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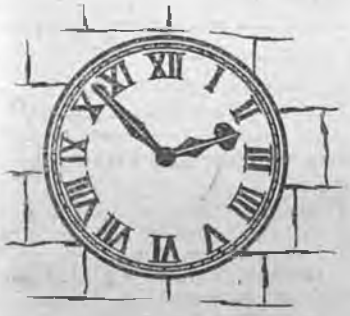

IN HAND.

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WAITING TO BE PAID!

There are still, it seems, towers where ringers can only be found if payment is made for their services. It reads strangely in these days, to find, set out in the cold print of a county newspaper, the offer of a correspondent to 'raise a side of ringers to start at once,' if some other person will raise a fund to pay the ringers £1 a year each. In the old Oxfordshire town of Dorchester the Abbey bells were silent on New Year's eve, and apparently there has been a general desire on the part of the inhabitants to know why the time-honoured custom, to 'ring out the old, ring in the new,' was not observed. In enlightening the public a ringer resident in the town gave two reasons. The first, which was a good, if not an entirely sufficient one, was that 'there are no recognised ringers at the Abbey tower, although there are plenty in the parish.' The second was in the form of a question, which asked if there was one person in the district that contributes one single farthing towards the help of a side of ringers in Dorchester? And then comes the conditional offer referred to above, with the promise that there shall be no more grumbling about not hearing the bells.

Now, as we have ever been ready to agree, there are circumstances under which payment to ringers can be justified—especially in cases in large towns and cities where their presence in the belfry to ring for the services actually involves out-of-pocket expenses—but there seems to us something radically wrong somewhere when in a country town, with 'plenty' of ringers, a peal of bells hangs silent in an ancient abbey for the sake of a pound a man. The men who hold aloof on the ground that they will not ring without pay, are evidently not men who love the art for the art's sake, and yet they are prepared to ring the bells (presumably twice each Sunday) if someone will guarantee them something less than twopence halfpenny per ringer for each attendance! It is almost staggering to think that men who are 'ringers' can stand out over a quibble of this kind. One could understand the 'mercenary' attitude better if the demand were something more commensurate with the time involved—assuming that the men want to be recompensed for their services. As a 'remuneration,' a pound a year per man is absurd, as an obstacle to the ringing of Dorchester Abbey bells it is a folly. Surely there must be among the 'plenty in the parish' at least one ringer who realises the opportunity which is presented, to raise a band who will give their services to the church and count it a privilege to be allowed to fulfil the duty. In thousands of country towns and villages throughout the land, there are companies of ringers (not all of them versed in the practice of scientific change ringing) who gladly give their services

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Sunday by Sunday. Cannot the ringers of Dorchester follow this example, and join the other voluntary workers of their noble old abbey in giving the best that they have in a high calling, and at the same time enjoying for themselves the regular pursuit of a wonderful art?

TEN BELL PEAL.

SWINDON.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(SWINDON PARISH CHURCH GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT W. BISHOP	*Treble*	HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ALFRED LAWRENCE	2	HARRY A. HEARL	7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER	3	SIDNEY PALMER	8
CHARLES J. GARDINER	4	ERNEST BISHOP	9
ROBERT W. HYNER	5	WALTER TRUEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. BISHOP

First peal on the new ring of ten. All the band are Sunday Service ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	JOHN T. NEWINGTON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	CHARLES W. COOK	6
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	A. GEORGE RIVERS	7
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4	ERNEST G. HIBBENS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob as conductor.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM	*Treble*	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	5
VICTOR JARRETT, R.E.	2	CHARLES WINSER	6
*RICKS PAINE	3	FRANK BELSEY	7
THOMAS BEAUMONT	4	WILLIAM HAIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 2),

*JAMES BAKER	*Treble*	CHARLES BAKER	5
HARRY SEAL	2	PERCY DENTON	6
MICHAEL LAMBERT	3	GEORGE EDWARDS	7
ARCHIBALD DENTON	4	HARRY BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAL.

* First peal, and elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10⅞ cwt.

*ALFRED E. REYER	*Treble*	*ARNOLD WARD	5
*RAYMOND ADDISON	2	WILFRED ADDISON	6
JOHN SINCLAIR	3	FREDERICK BARKER	7
JOHN APPLETON	4	GEORGE CATTLE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. W. Worster, following his induction to the parish of the Archbishop of York.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM LANCASTER	...*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH...	5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	2	FRED RIGBY	6
†HARRY FRANCE	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
*EDWARD SWARBRICK... ...	4	GEORGE HEWITT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal in this method. .

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF PRITCHARD'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. CASE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	6
LEONARD A. SMITH	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
E. DUDLEY CHEXFIELD ...	4	ALBERT J. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

Arranged for the ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th, who were elected members of the Association.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

*MISS E. HOUGHTON ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT WALLWORK	5
THOMAS FOSTER...	2	*NORMAN STONE...	6
JOSEPH FOSTER	3	WILLIAM MITCHELL... ...	7
†GEORGE CHEESEBOROUGH	4	JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

* First peal. † First peal in method. First peal in the method by a local band. Also the first peal in the Rossendale branch by a lady ringer.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... ...	...*Treble*	*FRED PAGE...	5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH	2	JOHN POTTER	6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ...	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
JAMES BOLTON	4	ALLAN F. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

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

* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Potter, son of the conductor, after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY ...	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK HAYWARD ...	5
JAMES BETTS	2	HARRY MOSS	6
ALPHÆUS BERRY...	3	WILLIAM STEGGALLS ...	7
HUBERT J. DAY	4	WILLIAM BURROWS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

* First peal of Major. The above band reside in seven parishes. The conductor's 250th peal.

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NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLF,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Treble*	JOHN BURLES	5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	7
WILLIAM H. HARPER... ...	4	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. MOTTS. Conducted by C.-S.-M. BENNETT, R.M.

Specially arranged and rung as a token of remembrance to the composer, the late Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, on the 2nd anniversary of his death.

MIDDLESBROUGH.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WORTHY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS LANCASTER	5
JOHN C. POLLARD	2	*WILLIAM AINSWORTH ...	6
THOMAS C. HENSHER ...	3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ...	7
*ALBERT HUNTER	4	THOMAS METCALFE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

DANIEL COOPER... ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. COOPER	5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL...	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
*FRANK E. DARBY	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells for 27 years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WALTER WEBB	...*Treble*	GORDON CAUDWELL	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
*ALFRED H. WEBB	3	JAMES S. NAPPER	7
†JAMES BUTLER	4	WILLIAM E. NAPPER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5
*LEWIS E. WIFFEN	2	*JOHN REDGWELL	6
WALTER SMITH	3	GEORGE MOSS	7
*BASIL REDGWELL	4	EDWIN WIFFEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal, and first attempt. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th, who is only 14 years of age. The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Bright, a member of St. Nicolas' tower, Witham, whose marriage took place on the above date.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On January 13th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Cashmore (aged 13) 1, R. Foddy 2, F. Case 3, D. C. Lexfield 4, L. Smith 5, A. J. Green 6. First 720 of Minor by ringers of 1st 2nd and 4th, who had not had any previous practice at Minor.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN CLARKE	*Treble*	†ARTHUR BRAINES	5
GEORGE FREEBREY	2	GEORGE H. ROBINSON ...	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	MARK BARKER	7
WALTER WALLACE	4	PERCY TATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal. It was the 100th peal for Mr. Walter Wallace, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Foster, a respected member of St. Alkmund's company. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

