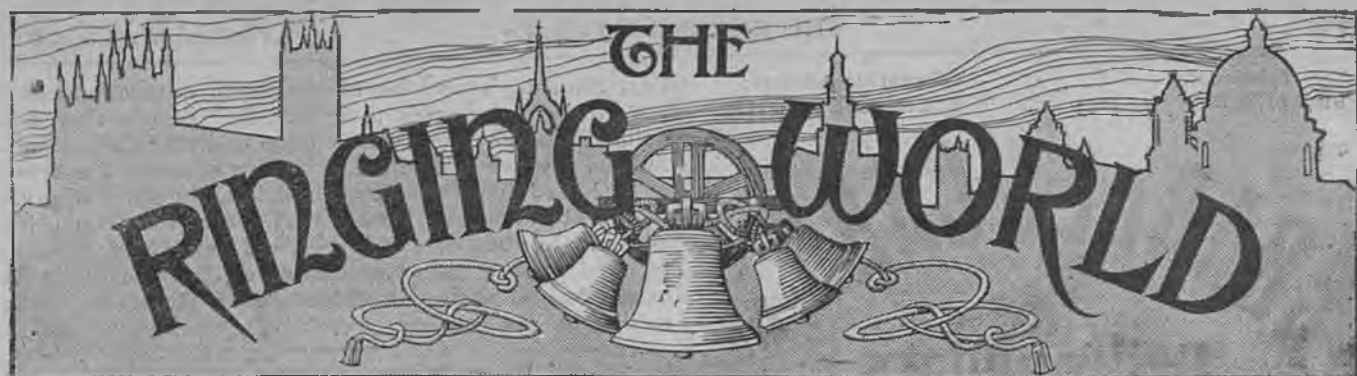




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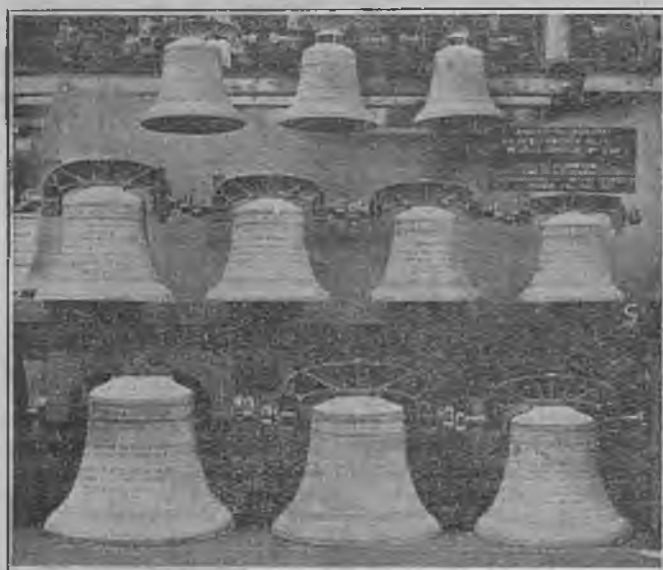
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A PROPOSED NEW GUILD.

The division of the Diocese of Winchester is likely to bring with it a partition of the Diocesan Guild, which has been in existence since the year 1879. The diocese at present covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands, and a considerable part of Surrey. The Diocesan Guild has been one of the best organised and most successful in the country. Now, however, the diocese is to be divided into three, and new sees are to be created, one centred on Portsmouth and the other on Guildford, and it is in the Guildford District that the desire is strong for a separate Diocesan Guild. The Guildford District has always been one of the strongest numerically in the Guild, and at the moment has over a hundred and sixty members and seventeen affiliated towers. Guildford District, however, by no means covers the whole of the proposed new diocese. The York Town District, with a hundred members and twelve affiliated towers, has up to the present been desirous of remaining with Winchester in a joint association. There are other towers in the north-east corner of the diocese which have never taken kindly to affiliation with Winchester, and, whatever happens elsewhere, their position is not likely to be affected.

