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The difficulties of organisation which have to be met by those responsible for running ringing associations which cover scattered country districts, with little or no means of railway communication, can be fully appreciated only by those who have had to do the work. From the campanological point of view, these areas are, and from the nature of the conditions must inevitably be, the most backward, so that the obstacles to progress are increased by a greater ratio than the difficulties to be met with in more compact and better favoured districts. The very isolation of the towers is a reason not only for lack of progress, but for actual retrogression, for bands, even if they have once mastered the rudiments of change ringing, soon slip back to the 'stony' stage—unless they possess exceptional talent and enthusiasm—if they do not receive inspiration and encouragement from contact with other ringers Even where the art does get a precarious hold, the task of an association is an extraordinarily difficult one if it seeks, as it should do, to extend a helping hand to its branches. It is not always the question of distance which proves the handicap; it is the inaccessibility from the absence of railway communication which is the chief drawback.

At the moment the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is endeavouring to solve a problem of this kind. Covering as it does nearly the whole of the two counties of Wilts and Dorset, which are largely rural, and are intersected by few railways, the Guild has always had an uphill struggle, and change ringing in this big area would have been in a bad way had it not been for the patience and perseverance of a handful of stalwarts, who have kept the flag flying in a few centres and carried the good work into the towers around. The Wimborne District, which takes in a big piece of Dorset, has been considering whether the cause of ringing will not be better advanced by splitting the area and forming a new branch for the northern portion. The working of the existing wide district has been a formidable task, and the scheme for the division is to go ahead in order to reduce the unwieldy dimensions of the Branch. Whether the proposal will have the result of improving the position of affairs in North Dorset remains, however, to be seen, for it was pointed out that the area in which the new Branch is to be established will have only two places on a railway line, and no tower with a ringable peal of eight bells. This is not much of a prospect for a newly-formed Branch. It will need an organising genius and officers of more than average enthusiasm to make a success of a district of this kind. We only hope they will be forthcoming.

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NORTH NOTTS & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*G. TANSLEY	*Treble*	W. H. JOHNSON, V.C.	5
*H. JORDAN	2	*E. CLARKE	6
*MISS AMY TAYLOR	3	GEO. HARDWICK	7
A. JOHNSON	4	*STANLEY WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JOHNSON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal at Worksop with a lady taking part. The band are all Priory Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor, and the wife of the ringer of the 7th captain of the company.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON THE HILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
HENRY W. WILDE	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	SAM JONES, JUN.	7
HENRY C. COLLYER	4	JAMES H. RIDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells and in the City of Chester. Mr. Robert Sperring, the genial conductor of the tower, should have called the peal, but owing to an accident was unable to do so. The ringer of the treble, 3rd and 4th hail from Frodsham, 2nd and 7th from Eccleston, 5th from Harrington, 6th Chester, and tenor from Crewe.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES:

RICHARD B. LAMBERT	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
CHARLES TRIBE	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	BENJAMIN GOLDSMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Alfred Bowell. Benjamin Goldsmith was made a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
*GEORGE W. ABLITT	2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	6
FRANK FISHER	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.
On Sunday, December 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CHARLES WYBROW	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. BALDWIN	5
JOHN A. GODFREY	2	CHARLES S. TUTHILL	6
GEORGE A. COOKE	3	WILLIAM E. BASON	7
EDWARD C. COOKE	4	ROBERT W. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

The peal is composed of 60 courses with 178 Singles and No. Bobs: 4, 5 and 6 each 20 course ends in 6th's place, with all combinations of 4,5,6 in 5-6, and was rung for the first time.

Specially arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. E. C. Cooke, who was leaving next day to reside in London.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)
On Monday, December 17, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PALATINE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN WATSON	*Treble*	FRANK SHAW	5
MRS. J. WHEWELL	2	JONATHAN WHEWELL	6
MISS ELLEN SHAW	3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH	7
JAMES SHAW	4	WILLIAM RILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

The method is now rung for the first time, and the peal was rung at first attempt on the eve of the treble ringer's birthday. The method has been named by the Oswaldtwistle company.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*J. RANDS	*Treble*	O. GREATHEAD	5
*C. URCH	2	P. GLEDSTON	6
H. FOWLER	3	†R. SARSBY	7
M. FOWLER	4	*E. STACEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by E. STACEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	THOMAS NEWMAN	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	HARRY KILBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method by the Association in the county, and by all the band.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*ALBERT E. AMOS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. COLEY	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	*FREDERICK JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since the tenor was rehung in ball bearings by Mears & Stainbank.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*A. HARRISON	*Treble*	C. SMITH, SEN.	4
W. SMITH, JUN.	2	F. SUMMERTON	5
*C. HARRISON, JUN.	3	*T. HAUGHTY, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SUMMERTON.

Rung muffled as a token of respect to the fallen of the borough. First peal on the bells by a local band for a number of years.

* First peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WIFFEN	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN	2	ERNEST BRIGHT	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first of Surprise Minor by all except treble and 3rd ringers. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. L. Clarke, a ringer at the above church, and Miss D. Goodey, which took place at St. Mary's on the above date.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENSER	*Treble*	FREDERICK WADE	4
*ERNEST BAILEY	2	GEORGE LEE	5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss M. Sawyer and Mr. C. Boggis. The bride's father is a sidesman at this church. A member of the Norwich Association, and a local ringer for many years.

FENSTANTON, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-score. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HODSON	*Treble*	*ALBERT HUCKLE	3
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	2	*ALBERT BONUS	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Doubles by all. * First peal. H. Hodson, A. Huckle, and A. Bonus were proposed members in the tower previous to peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wednesday, December 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN FOSTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
DAVID HORNE	2	E. WILLIAM TURNER	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. R. MOORE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PRESTON EVERETT ...	...1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	...5—6
HARRY R. MOORE ...	...3—4	ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	...7—8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: H. DOEL.

* First peal away from tenors.

THE FIRST PEAL OF KENT MAXIMUS.

INTERESTING FIND AMONG LUMBER.

An unusual record of a peal, the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus ever rung, has come to light in Birmingham in a curious way. The peal is recorded on a tablet in the belfry, but the following account of it was evidently printed for private circulation. The copy, which has come into the hands of Mr. Tom Russam, is mounted on wood, and is brown with age.

A SUPERLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ART OF RINGING.
Birmingham, April 17th, 1820.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths having for some time contemplated a Peal of Changes on 12 Bells, which should exceed in number any peal ever rung in the United Kingdom, appointed Monday, the 17th inst., for the attempt; and although there were very high odds (say 100 to 1) against any band ringing a 'plain' peal at the first onset, yet by an anxious attention to, and a superior possession of, this great science, they succeeded in completing the Herculean task in 5 hours and 8 minutes. The peal comprised 7,200 changes of new Treble Bob Maximus; and what eminently combines to enrich this performance is that it was rung at the first attempt, was the first peal of new Treble Bob Maximus ever performed, and the greatest number of changes ever rung on 12 bells.