*HOWARD MACKMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BROOKS	5
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	2	JOHN RANCE...	6
JOHN MOTH	3	JAMES R. MACKMAN	7
MISS STELLA DAVIS	4	WILLIAM T. HENSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal, aged 14 and 15 years respectively. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G Butt, of Binfield, who kindly entertained the band after the peal. Also a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Mackman, of Spalding.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. J. WHEWELL ...	*Treble*	FRANK SHAW	5
JAMES SHAW	2	JONATHAN WHEWELL... ...	6
*WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... ...	7
J. RICHARD TAYLOR	4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal in the method on a working bell by W. Fernley, for whom the peal was arranged.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM WHITE...	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. COLES	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	HENRY NORMAN...	6
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ...	3	JAMES HUNT	7
WILLIAM COLES	4	PERCY MERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

†ALBAN DISNEY	*Treble*	†THOMAS ATKINS...	5
‡J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	2	R. HENRY BARTRAM... ...	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3	*ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ...	7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	4	EDWARD READER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. T. Atkins for standing in at very short notice.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	HARRY DAVISON	5
THOMAS B. KENDALL... ...	2	*FRED KILSHAW	6
RALPH UMPLEBY...	3	*FRED DIXON	7
JOSEPH BROADLEY	4	HARRY FOSTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

JAMES E. GOFTON	*Treble*	THOMAS H. REEVES	5
WILLIAM L. GOFTON	2	R. ALDER GOFTON	6
RICHARD A. GOFTON	3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON	7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	4	THOMAS T. GOFTON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

Rung on the eve of the conversion of St. Paul, and the 12th anniversary of the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ...	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
*OSWALD J. HUNT	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

REGINALD BECK	*Treble*	JESSE FRANCIS	5
ALEC MONDY	2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ...	6
RONALD BECK	3	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN	7
WILLIAM ROSEWELL	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

W. A. COOPER	*Treble*	J. C. ADAMS	5
ROBERT PICKERING	2	W. H. LAWLEY	6
H. A. FARLOW	3	JOHN PERRY...	7
E. F. MITCHELL	4	THOMAS PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher on the 53rd anniversary of their wedding: H. Burton 1, R. J. Duwe 2, R. Heather 3, A. J. Turner 4, O. Wood 5, S. Foord 6, G. Piper (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

BREWOOD.—On January 19th, at the residence of Mr. J. Perry, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 minutes: Percy Bill 1—2, F. R. Blewitt 3, J. W. Perry 4, J. Perry (conductor) 5—6. Rung, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a birthday compliment to Percy Bill.

The two following reports have been sent to us for publication by the Secretary of the Norfolk Guild.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES	*Treble*	EDWARD ETHERIDGE	5
AUSTIN HEAD	2	JAMES RICHES	6
ROBERT RICHES	3	WALTER RICHES	7
GEORGE FILBY	4	ALBERT RICHES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES	*Treble*	ROBERT RICHES	5
AUSTIN HEAD	2	JAMES RICHES	6
GEORGE FILBY	3	WALTER RICHES	7
JACOB FILBY	4	ALBERT RICHES	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in with different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN A. HALL	*Treble*	*THOMAS A. PRESTON	4
THOMAS M. JORDAN	2	LEONARD G. JORDAN	5
*LEONARD P. WARD	3	WILLIAM J. A. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. G. JORDAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. M. Jordan. First peal on the bells by a Peckleton band.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College Single Reverse, Oxford Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*FREDERICK HINES	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	4
†GEORGE VERNON	2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT	5
ERNEST BOSTOCK	3	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. L. Bostock, one of the local ringers.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ERNEST HALL	4
FREDK. PECK	2	WALTER KERRISON	5
ARTHUR H. TOOK	3	JAMES HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On Wednesday, Jan. 21st, at St. Illtyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1,260 changes): * W. James 1, J. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, D. R. James 6, A. J. Pitman 7, H. Wright 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal of Union Triples.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR HANN	*Treble*	*HARRY AYRES	3
SAMUEL ROYLE	2	HARRY PARKER	5
THOMAS WILKINSON	3	ALBERT H. BOOTH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. BOOTH.

* First peal by treble and 4th. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. Royle's son.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRED DUFFY	*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	JOSEPH LANDON	5
ARTHUR RIGGALL	3	GEORGE H. WELLS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal; proposed a member before starting. Rung with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Rev. W. M. Benson, 35 years Vicar of this parish, who was interred at Market Deeping Cemetery on Wednesday, January 21st.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob with five different callings. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*JOHN MATTHEWS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ...	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	5
†JOHN T. NEWINGTON ...	3	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ringers of 1st, 4th and tenor belong to the local band; 2nd to Willingham; 3rd to Brampton; 5th to Long Stanton. The band thank Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Townsend for their hospitality after the peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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 14 cwt.

E. WILLIAM TURNER	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM RANFORD.

Quarterly peal for the Western Branch; also a birthday peal for J. J. Jefferies.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HARRY BAXTER	*Treble*	WALTER T. WILSON	4
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	2	THOMAS GARLEY	5
TOM TEBBUTT	3	ROBERT G. BLACK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

Rung as a compliment to Miss C. E. Hepburn, secretary of Northants Branch of the Ladies' Guild, on her 21st birthday; and to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Valentine, both of the Isham Society, on the birth of a daughter.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 29, CHURCH BANK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON	1—2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3—4	JAMES HEMMING	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: MRS. J. HEMMING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hemming.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A SUGGESTION TO BELL FOUNDERS.

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 24th, when members and visitors to the number of 25 being present from Cirencester, Fairford Lechlade, Coln St. Aldwyn, Down Ampney and Swindon, and also an old Cirencester ringer, in the person of Mr. Wilfred Andrews, from Winchester Cathedral. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung till service time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Westmacott), and tea was served at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant. At the business meeting which followed, the chairman of the branch (Mr. F. Edwards) presided. The treasurer's report was submitted, and was considered satisfactory.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. F. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. J. Lewis; member on management committee, Mr. J. Hope.

Mr. Edwards, in returning thanks, remarked that while the bell founders had brought the art of casting and hanging to perfection, they had not troubled to perfect a really good silent apparatus, so that ringers could practise without annoying people outside.

Two honorary and three performing members were elected, and Tetbury was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. L. Westmacott for taking the service, and for the use of the bells.—In replying, the Vicar said that he did get complaints about the ringing, but that the complainers were always in the minority, and if the bells were not rung the complaints would be very great.

Owing to illness, the bells at the Parish Church could not be rung, and Watermoor was, therefore, again visited, and further touches of Triples and Major rung. The secretary made it a special point to see that everyone had a pull.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bristol branch was held at St. James's, Bristol, on Saturday last. Ringing began soon after three p.m., and service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Swan) officiated, and gave a very helpful address. Tea was kindly arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Way, and friends, at the Church Institute.

The business meeting followed, and nearly 50 members were present, including the Rev. E. J. Phillips (vice-president) and the Rev. S. E. Swan.

