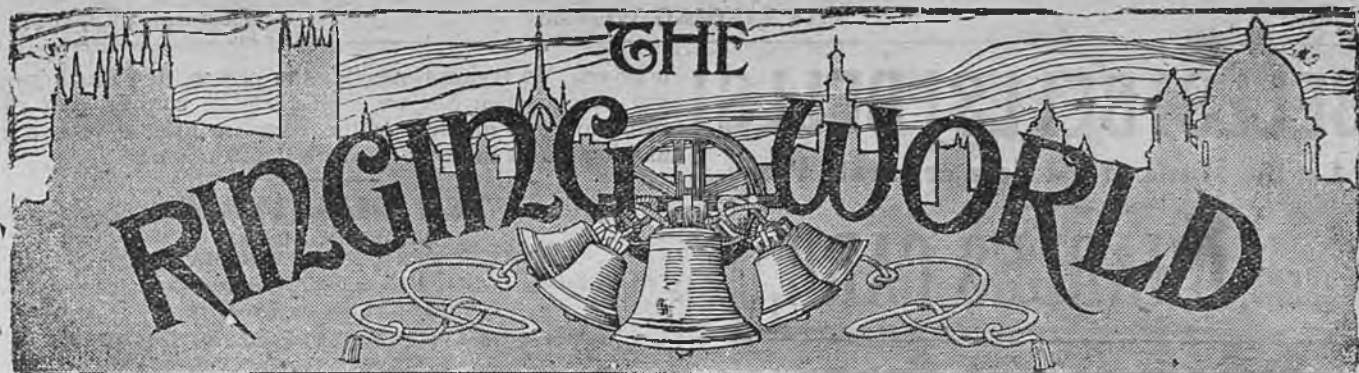




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THE CLOSING YEAR.

At the end of a year it is customary to review the preceding twelve months, and in a stocktaking of 1921, there is not a little that should give cause for gratification to ringers. The recovery of the Exercise, remarked upon a year ago, has, for the most part, gone steadily on, and while nothing of unusual interest stands out to make 1921 exceptional, there has, we think, been an all-round progress, which is one of the best guarantees for the future. We do not know how the peal records will compare with the preceding twelve months when the figures have been completed, but a superficial survey points to an improved standard in the methods rung. Surprise peals would appear to be practised in an increasing number of centres, and this is the best indication of a rising quality in ringing generally. It is good to notice this feature of progress, which is far more satisfactory than a growth in the number of Surprise peals by just one or two individual bands.

As we have so often remarked, however, peal ringing is not the chief object for which ringers carry on their work. The first duty is to the Church, and we believe that the past year has seen a steady improvement, not only in the regularity of service ringing generally, but in the quality of the ringing. This steady application to the principal task before the Exercise has had its reflection, too, in the peal ringing, and it has been gratifying to read, with increasing frequency, of peals rung by Sunday service bands. If ringers would realise to a greater extent than they do that the promotion of this phase of their work is the surest road to success as a band, and, consequently, to their aspirations in peal ringing, even more rapid results might be attained.

If there is satisfaction in the general review of ringing it must be said that, individually, the associations have had a good year. There have, of course, been difficulties in some quarters; but they are not always a cause for regret, because triumph over difficulties leads, in the majority of cases, to a stronger position in the end. For ourselves, we had to face our own testing-point in the early months, and we were, happily, justified in the bold line that we took. We shouldered the risk, and our readers stood by us, although the response from new subscribers was not wholly what we had hoped for, and we trust our friends will not imagine that there is reason to relax their efforts in aiding us to extend the circulation. The bad old practice still exists in many places of taking one copy for a tower. If only every ringer affiliated to an association could be induced to take an individual copy, the sale would be increased more than three-fold, and this would enable us to provide a paper of a very different style. However, we

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hope on. In trying times like the present too much cannot be expected, but we trust that the coming year will bring to every member of the Exercise greater prosperity and happiness in fuller measure than the past.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... 6
JOHN CAPP 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	JOHN C. JAY Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by K. HART.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE OAKES Treble	WILLIAM BURGAR 6
MISS W. M. HAGUE 2	J. W. J. COTTAM 7
*ERNEST KRTTELL 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 8
GEORGE LEWIS 4	JOHN THORPE 9
*SYDNEY BRIGGS 5	COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. THORPE.
The above peal was rung on the 100th anniversary of the first peal ever rung on the present ring of 10 at Rotherham. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal as conductor on 10 bells and first attempt. * First peal on 10 bells and first attempt.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, SENR. 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal on ten bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

STANHOPE RIGG Treble	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 5
J. W. BAKENDALE 2	G. H. HARDY 6
H. WARD 3	J. W. CORDINGLEY 7
HENNINGWAY DRANSFIELD 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD Treble	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
ALFRED WOODROW 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BEN JARMAN Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
*ARTHUR DAY 2	ALFRED KING 6
THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... 3	L. A. GOODENOUGH 7
THOMAS KENDALL 4	*DAVID DELLAR Tenor

Composed by LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th hail from Luton, the rest are members of the local band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK POULSON 5
MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
FREDERICK LEES 3	WM. R. J. POULSON 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONIS ... 4	REGINALD LATHBURY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

The composition is in the Ely Diocesan Report, 1913, No. 432. Miss Shorter is the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells in West Suffolk; also for the Suffolk Diocesan Association on tower bells. Miss Shorter, Mr. Hooton and Mr. Lathbury were elected members before starting for the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	JOHN C. NEWMAN 5
†HENRY J. LANGSTON ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	CHARLES ROGERS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	*ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Canon P. Barnes, who was only inducted Nov. 5th, and was interred in St. Martin's Cemetery on Dec. 17th.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
JOHN G. HALL 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 6
SYDNEY TUNNELL 3	*WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method and first peal on an inside bell. This peal was rung to commemorate the Induction of the Rev. Canon Lawson, M.A., Rural Dean of Cleveland, as Vicar of the Parish; also as a birthday compliment to J. W. Passman, one of the ringers.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HARRY LEWIS Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ARTHUR NEWELL 6
FRANK FOX 3	†SAMUEL JONES, JUNR. ... 7
†JOHN HAYES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by G. R. JONES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in method.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Eve, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 'GRANTA' TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
TOM STANCLIFFE 2	JOHN SANDERSON 6
TOM CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WATSON 7
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERS.

First peal in the method by all. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	*HARRY H. MANCE 5
HARRY DYAS 2	ERNEST A. REEVE 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
RALPH MACKRILL 4	HARRY MANCE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to ringer of second on the nineteenth anniversary of his wedding.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent, and 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ROBERT HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM RICKETTS 4
*WILLIAM CROOK 2	JOHN HALL 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Champion, who were leaving Bredon for Lower Slaughter, on the North Cotswold Hills.

BLAXHALL.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

H. GEORGE SMITH Treble	JAMES SMY 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	ARTHUR SMITH 5
ALDERMAN LING, SEN. ... 3	ALDERMAN LING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING, JUN.

First peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 3. First peal as conductor and second attempt.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 18 cwt. approx.

*EDWIN W. PANNETT ... Treble	EDWIN J. PANNETT 3
JOHN CROWDER 2	ALBERT BRADLEY 4
	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal, and elected a member in the tower. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

The report of a peal rung at Eckington has been sent without the number of changes.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHAY	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	5-6
JOHN B. WOOLLEY	3-4	MISS V. SHORTER	7-8

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Dec. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor Size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1-2	ALBERT WALKER	7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Referee: JAMES E. GROVES.

A birthday compliment to G. F. Swann.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at the two six-bell towers of Lytham (St. John's and St. Peter's, R.C.). Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., at St. Peter's, in Plain and Treble Bob, after which the members adjourned to St. John's, where the business meeting was held.

Nine new members were proposed, eight from Bispham and one from St. John's, Blackpool.

The monthly peal was postponed a day, viz., until Tuesday, Dec. 27th, owing to family re-unions, etc.

The next meeting will be at St. Anne's-on-Sea (eight bells, tenor 18 cwt.).

A few touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob brought the meeting to a close.

It was the best attended meeting for a year or two, though still leaving great room for improvement in numbers. The enthusiasm, however, was all that could be desired. All ringers desiring the use of Bispham bells should address their letters to Mr. C. Sharples, 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

BOLTON BRANCH.

