 6 and 7. After confirmation, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. G. Griffen 1, W. B. Manning 2, W. L. Darlow 3, C. S. Gouldthorpe 4, A. Gilbert 5, F. Harper 6, S. E. Roberts 7, R. G. King (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Skinner 1, G. F. James 2, G. Durling 3, A. James 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, P. J. Spice (conductor) 7, F. F. Scott 8.

BRENTWOOD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, Brentwood, on Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Rainbird 1, W. Leggett 2, E. D. Baker 3, E. J. Butler 4, A. Tarbun, junr., 5, H. F. Dawkins (conductor) 6, Wesley Watson 7, S. Carroll 8.

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