Mr. J. Gould, on taking the chair, referred to the sad bereavement sustained by Mr. C. Hornell, of Wormley, in the loss of his wife, and asked the members to stand in sympathy.

The hon. secretary's report showed that twelve meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 23, which was a falling off on the previous year. He did not think it was owing to lack of interest, but to the very inclement weather of the past summer. Thirty-five members had been elected during the year. The Secretary thanked the tower secretaries for the prompt way they had sent in their subscriptions, and remarked it would be a great help to the branch if some of the more advanced ringers would visit the country towers. The peal at Marshfield by all local men reflected great credit on Mr. W. Lewis for the way he had worked, as it was practically an isolated district with no help near.

The balance sheet was presented, and passed, showing a balance in hand of £17 1s., which was considerably more than last year.

Mr. W. A. Cave moved that a letter of congratulation from the meeting be sent to Mr. W. Lewis and the ringers at Marshfield.

The officers were re-elected, amid applause, as follows: Mr. J. Gould, chairman; Mr. P. E. Williams, secretary; Mr. J. G. Jefferies on management committee; Mrs. G. Williams was elected an associate member; and Messrs. H. Baguley and E. Guest, of Henley, and Messrs. Smart, H. Marsh, T. Marsh and C. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, were elected performing members.

The quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: Wormley in February; Coalpit Heath in May; Mangotsfield in August; St. Warburghs in November.

It was decided that, after the quarterly meeting at Wormley, which was fixed for February 21st, all meetings of the branch should be held on the last Saturday in each month.

It was also decided that £5 of the balance in hand be used for the benefit of members attending the annual meeting at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday. All applications for seats in the charabanc are to be in the committee's hands by March 28th.

The Rev. E. J. Phillips moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. S. E. Swan for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also to the organiser for his assistance, and to the ladies for arranging the excellent tea.

Mr. C. H. Jennings proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary for the excellent way they had carried out their duties during the year (applause).

This concluded the business, which was followed by the annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF GREAT BADDOW BELLS.

A meeting of the South-Eastern division of the Essex Association was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, January 17th. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and service was held at St. Mary's, the Rev. D. G. Douglas officiating. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson.

Tea and meeting followed in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding over an attendance of about 50 ringers, including Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. L. W. Wilfen (Master of the Division), and Mr. W. H. Dyson (secretary).

Five new members were elected, and Dr. Spencer Phillips was elected a probationary member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury and Sandon, with a view to getting these towers into the association.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for arranging the service, to the organist and choir for their services, and to the ladies for providing tea. He also complimented the wardens and Parochial Church Council on the excellent results of the rehanging and recasting of the bells, the tone of which was now the admiration of all visiting ringers.

The Vicar responded, and said he would like to visit the tower and see some change ringing.—Touches of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

Members present represented Writtle, Chelmsford, Maldon, Boreham, Broomfield, Springfield, Kelvedon, Feering, Braintree, Rettendon, Swindon, Romford, and the local company.

LIGHTEST PEAL OF EIGHT IN KENT.

NEW BELLS AT CHERITON.

On Saturday last, two new trebles were dedicated at Cheriton, Kent. The ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. G. A. Lewis, M.A.), at special evensong. After prayers, the choir and Rector proceeded to the belfry, where the dedication took place. As the choir returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers, and the Rector then gave a short address on bells and their uses.

The new bells were obtained by local subscription, the work being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Cheriton now possesses the lightest peal of eight in Kent, the tenor being 7¼ cwt. The bells, previously a peal of four, were made six in 1881 by the same firm.

Tea was kindly provided by the Parochial Church Council, about 35 members of the Kent Association being present, representing the Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone districts. The ringers afterwards again visited the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich, were brought round.

MR. E. F. POPPY'S 250 PEALS.

Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 23; Grandsire Caters 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 7; Kent Royal, 6; Kent Major, 24 (conducted 8); Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 37 (conducted 4); Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 15 (conducted 9); Bob Triples, 1 (conducted 1); Double Norwich Major, 50 (conducted 2); Superlative Surprise Major, 45 (conducted 1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 8 (conducted 1); New Cambridge, 2; Bristol Surprise, 2; London Surprise, 2; Minor in three methods, 1; in four methods, 1; in five Treble Bob methods, 1; in six Treble Bob, 2; in seven Treble Bob, 2; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 9; in fourteen Surprise Minor methods, 1.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS' GATHERING.

On Saturday, January 17th, the King's Norton ringers were invited to dinner at the Navigation Inn by their esteemed Ringing Master (Mr. F. B. Yates). A goodly number sat down, including the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the following members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. A. E. Walker, A. Paddon Smith, T. Russam, J. Neal and E. Mansell. Good Christmas fare had been provided, consisting of roast turkey, plum-pudding and mince pies, of which everybody heartily partook.

After the cloth had been removed, several toasts were given, including 'the President,' 'the St. Nicolas' Guild,' 'the St. Martin's Guild,' 'the Visitors,' and 'the Chairman.' This last was entrusted to the Vicar's warden, Mr. W. E. Moore, who spoke in high praise of the good work Mr. Yates was doing for bell ringing in King's Norton.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Yates, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to associate himself with the ringers, and his great appreciation of the honour of being their Ringing Master.

The toast of 'the Visitors' was responded to by Messrs. Walker and A. Paddon Smith.

A musical programme was carried out, including songs by Messrs. Dowding and Avery, and selections upon the handbells.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

On Wednesday evening, January 7th, the SS. Peter and Paul Society of Ringers were entertained to dinner by Mr. J. C. King. The Rector (the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham) and Mr. W. Turner also attended. After a very enjoyable repast, the evening was spent with musical items. Two of the ringers, Messrs. L. Poulson and F. A. Turner, proved good vocalists, and sang some of the 'good old songs.' Selections were given on the handbells by Messrs. S. H. Symonds and F. A. Turner. The following methods were also rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, the handbells being much appreciated by the host and the ladies present. At the conclusion, the Rector, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mr. King for the enjoyable evening spent.—Mr. W. Turner endorsed the Rector's words, and Mr. King, in responding, said it had given him the greatest pleasure to have the ringers with him that evening.—Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, as one of the ringers, said he was sure everyone there had enjoyed themselves immensely, and laughingly remarked that he hoped such a jolly gathering would be repeated another year.—The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

FELSTED RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Tuesday, January 6th, at the Old School House, Felsted, through the kindness of a few friends, the Felsted Guild of Ringers were given a supper, at which Canon H. C. T. Weatherhead (Vicar) presided. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford and Double Court Minor were rung on the bells.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. John's Church, Portmadoc, N. Wales, on Monday evening, January 19th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260), in 50 minutes, rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Canon Llewelyn R. Hughes, of Llandudno, formerly Vicar of St. John's, Portmadoc, and a vice-president of the North Wales Association: R. Richards 1, R. McMillan 2, H. McMillan 3, P. Roberts (first as conductor) 4, T. J. Williams 5, H. Owen 6, H. Roberts 7, E. Brown 8. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand.'

At Ottery St. Mary, Devon, at the Parish Church, on January 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 minutes: C. Turner 1, K. G. Godfrey 2, J. H. Godfrey 3, H. Stuckey 4, W. Burrow 5, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 6, G. Burrow 7, J. Lovering 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in token of respect for the late Mr. W. Warden, ex-churchwarden, who was buried the same afternoon. First quarter of Stedman on the bells by the local band.