The success of a separate Guildford Diocesan Guild, therefore, depends upon a uniting of the forces in the Guildford and York Town districts, and much will depend upon the attitude of the members of the latter at their annual meeting to-morrow. Co-operation between the two branches will smooth away many of the difficulties, and a Guild which could be assured at the outset of nearly thirty towers and over 250 members has great possibilities. But the task before the organisers of the proposed new Diocesan Guild is not an easy one, as those who know the special local circumstances fully realise. We believe, however, this much may be said. Whatever may be the feelings of the members of the remaining part of the Guild, if the towers in the new Guildford diocese can find unanimity and show a desire to work together in promoting the welfare of a new association, then, however much their departure may be regretted, they will begin their new career with the goodwill and the best wishes of those from whom they part company.

The Portsmouth Area has expressed its desire to remain in unity with the Winchester diocese, under an expanded title, just as Durham and Newcastle, Bath and Wells, Gloucester and Bristol, Llandaff and Glamorgan, have respectively remained united in ringing matters. They would like to see Guildford retaining its connection with the old organisation, and the Guild Committee were to report upon the subject at the next annual meeting.

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Last Saturday's decision at Guildford, however, has cut the ground from under their feet, but, despite that, it is unlikely that anything will be done to create dissension in Surrey. As we said before, if a spirit of concord is shown in Guildford and York Town Districts, the spirit of goodwill will doubtless show itself over the Hampshire border. In that case the proposed new Guild could go forward upon a career of usefulness, fully justifying its existence and taking its place among the leading associations of the country.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS KITTY MOORE Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	WALTER PERKINS 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	GEORGE BASFORD 8
HARRY BAXTER 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 9
ARCHIE HENMAN 5	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. This is the 121st peal Messrs. Perkins and Tyler have rung together.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	JAMES E. GROVES 6
STANLEY BRAGG 2	ERNEST MANSELL 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN BRAGG 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 4	JOHN NEAL 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung after the institution service, conducted by the Bishop of Birmingham, of the Rev. C. O. R. Wormald to the Rectory of Solihull. The new Rector met the band after the peal and warmly thanked them for ringing the peal in his honour.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MACHEN, MON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY JONES Treble	A. E. SLATTER 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	GEORGE COOKE 6
EDWARD DARE 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
SINCLAIR ADDICOTT 4	JAMES HURFORD Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

RISHTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM HINDLE Treble	ARTHUR LORD 5
ROLAND HALL 2	ALBERT YATES 6
FRED READ 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR INGHAM 4	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal on eight bells for ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. First in the method for ringer of the 4th. The conductor's 70th peal, and the quickest on the bells. Ringers of 1 and 4 from Church Kirk, remainder from Rishton.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSWORTH Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 3	JOHN POTTER 7
PETER CROOK 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

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

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the above church. Being the 289th anniversary of the College Youths, it was fittingly rung by members of that society.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS WILCOCK Treble	THOMAS B. KENDALL 5
*MRS. F. SEAGER 2	HARRY STOTT 6
HERBERT HAIGH 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	ARTHUR TROTTER Tenor

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

* First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Kendall, daughter of the ringer of 5th, also as a centenary peal. First peal in the method by an entirely local company.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY E. COX Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
WALTER T. BENNETT 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOSEPH WILLIAMS 4	ALFRED T. POULTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED W. WINCH 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	GEORGE A. COOK 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. DEAN.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Rowland Blades, Bart., M.P., of Grange Mount, Ashted.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, October 13th, 720 Lancashire Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, Miss K. Willers 2, F. E. Haynes 3, W. A. Tack 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and first attempt.