Another generation may rise up to eclipse this, but the present will in all probability suffer it to remain a 'standing dish untouched.'

The band as stationed.		The Peal.
Mr. Wm. Bennett	Treble	52364
James Jarvis	Second	24365
Wm. Hassall	Third	23645
Thomas Worrall	Fourth	32546
Alex Sanders	Fifth	45236
Henry Cooper	Sixth	34562
Samuel Lawrence	Seventh	42563
Joseph Grayson	Eighth	45623
Joseph Riley	Ninth	54326
Thomas Chapman	Tenth	23456
William Marsh	Eleventh	Leads 150
Thos. Thurstans	Tenor & Conductor	48
		7200

Note.—Mr. James Dovery, of Stourbridge, and many other Auditors, expressed their high approbation of the above performance.

The first considerable peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and which created much emulation in the Exercise, was performed at Norwich, by St. Peter's Company, in the year 1778, comprising 6,240 changes. The next by the College Youths, London, in the year 1784, being 7,008 changes; 18 years afterwards, viz., in 1802, the Cumberland Youths rung two leads more than the preceding peal, making theirs 7,104 changes; 18 years subsequently to this, viz., in 1820, the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, exceeded this latter peal by two leads, making their peal 7,200 changes.

The record which has now come to light thus gives the history of record peals of Treble Twelve and is, if only in that respect, unique among old documents. The manner in which it came into the hands of Mr. Russam is also rather remarkable. The mother of a friend, in turning out a collection of lumber that had accumulated through long residence in one house, found this ancient 'peal board' among the rubbish, and thence it passed through the hands of the friend to Mr. Russam. Enquiry elicited the fact that the original finder was the granddaughter of Alex Sanders, the ringer of the fifth in the peal. Alex Sanders, according to the peal book of the St. Martin's Youths, apparently rang his first peal in 1809, and was evidently a ringer of some merit, for he was one of the band that went from Birmingham to Liverpool, and won the cup that has since disappeared. But that is another story.

Naturally the old record is of great interest to St. Martin's Guild, into whose possession, it is hoped, it may eventually come.

SOMETHING NEW IN STEDMAN COMPOSITION

The two following peals, by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, are, to far as is known, new in the plan of composition, and should be of interest to conductors.

5007 STEDMAN CATERS.

	231456789		6	16
a	215364978			
b	214563			—
	213564			S
	214365			—
	215463			—
	213465			S
	125364	S		—
	124563			—
	123564			S
	124365			—
	125463			—
	123465			S
	341265	5	15	—
	345162			—
	342165			S
	345261			—
	341562			—
	342561			S
	431265	S		—
	435162			—
b	432165			S
	435261			—
	431562			—
	432561			S
c	541263879			
	435162	—		—

b b 214365

a=1, 3, 5, 8, 12, 15, 18, 20, 23 (24 sixes). 214563 to 432165 inclusive.

b b=The calling of the courses

c=1, 8, S13, 16, 18.

First rung on handbells at Monkseaton on Oct. 25th, 1923. Conducted by T. T. Gofton.

5005 STEDMAN CINQUES.

	1234567890e		7	19
a	21546378e90			
	213564			—
	214563			S
	213465			—
	215364			—
	214365			S
	125463		S	—
	123564			—
	124563			S
	123465			—
	125364			—
	124365			S
	431265	6	18	—
	435162			—
	432165			S
	435261			—
	431562			—
	432561			S
	341265		S	—
	345162			—
	342165			S
	345261			—
	341562			—
	342561			S
b	4321658709e			
	435261			—
	431265			S
	435162			—
	342165		S	S
	345261			—
	341265			S
	123465	6	18	—
	125364			—
	124365			S
	125463			—
	213465		S	S
	215364			—
	214365			S

a=1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, S14, 16, 17 (20 sixes).

b=2, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19.

First rung on handbells at Monkseaton, Nov. 1st, 1923. Conducted by T. T. Gofton.

STEDMAN CATERS.

The following are two peals of Stedman Caters by the late George Newson, which possess the quality of having only the 5th and 6th in 2nd's and behind the ninth. The blocks b. r. b. will be well understood by conductors.

5256			5222	
231456			123456	(last of quick six).
352461	2. 4. 6. 8. 10. 11. 12. 16.		461253	2. 4. 6. 10. 12. 13. 16.
352164	b. r. b.		461352	b. r. b.
164253	3. 4. 8. 9. 10. 13. 14. 16.		351264	3. 4. 7. 8, 9. 13. 14. 18s.
164352	b. r. b.		351462	b. r. b.
231456	2. 4. 6. 7. 10. 13.		231456	3. 5s. 6. 8.

The first (reduced to 5040 by omission of three consecutive bobs at 16) was the peal rung at Bristol on Oct. 20th and the second (reduced to 5,006 in a similar way) was rung at Trowbridge on Oct. 27th both conducted by W. A. Cave.

It is interesting to note that Henry Johnson had peals on this plan and here is one, a 5,256, composed in 1860:—

231456	
463152	2. 3. 6. 10. 13. 16.
463251	a. r. a.
251364	3. 5. 7. 10. 14.
251463	a. r. a.
231456	2. 4. 7. 13. 15. 16.

This can be rung as a 5,265 by calling the last course 4. 10. 12. 14. 16. or it can of course, be reduced by omitting three consecutive calls at 16.

HEREFORD.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1,344 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Trehearne 1, A. Gwynne 2, W. H. Williams (conductor) 3, G. Giblin 4, W. H. Symonds 5, C. Sparkes 6, H. E. Hurcombe 7, J. Husbands 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW BRANCH FOR NORTH DORSET.

There was a large gathering of members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne on the occasion of the annual district meeting. The visitors enjoyed ringing during the afternoon on the bells at the Minster, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Double Norwich were rung. The customary Guild service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Keith) officiated, and gave an address.

An adjournment was next made to the Church House, where, following tea, the annual business was transacted, under the presidency of the Rev. H. L. Phillips (Rector of Poole).

The Vicar of Wimborne cordially welcomed the visitors, observing they might rest assured that they could always depend on a very hearty welcome whenever they came to Wimborne to ring, because he for one, as well as a great many others, had the highest appreciation of the art of bell ringing and the admirable service which the bell ringers did to the church (applause).

It was announced with regret that Major Hughes D'Aeth, who had been Master of the Guild, had left the neighbourhood, having gone to Worthing.

DEPARTURE OF THE GUILD MASTER.