On Sunday afternoon last a band of ringers from Ilmington visited Honington, by special request, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,300 changes), in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. — Dickens, Rector of Idlicote, and of Honington, who died suddenly on Monday, January 19th. The deceased gentleman was taken ill while conducting evening service in Honington Church on the preceding Sunday, and died the following day. He was interred at Idlicote. There being no bells at Idlicote Church, the ringing was done at Honington, one mile away. The ringers were: C. Matthews 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2 W. Large 3, L. Hawcutt 4, F. Smith 5, H. Baker 6. Honington bells have been manned by Ilmington ringers ever since the late Rector was inducted to the living.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to note, writes Mr. R. G. Rice, in connection with the peal of Bob Major rung at Hagbourne, Berks, on the 12th January, that the only previous peal in the method on these bells was rung on April 21st, 1772, by eight members of the Oxford City Society (founded 1737), in three hours twenty minutes, conducted by J. Baker. This was also the first peal on the bells.

Mr. Rice also replies to an inquiry made by a correspondent in our issue of January 9th as to whether any tower possesses two older bells than the two at Eythorne, cast in 1470. He points out that there are two much older bells at Dorchester Abbey, Oxon. The 7th was cast in London in 1320, and the tenor at Wokingham in 1380.

The peal at Wilton, Taunton, on January 10th was rung in two hours 54 minutes, and not two hours 45 minutes, as printed last week.

The Swindon Parish Church Guild has, after many attempts, succeeded in ringing the first peal on the fine new ring of ten. The conductor, who was so intimately associated with the scheme for providing this noble church on the hill with a new ring of ten, rang his first peal of Caters at the fine old Church of St. Lawrence, Reading, in 1884.

What would have been the first peal of Stedman Triples for all except the conductor was lost on Saturday evening at All Saints' Church, Newport, in the last half-course of the peal, after 2 hours 58 minutes' ringing. The attempt was in honour of the newly inducted Vicar, and those taking part were regular service ringers at the church.

Although Mr. I. G. Shade's 84 peals in 1924 is a wonderful total, it is by no means an individual record for a year's ringing. In 1913 the late Mr. A. W. Grimes rang 136 peals, which followed on a total of 114 in the preceding year, and set up the unique performance of 250 in two years. In 1912 the late Mr. Bertram Prewett also rang 100 peals.

It would be interesting to know, writes Mr. C. V. Ebberson, at which tower the greatest number of peals and methods were rung in 1924. At Willesden, he adds, eighteen peals were rung in fourteen methods during the year.

Benjamin Annable, one of the outstanding figures of the early days of ringing, died on February 1st, 1756. He was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

Harrison's peal of 10,176 Treble Bob Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in the Kent Variation, on Feb. 2nd, 1891.

'Composed by Mr. Holt, of the London College Youths,' a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Shrove Tuesday, February 3rd, 1761.

A peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hours 18 minutes, at Walsall on Feb. 4th, 1861.

The Cambridge University Guild was founded on Feb. 4th, 1879.

On Feb. 5th, 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley. The time was 7 hours 48 minutes. On the same day, in 1888, the then record length of Stedman Caters, 12,041, was rung in 7 hours 26 minutes, at Appleton. The last long peal in this method on these bells was nearly twice the length.

CROWLAND ABBEY BELLS.

The peal of Doubles which was recently mentioned as being the first peal on the bells at Crowland Abbey, Lincs, was not the only peal that has been rung there. On Feb. 20th, 1913, the Peterborough Association rang a peal of Bob Minor, conducted by G. Juston: A. Holland 1, E. Tilley 2, W. Waldron 3, J. Jutson 4, I. Bennett 5, G. Jutson 6. We have to thank Miss K. A. Jutson for sending us this information. It is interesting to note that there is 90ft. draught of rope, with only one floor between ringers and bells.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Martock on Saturday. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Saunders), who is also president of the branch. About 50 sat down to tea in the Church House. Amongst those present were the Rev. Rhys James (Vicar of Drayton),), Mr. E. E. Burgess (general secretary), and Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (Devizes).

At the meeting which followed, all officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Rev. G. W. Saunders; secretary, Mr. F. Farrant; Ringing Master, Mr. D. G. Taylor; general committee representative, Mr. J. E. Baker.

It was suggested that an extra office be made, that of vice-president, and on the proposal of Mr. D. G. Taylor, this was agreed to.—Mr. T. Gale then proposed that the Vicar of Drayton, who is an accomplished change ringer, be vice-president.—This was carried unanimously.

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and continued up to 8.30.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MASTER RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, was held at Edmonton on Saturday last, and was attended by some 40 members. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and continued in various methods until 5 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill), an hon. member of the association, gave the ringers a hearty welcome.

Tea was served at the Rose and Crown, and was followed by the business meeting. The president, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., took the chair, and after the usual preliminaries, the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £2 7s. on the year's working, was adopted.

Six new members were elected, including four young ringers belonging to the Stamford Hill band.

It was with great regret that the meeting heard of the resignation of Mr. G. B. Lucas as District Master.—The President proposed that a hearty vote of hanks be passed to Mr. Lucas for his services to the association, spread over many years.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who stated that the reason of Mr. Lucas' resignation was the after-effects of his accident of a year or more ago, which had caused him almost to give up ringing.—The vote of thanks was supported by Mr. J. Waghorn, Mr. Armstrong, and others, and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Norman A. Tomlinson, of Southgate, was then elected as District Master, and the other officers were elected as follows: Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp; Central Committee, Messrs. R. E. Geare, G. B. Lucas and W. H. Oram; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

The members adopted the committee's recommendation to circularise the affiliated towers for donations to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. The hon. secretary would be glad to receive any donations from members of the association, and would forward them to the proper quarter.

It was decided that the next annual meeting of the district should be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, whilst the arrangements of the next district meeting were left to the hon. secretary.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill); to Mr. Grove, the organist; and to Mr. G. Paice, Mr. J. Parker, and others, for services rendered, coupled with an expression of regret at the absence of Mr. J. Parker, through illness, and a hope of a quick recovery.

Prior to the meeting a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by E. G. Trimmer, Miss E. K. Parker, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, J. Thomas and C. W. R. Grimwood. Ringing until 9 p.m. on the tower bells, in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

DEATH OF VETERAN ESSEX RINGER.

A FOUNDER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Charles Bearman, of Bocking, which took place on Saturday, January 17th. Deceased, who was in his 88th year, was a native of the parish, and life-long member of St. Mary's Church. He had been a member of the choir and a bell ringer over 50 years, and was the last survivor of the old Bocking company. He joined the College Youths in 1875, was one of the founders of the Essex Association in 1879, and had been a member continuously ever since. He took part in the first peal on Bocking bells, after their augmentation to eight.