BEDWELLY, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(BEDWELLY GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNANS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6, 7, 8 covering.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM POWELL 5
LEONARD ROWLANDS 2	TIMOTHY POPNELL 6
MILWARD THOMAS 3	RUSSEL PHILLIPS 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

First peal by all the band except the conductor, and first peal on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Bishop of St. David's, the Right Rev. John Owen, D.D., who was interred at Abergwelly the previous day.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. BRADFORD ... Treble	ARTHUR H. FULWELL ... 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
*A. MARK STACEY ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
DONALD HILL BROWN ... 4	*JOHN H. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of the treble, fourth, and tenor belong to the local band. First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging. Rung to celebrate the granting of the charter of incorporation and the inauguration of the first borough council.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE WRIGHT Treble	*STANLEY SMITH 5
FREDERICK ROBSON 2	†WILLIAM CHAMPION 6
†SIDNEY BREEZE 3	ERNEST BURNETT 7
JAMES HALL 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

* First peal. † First on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LT. WM. A. COOKE, R.N. Treble	*JOHN H. CHAMPION 5
*ALBERT MANKTELOW ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
†WILLIAM SEAGER ... 3	CHARLES BELSEY 7
*FRANCIS R. WHITE, B.A. ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled for Armistice anniversary.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	ALFRED W. TRAPPIT 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Cambridge as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Rung as a 22nd birthday compliment to C. W. Roberts.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES F. GEORGE Treble	*LAWRENCE CHADBURN 5
*ALFRED BARRETT 2	*GEORGE WEST 6
*J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	FREDRICK BAILEY 7
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 4	EDWARD E. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. Rung after meeting one short for Royal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*HARRY BADGER Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
*OWEN H. GILES 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
FRANK BLONDELL 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FARDON Treble	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 5
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung on the eighth anniversary of Armistice Day.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK BAILEY Treble	MARK BARKER 5
JOHN W. GLEW 2	CYRIL J. JENNINGS 6
JOSEPH LORD 3	CYRIL E. PORTER 7
HENRY FLETCHER 4	JAMES STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by J. LORD.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 6
HARRY DYAS 3	HARRY MANCE 7
LESTER A. GRAY 4	*ERNEST J. JONES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled on Armistice Day in honour of the glorious dead.

ROLYENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BATTEN Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER 5
MRS. HARRY BAKER 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	HARRY BAKER 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	ALFRED G. BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. Batten taking the vacant rope. It was his first peal away from the tenor. Rung half-muffled in honour of those who fell in the Great War.

BRECHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	JOHN WEADON 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The North Kent contingent wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Weadon for their kind hospitality.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION (ADAPTED).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. Treble	JOHN HAYES 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	GEORGE K. JONES 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	SAMUEL MEADOWS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN JAGGAR 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung at the third attempt by eight old ringing friends to commemorate the dedication of the stained-glass window to the memory of William Rock Small.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ROBERT W. E. DAWE 2	JAMES A. HART 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
GEORGE PIPER 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

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MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 2	FRED LAMBETH 6
ERNEST TRUMAN 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
EDWARD PERRY 4	WILFRED WATERS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. G. H. Archard kindly taking the delinquent's place at the last minute. Mr. E. Perry was made a life member previous to starting.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	CHARLES EDWARDS 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 4	G. LEONARD HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENBURST.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Great War.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	* WILLIAM BEDDARD 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	JOSEPH H. COX 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal on an inside bell in any method. This was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 5
HENRY A. BARNETT 2	CHARLES A. BOTTON 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 3	HARRY TURNER 7
MISS PHOEBE UPSHER 4	EBENEZER A. HULL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth, sixth and seventh.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

LEWIS BYRAM Treble	WALTER N. ASHEY 5
CHARLES H. CRAVEN 2	JAMES E. CARTER 6
SAMUEL WHITEHEAD 3	HARRY HOYLE 7
JAMES H. RAPER 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first attempt for a peal by Messrs. Byram, Whitehead and Hoyle, who belong to the local band, their longest length previously having been 640 changes, and great credit is due to them for the spirited way in which they rang their bells and finished their first peals.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WALTER CLARKE Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM 5
* HERBERT KNOTT 2	GEORGE CHESTER 6
JOSEPH W. ASH 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
* TOM KENT 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. R. BORRETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	* JOHN SNELLING 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for London.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 2	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 7
FREDERICK L. LEES 4	THOMAS W. GARRARD Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS

Rung with fully muffled clappers in memory of those men and women of the British Empire who fell in the Great War.

WYARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. S. Bird, vice-president of the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURWARTON, BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With twelve different callings.

P. NASH Treble	WM. MAPF 4
J. HARDWICK 2	WM. R. NASH 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	A. NASON Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Mary to Burwarton. Ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th were elected members of the association prior to starting.

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—On Thursday, November 4th, at the Parish Church, in 24 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. O. Pook (first in the method) 1, C. R. Lilley 2, W. Rundle (conductor) 3, W. A. Wonnacott 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, T. G. Myers 6. First 720 in the method as conductor.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	*JOHN KING 3
JOHN R. MAIN 2	GEORGE BASFORD 4

*FREDERICK J. TITR Tenor

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN Treble	HERBERT W. PEARCE 4
REGINALD F. BECK 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
FREDERICK A. TARGETT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HUGH STEVENSON Treble	HERBERT C. ALBROW 4
EDWARD C. HARTLEY 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
THOMAS G. HAWKINS 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar. Quickest peal on the bells.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	JOSEPH LONDON 4
GEORGE LADD 2	JOHN CURRY 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK GARLAND Treble	GEORGE LATHAM 4
EDWARD RISBY 2	BASIL LATHAM 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	LEELIE BARY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LATHAM.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Canterbury and Stedman, ten of Grandsire, and eight each of Plain Bob and Oxford Singles. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. C. MOULE Treble	KITTY WILLERS 3
*JACK HARPER 2	ARTHUR WILSON 4

FRANK HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

* First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the men who fell in the war, also as a token of respect to Miss Chaplin, a greatly loved member of the congregation, who was interred on the above date. All the band are Sunday Service ringers at Trumpington.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 18 of Grandsire, 30 callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN BOURNE Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 4
THOMAS H. TAYSON 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON 3	*WILLIAM E. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods. Rung to commemorate the Festival of All Saints.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERTRAM LUCK Treble	ALBERT RELSE 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
WALTER MARSHALL 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by H. J. HAMMOND

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Irene Pratt, of Bayham, Lamberhurst, to the Hon. Archibald Cubitt, of London, which took place on the above date at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK BANTON Treble	WILLIAM DEAN 4
*THOMAS BIRCH 2	JAMES MARTIN 5
FREDERICK C. AMOS 3	JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by J. COOKE.

* First peal away from the treble and first 720 of London. First 720 of York and Beverley for the ringer of the 3rd, and first peal to include four Surprise methods by all except the ringer of the 5th. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of Armistice Day.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

HUGH BELL Treble	*FREDK. W. HERBERT 4
CECIL CLARKE 2	RICHARD MODNT 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor and first peal since 1913. First peal by the ringers of the treble and 2nd, who are members of the local band. First peal on the bells, four of which date from 1630. The ringers wish sincerely to thank the Rector, Rev. W. R. Finch, for the kind way in which he entertained the whole band to tea at the Rectory at the conclusion of the peal.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNEAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	W. H. TURTON 5
FRED HALL 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

The first peal of Cambridge Minor by the above societies. Rung on the thirty-third anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor by the Killamarsh company. It is the first time that the above arrangement has been rung to a peal of Cambridge Minor.

DEATH OF AN OLDSWINFORD RINGER.

