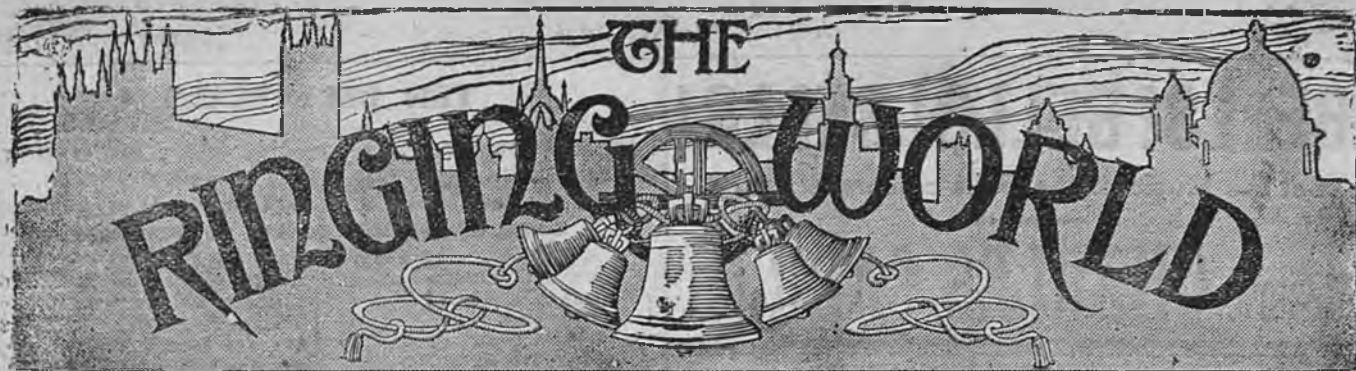




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The social side of ringing is, or should be, of great value in the promotion of the serious side of the art, and by many it is looked upon as an important adjunct to the activities of the belfry. The social intercourse which very frequently follows ringers' meetings—whether for business or for peals—has a great deal to do with that good fellowship which is the boast of our fraternity. There were days—happily long since past—when these social gatherings were not synonymous with the best interests of ringing or of ringers; when the conviviality was sometimes carried into the belfry and was one of the reasons which brought bell ringers into disrepute.

The ringers themselves in the last two generations have by their own standard of conduct and by their own exertions eliminated the causes and removed the reproach. The social side of ringing is to-day on a totally different plane and plays no inconsiderable part in helping to keep the wheels of our various organisations going. Anything which will help in this direction is to be welcomed and ringers will read with interest that a Social Guild has been formed in Brighton with the avowed object of fostering the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship among ringers in that district. It is the outcome of a gathering of the St. Peter's Society, and if it is maintained in the spirit in which it is promoted, the results to Sussex ringing ought to be valuable. Sussex ringers especially will read with interest the speeches made at the initiation of the Guild, and if the newly-formed organisation can remove the "differences" to which reference was made there will be much ground for satisfaction.

Brighton, in the past, has made no little history in ringing. There are to-day, of course, young members of the Exercise who do not know what was done about a quarter of a century ago in that district, where St. Peter's was not only the centre of progress in the county but a point of attraction for ringers from all over the country. Among other things they made new Surprise methods a hobby—incidentally they rang the first peal of Bristol, among other methods—and many an enthusiast made his way to this South coast watering-place in his eagerness to score a Surprise peal—in those days not the common performance it has since become. Brighton, therefore, has a reputation which has been not unworthily maintained through a considerable number of years. And with the launching of the Social Guild may we not look for another step towards future advancement—the establishment of a probationers' class in Brighton's principal tower? It is, we believe, long since any young ringers learned the rudiments of the art in this centre of ringing, and the future may be fraught with danger if not provided for in the present.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES:

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
* WALLACE READ 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
* STANLEY BADMAN 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
JOSEPH T. DYKE 5	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Cave and a farewell to W. Read.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES:

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

REGINALD L. LEWIS Treble	HARRY WEST 6
JOHN BUTLER 2	JOHN W. JONES 7
* TOM J. BUTLER 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
FRED AZWELL 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
CHARLES GREEDY 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Caters. Arranged specially and rung in honour of Dr. C. A. H. Green, who was enthroned in this church on the previous Tuesday as the first Bishop of the newly-formed Diocese of Monmouth, and also in honour of the Vicar of this church, the Venerable D. H. Griffiths, M.A., collated to the dignity and office of Archdeacon of Monmouth on the same day.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES:

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

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung in honour of the 68th birthday of Mr. John Goodman, sen. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Greenfield, wife of the ringer of the 8th, and to Miss Tyler, only child of the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE HOLMES Treble	JOSEPH MORTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 2	* JOHN H. HUMPHRIES 6
GEORGE BURNHAM 3	WILLIAM H. NORTON 7
* CECIL BOOTH 4	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. THORPE.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble and tenor hail from St. Peter's Cathedral, Sheffield, 2nd, 3rd and 7th from Killamarsh, 4th, 5th and 6th are of the local company.

OXFORD.—At New College, on January 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,277 changes) by the following members of the Oxford Society: F. Macey 1, T. Payne 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, F. Taylor 4, A. E. Lock 5, W. H. B. Wilkins 6, B. Bennett 7, G. Candwell 8, H. Miles (conductor) 9, R. Plaister 10. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters by the same band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
LAWRENCE POULSON 2	FREDERICK POULSON 6
FRANK TURNER 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 7
FREDERICK MORTLOCK 4	W. R. JOHN POULSON Tenor

Composed by B. FRANCIS. Conducted by W. R. J. POULSON.