One of the best attended meetings of the year, of the Bolton Branch, was held on Saturday week at Walkden, when members met from Bolton Parish, Holy Trinity, Deane, Newchurch, Tyldesley, and the local churches, with visitors from Eccles, Worsley, Pendleton, Crewe, and Bury. A special feature in the ringing was the good striking, and touches in the following methods were brought round, viz.: Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Major.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the December meeting at Farnworth. A discussion arose on the appointment of a Ringing Master for each meeting for the purpose of looking after the interests of the younger aspirants who come to meetings, and, being too shy to ask for any particular method, sometimes go away without a pull. The latter was left, for the time being, in the secretary's hands.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for their assistance, brought a very useful and successful meeting to a close.

MUFFLED RINGING AT BISHOPSGATE.

It was with profound regret the ringers of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, learned of the death of Mr. E. Harvey Cook, who for many years was clerk to the vestry, and also clerk to the Bishopsgate Foundation, in which he took a keen interest. The funeral took place on Monday, December 5th, and in the evening the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were rung deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to his memory. The ringers who attended were Messrs. T. Walker, A. S. Pettitt, R. Sanders, C. S. Burden, W. Turner, E. G. Fenn, H. Langdon, R. F. Forward, W. C. Dowding, E. E. Holman, W. Rushton, and W. A. Alps, who conducted the ringing, which consisted of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. — Mr. Churchwarden Walker thanked the ringers for thus showing their appreciation of the good work carried out by Mr. E. Harvey Cook.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Stoney Stratford on Saturday, December 3rd, when a fairly representative gathering, numbering about 25, attended from the following towers: Blechley, Beachampton, Calvertou, Fenny Stratford, Shenley, and the local ringers. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Last), the address being given by the President of the Branch (the Rev. J. R. Vincent, of Shenley).

After service, tea was provided in the Parish Room, thanks to the splendid arrangements made by the Vicar. The meeting had a very pleasant surprise, by the presence of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who attended both the service and tea, and also took part in the ringing before service; but owing to the long distance he had to travel, and to the restricted train service, he had to leave after tea, when the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The Master brought with him for inspection the Oxford Guild 'Roll of Honour Book,' containing full details of members who had served, etc.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary to the Rev. Last, and to the ladies who had so kindly arranged for the meeting and catering, etc., and this was suitably responded to by the Vicar.

The Master having passed a few kindly remarks with reference to the work of the branch and ringing generally, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Minor.

LEYTONSTONE DELIGHT.

St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, having rung 720 of the Third's Place Delight, No. 33, on page 29 of 'Legitimate Methods,' at St. John's, Leytonstone, on Monday, 19th December, 1921, have claimed for it the name of Leytonstone Delight. It was rung by: P. H. Avey 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, E. D. Smith 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

RINGERS' DINNER AT HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

The St. Mary's Guild held their first annual supper on Saturday, December 17th, on the anniversary of the opening of the peal of eight at Handsworth. The ringers first rang a few touches of Bob Major, after which an adjournment was made to the Church School-room, where a hot dinner awaited them. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of the Old Crown Inn, for the catering.

After dinner various toasts were honoured.

The President (the Rev. W. A. Baker) made a presentation, on behalf of the Guild, to Mr. Fred Watkinson for the valuable services he has rendered to the ringers. Speaking of the progress of the ringers, he said seven members had rung in a touch of 1,008 Bob Major, and three members in a 672 (their longest touches), which spoke for itself, as not one member understood anything of change ringing twelve months ago.

Mr. Watkinson, after accepting the present, which was a complete surprise, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to teach the Guild, and remarked that the enthusiasm of all the members amply repaid him for his efforts. He urged them to work together in unity, and endeavour to give their best to the glory of God and the service of the church. Their progress would then never be in doubt and peals would quickly follow; but these should always take second place in a ringer's ambition.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, songs, monologues, and games.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

BURTON LATIMER.—Central Northants Association.—On Remembrance Day, November 11th, with the clappers half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Pettitt 1, H. Meadows 2, J. Saddington 3, H. Saddington 4, M. Norton 5, B. J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, H. M. Saddington (longest length) 8. First quarter-peal on the octave by an entirely local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On Friday, Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, an attempt for a peal of Minor came to grief, after 1½ hours, during which 720 Double Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob were rung, the shift occurring at the end of Cambridge Surprise: F. A. Mitchell 1, Miss E. M. Goodship 2, H. Argent 3, A. R. Copelin 4, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 5, G. Morra 6. First attempt for a peal by F. A. Mitchell, he not having previously rung a 720 on the treble. He was congratulated on his ringing.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Remembrance Day, with the bells half-muffled, 600 Grandsire Doubles: C. Willis 1, J. T. Williams 2, Rev. D. A. Jones 3, W. Dobbins 4, Wal. Dobbins 5, W. Webb 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, Harold Warrie 8, with 1, 2, 8 covering. On the following Sunday, 480 Grandsire Doubles, by: C. Willis 1, A. Macmillan (longest touch on inside bell) 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, W. Webb 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, at Dorchester, on December 15th, was marked by a pleasing presentation to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, in recognition of the valuable work he has done for many years. Ringing was done at St. Peter's and Fordington Churches during the afternoon, and service was held at the former, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Niven), assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary of the Winnborne Branch).

The Rector gave an address, dealing with the history of bells, and we take the following extract from the 'Dorset County Chronicle': In the Dorchester deanery, said the Rector, there were only three churches which had mediæval bells, namely, Fordington St. George, Came, and Monkton. At the Reformation certain things were ordered to be destroyed, but in this category bells seemed to have been forgotten. Even bells which had inscriptions on them about the Romish Church or the Virgin Mary were left untouched. In the time of Queen Elizabeth there was a man named John Wallis, of Salisbury, who cast many bells for churches in Dorset and Wilts, which were doing first-class work now, although many of them had been recast. Wallis was a man of few words, but of great taste in his inscriptions on the bells. For instance, at West Stafford two are inscribed 'God is faithful' and 'Serve ye the Lord'; one at West Knighton bears the inscription 'Praise the Lord'; two at Whitcombe, 'Hope well' and 'Love God.' In a list of bells made in the year 1550 there were five at Dorchester St. Peter's—four great bells and a lych bell, which afterwards came to be called the passing bell. In 1734 those bells were recast, and that was why there were no mediæval bells there now. The man who founded the bells was Thomas Bilbie. In 1750 two trebles were added to complete the octave, but, said the Rector, he had only been able to give the record of seven. In 1808 one bell was recast, and there was a further recasting in 1829. The inscriptions on St. Peter's bells were as follows:—Third (formerly the treble)—'Although my sound is but small, I will be heard among you all'; sixth—'God send us good luck'; seventh—'Come, let us go up to the house of God'; tenor—'Ring to the praise of God.' The Rector gave details of inscriptions on some village bells, one of which, at Preston, he said, was rather vindictive—'See in what estate they live, nothing unto the poor they give,' while the tenor in the same church was inscribed 'At thy departure I shall sound and ring to bring thee to the ground.' The Rector observed that at one period it was customary to boast about the founders, and all sorts of undesirable inscriptions were placed on bells. As a lesson from the bells, he asked his hearers that, inasmuch as their eyes and ears must be up when they were in the belfry, so also might their hearts be up as well.

After the service, the members and friends adjourned to St. Peter's Institute, where they were hospitably entertained at tea. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mrs. F. G. Longman, who had the assistance of several willing helpers. A business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), who was supported by the Revs. G. C. Niven and C. A. Phillips, Mr. F. G. Longman (parish warden of St. Peter's), and Mr. H. C. Jennings, of Wyke Regis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch).