The death took place on Friday, November 5th, of Mr. William Alfred Pugh, of 165, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, following a protracted illness. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of two daughters and a son. Mr. Pugh was the second son of the late Mr. William Pugh, a ringer of fifty years ago, and he also was one of four brothers who became campanologists, and only one of whom, Mr. Walter Pugh, of Cradley, now survives. A sister with her four brothers used to complete the party of the Pugh family of handbell ringers who were associated with St. Thomas' parish, and performed at most of the social gatherings which were held forty years ago. The late Mr. W. A. Pugh, who was 69 years old, made a study of change ringing, and had taken part in a number of peals both for the Worcestershire Association and the Dudley and District Guild, of which he was a member. For a number of years he was towerkeeper at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, a position his father used to hold, since when he has been a member of the Oldswinford St. Mary's band. The deceased gentleman was an old Volunteer, having joined the former 'D' Company (Wordsley) of the 1st South Staffs Volunteer Battalion in the year 1883. Mr. Pugh was well known and respected, and a large circle of friends will hear with regret of his passing.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, November 9th, at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. H. H. Williams (Rector) conducting the last rites. The mourners were Mr. W. Pugh (son), Mr. N. Rowley (son-in-law), Mr. Walter Pugh (brother), and Mr. C. Baggott (brother-in-law). The following ringers acted as bearers: Messrs. J. Orford, A. J. Skelding, J. Goodman, Geo. Rowley, Percy Pope and A. Smith. Mr. A. J. Skelding (secretary of the Northern Branch) represented the Worcester Association, and Messrs. J. Goodman and G. Rowley the Dudley and District Guild. Amongst those present were: Messrs. Geo. H. Pagett (Stourbridge), Thomas Heathcock (Oldswinford) and C. W. Cooper (Lye).

There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, including one each from the Oldswinford band, and Stourbridge St. Thomas' band of ringers, and one from Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman, sen. and jun., of Dudley.

In the evening the following members rang a touch of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes) at St. Mary's Church, Oldswinford, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to an old ringing comrade: Sidney Yeadon 1, David Heathcock 2, John Bass 3, Robert Matthews 4, Percy Pope 5, Wm. Gibbs 6, J. Goodman, jun., 7, Thos. Whitehouse 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Tuesday, November 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: B. Gillatt 1, J. Coles 2, Mrs. J. Bray 3, B. Bray 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, November 14th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evensong (1,260 Grandsire Triples): H. W. Smith 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. Lee 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. F. Winney 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, on November 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. J. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, T. J. Stokes 5, A. H. Goad 6, C. Routley 7, W. J. Bailey 8.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, 1,293 Stedman Caters: H. Folkard 1, A. Coles 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. C. Pridgeon 4, A. Cutmore 5, D. Stevens 6, H. Belcher 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, H. Page 10.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 7th, for morning service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. Brown 1, E. Morey 2, C. Barnes 3, F. Parsons 4, C. Tyler 5, F. Cruttenden 6, A. E. Baker (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

FENNY STRATFORD.—At St. Martin's Church, for Armistice Sunday, with the bells fully muffled, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Grove 1, D. Hurst 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Rowe 4, A. B. Corden 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Vickers 1, D. Hurst 2, G. Grove 3, F. Rowe 4, A. B. Corden 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, ten courses of Stedman Cinques (1,311 changes) in 57 mins.: W. D. White 1, H. Creed 2, F. Chedgley 3, E. Lloyd 4, W. Chaplin 5, J. Burge 6, A. Wyatt 7, S. Wyatt 8, W. Lloyd 9, F. Sadd 10, E. Wyatt 11, J. Fowler 12.

PONTEFRAC.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Walker, sen., 1, A. Fox 2, J. Ager 3, W. Fox 4, J. H. Lenton 5, W. Senior 6, H. C. Walters (conductor) 7, T. Holder 8, V. Applegate 9, A. Walker, jun., 10.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 10th, for parish evensong, 1,296 Stedman Triples by the following: E. H. Clulow 1, A. J. Chamberlain 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, H. F. Clulow 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, E. Foster 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 3. On Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Foster 1, E. H. Clulow 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, H. F. Clulow 5, E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Milner, of Kirklington, father of one of the Cathedral ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., have just fixed a new chiming clock at the Parish Church, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Somerset. They have also added Cambridge chimes to the clock at Wrenbury Parish Church, Cheshire, and also reconstructed the clock and added Westminster chimes at St. Mary's Church, Finedon, Northants.

Our bell-hanging has come, apparently, to a pretty pass. The big firms are doing their work too well.