Rung deeply muffled as a token of respect to George Lambert, Thomas Pryke and Charles Poulson, former ringers of the above tower, who lost their lives in the Great War March, 1916, June, 1917, and Oct., 1918, respectively. The ringers of 2nd, 6th and 8th are brothers of the last named.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	FREDERICK H. CROOK 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4	PERCY NORTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. JUDD.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, for the Watch-night service.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
FRED G. BRETT 2	JACK WILLIS 6
REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE 3	GEORGE JENKINS 7
CHARLES W. BRETT 4	HARRISON SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. JENKINS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 6th, who very kindly entertained the band to a sumptuous tea afterwards at 'Ye Olde Beverlie' Inn.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	FREDERICK W. RODGERS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
*GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on eight bells. The greatest credit is due to the ringer of the 4th for the accurate way he rang his bell throughout. He has only one arm, having lost his right arm in Mesopotamia during the war.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WALTER S. CRAWFORD ... Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	WALTER LAGO 6
*JOSEPH HANLEY 3	LEONARD G. HEWITT 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by L. G. HEWITT.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. The above composition was sent by Mr. John Carter on Dec. 20th, 1921, as an Xmas greeting to the Coalbrookdale ringers, it being his wish that the same should be rung on Coalbrookdale bells. The 4th, 5th or 6th bells are in 6th's place every course end with the tenors at home.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	NEVIL H. WIDDOWSON 5
ALAN R. HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
W. R. DRAGE 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	THOMAS HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	PERCY SMITH 7
JOHN HAYES 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. C.C.C. No. 32.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY RAYNER Treble	WILLIAM HARPER 5
EDWARD G. BATES 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6
RICHARD MORGAN 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HENRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LYDDIARD Treble	JOHN LYDDIARD 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE DURLING 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 4	HENRY J. TINNAMS Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rupert Richardson was proposed a member of the Kent Association previous to the attempt.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	SERG. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE FARNISH 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAM 7
ALBERT FLEMING 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BACON Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
GORDON A. BACON 2	SYDNEY W. CORDEN 6
WILLIAM BEDWELL 3	GEORGE E. WILSON 7
WILLIAM DOWSETT 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung to celebrate the conferring of the honour of Knighthood upon His Worship the Mayor of Southend-on-Sea (Alderman John Francis), who is a greatly respected warden of St. Mary's.

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

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK E. SMITH 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*REV. J. F. AMIES 3	FRANK JACOBS 7
GEORGE A. THOMPSON 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	HARRY WHITTLE 5
† JOHN SADDINGTON 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
JOHN OLDHAM 3	EDWARD READER 7
† RICHARD PAINE 4	* CHRISTOPHER MARRIOTT Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal in any method. † First peal of Stedman. J. Oldham has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	* HARRY WARNETT, JUN. 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
WALTER SMITH 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
JOHN BASS 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
* WILLIAM DAVIES 4	HARRY HUBBALL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal and first attempt. W. Short's 700th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by the late C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the dedication of the village War Memorial. First peal of New Cambridge in the county and by all the band.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 57 mins., on December 31st, with the bells half-muffled: A. F. Hatton 1, J. Hammond 2, H. Boyce (conductor) 3, R. Ellis 4, A. Hatton 5, W. Hopkins (first quarter-peal) 6.

PORTSEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

* JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	* ALFRED MEARS 6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 3	* EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
* D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge in Portsmouth.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* BERNARD ALLSOP Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES 5
KENNETH G. SHELTON 2	FRED W. HILL 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	* WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First Surprise peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Jan. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' ONE PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

* F. BLACKMORE Treble	* J. JEFFRIES 5
S. M. BADMAN 2	* W. HUNTER 6
W. F. READ 3	F. G. LEAKER 7
E. DIBBEN 4	* A. DURBIN Tenor

Conducted by F. G. LEAKER.

* First peal. The ringer of the 5th bells from Mangotsfield, the remainder are city men. Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving Bristol for Kelham Theological College.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, Jan. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOT Treble	PETER CROOK 5
TITUS BARLOW, JUN. 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 4	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	WILLIAM HARRISON 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 7
* WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

* First peal. Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a memorial to the Rev. John Bell, a former incumbent of the parish, to whose memory the bells were dedicated, on the anniversary of his death.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Monday, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), by: W. Clifford, junr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Jones 6, A. Lowe 7, P. Price 8.—On January 2nd, 224 each of Superlative, Norfolk and London Surprise Major.

EALING.—For morning service, on Jan. 15th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Harding 1, G. H. Harbour 2, E. J. Walsom 3, H. E. Good 4, W. Lawrence 5, H. P. James (conductor) 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Harding 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.**PETERBOROUGH.****THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, Dec. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble	† ANNIE M. DALE 4
† ELSIE B. BRANDON 2	FRANK ROWLINSON 5
PHYLLIS HARE 3	* TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* 50th peal. † First peal in six methods.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, Dec. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN J. BEVAN Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
JOHN CLARK 2	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Armitage, of Dadnor House, who was interred on this date.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise.

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
GEORGE BROWN, JUN. 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Julian Clifford.

MONTFORD, SALOP.*On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores each called differently, taken from Snowdon's Work. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JAMES E. LILLEY Treble	REGINALD POLE 4
* JOHN PREECE 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
* WILLIAM BROUGHALL 3	* JOSEPH ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. LILLEY.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. He is the youngest ringer to call a peal in Shropshire. The 1st, 4th and 5th hail from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 2nd, 3rd and 6th from St. Chad's, Montford.
* First peal.**THORNTON CURTIS, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	* GEORGE ATKINSON 4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WALTER GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment Mr. C. Taylor, Grimsby, and as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the county for Hertfordshire.

CHURCHKIRK.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION***On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

TOM STANCLIFFE Treble	FRED CHAMBERS 4
* WILLIAM AARON 2	LEONARD ROSTRON 5
FRED HOLLEN 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Lincoln, Durham and Ipswich. Tenor 14 cwt.

PHILIP A. AVEY Treble	GEORGE DAWSON 4
GEORGE L. JOYCE 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung with the bells muffled for the watch-night service.