The Hon. Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Revs. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary of the Guild), C. J. Neate (Frampton), and B. D. Reed (Puddletrenthide), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild), who sent Christmas and New Year greetings. Messrs. F. W. Townsend (Poole), T. Harvey Beams (assistant general secretary of the Guild and hon. secretary of the Bridport branch), J. North (Milton Abbey), W. Hewlett (Puddletown), and W. Bedford (Bere Regis). In his letter, the Rev. B. D. Reed said that at present it was not possible to bear the cost of necessary repairs to the Puddletrenthide church tower, but he hoped the time would come when it would be possible to raise the required amount.—The Chairman said the branch had been interesting itself in the matter in the hope of getting the tower strengthened, and that to the fine peal of bells an addition of three should be made.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, in the course of his annual report, said:—'The year 1921 completes our first decade as a branch of the Diocesan Guild, which has made steady progress in this healthy and useful Church work since its formation. The objects are (1) to recognise the true position of ringers as Church officials, (2) to encourage the due care and use of church bells and belfries, (3) to cultivate change ringing. In the year of its foundation (1911) the branch started with five towers and a membership of 47, and at the present time we have 12 towers and a record membership of 114. I would urge all the incumbents and ringers who are not at present in the Guild to join, and reap the advantage to be gained, to say nothing of the good fellowship that springs up among this loyal body of Church workers. Quarterly meetings were held at Wyke Regis, Puddletown, Buckland Newton (the first held there), and Dorchester St. Peter's. In addition to these a visit was paid to Buckland Newton in June on pur-

pose to start the local band in change ringing, and the Dorchester and Fordington bands visited Frampton to try the rehung peal of six. At the latter place the tenor bell has been recast by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and the other five have been rehung by Messrs. Doble, of Taunton, making a handy ring of six, the tenor being 16 cwt. A plucky attempt was made at Wyke Regis on Easter Monday for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it was lost after ringing two hours and 45 minutes, Mr. Wiffen conducting. Some of our six-bell towers have found it rather difficult to master the art; we trust that in the coming year arrangements will be made for help and instruction. The Secretary visited Buckland Newton on two occasions and gave them a good insight in the art, and we hope all the towers will take it up seriously. Muffled ringing was general through the district on May 8th as a mark of tribute and respect to our late Lord Bishop, also on Remembrance Day (Nov. 11th), in honour of our glorious dead; Wyke Regis celebrated the 30th anniversary of the bells by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Whit-Sunday. Our greatest thanks are due to the incumbents and friends for providing tea at the quarterly meetings and giving the members a hearty welcome, also to Major D'Aeth, who has greatly assisted us by his presence at all our meetings; to our Chairman, for his continued good work; to Mr. J. G. Godwin, who has placed his car at our disposal. The Branch Secretary would like to personally thank the various secretaries of our tower for their continued good work to the Guild. The Secretary wishes to make a suggestion that our towers should bring on some more young ringers. We regret to report the loss, by death, of Mr. S. G. Hodges, Dorchester, well known as the father of the branch, who took an active interest in our work for a number of years, and was one of the founders of the branch; and also Mr. R. Barnes, of Bere Regis. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Tim Hyde, one of our old members, in his sad loss.'

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated Mr. Jennings on his excellent work, which had resulted in a most satisfactory increase in the membership of the branch. He also referred sympathetically to the death of their old friend, Mr. Hodges, which was a great loss to the bell ringing world.—Mr. W. Bowring seconded, and the report was adopted.

It was reported that the balance sheet was not quite complete, but it was hoped to have a balance in hand of about £4 and, subject to audit, it was provisionally adopted, on the motion of Mr. H. Thomas, seconded by Mr. W. J. Simons.

Mr. Edgar Guise (general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mr. Dibbens, of Bristol, were elected life members of the Dorchester branch.

It was resolved that the quarterly meeting in March should be held at Wool.

On the motion of the Rev. G. C. Niven, seconded by Mr. W. J. Bengier, the meeting unanimously re-elected Mr. Dawes as chairman, and he suitably expressed his thanks. Messrs. G. T. White and W. J. Bengier, both of Dorchester St. Peter's, were re-elected as Ringing Master and Deputy Master respectively. Mr. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester St. Peter) was re-appointed as the committee branch representative on the Guild.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of the hon. secretary and treasurer, paid a warm tribute to the devoted services of Mr. Jennings since the formation of the branch. Unfortunately, it was doubtful if he would remain in the district, although they sincerely hoped that he would—(hear, hear)—but should it happen that he had to leave them he would be a valuable asset to any ringing Guild with which he might become associated. The members felt that they would like to recognise in a substantial manner his services to the branch, and, thanks to the energy of Mr. Thomas, £10 had been raised from the various towers as a little testimonial for Mr. Jennings.—Mr. White having seconded the motion for Mr. Jennings' re-election, it was agreed to.

The Chairman then handed the cheque to Mr. Jennings, saying, 'I have much pleasure in presenting it to you as a little Christmas present, with our best wishes and thanks.'—Mr. Jennings, who was received with cordiality, tendered his sincere thanks to the members for their handsome gift, and he especially thanked the chairman and Mr. Thomas. It had always been his endeavour to do his utmost for the branch, and in the departments of Church work with which he was connected he regarded bell ringing as No. 1. He spoke with appreciation of the success that had attended the efforts of the Guild in getting bell ringers to recognise their true position as Church officials.

The Chairman proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rev. G. C. Niven for the use of the church, and for his interesting address, and also to Mrs. Longman and her kind helpers for providing such a bountiful tea. Further, he thanked Mr. Longman for showing interest in the branch by attending the service and meeting.—The vote, which was carried with acclamation, was seconded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who incidentally alluded to the work of Mr. Jennings, and described him as a model secretary.

Arising out of a suggestion by the Master of the Guild, it was decided to ring a peal at Dorchester St. Peter's on the 21st in celebration of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Salisbury.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1921 MEETING.

The first session of the eleventh Council (twenty-ninth meeting) was held in the Upper House of Convocation, in the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday, May 17th, at 11 a.m. There were present 71 members, including honorary members (representing twenty-eight Guilds and Associations), which was generally deemed a most satisfactory attendance, especially in view of the outstanding difficulties due to the Railway Strike.

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the Honorary Secretary said the Council would hear with great regret that the President (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) was unable to attend the meeting, owing to his suffering from neuritis, and he was sure the Council would share his (Mr. Davies') grief that they would have to proceed to the election of another president. He felt it would be no kindness to Mr. Boughey to re-elect him, and they must proceed to the election of a new president.—On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Canon Baker, Canon Coleridge was unanimously elected president for the ensuing three years.—A vote of sympathy with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and of sincere thanks to him for his services, was passed.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the honorary secretary and treasurer, having intimated his intention of resigning, Mr. E. Alexander Young, of the London County Association, who had been nominated, was, on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, duly elected to the office.—Mr. Davies, on the motion of the President, was most cordially thanked for his long and valuable services to the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed. Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Davies said that he had had a reply (practically an anonymous one) in respect to their recommendation on the subject of the demolition of London churches, and that the towers retaining rings of bells should, wherever possible, be spared. The reply briefly stated that the Bishop's Commission was no longer in existence. Mr. Davies also referred to the very satisfactory interview that he and Mr. Young had had with the authorities at the Victoria and Albert Museum, from which there was every reason to hope for good results.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Papillon, the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Miss Gillingham, Messrs. H. Argyle, G. Boland, John Carter, T. R. Dennis, C. Edwards, H. Haigh, C. H. Howard, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, W. Parker, J. W. Seamer, W. R. Small and R. Warner.

Before further formal business was proceeded with, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said that it had been arranged to lay a wreath upon the Unknown Warrior's grave that day. This was to be a tribute from the ringers of England to those ringers who fell in the great war. The Council were further informed that the Dean of Westminster had kindly offered to conduct a short service upon the occasion, and to allow handbells to be rung after. The offer was duly and gratefully accepted, as was that of Mr. W. T. Cockerill to arrange a band, and Mr. A. A. Hughes' offer to provide the handbells.

The Hon. Treasurer presented a statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary, viz.: Balance in hand last year, £63 15s. 7d.; affiliated fees received, £12 10s.; interest, £3 8s. 2d., and received from sale of publications, £3 17s. 9d., making with the balance a total of £85 11s. 6d. Against those there had been the expenditure for printing, etc., £9 17s. 3d.; postage, etc., £1 5s. 4d.; stationery, etc., 13s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand for this year of £71 15s. 6d. The statement of accounts having been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, was, on the proposal of Mr. W. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, duly accepted as correct.