The funeral took place on Thursday, January 22nd, the Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Hawkes, senior assistant priest. Among those present, in addition to the deceased's son and three daughters, were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. L. W. Crow (Bocking), Mr. F. Rudkin (Braintree), and a large number of parishioners. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: F. Webb 1, F. Radley 2, W. H. Dyson 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. Wiffen 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Alastair Gustavus Baillie, eldest son of the Dean of Windsor, and Miss Susan Theodora Newdegate, younger daughter of Sir F. A. Newdegate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., late Governor of Western Australia, and the Hon. Lady Newdegate-Newdegate, of Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, 336 Grandsire Triples and 224 Plain Bob Major. An attempt was made in the evening for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, after nearly an hour's excellent ringing. The following members took part in the ringing: Miss G. M. Dodds, Miss D. E. Lewis, Miss M. V. Godderidge, Messrs. J. E. Moreton, A. H. Beamish, H. Wright, R. Moreton, W. Badger and C. Rayson.

TOO MUCH MONEY?

M.C.A. QUARTERLY MEETING AT LONG EATON.

Saturday, January 17th, saw the members of the Midland Counties Association assemble for the quarterly meeting at the Derbyshire town of Long Eaton, where ringing took place at the Parish Church from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Although not numerically large, the gathering comprised ringers who rang nearly everything up to and including London Surprise. The committee, tea and general meeting all took place in the Co-operative Cafe, a splendid repast being served to about 45 members. At the subsequent meeting, Ald. R. B. Chambers presided, supported by Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. A. C. Wright (hon. secretary), while a churchwarden represented the local authorities. The Rev. R. E. Wilkinson, of Mansfield—a ringer-parson—joined the gathering, which was representative of the various districts of the association. Twenty-seven new members were gathered in, and a long discussion followed on the suggestion to reconstruct the rules to permit local autonomy. It was eventually decided to call a special committee meeting sometime in March to discuss the ways and means, providing the various districts approved.

A grant of five guineas was made from the Bell Repair Fund to Hinckley, Leicestershire, for the rehanging of the ring of eight, and a grant of three guineas from the general funds was apportioned to the Washbrook Memorial.

Messrs. Wallace and Draper were elected auditors for the treasurer's accounts, which again show an increase of funds.

Apropos of the special committee's future meeting, it is hoped that all branches will seriously consider the matter before sending their secretary as delegate. There are several ways of disposing of the surplus funds—if it is decided to dispose of them. The proposition contained in the suggested new rules is that the capitation fee should be 6d. per member instead of one shilling and sixpence, and that the report should be free.

It has been decided already to reduce the cost of the report from one shilling to sixpence. The hon. treasurer would suggest that a return be made either by reducing the annual subscription to pre-war scale (1/-) or by a rebate at the end of the financial year, whenever the association shows a profit, and that the quarterly or annual tea or dinner should be free. The real trouble is, he says, that the association has too much money! These remarks are written solely to draw the attention of absent members to the subject.

AN ARCHITECT ON BELLS.

CONDEMNATION OF IRON AND STEEL FRAMES.

If correctly reported, some of the statements made at a lecture on Friday last, at Liverpool, by Mr. W. D. Caroe, the architect, ought not to go unchallenged. Speaking at the Church House, on 'Church Bells and Bell Hanging,' he gave a warning to church officials (says the 'Liverpool Post and Mercury') to look before they leap into acceptance of some of the bell hanging improvements ('gadgets' he called them once) offered by some bell founders. Particularly he was against iron or steel bell frames. They deteriorated, he said, and required constant nursing.

Change ringing, said Mr. Caroe, was peculiar to this country. The carillon bell of the Continent was a musical instrument. The other bells were not musical instruments. 'There is music,' he said, 'and there is bell music. A bell has three distinct notes — the top, the lower, and the major third, which demands a musical ear to detect it.' Bells, he added, should be heard from a distance. Talking of towers, the strain caused by the bell ringing was very great, he said. In the tower itself, weight and solidity were the first desiderata. There must be solid material and good mortar. Bells were apt to make mincemeat of bad mortar.

Canon Wells was chairman at the lecture.

DEATH OF A READING RINGER.

The death occurred with tragic suddenness, at Reading, on Sunday, January 18th, of Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, after a fatal attack of pneumonia, at the early age of 18 years.

He had recently joined the navy, and came home on the Friday preceding his death, to take part in a peal at Aldermaston, but was taken ill on Saturday, and passed away on Sunday. The news came as a shock to his many friends, as he was of fine physique and extraordinarily active and keen.

Arthur Lovejoy was well known in and around Reading, and also at Portsmouth, as an exceptionally enthusiastic and able ringer, and although he had been ringing for only three years, he had reached a very high standard, both in striking and ringing the more advanced methods. Prior to joining the navy he acted as steeplekeeper at St. Lawrence's, Reading, succeeding the late Mr. W. Newell in that capacity.

The funeral took place at Reading, on Friday, January 23rd, and was attended by several of his friends of St. Lawrence's, who provided a wreath, and also by brother ringers from other Reading towers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave, and muffled touches were rung at St. Lawrence's in the evening, in which several of the local towers were represented.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROWNEDGE VETERANS' SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

A very successful meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, January 10th.

This was the first meeting at this church under the auspices of the association, as although the bells have been hung in the tower since 1867, they have been reputed as a bad going peal, while the tenor has not been rung in changes for a great number of years, and never by local men.

The ring is supposed to be the heaviest peal of six in Lancashire, the tenor being 21 cwt. The bell was cast by J. Murphy, Dublin, and the other five are by Mears, all cast in 1867. They are hung in two tiers, and, according to one of the local ringers, the wheel on the tenor was smaller originally than at present.

The visitors were welcomed by the Rector, Father J. A. Turner, and the local ringers, and previous to the ringing a visit was paid to the vestry, where a very interesting ceremony took place, the reverend gentleman making a presentation to two of the oldest local men, both of whom had about 47 years' service ringing to their credit. These two veterans were Messrs. James Gerrard and William Whalley, and both expressed their gratitude for the presents, and related some of their experiences of long ago. The Rector then provided light refreshments for the gathering.

A move was afterwards made to the belfry, where some well-struck touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob were rung, also Grandsire Doubles with the local men, some of whom had their first attempt at Bob Minor.

At the business meeting three of the local men were made members of the association.

The ringers were complimented on the striking by the Rector and the veterans, and the meeting closed with a lesson to the local men by some of the visitors. Among those present was Mr. E. Timbrell, of Chipping (the composer of one of the long lengths of Treble Bob), after a very long absence.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Northern branch was held at Cradley on Saturday, January 17th, over 50 members being present, and nearly every tower in the area represented. Before the service, touches in various methods were brought round. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Cooper). In his address, the Vicar welcomed the members, and said they were proud that Cradley had been chosen again for a meeting, after a lapse of about 12 years. God had given bell ringers the gift of music to cheer their fellow Christians, but unless dominated by the spirit of love the work was of no avail. If love was not there it was just noise, and not music. He knew of no Christian service of greater value than bell ringing.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, supported by his wardens, Mr. A. Powell and Mr. B. Parry, Messrs. R. Mathews (Ringing Master of the Association), W. B. Cartwright, Selly Oak (Ringing Master of the branch), A. J. Skelding, Stourbridge (secretary), A. E. Parsons, Old Hill; J. Price, Old Hill (Central Committee representative), T. J. Salter, Kidderminster; G. N. Cockin, Halesowen, and others.

Places suggested for the next meeting were Northfield, Clent and Kinver, the first named being chosen, the meeting to be held on the third Saturday in June. It was agreed, with the Vicar's permission, to attempt the quarterly peal at Cradley, the peal to be a local band effort, to be conducted by Mr. Cox.