DENVER, NORFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	GRAHAM SPRATT 4
ALFRED BACON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
LEE FEATHERBY 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

*On Monday, Jan. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Neasden, Wragby, College Bob IV., with 720 (spliced) Sandal and London Scholars. Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
GEORGE HILL 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Arranged for Messrs. G. Hill (Hoylandswaine) and W. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton). First peal of Minor for tenor ringer.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	* HARRY HARVEY 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
THOMAS P. FINCH 3	EDWARD FINCH Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. The conductor is a member of the Cambridge University Guild; the remainder are members of the local company.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON 4
GERALD GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
GILBERT DANDO 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

*WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 4
*GERALD GRIFFIN 2	*THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... .. 5
*GILBERT DANDO 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. † Re-elected a member before starting.
 First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is 14 years 5 months old.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

GEORGE DUFFIELD Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH 4
*JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 2	TONY PRICE 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	WALTER FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, Jan. 8, 1922, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRIS BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
DAVID HORNE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
E. WILLIAM TURNER 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Thursday, Dec. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
 IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFERY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
JOHN NEAL 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. WALKER.
 Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS and H. J. SPENCER.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, 1921, in Two Hours & Nineteen-and-a-half Minutes,
 AT THE RECTORY,

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

CECIL CHAPMAN 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 3-4	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7-8

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Double Norwich in hand for the Association and by ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
 Witnesses: C. SAMPSON and H. PEARSON.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER... .. 3-4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 7-8
R. ALDER GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal of Royal in this method by the Association, and by all the band except E. H. Lewis, it being his first on handbells. First peal on the bells, which are a new peal by Mears & Stainbank, and give entire satisfaction.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
 IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*YORK GREEN 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVEY... .. 3-4	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in hand away from the tenors. This is the first handbell peal by a resident band of Cambridge Youths.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Jan. 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVEY 3-4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7-8

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
 Composition No. 74, C.C.C.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
 IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3-4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7-8

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
 This is the first peal ever rung in this method. See Shipway, page 68. For composition see C.C.C. (Part 3), No. 162.

KENT RINGERS AT HARRIETSHAM.

On Saturday, January 7th, several members of the Kent County Association from the Weald of Kent paid a visit to Harrietsham by the kind invitation of Mr. O. Hodges, who has recently taken up his residence there at the Bell Inn. Unfortunately the weather put on its most wintry aspect, and prevented some of the less ardent ones from putting in an appearance, although one of the members was plucky enough to cycle twelve miles out and home, in spite of the snow. The rest took advantage of trains and motors. Touches of Grandsire Triples and several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon, and local men rang the cover bells to the Doubles. Ringing, however, is not altogether a pleasure on these bells, as they are badly in need of the services of the bell hanger.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges had provided a most excellent ringers' tea for their guests, numbering about 20, and the meal was made all the more enjoyable by the kind attentions of the ladies, who looked after the wants of the party. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent with tunes and changes on the handbells, and songs, and cigars.

We understand that the question of repairs to the bells is being taken up by the church authorities.

DEATH OF MR. F. G. PERRIN.

The death took place on December 30th, of Mr. Frederick George Perrin, of Walworth, London, at the age of 62 years, after several weeks' illness.

The deceased was well known in the London towers, and also in the counties surrounding the Metropolis. He had rung a considerable number of peals.

The funeral took place on January 4th, at Nunhead Cemetery.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL'S VETERAN. —HALF A CENTURY OF RINGING.

To have been present in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral on New Year's Eve for 50 years without a single miss, and assisted in ringing in the New Year, is the remarkable record of Mr. A. A. Andrews, who, although not given to boasting, is naturally proud of his life achievement. Mr. Andrews is a native of Canterbury, having been born in St. Dunstan's parish on May 24th, 1851, and he has resided at his present address 48 years. He first visited the Canterbury Cathedral belfry to learn ringing in 1865, was made a full member of the company in 1869, and to-day is the only member living of that band of 1869. He has thus been actually connected with the Cathedral ringers for over 56 years, and he has held the secretaryship for 40 years. During his career he has rung for the enthronement of four Archbishops—Tait, Benson, Temple and Davidson—and he has also served under four Deans—Alford, Payne Smith, Farrar and Waco. He has taken part in 26 peals, including four of Stedman Caters, 17 Stedman Triples, five Grandsire Triples, his first peal being Holt's ten-part at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, in November, 1883. During the half century he has rung in most of the church towers in Kent. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in January, 1885.

Mr. Andrews holds another record of long service, having resigned this year from the St. Dunstan's Church Choir, after a membership of 60 years.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ANDREWS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cathedral company was held last week at Sergeant's Restaurant. The business included the passing of the accounts and the election of officers for the year, which included the following re-elections: The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (president), Mr. H. G. Fairham (treasurer), and Mr. A. A. Andrews (secretary).

The business over, the members sat down to a repast, followed by a pleasant social evening, under the chairmanship of the president. During the evening, the Chairman, in felicitous terms, referred to the remarkable fact that Mr. A. A. Andrews had just completed half a century of 'ringing in the New Year' on the Cathedral bells without a single break. The company, therefore, felt they would like to mark such an exceptional record by one of their band by making him a small present to show their appreciation of his past services, and the manner in which he had always carried them out. The chairman then handed to Mr. Andrews a handsome sugar and cream stand, and at the same time tendered to him their hearty good wishes.

Mr. Andrews, in acknowledging the gift, said it had come to him as a complete surprise. It was correct that he had completed his 50 years, and he had been their secretary just on 40 years. What he had done for the Cathedral company was, after all, no more than his duty, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to see that the company was progressing as it was. When he was a young man he had an old company to work with; they rang only three courses of Grandsire Triples, and they were always called by one man, so that he had no chance to advance into further methods. In the last 30 years, however, standard methods had come to the front with the young band, and he must say that the Stedman Caters with which the company rang in this New Year was one of the best touches he had heard for a very long time. He thanked them for all their kindness, and hoped they would be spared to meet another year.

NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

THE FIRST PEAL.

The first peal of Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on January 10th by the Cambridge University Guild on handbells. A footnote to the peal says, 'See Shipway, page 68.' Not all of our readers have a Shipway to which they can turn, and for their convenience we quote page 68 of 'Campanologia,' and give the figures of a lead of Norwich Court Bob Major.