The Honorary Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, read a statement of the sale of publications, showing that the net receipts by sales had been £3 17s. 9d., against £16 13s. 2d. in the previous year. He raised the question of the additional cost this year in respect to posting and advertising, and proposed that the additional charge of £2 12s. 6d. per annum for advertising should be paid, and the same was unanimously agreed to. A proposal that the postage should be added to the cost of the publications was lost.—The Hon. Librarian referred to the books on ringing, which are now being collected in the library, and asked for further gifts. Mr. W. Willson and Mr. R. Narborough, and others, kindly offered to give certain volumes which were missing from the collection.

The Hon. Secretary then read a list of those honorary members, whose names came forward for re-election, and on the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by Mr. George, Messrs. J. Carter, E. A. Daniell, C. D. P. Davies, J. S. Pritchett and J. A. Trollope were re-elected, and Mr. A. T. King and Major J. H. B. Hesse were added; Canon Papillon, whose term also had expired, not being desirous of re-election. New members attending for the first time were then formally introduced to the president.

On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the previous Standing Committee were unanimously re-elected, viz., the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn,

the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, A. T. King, E. H. Lewis, and A. E. Parsons, and it was further agreed that Mr. E. A. Young, the new honorary secretary should be added to the same.

The Council then passed to the consideration of the reports and work of the various committees.

THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.—Mr. H. W. Wilde having reported and spoken as to the work of the committee referred especially to the help given by Miss Parker in typing the collection of Treble Bob Peals, and a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Parker was put from the chair, and carried unanimously. The committee, consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker, were then duly re-elected, and on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Miss Edith K. Parker was added to the committee.

THE LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.—The Rev. C. E. Matthews having reported as to the work of the committee, the following members were then duly re-elected, viz., the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. R. A. Daniell (Canon Papillon having resigned), and on the proposal of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. G. E. Burton was added to the committee. (See also subsequent addition).

The Council then adjourned at 12.50 p.m. for the purpose of attending at the grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, where a short service was held by the Dean. The President then, on behalf of the Council, laid a wreath upon the grave, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung by five ex-Service men, as follows: J. Thomas, R.A.F., 1—2; T. H. Taffender, R.N.V.R., 3—4; W. Willson, R.A.F., 5—6; A. H. Pulling, R.G.A., 7—8; W. A. Cave, R.E., 9—10.

On re-assembling in the afternoon, the Council considered the following:—

THE LEGITIMATE METHODS COMMITTEE.—The Rev. H. Law James, and Mr. J. A. Trollope having reported and spoken as to the work of the committee, the committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. H. Lewis, were then duly re-elected.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.—Mr. King having referred to the report which had been already published, it was proposed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the report be accepted.—On the motion of the President, it was unanimously agreed that the committee be re-appointed. The committee, consisting of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. A. T. King and Mr. G. Williams, were then duly re-elected.—It was proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, that after a lapse of six months of the then date, the committee be free to name all unnamed methods of the Minor Methods Collection.

THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.—Major J. H. B. Hesse having reported on the work of the committee, the committee, consisting of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. E. A. Young, were re-elected. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies also referred to a letter received from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The letter was referred to the committee.

THE BELLS OF BELGIUM COMMITTEE.—The Rev. H. J. Elsee having reported generally and referring also to the altered conditions from the time that the committee was appointed, it was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, that the committee be allowed to lapse.—This was unanimously agreed to.

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston having referred to the report which had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' it was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, and seconded by Mr. W. Shepherd, that the same be adopted. The committee, consisting of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams, were then duly re-elected. Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. R. A. Daniell kindly agreed to help the committee occasionally, if desired.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston then gave a statement of some of the committee's difficulties in respect to peals of Minor, and after some discussion, a motion, proposed by Mr. W. A. Cave, and seconded by Mr. T. H. Taffender, that the committee deal, for the time being, with peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Cinques and Maximus only, was carried. By further motions duly carried, the committee were authorised to (1) approach the associations for further information, and (2) to include the figures of both the methods and peals where possible.

The Council then passed on to the general business shown upon the agenda, as follows, viz.:—

The Rev. H. Drake, the proposer of the first motion (that all peals should be credited to the local association), not being present, it was moved pro forma by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope. After a short discussion the motion was negatived by general consent.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed the following resolution: That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.—The Rev. M. Kelly seconded, and the motion, meeting with general support, was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Willson proposed that a committee for ringing defence be formed of five persons, or more, as may be expedient, whose duty shall be to watch the interests of ringing companies, and reply to any attack in the Press, or otherwise, when required to do so.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded, and after discussion, which showed sharp division of opinion, the motion was carried by 28 votes to 27.—It was then proposed by Mr. W. Willson, and seconded by Mr. J. George, that the Press Committee be authorised to undertake this work. Upon this being carried, it was then pointed out that the latter did not consist of the above number. The position was regularised, on the proposal of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, by the appointment of Mr. W. Willson and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to the Literature and Press Committee.

The Standing Committee having suggested that next year's meeting be held at Lincoln, Mr. J. Cotterill proposed Bradford, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Chester. Each being duly seconded, were voted upon as follows, viz.: Lincoln 31, Chester 19, and Bradford 5. It was accordingly decided to hold the meeting at Lincoln. This ended the business upon the agenda. But as there was an hour to spare, the meeting agreed to discuss two motions which had been received by the secretary, after the prescribed date, viz., from Mr. A. H. Pulling and Alderman R. B. Chambers respectively. These were as follow:

Mr. A. H. Pulling moved, and Mr. W. A. Cave seconded, that the Council recommend that its Associated Guilds and Associations hold their annual meeting within the three months previous to that of the Council.—After some discussion this motion was withdrawn.

In the second case, as Alderman R. B. Chambers was not present to move his resolution, it was agreed that it should remain in abeyance.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Canon Baker, a vote of thanks to the president was carried, who briefly replied, and the meeting closed at 5 o'clock.

IRISH PEACE PEAL CELEBRATED.

At Beckenham, Kent, on Monday, December 12th, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Rector's request, to celebrate the Irish Peace Treaty: H. Hawkes (first in the method) 1, P. Meek 2, W. Smith (conductor) 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. Terry 5, G. Durling 6, J. Emery 7, F. King 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Willmott 1, M. Jacobs 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Barrett 4, M. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. Stratton (first-quarter) 8.

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NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Tiverton, on December 10th, and was attended by 37 ringers from Bampton, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Christow, Exeter, Huntsham, Tiverton and Washfield. A feature of the gathering was the notable progress that had been made in Stedman since the previous meeting in October. This was due to the fact that some of the members had attended three special practices for Stedman only on Saturday afternoons during the interval. Several six-scores of Doubles and some plain courses of Triples were rung in consequence.

The new Rector (the Rev. A. E. Chapman, formerly of Luton) gave an address at the service, and afterwards, at the tea extended a most hearty welcome to all present. A really splendid meal was put on the table by Mrs. Knowles, Miss Hanson, and the wives of the local ringers. Thanks were given most cordially to them for their trouble in preparing the tea and so tastefully decorating the table, and also to the Rector and the organist.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by the Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. W. Clements, E. Shepherd and T. G. Bartlett before returning to the tower.

The next meeting will probably be held in Easter week at Molcombe Rogus.

DEATH OF MR. W. ROWLAND, CHELMSFORD

GRANDSON OF FAMOUS ESSEX RINGER.

On Tuesday, December 13th, Mr. W. Rowland, formerly foreman of the Chelmsford company, passed away, at the age of 77. His ringing career practically ceased when the old bells were taken down for recasting. He belonged to an old ringing family at Great Baddow. His grandfather's name is recorded at Chelmsford as ringing the tenor to 6,000 Bob Major, in 1815. He also rang a 5,000 at Writtle in 1819, and the tenor to 10,080, given as 'a quarter-peal of Bob Major' at Great Baddow, March 7th, 1819, 'being the masterpiece of the art ever performed in the county.' His father, Angelo, was a member of the band at Baddow, and for fifty-two consecutive years regularly visited at Christmastide the principal houses in the village with his peal of handbells. His son, William, also made a capable ringer, calling Holt's Original at most of the towers in the neighbourhood, but did not join the new band which was formed at the opening of the new ring of twelve. Mr. Rowland was a member of the Essex Association since its formation. His peals were not numerous, about eight in all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two long peals by the Oxford Guild were rung on the last day of the year. In 1888 it was the famous 15,041 of Stedman Caters at Appleton, in 9 hours 16 mins., at that time the record length, and in 1892 12,096 Double Norwich at Maidenhead, in 7 hours 10 mins.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1866. It was composed by W. Sottenstall.