The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth), in his annual report, observed that the first words of it should express their special share in the common sorrow of the Guild at the departure of the Master from the neighbourhood. Major D'Aeth resided close to the centre of that unwieldy diocese, and in a wonderful way attended most of the branch meetings. He was a Dorset man, the practices he and his brother started were mainly in that branch, and he had done more than any other man for change ringing in Dorset, especially among the beginners in the Exercise. They could best appreciate his long work among the bells of Dorset by spreading it more widely and carrying it on more perseveringly and faithfully in the spirit of his message to them that day. The programme of meetings had been only partially carried out for various reasons. Meetings were held at Corfe Mullen, Iwerne, and Swanage, and though not large were representative and keen, and good work was done. Practices were held at Swanage, Poole, Wareham, and Henstridge. At the former good progress was made with Treble Bob and Double Norwich. A peculiarly happy, keen, and united competition seemed to be going on between Poole and Swanage for the honour of carrying on the most advanced ringing in the branch and county. Good work was also being done at Corfe, assisted by Wimborne, and Childe Okeford, helped by Shroton. The question of the sub-division of the branch referred to North Dorset from the last annual meeting was thoroughly discussed at Iwerne Minster and unanimously approved. It would be inaugurated and followed by the good wishes, and also the continued good help wherever possible or desired of the members of the south.

The report was adopted, on the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), secretary of the Diocesan Guild, seconded by the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Shroton).

Mr. Phillips also, as treasurer, gave particulars of the financial statement, which disclosed a small balance in hand. There were 204 ringing members.

The balance sheet also was accepted, on the proposition of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Wimborne), seconded by Mr. M. Stewart (Ferndown).

PROPOSED SUB-DIVISION OF THE BRANCH.

Some discussion took place regarding the proposed sub-division of the branch, which the Secretary explained would affect all the towers north of Blandford, or very nearly half the members.

A member expressed the opinion that the division would mean the ringing of the death-knell of the North Dorset branch, as he claimed there were not sufficient members to carry on the good work, and he thought it would be better to wait, perhaps, until they had arrived at more advanced methods.

Mr. Edwards emphasised the difficulties of transport in North Dorset, apart from Sturminster Newton and Shillingstone there not being a tower on the line. At present, too, no 8-bell towers were usable, although he hoped an effort would be made to rehang the Blandford bells, which meant that the new branch would be confined to 5 and 6 bell towers.

Mr. Gundry held that the difficulties created by separation were not insurmountable. At present the absolutely unwieldiness of the size of the branch, with the various companies of ringers scattered at such wide-apart places, rendered the working of the branch very difficult.

Mr. Martin Stewart endorsed Mr. Gundry's opinion, and claimed that in North Dorset there was a great field for enterprise, and 6-bell towers offered wonderful possibilities.

The Secretary said that there were several keen 6-bell towers on the border of the division, which should add greatly to the strength of the branch.—Eventually the meeting confirmed, on the proposition of Mr. Gundry, the formation of the North Dorset branch.

All the officers for the Wimborne branch were re-elected on the initiative of Mr. Edwards, with the addition of Mr. F. W. Townsend, of Poole, as Ringing Master, and the Rector of Poole acknowledged, as president, the compliment.

THE GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards drew attention to the proposed Diocesan Bellringers' War Memorial, explaining that under the present scheme for the Memorial Chapel in the Cathedral it was intended to restore one of the old side chapels. There was already in existence stone screen work, and it was suggested that the blank spaces should be filled in with oak panelling, and the Guild should associate themselves definitely with the memorial by providing the panelling for either both or one side of the screen, which could be decorated with suitable designs and any inscription they liked to submit. There was no particular difficulty in regard to the expense. A desire had been expressed that there should be a little more detailed knowledge of what the work would be, and he wrote to the Dean of Salisbury accordingly, and suggested the easiest way would be if the sub-committee appointed by the Guild at the last annual meeting to deal with the matter were to consult with the Dean on the subject at Salisbury regarding the designs, etc. — The Hon. Secretary mentioned that members at some branches had intimated they would have preferred putting in an extra bell or two somewhere, as had been done in other dioceses, but it was felt that such a scheme was too big to undertake. All the branches, excepting Bridport, had given approval of the proposed scheme, and Wimborne now signified its assent, on the proposition of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. K. Gundry.

The towers of Wimborne St. Giles, St. John's, Bournemouth, and Wareham, were selected as meeting-places for the coming year.

OFFICE FOR USE IN BELFRIES.

Mr. Edwards mentioned that recently there had been printed a brief office for use in belfries, not only at Guild meetings, but before ringing. It had been drawn up by the committee appointed by the Guild, with the assistance of the Dean of Salisbury. The idea was that the incumbent or one of the clergy should at such times as arranged by him and the ringers go in the belfry and conduct this office before the ringing commenced, or it could be done by one of the ringers if he or she was willing to do so.

LOCAL RINGERS' REMARKABLE RECORDS.

The Hon. Secretary observed that a word of thanks and congratulation was due to three ringers of that neighbourhood, who, that Christmas, he believed, would each have completed very nearly, if not quite, 50 years' service in the belfry. They were Messrs. A. J. Osman and George Hart (Wimborne) and Fredk. Holloway (Corfe Mullen). Although the latter was unable to do very little ringing now, he (the secretary) hoped that he would be able to continue to ring for some years longer (applause).

Parties afterwards visited the towers of the Minster and Corfe Mullen Church.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th, when a good company was present. The Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the new Rector (the Rev. Canon A. S. Weatherhead). Tea followed, to which about 50 sat down, including the Rev. Canon Mogg, of Bishop's Cannings, and the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, of Devizes, both hon. members of Guild, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch. The following towers were represented: Bradford-on-Avon, Warminster, Westbury, Bratton, Holt, North Bradley, Keevil, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, and Bishop's Cannings, also ringing visitors from Swindon, Bristol, Bath and Chippenham.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom being in the chair.

Mr. Heginbothom reported on the year's work, which showed that a steady increase had been made in the membership, both among the ringing and hon. members, and also that more members were learning the art of change ringing. Two towers were receiving instruction this winter. Mr. Heginbothom said he had visited 27 of the towers in the branch during the year, and had found them in very good order. Four towers were silent owing to repairs being necessary. The first peal of ten bells in the branch was opened on Easter Monday at Trowbridge, when nearly 300 ringers were present. Twelve peals had been rung during the year, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. S. J. Hector (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. S. Hillier and Mr. J. T. Dyke. Three towers had rejoined the branch—Steeple Ashton, North Bradley and Market Lavington.

The statement of accounts to date was read. Although the expenses had been heavy there was a small balance on the right side.

Mr. Heginbothom and Mr. F. Green were re-elected as chairman and secretary, respectively, with many thanks for their past services.

Thirteen new ringing members were elected to the branch.

The meetings decided on for the next three months were at Bradford-on-Avon, in January; Market Lavington, in February; and the quarterly meeting at Devizes, in March.