The Norwich Court Bob system is very much admired,' says Shipway, 'and is undoubtedly a most excellent composition, though altogether too intricate for common practice, especially the double method, which can be rung only by persons of the greatest experience in the art. Court Bob was, in its commencement, practised in its double state, in the original on six bells, whereby the places are made double, or following each other immediately. In this system, therefore, it seems to have been the endeavour of the composer to have the dodging and places as in the six bell method; but this is impossible on eight, nine and twelve bells, as it is only to be had on ten and eleven; besides, it makes more places than the six bells authorise. Had it been pricked in its single state, the difficulty would have been solved immediately; but on the whole it is admirably contrived and keeps the large bells together in a manner equal to that of the author's system.'

Then follow the figures of the single method on 8, 9 and 10 bells, and the method of ringing it.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that the ever-popular Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, organised annually by the St. Martin's Guild, will be held in Birmingham on Saturday, Feb. 25th. The Guild is to be congratulated on again having secured the beautiful cedar-paneled Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the gathering.

On January 21st, 1898, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, claimed to be the first in the method, was rung at Cheltenham. Possibly it may have been the first true peal, but we believe a peal of 5,400 Cambridge Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1822. We should be glad to have authentic information on this matter.

This reminds us that it is recorded that on Feb. 18th, 1822, a peal of New Cambridge Surprise (as we now know it) was rung at Huddersfield, although the Burton men claim that their peal on April 20th, 1837, was the first. If this point, also, can be settled, and settled in favour of Huddersfield, there ought to be some centenary peals rung next month.

January 21st, 1788, was the day on which 6,600 of Bob Maximus was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on January 7th, served a double purpose. It was a birthday peal for Mr. W. A. Cave, and a farewell to Mr. Wallace Read, who is leaving Bristol to take up a course of study at Kellam Theological College. Mr. Read learnt his ringing at St. Thomas's, under the tuition of Mr. F. G. Leaker, and has shown keen interest in the Gloucester and Bristol Association by regularly attending the meetings. This was his first peal, and it was also the first peal by Mr. S. Badman, one of the St. Nicholas' band, who learnt his ringing under the late Mr. R. J. Wilkins. The valuable work which the latter did at St. Nicholas' is being carried on by Mr. Leaker, himself an old St. Nicholas' 'boy.'

Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, is very busy among the bells in Kent. At present the peal of five at Smarden is being turned into a ring of six, and being hung in a new frame. Benenden bells are then to be taken in hand. They are to be rehung and quarter turned.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting, 1922, will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 6th, at Lincoln. Further and full particulars of this will be announced later. Notice of motions should be sent to the hon. secretary before May 6th, in order that they may appear upon the agenda.

Secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and Associations are reminded that the subscription for 1922 is now due, and should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT AT WIVENHOE.

The annual meeting of the North-East District of the Essex Association was held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, January 7th. The proceedings commenced with festal evensong. The full surpliced choir of men and boys were present, and the Association's special form of service was used. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. J. R. Sinclair Carolin), who was seriously ill, and has since passed away, the Rev. A. O. Lukyn-Williams, Vicar of Elmstead Market, officiated, and gave a very impressive address.

A bountiful meat tea was provided in the Club Room, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. C. E. Gooch, J.P., of Wivenhoe Park, presided, supported by the churchwardens. Forty members were present from Colchester, Mistley, Langham, Great Bentley, Thorington, Great Bromley, Edmonton, and Braintree, with the local ringers, who have recently taken up change ringing.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, was re-elected District Master, and Mr. R. W. Stannard, of Colchester, was elected district secretary, in place of Mr. H. T. Pye, Colchester, who resigned owing to pressure of business. Mr. Pye was thanked for his past services.

Twelve new members were elected, including the whole of the newly-formed Wivenhoe band.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers.—Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, in replying, explained the objects of the Association, and thanked Mr. Gooch and friends for their generosity in providing such a sumptuous tea, and Mr. Douce for the excellent arrangements he had made.

During the afternoon some excellent touches of London Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung, including a well-struck 720 Cambridge Surprise: G. W. Moss 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, O. Andrewes 3, J. Bowell 4, W. J. Hazell 5, W. J. Nevard 6. Several courses of Plain Bob, in which members of the local band took part, were also accomplished.

Despite the unfavourable weather, this was the most enthusiastic and successful meeting held in this district for some time past, some members travelling several miles in sleet and rain in order to be present at the first official visit of the Association to Wivenhoe.

A RINGERS' SOCIAL GUILD.**BRIGHTON'S LEAD.**

Although unquestionably the spirit of brotherhood prevails, in general, within the tower, yet too often this precious element is found wanting apart from the belfry; and it would appear that, in many cases, if the strengthening of this bond could be specially catered for, an all-round benefit to the ringing would result.

It being resolved to submit this theory to a practical test, a social evening, in the shape of a dinner and 'smoker,' was arranged among the Brighton (St. Peter's) and visiting ringers, and held on Tuesday, January 10th, at the house of one of the band. In the absence of the Master of the County Association, (Mr. J. T. Rickman, who sent a last-minute message that he could not be present), Mr. Edward Merritt, being the senior member of the band, was unanimously elected to the chair for the evening.

At the close of an enjoyable dinner, the Chairman proposed 'The King,' which was loyally honoured; and then called upon Mr. A. York-Bramble, who gave the only other toast—that of 'The St. Peter's Society.' In so doing, the speaker remarked that that was the very first dinner of its kind held for Brighton ringers. He sincerely hoped it would not be the last; in fact, he was looking to great developments from the small beginning, for he desired that a 'Christmas' dinner should be perpetuated as an annual function in Brighton. Unfortunately, he said, there appeared to be a lack of cohesion amongst the ringers of Brighton and district, and he felt convinced that something definite must be done with the object of bringing into personal contact all those in the district who were then, or who had been, interested in ringing—even though they had ceased to visit a tower! He proceeded to outline certain proposals for the attainment of that end. A Social Guild should be inaugurated, the main object of which should be to foster a spirit of good fellowship amongst all ringing men. Only indirectly should it concern itself with the actual ringing. They had their County Association for the advancement of the art itself. The efforts of the Association, however, did not appear to be directed towards the composing of 'differences' between certain of its members; did not, in fact, accomplish much towards the removal of the not-altogether-pleasant element of tower opposition. Friendly rivalry promoted the art, but not the kind of rivalry to which he referred. Such a Guild should not only call all together on neutral ground, as it were, but should, also, actually promote the work of the Association—for example, by making certain stipulations as to qualification for membership of the Guild. Further, the activities of the organisation should be freely advertised in the Notices Column of 'The Ringing World,' and reported in its pages; and here again good should result, if these things led, as they should, towards a wider support of the paper. He asked for their earnest consideration of these suggestions, and begged leave to move later on, a formal proposition embodying them. 'Meanwhile,' he concluded, 'Here's lasting success to the St. Peter's Society. May the bells never lack ropes, and the ropes good ringers to pull 'em!'