At one Lancashire tower, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. hung the bells on ball bearings, a request was made by some well-known ringers for the use of the bells for a peal. The reply was to the effect that the bells were now so delicately hung that there might be some damage done unless the ringers were accustomed to them, therefore the request was refused!

Another interesting point for the consideration of the bell founders has just been brought to the front. At a certain Hampshire tower, a local ringer was being congratulated upon the excellent new peal that had been installed, when he rather surprised the gentleman offering congratulations by saying he didn't like them as well as the old bells (a very indifferent lot).

When asked what was the matter, he replied that the bells were too 'tinny.' 'Why,' he said, 'when you stand outside the tower you can hear the tin in them!' (Collapse of the gentleman with the congratulations.)

They are still laughing in a certain northern city at the ringer who forgot to put his clock back at the beginning of October and turned up to ring an hour before time.

William Walker 'designed and called' a peal of 5,040 Bob Major Triples rung on November 22nd, 1721, at Mortlake, Surrey. The old board records that it was the third time this peal (meaning, presumably, the method) was ever rung. William Walker rang peals more than twenty years later at Richmond, and it was probably his son of the same name who took part in '5,040 Grandsire Trebles Double' at Richmond in 1767, and '10,640 Bob Majors' at Mortlake in 1776.

The first silent peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Burton-on-Trent on November 20th, 1886. The band contained some famous names—C. H. Hattersley, J. Carter, H. Bastable, J. Griffin, S. Reeves, W. Wakley, J. Jagger, and A. Thomas.

One of the earliest 'family' peals was rung at Soham on November 20th, 1809, when eight Tebbits rang 5,208 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the present twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was rung on November 23rd, 1775.

On the same day in 1732, the Society of City Scholars, long since defunct, rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate.

The Eastern Scholars scored a 15,120 Bob Major at West Ham, in 8 hours 40 minutes, on November 25th, 1737. At that time it was, of course, the longest peal ever rung.

For the benefit of Miss Shade, sister of the late Mr. I. G. Shade, and who was for many years housekeeper to this well-known ringer, a set of sixteen handbells is to be disposed of in a competition, among those who subscribe a shilling each. Single tickets or books of ten can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' office, and the Editor will be glad to receive the assistance of anyone who can distribute them.

THE LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BE MADE.

All being well, another attempt to ring the 14,144 London Surprise Major will be made at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, November 27th, starting at 10.30 a.m. The band will be as on the previous occasion, when the peal was lost after seven hours' ringing.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The late Mr. W. L. Catchpole gave me the figures of Superlative Maximus, as printed by Mr. Geo. Baker, before 1912, although I cannot say the exact date, and I was always under the impression that he had produced them long before that. However, the extension is quite a natural one, and anyone attempting to extend the method to twelve could hardly get anything else. This being so, and in the face of so many different persons obtaining the same thing independently, it can scarcely be claimed by anyone as his discovery.—Yours truly,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

TOWER THAT CRACKED NUTS.

The members of the Port of Bristol Authority Staff Association and their friends paid a visit to Temple Church recently, under the leadership of Canon Welchman, who gave the party an interesting description of the church, and subsequently showed them round the building. Queen Elizabeth, he said, was very interested in this church when visiting Bristol, and, after returning to London, sent the Duke of Norfolk to see whether it was true that people cracked nuts between the tower and the walls when the bells were rung. The Duke paid the visit, and saw the thing actually done.

THE DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE

A NEW GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DECIDED UPON.

An important decision was taken on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, when it was resolved to inaugurate a separate Guild of ringers for the new diocese of Guildford when it is finally formed.

Despite a dreuching afternoon, the meeting was attended by representatives of most of the affiliated towers in the district, there being nearly 70 members present. Mr. W. Harrison, an honorary member, presided, and he was supported by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Admiral T. P. Walker, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. E. Raddon (hon. secretary of the district), and Mr. C. Hazelden (district Ringing Master).

Although coming last on the agenda, the matter provoked a long and animated discussion.

THE ALTERNATIVES.