Mr. G. N. Cockin opened a discussion on the difficulties of maintaining a band of ringers for the ten bells of Bromsgrove, and it was decided to hold a special ringing meeting there as early as possible to revive local interest.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the association, and in returning thanks, said it gave him great pleasure to be a member. He referred to the growing co-operation between clergy and ringers, and said he thought the time was coming when as much interest would be taken in campanology as in choir work. It gave him great pleasure to propose his wardens as hon. members (applause).

Mr. Cartwright proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, organist, and ladies, who had served the tea. — This was seconded by Mr. Parsons, and supported by Mr. G. N. Cockin.

Mr. A. E. Parsons suggested that a collection be taken on behalf of the new Church Fund, and this realised £1 1s. Mr. Parsons also remarked that Cradley Church bells gained a prize at Vienna Exhibition.—The Vicar thanked the members very much for their vote of thanks, and especially for their collection, and said that he supposed a scheme would be settled in a few weeks for a new church, and he hoped they would be able to ring the old church out and the new one in.

Returning to the tower, the members continued ringing till after 8 o'clock, and this concluded one of the best meetings held by the branch.

ONE HUNDRED METHODS IN A YEAR.

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE BY SOUTH ANSTON RINGERS.

The ringers at South Anston, near Sheffield, set up a wonderful record last year, which we imagine has seldom, if ever, been excelled. Although owing to illness near the church they were stopped from ringing for six weeks, and also, on six occasions, were short of a full company, they rang, during 1924, no fewer than 104 720's in exactly one hundred different methods. In the previous year they rang sixty 720's in 54 methods, which was a highly meritorious achievement, but the performance for 1924 is a really remarkable one. The following is the list of the methods rung during the year, * denoting methods rung for the first time by the company:—

Plain Methods: *Oxford Bob.

Treble Bob Methods: London Scholars' Pleasure (bobs before and behind), St. Lawrence, Primrose, New London Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Nelson's Delight, Violet, Mirfield, Tulip (old), Palm Sunday, Easter Morning, Killamarsh, Morning Exercise, Trinity, College Exercise, Burton, Tanner's Pleasure, Kingston, Norbury, College Treble, Morning Star, Sandall, Duke of Norfolk, Duke of York, Woodbine, London Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Oxford, Kent and Overton.

4th's Place Delight Methods: Norwich, Norwich (bobs before and behind), Willesden (bobs before and behind), College Bob IV., Royston, Oswald, Oswald and Trinity Spliced, London Victory, *Middlewood, Neasden, Old Oxford Modernized, Duke of Clarence, Elstow Abbey, Burnabby (twice), *Merton (twice), *Bedford, Combermere, *Southwark, Vale Royal, Arston Delight, Baden Powell Delight, French Delight, City Delight.

Third's Place Delight Methods: *Edinburgh Castle, *Pembroke Castle, Cambridge Delight, Kent Delight, Tulip (new), *Wath, *Pontefract, *Disley, *Carisbroke Castle, *Dunotter Castle, Stirling Castle, *Chelsea, Evening Star, *Coventry Delight.

Surprise Methods: Kitchener, Norwich, Worcester, London, Wells, Primrose, York, Cunecastre, Ipswich, Beverley, Norfolk, Berwick, Hull, Bourne, Canterbury, Annable's London, Netherseale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Newcastle, Lancashire, Chester, Lightfoot, Durham, Carlisle, Northumberland, *Lincoln, Westminster, Allendale, Coldstream, Sandiacre, Buller's, Lord Roberts', and Cambridge.

Total number of changes was 74,880, and the 720's rung by members of the local company were as follow: Edgar F. Stenton, 75; Gordon Turner, 73 (conducted 35); William Platts, 70; Henry Stenton, 96 (conducted 56); Frank Stenton, 88; Herbert Turner, 68; Charles Fowler, 96 (conducted 13); Samuel Smith, 25. Visitors: Herbert Haigh (Worksop), 1; J. E. Cawser (Tickhill), 7; Jno. Brothwell (Treeton), 25.

The junior of the company is Gordon Turner, who has just turned 14 years of age. He rang in 26 of the Surprise methods, and conducted 19 of them.

BAND RINGS 41 TREBLE BOB METHODS.

The following Minor Extents were rung during the year 1924, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire: Spliced Surprise, 11 extents; other Surprise extents, 24; Treble Bob methods, spliced, 34; other Treble Bob extents, 35; total, 104 extents. The following methods were included in the above: Surprise: London, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich Surfleet, Beverley, Warksworth, Lancashire, Annable's London, Westminster, Allendale, Southwell, and Coldstream.

Treble Bob Methods: Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Overton, Willesden, Poynton, Marple, Bocking, Old Oxford, College Exercise, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Trowel, Neasden, Grove Delight, College Bob IV., Wragby, Braintree, Kent, Shamrock, Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Bluebell, Geranium, and Dahlia; total methods rung, 41.

The following ringers took part: J. Fernley, senr., 102; J. Fernley, junr., 57; W. Fernley, 102; J. W. Hartley, 92, J. P. Fidler, 97; H. Langley, 39; H. Hallworth, 42; L. Clough, 37; W. W. Wolstencroft, 43.

HANDBELL RINGING AT FYLINGDALES.

'FAREWELL' TO PROMISING YOUNG RINGER.

On January 9th, in the belfry of St. Stephen's Church, Fylingdales, Yorkshire, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 39 mins.: George F. Alexander, junr., 1—2, Miss Doris Bulman 3—4 G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6, Miss Mary Stephenson 7—8 (containing twelve each 4—6's, 7—4's and 6—7's). Rung as a farewell touch to the ringer of 1—2, who left next morning for Newcastle-on-Tyne to join his ship. This young ringer, who is 15 years of age, and has now taken to a seafaring life, has only been ringing a few months, and show signs of campanological brilliancy. On New Year's Day he rang in his first peal on tower bells, and had previously rung 1—2 to a peal on handbells.

Previous recent handbell ringing by the same four includes a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 4—6's, and another quarter-peal containing all the 6—7's. All are the compositions of the conductor. Various touches of Bob Major have also been scored.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

An excellent meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday last at Cookham, and some well-struck touches in various methods of Doubles and Minor were rung. About sixty persons were present at the service, at which a full choir led the singing, and a new feature was introduced, two of the hymns being rung on handbells, with organ accompaniment. A short but instructive address by Dr. Batchelor, was much appreciated.

After tea there was a good deal of talking, and it is hoped that the various subjects discussed, together with the suggestions made, will assist the progress of this branch.

SPELSBURY BELLS DEDICATED.

On Saturday last, the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held a special meeting at Spelsbury. Service was held at 3.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Tanner), other clergy present being the Dean of Christ Church (the Rev. J. D. Payne, R.D.), and the Rev. W. J. Palmer. In the course of the service, the clergy and choir made their way to the belfry, where the Dean dedicated the work of restoration to the bells. Afterwards he preached a very interesting sermon to the large congregation.