After the meeting some double-handed work on handbells was done. The tower bells were soon going again, and some good touches of Caters, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

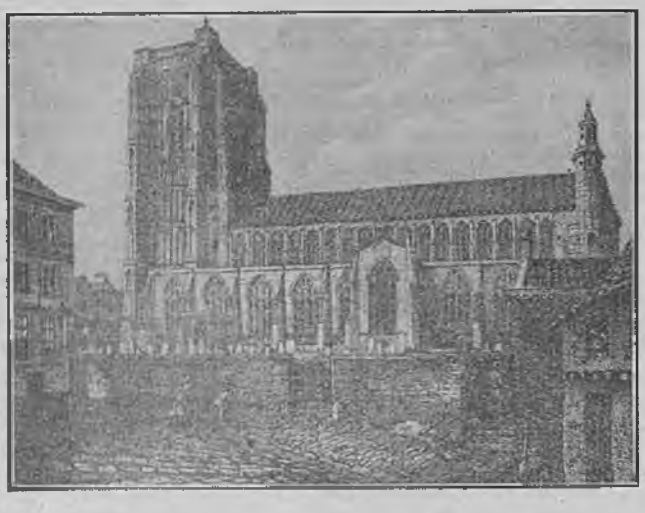
THE FIRST PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

A FURTHER DISCOVERY.

By G. P. BURTON.

From some files of old Norwich newspapers, which have recently come into my possession, further information is forthcoming as to the first peal of Double Norwich Royal, which it will be recollected, was the subject of a special article in the issue of your valuable paper of 10th August last.

Turning to the 'Norfolk Chronicle' or the 'Norwich Gazette' (which latter is its sub-title), there is found in the number for Saturday, April 22nd, 1769, a much fuller, and fortunately, more explicit, account of the peal, than appeared contemporaneously in the columns of the other Norwich paper—'The Norwich Mercury.' And what is



St. Peter Mancroft Church, as it appeared at the time the first peal of Double Norwich Royal was rung. This picture is reproduced from an old print kindly let by Mr. G. P. Burton.

of greatest interest, the names of the ringers are recorded in this account now brought to light, thus filling that gap in our previous knowledge of the peal, and incidentally, furnishing the last link in confirmation of the performance, if that were needed. The following is the extract in question:—

'On Monday, April 17th, 1769, was rung at St. Peter's Mancroft in this city, a compleat 5040 of that most ingenious peal called the Court Bob. It was performed in three hours and 29 minutes, without a bell being out of course; and from the harmony and regularity of its changes, filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment. This incomparable peal was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. Wm. Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peters company, and tho' from that time it has been annually practiced, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now; so that it may be affirmed, that this is the first compleat 5040 that ever was rung in the known world—Performed by

John Chamberlin ... Treble and call'd the peal		Charles Jarvis	6
		John Dixon	7
John Peak	2	James Watling	8
Thomas Barton	3	Simon Watling	9
Robert Dyke	4	and	
John Havers	5	John Dye	Tenor.

Published by desire of the Churchwardens, W. Creasey and C. Copping.'

Notice the peculiar use of the word 'annually,' here employed in the present-day sense of continually; and the expression 'the first compleat 5040,' where obviously the words 'in that method' are intended to be understood.

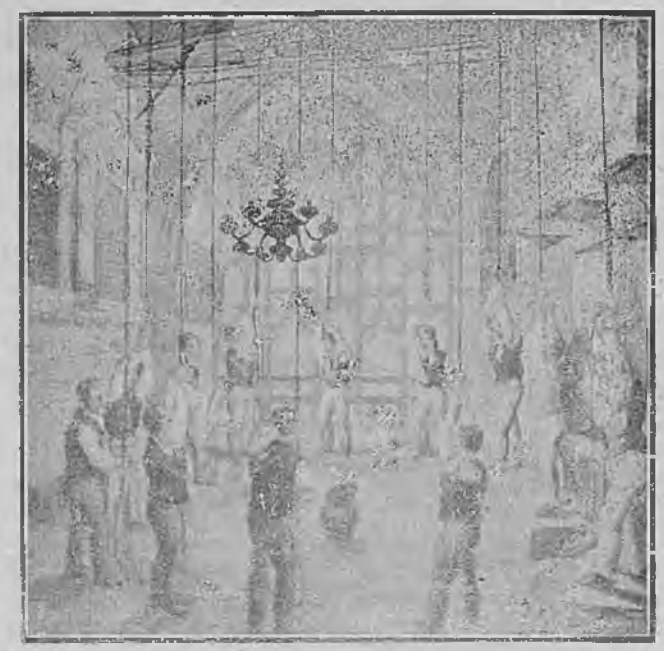
Of the ringers, who took part in the peal, it may be worth noticing that James Watling called the 5170 of Grandsire Cinques rung on Nov. 23rd, 1775—the first peal on the present ring of twelve; while James Watling, Simon Watling, John Peak, John Havers, John Dixon, John Dye, and Thos. Barton took part in the 6240 of Oxford T.B. Maximus, which followed on March 16th, 1778, 'which excelled every attempt hitherto known on 12 bells,' as the peal board has it. But all these worthies had apparently vanished from the scene when the peal of Norwich C.B. Maximus was rung in 1817, at any rate their names henceforth disappear.

May I add that on consulting the files of 'The Norwich Mercury' (Saturday, 22nd April, 1769) I find that the account of the peal of Double Norwich Royal is not verbatim as given in your article. The paragraph actually reads:—

'Monday afternoon 5040 Changes of Porters Peal of Court upon ten bells, was rung at St. Peter's of Mancroft by the Ringers of that Parish; which they compleated in three hours and twenty-nine minutes.'

These old newspapers were weekly publications of 4 pages, and the scraps of ringing news appear in a miscellaneous collection of local items. Here are a few tit-bits from the same column, which throw a side-light on the doings of those days:—

'Yesterday nine convicts under sentence of transportation were sent from the castle for London, in order to be forwarded to the plantations.'



Interior of St. Peter Mancroft Belfry in the 18th century. From a water colour sketch by Ninham.

'Lately died at Bury, Mrs. Wright—a widow lady of an exemplary character.'

'A lady of great consequence lost the sum of 5000 L a few nights ago at Hazard.'

'On Monday last a woman at Acle was committed to Bridewell, there to be kept to hard labour for 14 days, and to be once publicly whipt, for reeling false and short yarn.'

As regards Wm. Porter, the inventor of the method of Double Norwich Royal, it may be of interest to mention that the 'trunk'—a box of wood covered with skin or leather—made by him and bearing his initials to which reference is made in Snowdon's 'Double Norwich,' is still in existence here at Norwich.

5274 STEDMAN CATERS.

By E. HIMS.

231456	4	15	16		451362	4	15	16
*456123					456132	—		
					413562	—	—	
432561	—	—	S		416352	—		
436251	—				435162	—	—	
425361	—	—			436512	—		
426531	—				421563	—	—	—
453261	—	—			426153	—		
456321	—				415263	—	—	
412365	—	—	—		416523	—		
416235	—				452163	—	—	
423165	—	—			456213	—		
426315	—				431265	—	—	—
451362	—	—	—		436125	—		

* Obtained by S4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14. Repeat the last 24 courses, adding calls in last course 14, S17, 20, 21. This peal contains 468 in the middle and 6th behind the 9th in alternate courses in the tittums position throughout.

MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 200 PEALS.