The toast was received with acclamation, and was responded to by the 'Father' of the Society, Mr. Merritt, who gave a most interesting account of its history, from its comparatively early days in the '90's, when ringers came from the Metropolis, and from all parts of the country, to get a pull in the Surprise methods. He concluded by expressing his approval of the suggestions made by Mr. Bramble, as to a Social Guild.

Mr. Keith Hart endorsed the chairman's remarks. The St. Peter's Society, he said, stood for all that was best in ringing. Visitors were always sure of a hearty welcome, and only two things were expected of them; to exercise care in the striking, and to exhibit a manly spirit—a spirit of give-and-take.

Mr. York-Bramble then formally moved: 'That a society be here and now founded for the purpose of fostering the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship amongst the ringers of Brighton and district; principally by means of organised social meetings, with an annual Christmas dinner; that it shall be called the Brighton and District Ringers' Social Guild; that membership be open (by means of simple registration) to all Sussex County Association resident members who have rung at least one peal in the Association; and that the following officials (few as possible until a more general election could take place) should be elected—president, hon. general secretary, and one other; these to form a committee of organisation.'

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. C. Hart, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Keith Hart then proposed 'that Mr. Edward Merritt be elected as first President of the newly-founded Guild, Mr. A. York-Bramble as hon. secretary, and Mr. A. D. Stone as the third member of the Organising Committee.'

This was seconded by Mr. John Capp, and carried unanimously.

The committee propose to make an early announcement as to the first of the periodical social meetings of the Guild; and hope that, in the meantime, intending members will indicate their desire to enrol by sending to the hon. secretary of the Guild at Addison

Lodge, Montefiore Road, Hove, a postcard giving name and permanent address.

The business at the dinner-table having been concluded, the party adjourned to another room, where a rollicking three hours' of music and humour launched the new-born Guild with much success.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**WORK OF THE IPSWICH BRANCH.**

In spite of the inclement weather, a most successful meeting of the Ipswich Branch of the above Association was held at Halesworth on Saturday, January 7th, eleven towers being represented. The bells of the Parish Church were at the disposal of the members, and were well utilised.

The Rev. H. C. Newberry, M.A., Rector of Halesworth, presided at the business meeting, supported by Capt. A. E. Reeves (Holton), Messrs. J. Howard (Halesworth), W. Last (Sibton), F. W. Naunton (Wrentham), and E. Evans (Ipswich, branch secretary).—The Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome, assuring them it was a pleasure to have them there at any time they decided to meet there.—The Secretary read a report on the work of the branch during 1921, in the course of which he said the past year had been one of increased activity in the work of the Association, viz., the promotion of the art of change ringing. This was shown in the number of peals scored in the higher methods, whilst that branch of church work, the ringing of bells for Sunday services, had not been neglected. General meetings of the branch had been confined to the last annual meeting held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, and a joint meeting of the branches held at Lowestoft on August 1st (postponed from Whit-Monday owing to disorganised train service, through the Coal Dispute). District meetings and meetings for combined practice had been held at Grundisburgh, Wickham Market, Ufford, Otley, Wenhamston, Aldeburgh, Beccles, Bungay, Stonham Aspal, Gratfield, Kelsale, Peasenhall, Wrentham, Worlingworth and Eye. The number of peals rung by members of the branch, and published in 'The Ringing World' to December 30th, 1921, was 135. Especially noticeable among the performances were peals of Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich on 8, 10 and 12 bells by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, Norfolk, Suffolk and Yorkshire Surprise by the Leiston company, double-handed peals of Stedman Cinques and Caters by those gifted men, the brothers Bailey, of Leiston, and a peal of Surprise Minor by the Thornham company. The peals at six bell towers showed that those members, whose chances on higher numbers were few, did not intend to be left behind in placing five thousands to their credit. A rough estimate of the finances showed an expenditure of £17 17s. in excess of income, but as there were subscriptions still to come in, the General Secretary hoped this would be balanced without drawing on the reserve fund.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, on the proposition of Mr. J. Howard, seconded by Mr. J. O'Neill, and the following new members were elected: Hon. member, Rev. H. C. Newberry; ringing members, Messrs. Bowman, Hardwick, Moss, Rodwell, Sewell (Bramford) and Kidby (Tuddenham); probationers, Messrs. Garrod, Marjoram, Simpson and Wright (Tuddenham).

The election of Mr. H. Day as secretary for the Eye district, was confirmed, and Mr. W. Kerrison was elected secretary for the Halesworth district, vice Mr. F. Lambert.

Mr. O'Neill proposed that appreciation of the good work carried on by Mr. Lambert as secretary of the Halesworth district for 28 years be recorded. This was supported by the Rev. Newberry, who spoke of the help he had received in various ways from Mr. Lambert.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Howard for the preliminary arrangements ended a most pleasant meeting, and the ringers returned to the tower.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

The meeting of the South and West District, held at Chiswick on January 14th, was a decided success, for no less than forty-two ringers attended from Acton, Battersea, Chiswick, Clapham, Croydon, Fulham, Heston, Hammersmith, Isleworth, Kensington, Leatherhead, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Staines, South Hackney, Walthamstow, Willesden Westminster Abbey, and West Ealing. The tower of St. John's, Hillingdon, was represented by an enthusiastic member, who was the only lady ringer present.

Prior to the tea, a service was held, at which the Vicar of Chiswick (the Rev. R. W. Townsend) officiated, and gave a most suitable address, several well-known hymns were heartily sung, and Mr. W. Lawrence presided at the organ.