One of the very earliest peals of Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at Soham on January 1st, 1795.

January 4th, 1818, was the date of the death of James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent. He was 93 years of age.

Christmas Day, 1753, and New Year's Day, 1754, were the occasions of the ringing of Holt's Original at Saffron Walden. The extracts from old newspapers which have been sent to us by Mr. W. Slater, of Glomsford, and appear in another column, seem to clear up once for all the question as to whether these peals were the first time the 'Original' was called by a ringer taking part in the peal.

The present ring of ten bells at All Saints', Rotherham, were cast by Mears in 1821, and were opened on Easter Monday of the same year. The first peal was rung on them on December 20th, 1821. It was one of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5,040 changes, and is duly recorded on a tablet in the ringing chamber of the Rotherham Parish Church. On December 20th last a centenary peal, also of Grandsire Caters, was rung.

Mrs. R. Massey wishes to thank all ringers for the sympathy extended to her upon the sudden death of her husband, especially the Manchester branch for their kind vote of condolence passed at the town hall meeting on Saturday, December 17th.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FIRST RINGER-CONDUCTOR UNKNOWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I send you copies of extracts from East Anglian newspapers, from which it will be seen that it is not known for certain who did really ring and call Holt's Original first:—

Holt's Original was first rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, conducted from manuscript by John Holt, as most of your readers know. It was rung for the second time at Stonham Aspal as the following record, copied from the 'Ipswich Journal,' shows:—

'On Friday, January 31st, 1752, was rung at Stonham Aspal in the county of Suffolk by their own society of ringers a five thousand and forty Grandsire Triples, it being the second time ever rung with two Doubles only. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London, and the bobs were called by Mr. William Walker. It was completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes by the eight following persons: Henry Gray 1, Daniel Hearsbam 2, James Gardiner 3, Richard Wade 4, William Banyard 5, John Sharp 6, Richard Moyre 7, John Thurlow 8.'

N.B.—It is thought impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells and call the bobs at the same time the peal being so intricate.'

The composition was rung for the third and fourth times at Norwich, as will be seen from the following extracts from the 'Norwich Mercury':—

'St. Michael's, Coslany.—On Saturday, August 22nd 1752, was rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in 3 hours, without changes alike or a bell out of course, it being the first time ever performed by eight men only. So intricate, it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the bobs. It has been rung in London and at Stonham Aspal with prompts. But was rung by these men without a prompt.'

No names are given in the 'Norwich Mercury,' but from the particulars given it appears certain that the peal was 'Holt's Original.'

The same peal was again rung two months later, the record in the 'Norwich Mercury' being as follows:—

'On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Giles', in ye city of Norwich, 5,040 Grandsire Tripples with only two Doubles and no alteration. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London. The bobs were called by William Dixon. The peal being so intricate, the bell (London) ringers thought it impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells, and call the bobs at the same time. The peal was completely rung in 3 hours and 6 minutes by the following persons: William Dixon 1, John Gardiner 2, Thomas Hart 3, Charles Jarvis 4, Samuel Shelver 5, Robert Dyke 6, Charles Harth 7, Frederick Whitfield 8.'

This record clearly shows what peal was rung, and these records prove that it is not known who did really first ring and call the peal at the same time. The 'Original' was rung for the fifth and sixth times at Saffron Walden on the dates mentioned, Christmas, 1753, and New Year's Day, 1754.

Hunts Hill, Glomsford.

T. E. SLATER.

THE PROPOSED C. H. H. COMMEMORATION DINNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Again I crave your indulgence and the hospitality of your columns, to reply to a letter of excuse which appears in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' trusting that I may use the metaphor, that figuratively speaking, this ring of twelve who attest their cognomens are unquestionably 'A Baker's Dozen.' Evidently the cap fits, and I am prepared with the sword of truth to battle with them on the aforementioned subject—of course, with your kind permission—leaving the Exercise to adjudicate.

Let them, with all their professed admiration of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, dispute these glaring facts:—

(1) Was it the postponement of the Cutlers' Feast that prevented them from sending one single flower as a last token of respect to their late chief on the day of interment (this is the first stone upon which I built my present opinion). I saw one laid on that grave from Birmingham. How was that? Simply because it was not so exhaustive and expensive for the Birmingham fellows to show a little respect: I only quote Birmingham as an example. I do not even know them, yet actions speak louder than words—in Birmingham and in Sheffield.

(2) A half-muffled peal was rung also on the day of interment at the Cathedral at Sheffield (Stedman Cinques) COMPOSED (in large capitals, Mr. Editor) and conducted by William Lomas! And all their late chief's gems of composition cast to the four winds. Was that for economy's sake, or was it out of respect? No, it was the same insidious fiend, self first; C. H. H., or anybody else, last.

(3) Now we arrive at 'the man of a few words,' with his 35-40 years' standing, who simply played Hamlet, because I, in the capacity of (first) treasurer had to make a nominal levy of 1s. 6d. per head, so that I might honourably settle a final account of 25s. in connection with the C. H. H. Memorial Library, which they speak of in their letter as 'Our Library.' It is a Hattersley Memorial Library, not theirs! It is put there for the purpose of disseminating knowledge freely; it costs them nothing to lend the books (see Rule 9 in the catalogue). They also rely on the lending of a few books to clear away the truthful imputations made concerning them and their selfish greed, not creed! They have none! a creed is a confession of faith! Here are the words of the great personal friend and admirer of the late C. H. H., who, when he had to subscribe 1s. 6d., said, 'We never had this sort of thing until you came, Baker; we shall soon have to pay to come to ring.' That's the spirit of the man who I dared to say two more words upon the subject. Child-like, he said 'Two more words.' My reply was, 'No, you never did anything until I came.' I retired, leaving them falling out amongst themselves how much I should be fined for leaving the tower.

This is the state of affairs at Sheffield Cathedral, and to-day I challenge these 'Worshippers of Mammon' to show us one iota of what they have done for the Honour and Glory of God, His Church, or the art of campanology, other than the Memorial Library!

In connection with the Memorial Library, panels were inserted both dexter and sinister to act as a necrology, thereby keeping a chronological record of those ringers who answered the last call of the great Composer and Conductor. How many names want adding to-day? Why are they not inscribed up to date? Are they omitted for economy's sake, or is it with a selfish motive that the space is reserved? Answer, please! There is an old adage which says, 'A man with one eye can see more than a man with two'; afflicted as I am with that physical infirmity, I can see with one optic, that the ever-erasing finger of time is blotting out those peal records on the west wall of the tower. My name is not there, but I have the ambition to leave anonymous footprints by putting them into a good and readable state of preservation.

These are the kind of things the spoilt child cries about. There is no self about such actions as this. Why, pray, should they inconvenience themselves, or the Editor, by advertising the fact that I am not 'gifted with Sheffield birth.' That is no great honour if they are typical specimens. My former letter was sufficient proof to the Exercise, who are not all endowed with an indolent stupidity! Further, it matters not whether I come into contact with humanity in its shirt-sleeves or in the purple. I shall never bow down to worship Mammon to please any rotary of that false deity. To conclude, I may add, 'Gloriam ad Dei Veritas.' I am 'not gifted with Sheffield birth,' only a spoilt child; an alien, pleading for humanity, aye, even begging for the very thing that humanity desires!—Yours, etc.,

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STAVELEY'S VETERAN RINGER.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on Saturday, October 29th, 768 Kent Treble Rob Major: H. Stow 1, L. G. Palmer 2, H. Daffin 3, F. E. Parsons 4, W. Daffin 5, S. Smedley, senr., 6, A. E. Parsons 7, J. R. Brooks (conductor) 8. Also 252 Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by L. G. Palmer. These touches were rung in honour of the Rector, Canon Molineux's 79th birthday, and his 35th year as Rector of Staveley.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

(Concluded from Page 787.)