	Tower	Hand-bells.
Seven methods on five bells	1	
Five methods on six bells	1	
Grandsire Triples	6	6
Grandsire Major		2
Grandsire Caters	6	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Bob Minor		1
Bob Triples	1	1
Bob Major	15	23*
Bob Royal		3
Box Maximus		1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	8	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Forward Major	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Stedman Triples	14	1
Stedman Caters	17	2
Stedman Cinques	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	41	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	1	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	7	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	22	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	23	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	
Brighton Surprise Major	1	
Bristol Surprise Major	10	
London Surprise Major	3	
Total	208	42

* Including 11,200. Conducted 37. Rung in 92 towers, 14 counties, and for 14 associations.

MR. G. R. NEWTON'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
1 Minor method	2	2
3 Minor methods	1	1
4 Minor methods	5	5
5 Minor methods	7	3
7 Minor methods	22	18
7 Surprise Minor methods	2	1
Bob Major	16	10
Grandsire Triples	26	29
Grandsire Caters	5	2
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Stedman Triples	29	11
Stedman Caters	1	
Stedman Cinques	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	14	11
Kent Treble Bob Major	31	21
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	
10 Minor methods	1 (7,200)	
Little Bob Major	2	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Union Triples	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	20	13
Superlative Surprise Major	4	2
Bristol Surprise Major	1	
London Surprise Major	1	
	200	123

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR EDWARDS' PEALS.

The following is the list of peals rung by the late Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, whose death we recently recorded: Minor (5 in 7 methods, 1 in 5), rung 6 (conducted 6); Oxford Bob Triples 3 (1); Union Triples, 3 (1); * Grandsire Triples 50 (24); Stedman Triples, 15 (6); Bob Major, 20 (7); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major 28 (13); Double Norwich Major, 13 (2); Superlative Surprise Major, 5 (3); London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Caters 8 (3); Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1 (1); Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Cinques, 6; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; total, 166 (conducted 69). * Includes 2 on handbells (conducted 1).

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A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Thirty-five years ago on the last day of December, the Oxford Diocesan Guild put up a record peal of Stedman Caters, which stood until 1909. Twice before in the year 1888 the Stedman Caters record had been broken, and then the Oxford Guild rang a 15,041 on the famous bells of Appleton. The time was 9 hours 16 minutes.

Four years later the Oxford Guild captured another record, 12,096 Double Norwich Major, rung in 7 hours 10 minutes at Maidenhead on December 31st, 1892.

January 1st will be the 130th anniversary of James Barham's one hundredth peal. To have made such a score as that in those far-off days was a marvellous performance, and the peal was noteworthy from the fact that the combined age of the band totalled 582 years. Barham lived twenty-five years after that, for he died at the age of 93 on January 4th, 1818.

One of the first occasions on which Holt's Original was called by a ringer taking part in the peal was at Saffron Walden on January 1st, 1754.

A peal of Norwich Court was rung at Soham on the first day of 1795.

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

At Wrentham, on January 3rd, 1824, was rung '59 peals of Grandsire and Old Doubles, which was performed in a most masterly manner in four hours.' This made up 7,080 changes, and, all being well, a centenary peal of Minor will be attempted at Wrentham on Thursday.

A correspondent to the 'Western Gazette' inquires where are Houghton bell ropes. He says: 'Over four years have elapsed since sufficient money was raised to buy bell ropes for the church. Perhaps one of your readers could tell me where the money is. Is it deposited in a bank, invested in a company, or used for other purposes? Surely it is time we had merry peals at Christmastide.'

The inaugural meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will be held at Wellingborough on January 5th.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

O Christmas bells, O silver bells,
  Chimes pealing glory unto God on high,
Bear sweet, as ever your music swells
  And sweeps in beauty down the midnight sky,
A message of good-will to men,
  Peace upon earth
  For the Christ's birth,
Bending all hearts to love His law again!

O joyous ringing in the night,
  O glad carillons of the holy dawn,
Be sign that charity shine white,
  And all the veils of darkness be withdrawn,
So loveliness of God may pour
  From a Manger-place,
  To nil with grace
Hearts worshipping within a stable door!

C. J. O'CONNOR DUFFY.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

23456	M	W	H
*23564			
56234		—	—
42635	—		—
62534	—		
35426	—	—	
42356		—	—
34256			—
23456			—

* Call the tenor 6th's, B, 7th's, H.

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TEN-BELL TOWERS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

By J. R. Jerram.

In the will of John Betts the elder, of Aylsham, shoemaker, dated 1529, is the following bequest:

"Jtem J will ther be bought a tribill bell to the V bellys in the steple of Ailish'm by the advyse of Ed. With of Ailish'm and John With his sonne of and for the s'm of X*li*. And if it may be bought better chepe J bequethe to the seid Edmu'de With and John for ther labor iche of them vis. viij*d*. And the rest if any be to be bestowed abought the frame of the same bell to hang yn."

This bequest, however, seems not to have taken effect, for it appears from the Inventory of the sixth year of Edward VIth that there were then only five bells in the steeple.

These two founders appear to have been employed when the peal was augmented to eight in 1700. They were paid £23 17s. 6d. in cash and £19 13s. 6d. in bell metal for casting four new bells in that year.

In 1726, John Stephens, of Norwich, recast the sixth (now the eighth) bell, at a cost of £17 3s. 3d.

In 1741 the present ninth bell (then 7th) was recast on the spot by Thomas Newman, of Norwich, at a cost of £18, besides various items for bricks for the furnace, clay, carting materials, building furnace, stocks and ironwork, ale for the men, and cleaning up the church after the work was done, amounting altogether to £31 1s. 0d.

The peal seems to have been augmented to ten bells in 1775 by Thomas Osborn, in conjunction with Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, before T. Osborn established the foundry at Downham on his own account. They appear to have recast the two existing trebles and added two above them, and were paid £43 1s. 10d. for the same in two instalments.

AYLSHAM CHURCH, NORFOLK.

A tablet in the belfry is inscribed: "John Curtis and Thomas Coulson Churchwardens when this Ring was made into eight, 1700."

Previous to this we find in the accounts for 1647-8, "Pd for ye Bricke carrying wch was used about the new running ye great bell, 4s. 0d.," and in the following year occurs: "Paid John Long for his hempe strying at the greate bell shooting, 10s. 0d."; and, further, "Pd. for the vse of the barne and making it good againe, £1 0s. 0d."

Among the documents in 1653-4 are two bonds of John Draper and John Brend in £50 each for "well shootinge the great bell." From these items it appears that the tenor was recast on the spot at that time.

In 1677-8 Samuel Gilpin, of Norwich, was paid £35 for some recasting, and in 1683 he was paid £1 18s. 10d. for recasting the saint's-bell, and for the third bell £14 14s. 6d. In 1685 he recast the fifth bell. This work he appears to have carried out in conjunction with Edward Tooke, with whom he worked.

The present seventh was recast by G. Mears in 1860 and weighs 9 cwt. The former bell was cast by Edward Tooke in 1677.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows (all in Roman capitals):

Treble. George Hunt Holley and John Soame, C.W. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.