At the close of the tea, business was discussed, and some new members were enrolled from Staines and the local tower. It is pleasing to add that the Vicar joined as a 'ringing member.' It was a great treat to experience the joviality of the Vicar, who, during the tea, kept up a continual flow of good humour, and both the District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier), who were seated near him, will, with the others of the company, not easily forget the merry time that was spent.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

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CANADIAN CARILLON CAST AT CROYDON. SEVENTEEN TONS OF BELLS.

On Thursday of last week there was another royal visit to the Croydon Bell Foundry, the Princess Beatrice and the Duchess of Albany, and a distinguished company, including the High Commissioner of Canada, accepting the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to inspect a remarkable carillon that is about to be sent to Toronto, and to hear a recital on these bells by Mr. Cyril Johnston.

The twenty-three bells of the carillon, weighing seventeen tons and ranging from the tenor of four tons to the little treble of a hundred-weight and a half, are controlled by a keyboard, which actuates their clappers or hammers. The tunes may be performed automatically by electric power in combination with a perforated paper band, like that of the pianola, or by human agency through a keyboard.

Mr. Johnston's recital included such familiar hymns and airs as 'Abide with me,' the 'March of the Men of Harlech,' 'I'll sing thee songs of Araby,' 'The Maple Leaf for ever,' and the British National Anthem, and were listened to with interest and appreciation.

The Royal visitors witnessed the process of casting bells, a glowing stream of copper and tin alloy being poured into the moulds, there to remain until cold. After this interesting spectacle Sir George Perley, the High Commissioner, expressed the gratification that would be felt by the citizens of Toronto at the send-off that had been given to their carillon by Princess Beatrice and the Duchess of Albany. It would, he said, convey a message of goodwill from the Old Country. He mentioned that he would cross the Atlantic on the same steamer as the bells, and that they were the gift of Mr. Chester D. Massey to the Metropolitan Church of the city in memory of his wife.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As you have been good enough to offer your columns to enable Associations to advise members of the Exercise of the existence of false compositions in their respective reports, I herewith send you a complete list of such compositions, so far as I know of them, in the reports of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. I trust that holders of these reports will be good enough to mark the compositions in question, so that they are not rung again.

Peal No. 40, Page 51 of 2nd Report, 5,060 Stedman Caters by J. P. Bradley.

Peal No. 113, Page 63 of 4th Report, 5,002 Stedman Caters by G. Lindoff.

Peal No. 323, Page 77 of 6th Report, 5,088 Superlative by G. Lindoff.

Peal No. 357, Page 82 of 6th Report, 5,088 Superlative by G. Lindoff.

Peal No. 370, Page 85 of 6th Report, 5,088 Superlative by G. Lindoff.

Peal No. 394, Page 73 of 7th Report, 5,043 Stedman Caters by C. Charge.

Peal No. 1,125, Page 102 of 15th Report, 5,088 Bristol Surprise Major by A. Knights, is false, as shown. The 11th course should read

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which is true, and runs to the correct number of changes.

If Associations generally would advise the Exercise of such errors in their reports, I think a great deal of good would result, as there is no doubt at all that compositions in these reports are often used again.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES,

Joint Hon. Sec., Mr. C.A. and L.D.G.

49, Wood Street, E.17.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I think the ringing community at large owe you a debt of gratitude (if nothing more than that) for trying to stave off the publication and ringing of false peals. Why should not a composer of a peal be compelled, when sending forth a new peal, to add the words 'proved' or 'not proved,' as the case may be? In my opinion the composer and nobody else is the one responsible for the truth of a peal. With regard to touches, false touches are often rung, and a conductor knows them to be false, but calls them for the music they contain in a given number, as well as to fill up a required time.—Yours truly,

JOHN BEAMS.

We are afraid that even the label suggested above would not always be a safeguard, for sometimes a most competent composer will go laboriously through a peal, and, by overlooking some small point, quite unintentionally pass on to a conductor figures which are false. The process of independent checking is what is necessary.—Ed. 'R.W.'

SUSSEX LOSES TWO VETERANS.

GEORGE GATLAND AND THOMAS LINDFIELD.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. George Gatland, of Steyning, Sussex, who passed away at the age of 73 years, on Tuesday, January 10th, and was buried on Friday last. By his death, Sussex loses one of its foundation members.

'To know George Gatland was not only to respect, but to love him,' writes a correspondent. 'I met him first in his own belfry at Steyning, where the squat tower scarce reaches above the pointed roof of the church. A stranger always found a welcome from him, the hand of fellowship was always held out to the visitor. He took a keen pride in maintaining the bells in a high state of mechanical efficiency. He was a good steady ringer; had served a fruitful apprenticeship on six bells, and could always be relied upon when it came to ringing the standard methods on eight. He did not pretend to greatness, although he scored a considerable number of peals, but his retiring disposition and genial nature endeared him to all. Twenty to twenty-five years ago I used to meet him a good deal, mostly on peal ringing occasions. Things did not always go well, but I never recollect once seeing George Gatland's temper ruffled, whatever the trouble or whoever else got upset. I remember him as one of the band who rang the first "George" peal of Stedman, more than a quarter of a century ago, and he must have been the oldest of the party. Of late years, although as regular as ever in his attendance in the belfry, his name has been seen much less in peal records. He has gone to his rest, but we who knew him will remember his tall, patriarchal figure, and cherish happy memories of his friendship.'

The deceased had held the position of captain, steepkeeper, vergor, and parish clerk for 47 years, and had been a member of the Sussex Association since its formation. He took part in several peals, and took his share in teaching others to ring. During the late war he helped to teach a band of ladies, and kept the bells going for the Sunday services.

The last peal he took part in was on September 3rd last. The band had met one short, and he was asked to make up the party. Although in failing health he took the place of the absent one. For the first hour he thought he should have to give up, but the ringing, he afterwards said, was so good throughout the peal that at the finish he felt much better, and he thought he should soon be all right again. This, however, was his last peal, and a few weeks after it became necessary for him to undergo an X-ray examination, the result of which proved that he was suffering from an incurable disease, to which, despite unremitting care, he at length succumbed.