As the congregation left the church the bells struck off to 120 changes of Stedman Doubles and a touch of Plain Bob Minor by the following: F. White (Appleton), T. Bond (Eynsham), V. R. Hitchman (Spelsbury), J. Keyte (Charlbury), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Master of the Guild) and J. H. Shepherd (Swindon). Tea was next served, and upwards of 100 ringers and clergy sat down as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Tanner, to whom a most hearty vote of thanks was given. The Leafield ringers next rang a good touch of Minor.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton, and all ringers agreed that the 'go' of the bells was perfect.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday, January 17th. Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding the bells of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, were not available. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East were, however, kindly placed at the disposal of meeting, some good touches in standard methods and a course of Cambridge Major being brought round on them.

The business meeting was held at the King of Denmark, Old Dailey, at which the following officers were elected for the year: Master, Mr. F. W. Alleway; secretary, Mr. W. Bottrill; treasurer, Mr. E. C. Darnell; steward, Mr. A. Riley; committee, Mr. R. D. Newman and Mr. Jack Carmen.

Subject to the bells being available, St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, was decided upon for the next meeting to be held on March 21st.

The question of arranging practice meetings at some of the local towers where there are young bands, was discussed, and a motion to be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting of the association was formulated.

Several touches on handbells brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

DEATH OF AN OLD IPSWICH RINGER.

A NOTABLE PERSONALITY.

A day before Christmas was laid to rest, in Ipswich Cemetery, an old and respected ringer, in the person of Mr. Edward Reeve, aged 87. He had been a ringer for a great many years, and had taken part in some notable performances, being blessed with herculean strength. Tall, with tremendously long arms, there seemed no end to his reach when ringing.

Members of a previous generation of London ringers will remember his visits to the Metropolis, where he stood in a peal of Double Norwich Royal at Fulham, etc.

Having to spend the night in London, the company stayed at an hotel, and upon waking the next morning the others saw 'Old Ted's' (as he was familiarly known) naked feet protruding far beyond the iron bedstead.

The deceased was a personality to remember; with his long Victorian swallow-tailed black coat and tall hat, he looked every inch of his more that 70 inches—a fine English gentleman.

His brother ringers, as a last tribute of respect, placed a wreath on his grave.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, Barlborough, on Saturday, January 10th, a date touch of 1,925 changes, comprising 485 Duke of York, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, was rung in 1 hour and 10 mins.: L. R. Hibbard 1, H. Hibbard 2, P. Morris (conductor) 3, R. Reece 4, W. F. Sturman 5, P. E. Hibbard 6. Longest length rung by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and also by P. Morris as conductor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district took place at Ludlow on Saturday, January 17th. The Guild service was held in St. John's Chapel of the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon), who also addressed the members.

Tea was provided by Mrs. Beeston, at the Raven Lane Room, and was much enjoyed by the company, who numbered 39, and included the Rector of Ludlow (the Rev. W. F. Taylor), Rev. Simpson Bailey, also Rev. Thomas, of Knighton. Mr. Chas. Edwards (Master of the Guild) was present from Madley.

Before the business meeting commenced, the Rector expressed his surprise and pleasure at the large gathering, and wished them an enjoyable evening, but regretted being unable to stay longer.

The Rev. W. F. Taylor occupied the chair, and the secretary presented the report and balance sheet (duly audited by Mr. A. Chester), which were unanimously approved.—The Secretary reported progress during the year 1924, and stated that increases had taken place all round, and that they had now 31 honorary, 44 ringing members, and 19 probationers; also a balance in hand at December 31st, 1924, amounting to £13 10s 11d. Leintwardine tower had been restored and thanks were due to Mr. H. W. Hunt for his successful efforts in obtaining several honorary and ringing members. Bromfield ringers had suffered a serious loss in the transfer of Mr. Bott to Tenbury, but the latter would no doubt reap the benefit of the change. The quarterly meetings held during the year had been most successful and well attended. Ringing had somewhat improved, and three or four attempts were made for a peal of Grandsire Triples in different parts of the district.

The following officers were elected for 1925: District Ringing Master, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Nash; district honorary secretary, Mr. Wm. J. Beniaus.

Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, when touches of Grandsire Triples and two or three courses of Bob Major were brought round.

The following towers were represented, viz.: Bitterley, Bromfield, Clunbury, Hereford, Knighton, Ludlow, Stokesay, Tenbury and Wistanstow.

C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT'S 200 PEALS.

Very few ringers connected with one of the services have reached a total of 200 peals, and that fact makes the recently completed achievement of C.-S.-M. J. Bennett, of the Royal Marines, a noteworthy performance.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor in 1 method	2	1
Minor in 2 methods	1	1
Minor in 3 methods	4	1
Minor in 4 methods	2	1
Minor in 5 methods	2	2
Minor in 6 methods	2	2
Minor in 7 methods	11	3
Grandsire Triples	12	2
Stedman Triples	38	
Union Triples	1	
Bob Major	10	4
Little Bob Major	1	
Reverse Bob Major	1	
Canterbury Major	1	
Little Canterbury Major	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	19	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	
Cam Treble Bob Major	1	
Spliced Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	36	
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	5	
Cambridge Surprise Major	13	
Grandsire Caters	1	
Stedman Caters	10	
Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	
Stedman Cinques	8	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	
Total	200	22

Rung in seven counties, for nine associations, in 74 towers.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Monday, January 12th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 240 each of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford: C. S. Ryles 1, W. Corfield 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. Triner 5, James Walley 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Folkard 4, R. A. Farden 5, Miss R. Hawksworth (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, H. Page 10.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, in 44 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Potter 1, J. Bolton 2, B. Welsley 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, A. Burton 6, Jno. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8. Rung for St. Paul's Day; also as a farewell touch to Mr. J. Bolton, who sails for New York, U.S.A., on Saturday, January 31st, the ringers wishing him every success in his new venture.

CHIPPING BARNET.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 52 mins.: S. Casley 1, M. Soper 2, W. Tarling 3, J. A. Dart 4, F. Chandler 5, F. A. Milne 6, H. J. Eldred (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, for evensong, on Sunday, January 25th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: Bertie Lucas 1, Geo. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, G. F. Lucas 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. First quarter by the treble ringer, who was congratulated by the other members of the band upon the progress he has made since he began to handle a bell. All are local ringers.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Sunday, January 25th, at St. Mark's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 1, Miss A. Brierley 2, W. Jones 3, J. Freeman 4, F. Grindy 5, J. Ridyard 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, S. Harrison 8. Longest length for the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Miles Platting.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 25th, for evensong, 360 Cambridge Surprise: A. Fuller 1, Stanley Moss (13 years 11 months) 2, G. Moss 3, C. Honeywood 4, J. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Longest touch of Cambridge by 2nd and 4th; also 240 Double Court and 216 Plain Bob.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evening service, on January 25th, 720 Plain Bob, in 23 mins.: A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, W. J. Ginn 3, H. Dring 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major, in 48 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Blackbourn 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 18th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: T. Coulthurst 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday evening, January 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Single Court Bob Minor: R. Fitzsimmons 1, F. Banton 2, F. C. Amos 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

NORTHLEACH.—On Sunday afternoon, January 18th, members of the Cheltenham branch visited the Parish Church, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples were rung in 40 mins.: W. Yeend 1, H. Voyce 2, G. Walters 3, W. Hale 4, J. Causon 5, W. Townsend (conductor) 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, H. Webb 8. Ringing continued after tea for evening service, when some of the local band were taken through their first courses of Bob Major. Touches of various other methods were also rung.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Sunday, January 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, E. Godfrey 3, J. Bray 4, G. Hobbins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Giles' Church, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, B. H. Pountney 2, I. Evans 3, C. Wallater 4, D. Appleby 5, J. T. Davis 6, H. J. Ludford (first as conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples, for evensong: A. Evans 1, D. Appleby 2, J. T. Davis 3, B. H. Pountney 4, H. J. Ludford 5, C. Wallater 6, S. H. Coley (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, January 18th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes), in 51 mins.: L. G. Palmer 1, A. Markwell, junr., 2, W. T. Palmer 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. Rung for evening service, and to commemorate the 84th birthday of Sir Josiah Court, J.P., of Staveley, who has always been a great friend of the past and present ringers of Staveley.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—For evening service, at St. Gabriel's Church, on Sunday, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: F. Lawrence 1, A. Hartland 2, J. Lawrence 3, H. Price (conductor) 4, A. Short 5, J. Bartlett 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. E. Waters 1, A. Parsons 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, G. Dore 5, F. J. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8.