Second. John Soame and George Hunt Holley, C.W. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.

Third. George Hunt Holley and John Soame. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.

Fourth. John Soame and George Hunt Holley. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.

Fifth. 1700 (by Samuel Gilpin and Edwd. Tooke).

(*Continued on page 827.*)

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921. WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

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Sixth. Edw. Tooke made me 1677. Richard Howard gave me. Robert Dovghty—William Dovghty.

Seventh. G. Mears founder, London, 1860. Rev. E. T. Yates, vicar, R. W. Parmeter and H. E. Soame, churchwardens.

Eighth. Robert Curteis, Thomas Forster, churchwardens. John Stephens, 1726.

Ninth. Edmundo Jewell, Gen. et Johanne Curties, Ecclesiæ Guardinis, 1741 (by Thomas Newman).

Tenor. 1700 (by Samuel Gilpin and Edwd. Tooke).

Saint's-bell. (No inscription.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Stanford-on-Soar, where, on the beautiful peal of eight some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major were brought round during the afternoon. The members then proceeded to the bell foundry tower, where, by kind permission of Messrs. Taylor and Co., the little peal of ten (6½ cwt. tenor) were set going to Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Major. Some thirty or more members were present from Ugglescote, Shepshed, Neatherseal, Long Eaton, Leicester and Loughborough.

Mr. J. Saddington was again elected district secretary for the ensuing year; Messrs. J. H. Dear and H. Whittle were elected on the committee.

ANOTHER SURPRISE METHOD RUNG.

OSWALDTWISTLE RINGERS' SUCCESS.

One of the Surprise methods by Mr. Arthur Craven, of which a half lead was published in our issue of November 9th, has been rung by the enterprising company at Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, and they have named it 'Palatine.' The peal was rung at the first attempt, and it is noteworthy that the band included two ladies.

The following is the method and the composition of the peal:—

Palatine Surprise Major. 5,184 by Arthur Knights.

		W	B	M	H
12345678	23456				
21354687	64235	—		—	—
12536478	26135				—
21356748	26354		—		—
	32654				—
23157684	63254				—
32516748	42635	—		—	—
23156478	63425	—			—
32514687	43526			—	
	52436	—			—
35241678	35426	—			
53426187	42356	—			—
54321678	54326	—			
45236187	32546	—			—
	65324	—		—	—
54326817	36524				—
53428671	53624				—
35246817	62534	—			—
32548671	45236			—	—
	24536				—
23458761	53246	—			—
24357816	25346				—
42538761	34256	—			—
45237816	23456				—
	6th the extent right without				
54327186	2nd or 3rd in 6th's place.				
45231768					
42537186					
24351768					
23415786					
32147568					
23417658					
32146785					
31247658					
13427568					
31245786					
13254768					
13527486					
Bob 12357486					

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Monday, December 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Aylward: Miss Gladys Young 1, H. Huntley 2, N. Butcher 3, C. Aylwood 4, A. Aylwood 5, A. Wiles 6, C. H. Everest (conductor) 7, A. Longley 8. Miss Young is the first lady to ring a quarter-peal in Chiddingstone.

'EDINBURGH SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While congratulating the Leiston men on their achievement in ringing a peal of the above, I must object to them calling it a new method. It is rather an arrangement, consisting of half of each of two different Double Surprise methods, viz., Bristol and Peterborough Surprise, spliced together at the quarter sections by the use of adjoining places in 1—2. I think this is a very unfortunate thing to do with two such perfect methods. Bristol Surprise has stood 25 years as the only Surprise method which contains none of these adjoining places, and I append two more Surprise methods to share this distinction with Bristol.

No. 1.		No. 2.
12345678		12345678
21436587		21436587
12463857		12346857
21648375		21438675
26143857		24136857
62418375		42316587
26148735		24135678
62417853		42315768
64271835		43251786
46728153		34527168
47621835		35421786
74268153		53247168
47628513	Both Methods	35274618
46725831	to have 6th's place Bob.	32576481
64278513	No. 1 has one false	23754618
62475831	course 24365.	27356481
26457381		72536841
24653718	No. 2 has a	75238614
42567381	clear proof, and	57326841
45263718	is half 'Bristol,'	53728614
54623178	for which I apologise	35782164
45261387	to Mr. James.	53871246
42563178		58372164
24651387		85731246
26415378		87513264
62143587		78153624
26413857		87516342
62148375		78156432
61243857		71854623
16428375		17586432
61482735		71856342
16847253		17583624
18674523		15738264

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

FROM CALL CHANGES TO METHOD RINGING.

At All Saints' Parish Church, Broseley, Shropshire, on Tuesday evening, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung, consisting of ten and a half 120's, each called differently, in 43 minutes: J. Smith 1, W. J. Garbett 2, A. J. Garbett 3, W. Saunders (conductor) 4, A. H. Meredith 5, J. Hartshorne 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. First quarter-peal on the bells. Also three 120's, with C. E. Smith ringing the 4th.

Until April of this year only call changes had ever been rung by local men at Broseley. The Rector (the Rev. W. Warner) joined the Hereford Guild as an honorary member, and all his local ringers as probationers, at a quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth district of the Hereford Guild, held at Broseley in April. All who have heard the ringing since change ringing started at Broseley, are highly pleased with the improved sound of the bells. A lot of the instructive work has also been done on handbells.

A VETERAN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. William Shepherd, 78 years of age, for many years a well-known ringer at Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common, has just celebrated the fifty-sixth anniversary of his wedding by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes), on Monday, Dec. 17th: W. Shepherd 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, T. Welbourne 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, J. Lee 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. J. Anscombe 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF TITLE.

The annual meeting of the Luton district was held at Dunstable on Saturday, December 15th, when the following towers were represented: Aspley Guise, Barton-le-Cley, Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Woburn, and Houghton Regis, together with a full muster of the local band. Among the visitors was Mr. E. G. Benson, of the Cambridge University Guild. The bells were utilised from 3 to 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association) who gave a short address, which was highly appreciated by the members present.

The tea and business meeting was held at the C.E.M.S. Club, the arrangements having been in the capable hands of Mr. F. Hardy, the club steward, who is also verger of the church. The tea was generously provided by Canon Baker.

The annual meeting followed, with the president in the chair.

On the proposition of the Chairman, Mr. A. King, of Luton, was elected president of the branch for the ensuing year; Canon Baker remarking that he thought the office should go round.—Mr. Cyril Herbert, of Woburn, was elected vice-president, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. A. King.

The hon. secretary was re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. J. Marks, and Messrs. J. Nicholls and H. H. Smith were elected on the Central Committee.

An interesting discussion was raised by Canon Baker, who brought the matter forward for the consideration of the members, a suggestion that the time had come when the name of the association should be changed to 'The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers,' and to rescind the rule stating that a member must be able to ring 120 changes before being eligible for membership. All ringers in the county, whether method ringers or not, would then be eligible for membership.