The funeral took place on Friday, January 13th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Cox) officiated, and the bearers were four of the local band of ringers: Messrs. J. Matthews, H. Phillips, H. J. Green and R. Charman. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Gatland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gatland, Mr. H. Gatland, Mrs. Gullen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gatland, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gatland (brother and sister-in-law), and Miss Doris Gatland (grand-daughter). The members of the local band, with Messrs. J. Smart, C. Tyler (Henfield), W. Markwell (Henfield), R. Strudwick (St. Peter's, Brighton) and T. Searle also attended.

The choir was present, and a large congregation. The hymn, 'Let Saints on earth in concert sing,' and the Nunc Dimittis were rendered with solemnity, immediately after which a touch of Stedman Triples was rung, with the bells fully muffled, by: E. Bristow, J. Smart, J. Matthews, W. Markwell, G. Phillips, R. Strudwick, C. Tyler (conductor), R. Charman. The church officers present were: Messrs. C. Brown, F. Duke, F. Gratwick, and E. Holmes (sidesman), Mr. C. Marshall (lay reader), and Mr. H. J. Burt (late churchwarden), Miss Turner (Sunday School), Mr. J. Kibblewhite (headmaster of C. of E. Elementary School), the Rev. E. T. Lea, M.A. (headmaster of Steyning Grammar School), Mrs. Congreve Pridgeon, Mrs. Cecil Horne, Mr. Percy Breach, Mr. Robert Breach, Mr. C. Fowler, Mr. C. Woolgar, Mr. W. W. Rapley, Mr. Walter Hills, with members of the C.E.M.S., the local troop of Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster C. W. Catt, and others, showing the wide respect in which the deceased was held.

Another old Sussex ringer has passed away, in the person of Mr. Thomas Lindfield, who, after a short illness, died on January 12th, and was buried on Sunday last. He had been a member of the Sussex Association between 30 and 40 years, and at one time was well known in connection with the Angmering company, when that little company made a name for themselves in the Exercise as a 6-bell band, and could ring Surprise Minor methods almost as easily as shelling the proverbial peas. The men who formed the company are one by one slipping away, and those who are left to us are getting into 'the sera and yellow leaf.' Some of us, however, remember them as pioneers of change ringing in Sussex, and know the debt which the Association owed to them in the early days of its existence for the promotion of the art in that part of the county.

Touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral, as a last tribute of respect.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, at the Parish Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. S. Leach (first in the method) 1. T. Taylor 2. F. C. Bendall 3. W. D. Peart 4. W. C. Reynolds 5. E. Pagett 6. A. Mills (conductor) 7. D. Jones 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, January 15th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., as follows: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, E. Parsons 3, G. Sims 4, L. Honess 5, R. Burgess 6, H. Parkes 7, H. Want 8. Conducted by H. Parkes. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, January 15th, for service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,293 changes), in 52 minutes: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. Judd 5, P. E. Clark 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Iles 8, A. Harding 9, Geo. F. Edwards 10.

ACTON.—On January 15th, at St. Mary's Church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from 'Holt's Original,' in 44 mins., by: A. H. Fulwell 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, H. Wincote 3, *A. M. Stacey 4, Robt. Holloway 5, L. H. Page 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, O. Brown 8. * First quarter-peal inside, and first attempt. Ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 7 are from South Ealing, the rest are local.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 15th, at St. Magnus', City, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Alps 1, J. A. Trollope 2, A. James 3, F. G. Symonds 4, E. Pike 5, R. Grimwood 6, W. Hewett 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8, W. Nudds 9, R. Saunders 10.—Also two courses Stedman Caters.

ECKINGTON, DERBY.—On Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Tomlinson 1, B. Ditcher 2, G. Noden 3, J. Humphries 4, J. Morton (conductor) 5, W. Ashman 6, P. Jervis 7, C. Booth 8.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, consisting of 120 changes each of Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman and Plain Bob, and 360 changes of Grandsire: S. France 1, R. Turner (first on a bob bell) 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, W. Lycett 4, W. Clay (first 720 as conductor) 5, T. Lycett (first 720) 6. All are members of the local band, except the ringer of the 3rd.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, January 8th, for the morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. Almond 1, J. Bowell 2, C. Andrews 3, W. J. Hazell 4, W. Burgess 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Plain Bob (containing 28 bobs, 2 singles): P. Almond 1, J. Bowell 2, C. Andrews 3, W. J. Nevard 4, W. Burgess (conductor) 5, W. J. Hazell 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's, on Sunday, January 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service, in 42 minutes: T. Fitzjohn (late of Thetford), first quarter in the method, 1. F. Overton 2, J. B. Budd 3, S. Bromfield 4, F. Metcalfe 5, E. Brown 6, R. S. Long (conductor) 7, E. Moffin 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Peter's Church, for Matins, 406 Stedman Caters: C. Dean (conductor) 1, J. Sparrow 2, D. Wright 3, Miss E. Parker 4, R. Brough 5, W. Bullpitt 6, G. Burt 7, S. Roper 8, G. Fletcher 9, C. Kitching 10.—For evening song, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: C. Dean 1, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 2, W. Bullpitt 3, J. Sparrow 4, D. Wright 5, R. Brough 6, G. Fletcher 7, G. Burt 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by: J. Wilkins 1, *R. B. Bailey 2, W. H. Austin 3, W. J. Dove 4, W. R. Parker (conductor) 5, W. Sturgess 6, F. Hopper 7, *S. Foskett. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire.

THERINGTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 8th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: P. Almond 1, W. J. Hazell 2, G. Andrews 3, J. Bowell 4, W. Burgess 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. W. J. Hazell hails from London; W. Burgess from Alresford, Essex.

OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, at 8 a.m. on New Year's morning, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Spire 1, E. Whitlock 2, C. Alderman 3, F. Bird 4, T. Walters 5, T. Bird 6. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer, whose first 'peal' this was as a change ringer.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): B. Corderoy 1, R. Prior 2, J. Butler 3, A. H. Webb 4, W. B. Webb 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, T. Busby 7, R. Aldridge 8.