Starting then with the upper fifteen courses of Table III., given in the first portion of this article, and examining the first three columns of false course-heads we find that the three columns fully repeat each other. In other words, there are fifteen false course-heads against fifteen true ones, the characteristic mark of difference being that the bells in 5—6 in the one are the reverse of those in the other. Hence for the future we can save ourselves the trouble of pricking these three false columns, substituting for them the rule that when once any pair of bells has been in 5—6 in a course-head they must never appear in another in the reverse order. Bear in mind that we are here speaking of only the x and z portions of the course.

The y portion is quite another matter. The y portion of all sixty courses is available.

On pricking out the last two columns of false course-heads and finding that all was well, I had visions of a further set of fifteen true courses, making thirty in all. But careful scrutiny of these last two columns speedily dissolved any such castle in the air. The student should remember that, so far, only the portion of the six columns above the horizontal line is supposed to be known. The ten true course-heads below the line, and their five corresponding columns of false course-heads are as yet all blank. Now carefully scrutinise the fifteen course-heads in the upper portion of each of the last two columns. Among them we find the following, which, for clearness sake, I show in a little table.

TABLE IV.

43526	
53462	34562
54263	
24536	45236
25634	
65243	52643
62345	
32654	26354
36452	
46325	63425

Those on the left of the line occur in the last column but one, and those on the right of it in the last column of all. Only five of these last are given, because, though there are ten as in the other, five of them are the same as in the other column, and so we leave their spaces blank. Let us take the first two lines in the Table—those containing 2 and 6 in 5th and 6ths, as all the other cases are precisely similar to these. Perhaps, however, it may be well first to take a momentary survey of our position. All possible pairs of bells in 5-6 are 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 35, 36, 45, 46, 56. Each of these help to form six course-heads—three with 23, and three with 32—and so with all the others—sixty altogether. Now of these we have already had thirty, three false and three true of each, so that we now have only 25, 26, 34, 36 and 45. All these come in our little table. Are we going to try 62? If so, we have only a possible chance, and that a poor one, of one of them, viz., 45362, since, if we have either 53462 or 34562 we are immediately false with 35642 or 52364, one of our true fifteen courses; and, moreover, we could then at the most only hope for twenty true courses in all. So we try our luck with 26, of which we still have two chances left, viz., 35426 and 54326. This time fortune favours us, and in this way we get ten more courses, making twenty-five true courses in all. When we compare them with the courses of Middleton's peal, that is, with the x and z portions of Middleton's courses, we find the one set identical with the other.

Though it was but a forlorn hope, I determined to leave no stone unturned in my search for any further possible true courses, or parts of courses. I thought that just possibly I might find the x of one course and the z of another true with the twenty-five already found, and that by means of a suitable y they might be spliced in, and so contribute their share to the formation of a peal of twenty-six or more courses. With this in view I drew up a Table embracing all sixty courses, testing all of them against the twenty-five true ones. Most of them turned out false in four, six, or even eight places, and of the few that were false in only two places, one of these two false places was in every case in the x portion and the other in the z, so that no portion escaped. There are five of them, 45362, 52436, 26543, 63254, and 34625, that is the missing one in each case of the pairs given in Table IV.

Before proceeding to the proof of Middleton's peal it only remains for me to redeem my promise to speak of bobs B (before). These occur at the end of the second lead in the course, and, when employed, transfer us immediately to the head of the sixth lead, thus cutting out the third, fourth and fifth leads, including the position for M and W, which therefore are wholly eliminated by a B, this bob reducing the course to a length of only four leads. Its use serves occasionally at least one good purpose, namely, that of reducing the length of a peal or touch to something nearer the dimensions required than might otherwise be possible. A very good

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instance of such use is found in Johnson's variation, where the peal is reduced to a length of 5056, instead of 5600, which is an uncomfortable quantity.

Before proceeding to our last point, the proof of Middleton's peal, we give the figures of this peal for reference.

The proof follows in Table V.

TABLE V.

z	z	x	x	z	x	x
32546	46253	23456	43652	43652	34562	62453
34562	62453	43652	63254	56234	65324	24536
65324	24536	56234	56234	35264	53624	24365
32654	54263	23564	23564	23564	32654	54263
25634	34562	52364	52364	52364	25634	34562
53624	24365	35264	25463	25463	52643	43265
52643	43265	25463	45362	64352	46532	32654
46532	32654	64352	64352	56342	65432	32546
53462	62345	35642	35642	35642	53462	62345
36452	52643	63542	63542	63542	36452	52643
65432	32546	56342	36245	36245	63425	25346
63425	25346	36245	36245	42563	24653	53462
24653	53462	42563	42563	64523	46253	53624
65243	43526	56423	56423	56423	65243	43526
54263	63425	45623	45623	45623	54263	63425
46253	53624	64523	54326	54326	45236	36524
45236	36524	54326	34625	23645	32465	65243
32465	65243	23645	23645	42635	24365	65432
46325	25634	64235	64235	64235	46325	25634
62345	45236	26435	26435	26435	62345	45236
24365	65432	42635	62534	62534	26354	54632
26354	54632	62534	52436	35426	53246	46325
53246	46325	35426	35426	23456	32546	46253
24536	36452	42356	42356	42356	24536	36452
43526	26354	34256	34256	34256	43526	26354

5600 M W H
43652 — —
56234 — —
23564 — —
52364 — —
35264 — —
Four times repeated.
C. Middleton.

The three central columns are the peal itself, all the courses being divided into their x, y, z portions, the heads of the courses to which each several portion belongs being entered in its proper column. Take its commencement. We have first the leads I., II., III., that is the portion x, of the plain course. We therefore enter 23456 in the x column. Then comes a bob M. This leads us into lead IV., that is y, of course 43652, which accordingly is next entered under y. There is no bob W, which means that the y portion of 43652 is followed by its z portion. Also there is no bob H, and therefore the z is followed by its own x, as shown under x in the second line. And so on. The last entry in column z perhaps needs a word of explanation. It means that the last three leads of this peal belong to the course whose head is 34256. The last row in this course is the treble's handstroke lead 13246587. Between this and the next row the bob H takes effect, but the next row (rounds), which in the usual and unscientific rotation is called the course end, is in reality nothing of the sort, but is the head of a new course. The z portion of the plain course comes, as may be seen, two courses earlier.

As explained some way back, there are four course heads, 24365x, 43265x, 32546x and 46253x false against 23456x; and four, 24365z, 32465z, 32546z and 46253z, false against 23456z. But we decided that it would not be requisite to write down the first two of each of these for the reason that they end with 65, and we decided, instead of pricking them down, to bear carefully in mind that having once got a pair of bells in 5-6, that pair must not be found reversed in 5-6 in x or z. Once having—say—3, 5 there we must never have 5, 3. This enables us to dispense with two false columns on either side of the Table, so that we have two columns on the left of the peal which are false with the x portions of the peal, and two on the right which are false with its z portions. But happily in this case they are not false, and, therefore, the x column being true to itself, and the z column the same, the x and z portion of the whole peal is true. Only the y portion now remains. This, having a clean proof scale, only requires its own column to be, as it is, true with itself. Its bells may be in any position. Without it, and its freedom from falsity, no peal would have been possible, as we should have had no means of stringing together the only twenty-five x and a portion that this unsatisfactory method allows us

PENZANCE.—On October 18th, for practice, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. C. Corin (first quarter-peal by treble man) 1. Eileen Symons 2. John Symons 3. P. Hitchens (conductor) 4. F. C. Jelhart 5. A. Triggs 6. John Wood 7. J. C. Corkell 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, December 14th for practice, 1,024 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Lincoln 1. A. Edwards 2. H. Head 3. J. Wood 4. O. Pease 5. P. Timson 6. W. Lincoln 7. A. Head 8. First touch in the method by all the band.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT SPALDWICK.

Ringers from Rushden, Thrapston, Ringstead, Finedon, Woolaston, Great Storton and Godmanchester, attended the dedication of the bells at Spaldwick, Huntingdon, on Saturday, December 10th. The bells, an old ring of five, have been rehung in an iron frame, with all new fittings, and a new treble added, which has made a splendid peal of six. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has completed the work in first-class style.