ELTHAM KENT. — On Sunday morning, January 18th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Flower 1, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 2, *J. Dafters 3, *H. James 4, F. Fraser 5, C. Brett Smith 6, R. Thompson 7, J. Hurrell 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON. — On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, H. Marlow 2, F. Hopper 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, for evensong, on Sunday, the 17th January, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Riley 1, F. Smith 2, J. Martin 3, †S. Wapshere 4, I. Attwater (conductor) 5, F. Alleway 6, S. Penfold 7, *F. Clark 8. † First quarter away from tenor. * First quarter.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: H. Helm 1, Miss May Clayton 2, J. Harrison 3, G. Hooper 4, W. Ilsley 5, W. Margarinson 6, I. Moulding 7, J. Brown (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, 1,008 Double Norwich: S. Warne 1, J. Fluety 2, J. Turner 3, R. Fluety 4, W. Arnold 5, F. Claydon 6, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Scillitoe 8.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, January 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: R. C. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. Kirton 2, C. Gentry 3, J. Wood 4, L. J. Clark (conductor) 5, P. Timson 6, C. C. Pease 7, G. Cooper 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, January 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, J. G. Nash 3, A. Howell 4, H. Blee 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

DARLINGTON. — On Sunday, January 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 York Surprise Minor: *W. Oliver 1, *R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, *W. N. Park 4, *F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

STOURBRIDGE.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. The longest touch for E. Turner with a bob bell.—On Sunday, January 18th, in 44 minutes, as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Whatmore, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, for evening service: A. J. Skelding 1, G. H. Pagett 2, H. Amphlett 3, Wm. Smith 4, B. Dunn 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cook 1, H. Folkard 2, A. Cutmor 3, G. C. Iles 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmor 3, C. Hunt 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, H. Folkard 7, P. Stratton 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Newman 1, R. G. Chappell 2, H. Dyas 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, C. Childs (Godalming) 5, C. F. Winney 6, A. C. Darnell 7, H. Platt 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. J. Cullum 1; W. Axtel 2, F. Axtel 3, F. J. Cullum, senr. 4, G. Cullum (Lyminge, Kent) 5, E. J. Hett 6, F. J. Cullum, junr. (conductor), 7, O. Robinson 8.

READING.—At St. Laurence Church, on Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evening service, 168 Stedman Triples and 420 Grandsire Triples: D. Worrall 1, H. Mackman 2, W. Hensley 3, F. H. Snook 4, A. Lovejoy, R.N., 5, W. Simmonds 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Rampton 8. Longest touch in methods by 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Feb. 7th. Service at the Church at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Axe and Compasses at 5 p.m. Will those who wish for tea kindly notify me by Feb. 4th? H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec., Long Stanton.

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672. — The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 9d. each. Ladies and visitors specially invited.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in large Vestry at 4.45 p.m. Business: Election of officers for 1925. Nominations to be sent in at once. Also matters of importance affecting the association to discuss. A good attendance is requested. All welcome. —F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at or before this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Carlton Café, High Street, at 5.30; followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton (5) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members are also reminded that all subscriptions for 1924 are overdue. Buses leaves Sibsey for Boston at 6.30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. The bells will be available for 3.15 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Andrew's South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.15 p.m., tea at 5 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 31st? Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., and address by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and business meeting to follow in Church Institute. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—G. H. Cross, Norwich.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 31st, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.15, business meeting after, and service at 6.30. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Friday, the 30th? — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford and Canterbury Districts.—A combined practice will be held at Wye on Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden and H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Secs., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 3rd; St. Magnus on the 5th and 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (at 8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Sproughton, free to all sending their names by Feb. 3rd to G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that South and West members should make an effort to attend this meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens will entertain members to tea in the New Church Hall, South Street, after service. But please notify me by the 4th those requiring same, and oblige W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after in Church Room. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea up to 7 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 4th? All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 4th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea as usual, followed by meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY. — In consequence of Rotherham Parish Church bells not being available, the next meeting will be held at Mansfield on Feb. 7th. Bells (8) ready early. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held on Feb. 7th at Wareham. Ringing from 2.30. Service and address by Canon Blackett 4.30. Tea at Bennett's, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips. Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's bells available from 2.45. Tea in Deanery Schools at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by Feb. 3rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Gentlemen specially invited. Meat tea, 1s. 3d., to all notifying me by Wednesday, Feb. 4th.—E. L. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous?—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All intending to be present should notify me before Feb. 3rd. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock (8) and (6). Short service at St. Leonards 4.30. Tea at Castle Restaurant 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will head ringers please notify number by Thursday, the 5th inst.? All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 2 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Election of officers and annual report. Service in Church 6.30. Please advise J. P. Hyett, Dulas Terrace, Hay, not later than Feb. 2nd.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 4d. a head, to those who notify Mr. Alfred Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Chorley Old Road, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Thursday, Feb. 12th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members are urged to attend, if possible, the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C., from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at latter church at 4.30, preacher Rev. J. A. Mayo. Tea at Express Dairy opposite (corner of Essex Street) at 5.30, and names should be handed in beforehand. Business meeting in the Parish Room, Clare Market, at 6.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Thursday, January 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Reeves (first quarter-peal, Wanstead) 1, H. Horford (Romford) 2, A. C. Hardy 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, F. Russell 5, F. C. Newman 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, R. Molton 8.

SWINDON, WILTS. — At the Church of St. Mark, on Saturday, January 3rd, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal (two 720's) of Bob Minor, tenor 11 cwt.: G. Lawrence 1, J. Penny 2, S. Hopper 3, A. Heath 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 5, H. Hatton 6. Also a further 720 by the same band. Rung to welcome the new year. First quarter-peal of Minor on the bells. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, Dec. 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr. (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. Also on Dec. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with J. F. Sharpe taking part, conducted by T. R. Butler. Also on Sunday, Dec. 14th, and on Christmas Day, quarter-peals of Stedman Triples on handbells, conducted by J. F. Sharp and G. H. Edwards respectively, the latter being a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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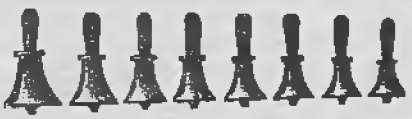

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