BRAINTREE.—For the early celebration at the Parish Church, on the Feast of the Nativity, 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. Coote 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dysan 5, F. Ely 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, G. Lindridge 8.

SWAINSWICK.—On Jan. 1st, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the unveiling of the war memorial by the Provost of Oriel, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following members of the local company: A. Clark 1, W. Starr (conductor) 2, W. Clark 3, Miss A. E. Watson 4, E. Bath 5, E. Clark 6. Amongst the names on the memorial are those of W. White, a former member of the local company, and three brothers of Miss A. E. Watson.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On January 1st, for Divine service during the day, 335 Grandsire Triples, 84 Stedman Triples, 576 Treble Bob Major, 352 Plain Bob Major, the ringers taking part being F. Berry, Wm. Berry, Jas. Jacques, T. K. Driver, S. Holt, T. A. Ogden, Wm. Hardman, Tom Wellens, D. Renshaw.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

FIVE TOUCHES OF 360 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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Each to be four times repeated. Can be bobbed home true from any course end.

W. WALMSLEY.

1,260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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Five times repeated.

HENRY JOHNSON.

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W. BERRY.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Holmes 1, R. Harrison 2, F. Ward 3, W. Chown 4, H. Thorpe 5, H. Naylor (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Thorpe (conductor) 7, G. Harrison 8.

CREWE.—At Christ Church, on Tuesday, January 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Overton 1, H. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, J. H. Riding 4, A. Crawley 5, R. T. Holding (conductor) 6. First by all the band, and the first on the bells; also the first in the Crewe branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

NEWBURY.—On Tuesday, December 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Pool 1, E. W. Smith 2, S. Quinton 3, H. W. Curtis 4, W. A. Dormer 5, R. N. Runham 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. This promising band are to be congratulated on their striking. It is a pity they are so far away from Reading, as the benefit they would enjoy from the help of a few first-class change ringers on their practice nights is out of the question. They have only to continue to pull together with their worthy captain, Mr. S. Quinton, and success will be theirs in the future.

NOTICES.

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BRISTOL UNITED GUILD' FIRST ANNUAL DINNER, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Feb. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.—Ringing from 3 p.m. Announcement later. Tickets 6/., to be had from Bristol Branch and tower officials, or from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards' Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service. Tea. Business (election of officers, etc.). Concert afterwards. All members requested to attend.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster St. George's, on Jan. 21st. Bells ready early. Committee meeting at 4.0. Service at 5.0. Address by the President, the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A. Tea at 5.30, tickets 1/6 each. Subscriptions for 1922 are due at this meeting. A good attendance is desired. All ringers and friends welcome.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Henthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1922. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea will be arranged at the Woolpack at 6 p.m. at a moderate charge. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Priory Church, Leominster, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar, Rev. R. Gillenders. Tea at Hill's, Draper's Lane, at 5.45 p.m.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1922. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Service, with an address by the Rector, at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow election of officers, &c. Tea at 1/6 per head.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W. 20.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Erdington on Saturday, Jan. 21st next. The bells of the Parish Church will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.; those of the Abbey from 3 p.m. Bishop Ryder's (Birmingham) tower will also be open from 2 to 3 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 5 p.m., conducted by the President, Canon Back. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. A good attendance is earnestly desired. Tea 1/6 each.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec., 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Jan. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Willenhall, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, and meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.

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. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at South Cerney, on Thursday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Eliot Arms 5.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by 23rd.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting on Jan. 28th at St. Chad's. Ringing. Service 5.30 p.m. Address by the President, the Archdeacon of Salop. Tea, 6.20 p.m., 1s. 6d., if ordered before 24th inst. from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage. Meeting after tea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Western Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available before the meeting. St. Helen's afterwards. Tea will be provided. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Lewisham, High Road, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, 1s. per head. Those requiring same must send their names to me by Tuesday, Jan. 24th, at the latest. Subscriptions are now due, and should be

paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 3.30 p.m. Then assemble in Broad Street Schools for handbell ringing, tea and meeting. Free tea at 4.30 p.m. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Bells available again from 6 to 9 p.m. 1922 subscriptions now due.—A. Davies, 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at the Church of St. James, Whitfield (Glossop). Tower open 3.30. Business meeting 7.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Derby on Jan. 28th. The bells of St. Alkmund's will be available from 3 till 8 p.m. Meeting to take place at 6 p.m.—A. Braines, 94, Chester Green Road, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting at the Church House at 5. Those requiring tea please notify by 24th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton, near Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stetchworth, about three miles from Newmarket, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tea and meeting at the White Horse, Stetchworth, at 5 o'clock. Three five-bell towers will be available for ringing: Woodditton 3 to 4.30, Stetchworth and Dullingham after tea.—A. E. Austin, Dis. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Jan. 28th. St. Nicholas (6 bells) 3 to 4.30 p.m. All Saints (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Cathedral (10) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Meet west door 7.15. Service All Saints' 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.45, Spread Eagle Hotel. Tea 1/- each, notify not later than Jan. 24th.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, the 28th inst. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Church. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Rd. N.7.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Association will be held at Pickering on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. Divine Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. Drage, M.A., Vicar of Pickering. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head to all who notify Miss A. L. Henderson, Mayfield, Pickering, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th. The Annual Reports will be on sale at this meeting.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham district.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, for the

election of officers for the ensuing year. Ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—Meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford district.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells open at 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m., at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street. Service at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige by notifying me.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the whole Diocese will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 3.30 p.m., when the Bishop has promised to preside. Bells available from 2 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, and St. Matthew's. All Suffolk ringers are invited to this meeting (the first general one) so that any opinion may be expressed before the organisation is finally settled.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1922. The bells at Christ Church (6) and the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 at the Parish Church. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present at tea are specially asked to notify Mr. J. A. Lambert, 6, Pincott Road, Merton, S.W. 19, not later than Wednesday, 1st Feb. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warminster, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Club Room at 5 o'clock. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15 and 3.20 p.m., returning from Great Waltham 7.15 and 9.18 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement's, 23rd. Sundays, at 10 a.m.: St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th. Annual General Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

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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