A special form of service was used at the dedication, which was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Knowles, of Huntingdon, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Havard Jones, Vicar of Spaldwick. After the dedication a few rounds were rung, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, by: R. C. Loveday 1, L. Chapman 2, L. Wyman 3, J. Nicholson 4, J. R. Main 5, A. Smeathers (conductor) 6. Various touches of Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Double Court, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise followed.

The Vicar and churchwardens entertained the ringers, numbering 15, to tea, and a vote of thanks to them was proposed by Mr. A. Smeathers, seconded by Mr. A. Bellamy, town councillor of Ringstead. One of the church officers responded. Afterwards touches were rung on the handbells, and a few tunes were played, a very pleasant evening being thus passed. A special invitation was given by the Vicar for a band to ring a peal on the bells as soon as possible.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bromham, on Saturday, December 10th, when members were present from Bedford, Harrold, Clapham, Cranfield, Roston, and the local company.

At the business meeting, at which Miss E. Steel presided, two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Lamb, of Bletsoe, and H. Cocking, of Stagden. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Harrold some time in February, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mrs. Mortimer for providing tea, and to the local company for having everything ready, were passed.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT WOOD GREEN.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesday, on Saturday, Nov. 19th, when members from the following towers were present: Bilston, Bradley, Dudley, Tipton, Smethwick, Sedgley, West Bromwich, Walsall, and the local band. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. Lomas (in the absence of the Vicar, through illness), who gave a most inspiring address. At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the Institute to partake of tea.

At the business meeting, the Rev. G. Lomas occupied the chair, and it was arranged that the next meeting, which is the annual, should be held at Dudley, and the quarterly peal be attempted at St. Paul's, Wood Green.

Mr. R. Small proposed the best thanks be given to the Vicar (adding sympathy with him in his illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery), for the use of the bells, and his hearty welcome to the Guild; to the Rev. G. Lomas for his address at the service and presiding over the meeting; to the organist; to the ladies who had provided the good things for the tea; and to Mr. E. J. Tyler and the local band for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. Goodman (Ringing Master) seconded the proposition.

The bells were utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 17th, when a good company assembled from Gloucester, Barnwood, Upton St. Leonard's, and Sandhurst. The bells are a fine peal of eight, and some very good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. After a short service in the church, conducted by the Rector (Canon Sewell) the ringers adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a very excellent tea had been provided by Mrs. Bennett (wife of the hon. secretary), and friends, to which full justice was done.

Tea over, Mr. G. A. Smith (Barnwood) was, in the absence of the Rector, voted to the choir for the business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, Capt. A. A. Bennett, C.A., gave a brief report of the quarter's work and progress, and announced the very interesting fact, concerning the comparatively small country parish of Frampton-on-Severn, which possessed only six bells that there was a company of thirteen ringers, all of whom had during the quarter joined the association, and were displaying great keenness in change ringing. He urged those present to follow this splendid example, and retain their keenness in the welfare and progress of their local branch. Following the meeting, some excellent touches were rung on the handbells, conducted by Mr. John Austin.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FEERING.—On Sunday, December 18th, for Divine service, with fully muffled bells (except tenor open at back), 912 Bob Major: G. Mayes 1, W. Butler 2, W. H. P. Mellins 3, P. Langston 4, J. C. Newman 5, R. Fisher 6, C. Rogers 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late Vicar (Canon Barnes).

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, 1,179 Stedman Cinques: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. P. James 3, F. I. Hairs 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. J. Kemp 6, C. Burden 7, J. E. Davis 8, E. Brett 9, C. W. R. Grimwood 10, R. Sanders 11, W. E. G. Hewson 12.

WHITBY, YORKS.—At Fylingdales Parish Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, Miss A. R. Wilkinson 3, G. F. Alexander 4, Miss B. Welburn 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. H. Corner (conductor) 7, A. Coates 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by the conductor.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, for morning service, on Sunday, December 18th, 216 Grandsire Caters.—For evening service, 539 Grandsire Caters: A. Botham 1, G. C. Constable 2, A. E. Sellers 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. P. Bradley 6, W. Gibson 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Else 1, Miss Durrant 2, E. Day 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, H. Day 7, W. Croft (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,008 Bob Major, for evening service: B. Dunn 1, A. J. Skelding 2, Geo. H. Pagett 3, Gilbert Skelding 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, C. W. Cooper 6, William A. Pugh 7, A. W. Dodd (conductor) 8.

EXHALL.—The third memorial to the fallen of the parish of Exhall, Coventry, has been dedicated. This was a monument erected by the children, and was dedicated by the Vicar. Several touches were rung, half-muffled, before the service and after the ceremony, by: W. Barnett 1, G. Vernon 2, F. Sanders 3, G. Bates 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, A. Plachet 6. This is the first time this band has tried to ring, and they would like to be taken into the Warwickshire Guild.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40mins.: J. Harrison 1, R. A. Hickton 2, R. Drage 3, H. Green 4, C. Geary 5, F. Tite 6, J. Bailey 7, T. Hutchinson 8.

DONCASTER.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, 1,009 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: Miss K. Jackson 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Scott 4, G. Halksworth 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, C. Clarke 8. Longest touch on the bells since they were restored.

ACTON.—St. Mary's Guild.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England (first quarter-peal) 1, S. D. Breeze 2, C. Brown 3, E. S. Coulson 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, H. Wincote 6, Robt. Fardon 7, E. Easton 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's 'Old Bob'): Robt. Fardon 1, S. D. Breeze (first quarter of Stedman) 2, Robt. Holloway 3, Challis Winney (conductor) 4, W. Alps 5, W. Lawrence 6, H. Langdon 7, C. Brown 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—St. Thomas' Guild.—On Sunday, December 18th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, at St. Thomas' Church, as a token of respect to the late Rev. T. W. Mortlock: A. Bell 1, W. Humberstone 2, G. Burton 3, L. Willars 4, S. Cox 5, J. Carter 6, E. Jelley (conductor) 7, S. Cheeney 8.

EALING.—On December 18th, for the morning service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Harding (first quarter) 1, W. Lawrence 2, E. J. Walsom 3, W. H. Hollier 4, H. P. James (conductor) 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope 7. Rung without a cover.

SAWSTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Hurry 1, S. Stubbings 2, H. Bright 3, S. Nunn 4, F. Matthews 5, M. J. Lyles 6, F. Hurry (conductor) 7, G. Farrow 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all except the conductor, and also by a purely local company.

NEWBURY.—Oxford Guild, Newbury Branch.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Pool 1, *E. Smith 2, H. W. Curtis (first on an inside bell) 3, E. W. Atkins 4, W. A. Dormer 5, *E. Crocker 6, S. Quinton (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. First on the bells by a local band for some years.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, 840 Stedman Triples, in 30 mins. (composed by John Carter): W. Wase (conductor) 1, W. Crawford 2, A. Bayley 3, J. Hanley 4, R. Jones 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Hayward 8. First touch in the method as conductor. Arranged as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who was 21 on December 16th.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Waghorn, senr. 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, W. G. Jackson 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, A. C. Hardy 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. G. Cottis 8. Composed by G. Hollis, and taken from 'The Ringing World' of December 2nd.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On December 18th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Swaffer (first quarter) 1, Sid Hopper 2, P. Page 3, H. C. Castle 4, E. Powell 5, C. W. Everett 6, H. Parker (first as conductor) 7, Tom Tabrett 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 18th at Emmanuel Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Myers 1, W. Hobbs 2, H. Clymo 3, A. H. Kentfield 4, H. Burner 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8.

EARL SHILTON.—On December 11th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples: P. Reynolds 1, H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, F. Wilson 4, H. Webb 5, W. Powers (Barwell) 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, H. Fullylove 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, December 11th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the dedication of the war memorial, with the bells fully muffled, in memory of the 36 men of the parish who gave their lives, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 33 mins., by: Miss M. Stearn 1, Miss M. Chapman 2, Miss K. Willers (conductor) 3, A. Wilson 4, W. Rayner 5. After the service, with the bells open, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Gathercole 1, A. Wilson 2, K. Willers 3, H. Wilson 4, W. Rayner (conductor) 5.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, for morning service, on December 11th, 197 Grandsire Caters.—For evening service, 575 Grandsire Caters: A. Botham 1, C. P. Bradley 2, W. Gibson 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, G. C. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 52 mins.: *H. Ashton 1, *A. Westcott 2, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 3, W. H. Marsh 4, W. Richards 5, W. Rundle 6, R. Dobson 7, W. Hornbrook 8, F. Hockaday 9, G. Gomer 10. * First quarter-peal. † Longest length with a bob bell. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. E. Davies).