Several members expressed their views on the subject, and all present were asked to give the matter due thought and consideration before the annual general meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the tower again visited until 8 p.m. Some excellent striking in various methods was heard during the day, the methods rung including Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and Bristol Surprise Major. Members of the local band took part in each of the Surprise methods rung.

SHREWSBURY'S OLDEST RINGER.

On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, 381 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, G. Jones 7, D. J. Boucher 8, C. R. Lilley 9, J. Evans 10. Also 180 Bob Royal. Rung on Mr. G. Byolin's 70th birthday. On Wednesday, December 12th, a peal of Double Norwich was attempted also in honour of the event, but was not successful. The members taking part were F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. E. Lilley 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, R. Dale 7, C. R. Lilley 8. Mr. Byolin is the oldest ringer in Shrewsbury, and revived change ringing there 30 years ago. Believing it is never too late to learn, Mr. Byolin took up Double Norwich ringing about six months ago.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a ringer who perforce takes a great interest in five-bell ringing I have lately come across this method:—

12345				
21354				
23145				
32415	Bob	24135	Single	24135
34251		21453		21453
43251		12435		12435
42315		14253		12453
24135				21435
21453				
12543				
15234				

1. Can any of your readers give me the correct name for this method, and also tell me if 16 six scores is the greatest possible number to be obtained in it?

2. In the preface to 'Legitimate Methods' the number of six-scores obtainable in Carter's is given as 10. Having only been able to obtain 5 by means of the single given there, by calling single once in each part, I should like to know how others are obtained.

3. Can anyone give me the name of any work on change ringing in which the calling of six-scores in Original is explained?

DOUBLES RINGER.

PRIZE RINGING 80 YEARS AGO.

AT MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

BROTHER RINGERS,—

We beg leave to inform you that there will be a Prize Ringing,
AT MOTTRAM, ON TUESDAY, JAN. 2nd, 1844,
For the following prizes, viz.,

For the best true Peal of Kent, or old Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2,528 changes; the first prize of £8.

For the second best Peal of Kent, or old Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2,528 changes; the second prize of £4.

For the third best Peal of Kent, or old Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2,528 changes; the remaining prize of £2.

Each company of ringers will be allowed two courses for practice, on Monday, January 1st, 1844, and no practice peal will be allowed previous to that day, nor after 9 o'clock in the evening.

Each company must provide their own censors. All companies are requested to repair to the house of Mr. Miles Goddard, the Hare and Hounds Inn, where some of the ringers will be in attendance to direct them to their respective quarters.

We are, Gentlemen,
Yours most Respectfully,
THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

COMMITTEE.

James Shaw, Chairman.	William Shaw, Treasurer.
Simeon Sandiford.	John Cooper.
Thomas Shaw.	Charles Shaw.
William Harrison.	Robert Shaw.

THE PEAL (2,528 CHANGES).

	M	W	H
*52364	—	—	2
*24365	2	1	2
45362	1	—	2
24653	2	1	2
52436	2	2	2
*54326	1	2	2
23456	—	2	2

The above is a copy of an old circular which was unearthed by Mr. A. Sidebottom, and will be read with much interest in these days when prize ringing for money is a practice long since condemned and abandoned.

The prize ringing contests in the Glossendale and Longdendale district in years gone by attracted the best performers from Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Wednesday, November 28th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Bloxham 1, T. G. Bannister 2, H. G. Humphries (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, C. H. Kippin 4, S. W. Holdaway (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 5, F. E. Darby 6, D. Cooper 7, A. H. Bundle 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the residence of Mr. Hy. Chapman, on Monday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 33 mins.: A. Barnes 1—2, A. F. Bailey 3—4, J. W. Washbrook, senr. (conductor), 5—6, Hy. Chapman 7—8. Also five courses Stedman Caters: A. Barnes 1—2, A. F. Bailey 3—4, J. W. Washbrook (conductor) 5—6, F. Page 7—8, Hy. Chapman 9—10. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques, with Hy. Chapman 1—2 and R. Davies 11—12.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, December 8th, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,386 changes) from Snowdon's Grandsire, in 50 mins.: A. Reid 1, E. Jennings 2, W. Jenner 3, P. S. Thompson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. S. Hobden 5, C. H. Humphrey 6, A. Hobden 7, H. Ades 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Sewell 1, J. Phillips 2, Miss H. Mackie (first on inside bell) 3, R. Franklin 4, W. E. Butler 5, W. Parker 6, J. Hessey (conductor) 7, A. Hiscock 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: *F. Gleaves 1, *H. J. Hazell 2, F. J. Cook 3, O. W. Cook (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, J. B. Woolley 6. *First 720 in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger, CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins. (from Thurstans'): A. S. Bayley 1, J. Garbett 2, B. Rixom 3, W. D. Wase (conductor) 4, R. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Johnston 8. Especially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. S. Bayley.

YEOVIL.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, December 16th, to welcome the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison, M.A., on the first Sunday after his induction as Vicar of Yeovil, 648 Grandsire Caters: H. Batty 1, R. Maunder 2, F. Hunt 3, S. C. Ilett 4, C. Norman 5, E. T. Griffen 6, J. E. Baker (conductor) 7, S. J. Baker 8, W. Fry 9, T. Setter 10. Longest length of Caters for all except 6 and 7.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, December 16th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins. by the following: L. J. Cullum 1, F. J. Cullum, senr., 2, D. Harvey 3, W. Smith 4, E. Ilott 5, J. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, junr. (conductor), 7, O. Robinson 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: R. Foddy 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Case 3, H. Ridgway 4, D. Chexfield 5, L. Smith 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Green 8. Longest length by R. Foddy, who is only 15 years old. Longest length of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell by H. Ridgway.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, December 16th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 and 180 Bob Minor: L. Ollington 1, S. Gridley 2, G. Dixon 3, C. Smith 4, C. Clark 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6.

WIVELISCOMBE.—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. J. Greedy 1 A. E. Barrington 2, W. Baker 3, J. Parkman 4, W. Hartnell (conductor) 5, J. Hartnell 6, H. Rawle 7, A. Stone 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung by a local band on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Edwards 1, F. Morgan 2, C. Creasey 3, T. Booth 4, W. Hoad (conductor) 5, G. Mills 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS. — On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples: A. Whistler 1, H. Bush 2, H. Williamson 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, H. Byfield 5, T. Storer (first quarter-peal inside) 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, E. Williamson (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by W. J. Paice: F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. G. Cook (conductor) 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.