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, and as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Kiteat, on his first Sunday in the parish, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss Grace Baker 1, Miss N. Williams 2, W. Henley (conductor) 3, E. Hancox 4, P. Jones 5, W. Honor 6, C. Mayne 7, H. Chandler 8. Also for evensong, on December 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Baker 1, Miss Williams 2, S. Honor (first quarter inside) 3, H. Chandler 4, W. Honor 5, R. Carter 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, A. Dudley 8.

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23456789	9 in 3

G. HOLLIS.

560 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	M
43652	—	—
63254	—	—
56234	—	—
35264	—	—
23456	—	—

J. A. TROLLOPE.

720 BOB MINOR.

23456	
S	53642 2
S	35426 1
S	53264 1
S	35642 1
S	45253 2
—	45632 1
P.L.	32564 2
Five times repeat	
R. G. RICE.	

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Eastern District was held at Broxbourne on December 10th. The bells were available from three o'clock, and were kept going until nearly nine p.m., with the exception of the tea interval. Members attended from Cheshunt, Edmonton, Cambridge, Walthamstow, Ware, Nazeing, Brockley, Thundridge and Little Munden, besides the members of the Broxbourne band. Tea was prepared at The Welcome, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake (Vicar of Thundridge) presiding.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Eardley Wilnot for kindly granting permission to use the bells, also to the Vicar of Hoddesdon for kindly granting the use of his tower, although no ringing was done there, as members chose to remain at Broxbourne, which is near the station.

The meeting expressed a desire to visit Sawbridgeworth in February, if permission could be obtained.

MR. T. J. SALTER'S 300 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles	4	Conducted	1
1, 4 and 5 methods on six bells	5		
7 methods on six bells	28	Conducted	2
Bob Triples on six bells	2	Conducted	1
Bob Major on six bells	9	Conducted	2
Bob Royal on six bells	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	2	Conducted	2
Canterbury Pleasure Royal	1		
Grandsire Triples	25	Conducted	10
Grandsire Caters	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3		
Oxford Bob Triples	1		
Double Oxford Major	3		
Duffield Major	1		
Shipway Major	1		
Stedman Triples	75	Conducted	1
Stedman Caters	5		
Stedman Cinques	1		
Double Norwich Major	40	Conducted	5
Superlative Surprise Major	39	Conducted	4
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1		
Cambridge Surprise Major	20	Conducted	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	Conducted	1
London Surprise Major	17	Conducted	1
Bristol Surprise Major	6	Conducted	1
Total	300		29

Rung in 73 different towers; 105 of these peals have been rung at St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

R. RICHARDSON'S 300 PEALS.

	Tower Bells.	Hand Bells.	Conducted.
Doubles in 5 methods	1		
Minor, 1 to 16 methods	76	8	34
Grandsire Triples	8	16	
Stedman Triples	30	11	
Bob Major	23	23	17
Little Bob Major	2	2	
Double Norwich Major	18	1	4
Double Oxford Major	2		
Cambridge Surprise Major	5		
Superlative Surprise Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	17	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3		
Grandsire Caters	11	4	
Stedman Caters	6	1	
Surfleet Treble Bob Caters	2		
Bob Royal	7	10	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4		
Grauta Treble Bob Royal		1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Double Court Royal	1		
Double Norwich Royal	1		
Double Oxford Royal	1		
Double Bob Royal	1		
	222	78	59

Rung in 79 towers, in 15 counties, and with 335 ringers.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription, etc., is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Jan. 5th and 19th. *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Jan. 9th, 1922. Tower open 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8 p.m., to be followed by special meeting to consider the alteration of rules.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided by local friends). Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. A record attendance is requested. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by January 4th to enable necessary arrangements to be made?—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —Annual meeting at Devizes, Jan. 7th, at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Bells available in three towers (8, 5 and 6). The Devizes Branch will unveil the Memorial Tablet erected to commemorate the muffled peal rung in honour of the fallen ringers of the diocese, and all are welcome.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch committee will meet at the Church Room, Bray, near Maidenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 4 o'clock. Each tower in union should be represented, and subscriptions owing for 1921 forwarded without delay. Tower bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who order it three days previously.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar of Penkridge. Tea (1s.) at 6 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday,

January 3rd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The January Meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, the 7th. Eight bells all afternoon. Tea at 1/- per head to those who write Mr. P. Jervis (previous to the 4th), 7, Littlemoor, Eckington, Sheffield.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A General meeting will be held at Halesworth on Saturday, Jan. 7th. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., the bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting immediately following tea, which will be served at the Swan Hotel at 4 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each. In accordance with the revised rules, adopted at the annual general meeting held at Norwich in October, the election of officers will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 2nd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The two new trebles by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of eight, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5 to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 4th.—R. T. Turner, District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Swindon Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and during the evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 4.45, 1/6, to those who send in their names not later than Jan. 4th.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.45, at the Vicarage. All those intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th, or tea will not be provided for them. Please note this.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and Business Meeting following. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's towers before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea please notify by Jan. 7th.—F. Dentry, Branch Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—A meeting will be held at Ohiswick on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.45 p.m., and will arrange tea for 5.30. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. Mary Redcliffe bells (12) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Lady Chapel 4.30, to be

followed by tea and business meeting at St. Thomas' schoolroom. Please notify Hon. Sec. by Jan. 9th, 1922.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton, near Gloucester, on Saturday, 14th Jan., 1922. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea free to all who will notify me by 10th Jan. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid up at this meeting.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 1922, at 7.30. Bells of St. Martin's available from 6 o'clock to 7.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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LONDON.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, City. 1.243 of Stedman Caters: T. W. Taffender, juv. (longest length on ten bells) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, J. R. Gammon 4, J. Carter 5, W. Rushton 6, R. G. Chapple 7, W. H. Pickett 8, I. Attwater 9, W. Hewson 10.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, touches of Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were rung; and for afternoon service, on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial chapel for 81 men and lads who gave their lives in the great war, and who belonged to Stowmarket. The bells were half-muffled, and a well-struck touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung; also touches after service: F. Sparrow 1, C. Souter (aged 83) 2, W. Souter (conductor) 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. Draper 7, W. Whelham 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 2,520 changes of Grandsire Triples, the first half Taylor's Bob and Single peal, in 1 hr. 35 mins.: S. Paice 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, J. Whithead 3, R. Whittington 4, J. Burdfield 5, W. Short (conductor) 6, W. Stanford 7, G. Dibley 8.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for evening service, at St. Martin's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. Bevan (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss Kate Smith 2, F. Smith 3, E. Chapman 4, E. Young 5, E. Bonfield (first as conductor) 6.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, 1,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. Coote 1, Geo. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, G. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Williams 1, T. Roden 2, G. Tudor 3, H. Farlow 4, H. Knight (conductor) 5, M. F. Mitchell 6, W. H. Lawley 7, T. Smith 8. After evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (2,259 changes) in 10 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, W. A. Cooper 3, G. Tudor 4, T. Roden 5, H. Farlow 6, E. F. Mitchell 7, A. Fallon 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Street.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1,596 changes), in 51 mins.: J. W. Lane 1, L. A. Walker 2, A. Hill 3, R. S. Cook (conductor) 4, A. E. Weeden 5, A. G. Cook 6, A. J. Rogers 7, R. Hayward 8.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, 720 Boh Minor, 7-8 covering, in 30 mins.: F. Howson (age 12) 1, F. Love 2, R. Marsh 3, W. Howson (conductor) 4, H. Love 5, W. Burrows 6, F. Willby 7, A. Calver 8. First 720 by ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Borrett 1, C. Baker 2, J. Allen 3, J. Tann 4, A. Smith 5, J. Boughton 6, E. Whiting 7, C. Roope 8. For evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Whiting 1, C. Baker 2, J. Allen 3, A. Smith 4, C. Cutting 5, J. Boughton 6, F. Borrett 7, C. Roope 8.

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