EARL SHILTON. — On Sunday, December 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: G. Newton 1, P. Reynolds 2, A. Waters 3, H. Wright 4, H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, H. Pickering 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: K. Deacon 1, W. Reynolds 2, A. Waters 3, H. Webb 4, F. Wilson 5, S. Coe 6, H. Wright (conductor) 7, H. Fullylove 8. Longest touch for G. Newton, K. Deacon and H. Pickering.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: D. Ovington 1, A. G. Crane 2, A. R. Glasscock 3, D. Pink 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, G. Bester 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 16th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 600 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, A. H. Took 4, T. Crane 5, S. Cady 6.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evensong, 168 Grandsire Triples: H. Impey 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, R. W. Burrows 5, F. Baldwin 6, J. Simons 7, T. Impey 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples conducted by R. W. Burrows.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 336 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA. — At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Nov. 25th (annual general thanksgiving day), a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. Kemball 3, G. A. Peck 4, G. Duncan 5, C. Pollard 6, R. Laughton (conductor) 7, J. Wedgewood 8. First quarter-peal in the method by a local band, and by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on November 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Torr 1, Miss C. Hepburn 2, H. Morgan (conductor) 3, E. Dalingwater 4, J. T. Ladd 5, C. H. Baker 6. Owing to the clapper of the tenor being broken, this was rung on the front six, and to oblige Miss Hepburn, who was visiting the town.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Baker 3, H. Want (first quarter as conductor) 4, W. Freeman 5, W. Button 6, C. W. Player 7, F. Want (first quarter) 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Triples. For evening service, 672 Bob Major: C. Read 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Cace 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, J. Green (conductor) 8. Longest length of Bob Major by 1 and 5. Also longest length by a local band.

WORPLESDON, SURREY. — On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Tickener 1, C. Slyfield 2, Miss K. Avencll (conductor) 3, G. Chandler 4, C. Heather 5, S. Petter 6. Also 240 of Cambridge Surprise for evening service, with H. Blackman 6 and C. Heather 1.

ROWLEY REGIS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 25th, after evensong, to mark the occasion of the visit of the Rev. A. F. Dauglish, M.A., former Vicar of St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Brown 1, T. Clarke 2, W. H. Detheridge 3, E. Homer 4, G. H. Detheridge 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7 S. Detheridge 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung upon these bells since the reopening of the church in September last.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, for morning service: Rowland Barrow 1, G. Dickenson 2, K. R. Elliott 3, A. Pick 4, A. Disney (conductor) 5, H. Lea 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Weaver 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6; and 720 Warnham Court Bob: L. Turrell 1 F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goacher 4 W. Weaver 5, W. Denman 6.

LONG STANTON.—At the Church of All Saints', on Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Gleaves 1, H. J. Hazell 2 F. J. Cook 3, C. W. Cook (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, J. B. Woolley 6. Also on Sunday, 14th, 720 Cambridge: F. Gleaves 1, F. Warrington 2 F. J. Cook 3, G. Crisp 4, H. J. Hazell 5, J. B. Woolley (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday, 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. J. Cook 1 F. W. Gleaves 2, G. Crisp 3, F. Warrington 4 H. J. Hazell 5 C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, in 47 mins., a Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Morton 1, F. Goddard 2, J. Worthington 2, B. Welshy 3, S. Harrison 4, J. Potter (conductor) 5, A. Burton 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, R. Denner 8. Rung for afternoon service for the harvest festival.

SPROUGHTON SUFFOLK. — For afternoon service on Sunday Oct. 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. F. Mee 1 E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, E. Rivers 3, G. W. Mee 4, T. R. Dennis 5, A. G. Rivers 6.—At Bramford, Suffolk for evening service, 360 Double Court Minor and short touches of Plain and Oxford Treble Bob.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday Oct. 14th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, 720 Treble Bob Minor, comprising 240 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine: F. Shuker 1, H. Box 2, A. Lees 3, T. Hurd 4, P. Kelsall 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—Middlesex County Association. — On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East Idol Lane, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: W. Hewett, A. W. Coles, E. J. Trimmer, C. T. Coles, C. Chapman (first quarter-peal of Stedman), W. A. Alps (conductor), C. W. R. Grimwood, R. Sanders. Rung by special request on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, at St. Chad's Church, 168 Stedman Triples: G. Griffiths 1, J. E. Lilley 2, R. Pole 3, A. Griffiths 4, A. Short 5 G. Jones 6, C. R. Lilley 7, D. J. Boucher 8; 207 Stedman Caters and 336 Double Norwich Major.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 6th, at St. Margaret's, 1,012 Grandsire Cinques: E. Morris (composer and conductor) 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Cattell 3, G. S. Morris 4, A. Ballard 5, T. Bent 6, W. P. Whitehead 7, H. Peach 8, E. Whitehead 9, H. Lock 10, J. Morris 11, J. Grant 12. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Lee, M.A.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, 448 Grandsire Triples, called by G. S. Morris, and for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples called by T. Bent, both these being their first touches as conductors.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS — At the Cathedral Church of St. James (Norman tower), on Sunday, Sept. 16th, in 50 mins., 1,239 Stedman Caters: A. E. Moore 1 J. Chinery 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, C. F. Winney 4, W. Goodship 5 F. J. Levitt 6 H. R. Moore 7, G. R. Fardon (composer) 8 A. B. Peck 9 E. A. Young 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th, who are all local ringers.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS. — On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Jacques 1, F. Davis 2, H. Hill 3, E. Parden 4, G. Pugh 5, C. Robbins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by ringers of 1 and 6.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday Sept. 23rd, for evening service 720 Bob Minor (26 singles): H. Cole 1, Fred Cook 2, Geo. Crisp 3, H. G. Hazell 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, J. B. Woolley 6.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, December 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on January 1st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 3rd, 17th and 31st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, on Wednesday, January 2nd. Bells (10) available from 1.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Newton, 19, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, as early as possible?—A. Hunter, Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Coleshill Branch.—An invitation is given to members of the above Guild to ring on the augmented peal of 8 from 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 5th, 1924. Tea provided free to members sending in their names before Thursday, January 3rd, to C. Dale, High Street, Coleshill, Birmingham. The dedication of the new bells takes place on New Year's Eve at the watchnight service.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. A good attendance is particularly desired.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, January 5th, to inaugurate the above Guild, and to elect officers. Service in Parish Church 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those who require tea notify Mr. F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough, on or before January 2nd?—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 1.30 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. each to all who notify Mr. A. Smith, 23, Selbourne Street, Rotherham, by Jan. 2nd. All ringers welcome,—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1924. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled at this meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—J. Halsall, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Service at 4. Sermon by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of Guild. Tea and meeting to follow in All Saints' Church House at 4.45. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting. Ringers intending to be present at tea please notify, not later than Jan. 5th, F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Nelson on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Mears & Stainbank) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Tower open at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea given by the Vicar at the Institute (opposite the Church) after the service. Will all those intending being at the tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, January 8th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Belfry open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30. General meeting to follow tea. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. J. Baker, 28, Station Road, Ilkeston, not later than Friday, January 11th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS — The third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Commence 6 p.m. Full details will be given later. Tickets, 6/-, may be obtained now from any of the Bristol Towers, Stewards, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 19th, 1924. Bells available at 3. Subscriptions for 1924 are now due, and can be paid at the meeting. Full particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.— Nottingham District.—The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, at 6 45 p.m. A first-class musical programme will be given. All ringers and ringers' friends heartily welcome. All applications for tickets (3/9 each) to be made not later than Tuesday, January 22nd, to W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

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