The Chairman said they had to consider whether it was desirable to form a Guildford Diocesan Guild, when the diocese was formed, or whether they would continue with the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth under a new title. He did not think it was at all possible for the new diocese to be formed before next St. Swithin's Day, which was July 15th. He understood they were holding the annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in Guildford some time before that date, so that he did not think it was at all incumbent upon them, unless they desired to do so, to take a binding vote that evening.

Mr. R. Whittington thereupon moved 'that on the creation of the Guildford diocese, a Guildford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers be formed, to take effect at the first annual meeting after the actual creation of the diocese.—Mr. S. Radford seconded. No speeches were made by either the proposer or seconder, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved as an amendment: 'That this meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers is of opinion that a division of the diocese does not make desirable at present a division of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and recommends that it be continued as a united body under a title to be hereafter decided upon.' He said that while he agreed that ultimately a Guildford Diocesan Guild would become desirable, there was at present within the area too great a divergence of opinion on the subject, and they should wait until, by propaganda or otherwise, a greater unanimity prevailed. He pointed out that two years ago the York Town District, which would also come into the new diocese, had expressed an opinion against dividing from the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and they had also to recollect that a number of towers in the Leatherhead district were standing aloof. It would be better, he urged, to wait for a separate Guild, until they could be sure of bringing in the majority of the towers in the diocese, instead of running the risk of virtual failure by starting with a divided camp.

Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the amendment. He said it would be a different matter if they could persuade the clergy to induce their ringers to come into the Guild, but they knew that the Surrey Association was doing good work in the county, that towers in the Leatherhead District preferred the Surrey Association to the Winchester Guild, while in the York Town District there was also a branch of the county organisation. York Town District was strongly in favour of staying with the Winchester Guild, and it was possible, if a change was forced, some of the towers would go over to the Surrey Association. He agreed with the opinion that they should wait until the new Bishop was appointed. If he wanted to have the ringers of the diocese under his own wing it would then be time to go on.

IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF RINGING.

Mr. J. J. Jones (who for many years was secretary of the Guildford District) said when the district was first formed they were told that they would be able to do nothing; and they did nothing for nearly six weeks (laughter), and then the towers came rolling in. The Guildford District had not only paid its way but had paid part of the expenses of the rest of the Guild. Since the year 1904 it had paid something like £200 to the central fund of the Guild, and if only half that sum had been spent in that district they would have 'roped in' all the six-bell towers, with a corresponding increase in the subscriptions. If they had no more now members, they would have 131 in that district alone to start the Guild with. When the Winchester Guild was started there were only 35 members. He believed a separate Guild would be in the best interest of ringing. If it was good for Church life to have a new diocese, it was good for bell ringing. If they could have a meeting once a month, they would keep their towers in better touch with the Guild and get more and better Sunday ringing. The time to start the new Guild was at the division of the diocese, so that they might catch the wave of enthusiasm which would inevitably arise.

Mr. W. Melville said when the new Bishop began to get his organisations together he would not be satisfied unless all the branches of Church work were diocesan in character. In the branch in which they were interested they had got plenty of enthusiasm as long as somebody else did the work (laughter). That branch would never be what it ought to be until everybody that was skilled in ringing put his shoulder to the wheel. He believed that if they formed a Guildford Diocesan Guild, starting with small things, in another ten years practically the whole of the towers in the Guildford Diocese would come into the Guild. If they formed the Guild they would have to find officers somewhere, and unless people were willing to do the work they would not get very far.

A COMPACT DIOCESE.

The Chairman pointed out that the proposed new diocese would be singularly fortunate in being such a compact area, and he could see no logical reason why the towers in the York Town area could object to coming into a Diocesan Guild. If it was for the best interests of ringing that a separate Guild should be formed, they could not take notice of those who would not listen to reason. There was a desire to-day on the part of incumbents to do what had long been necessary—to recognise bell ringing as an integral part of church work. How much easier it would be to band together in good fellowship in the new Guildford Diocese with its 142 parishes, compared with the present large diocese of Winchester. In a Guildford Diocesan Guild they would be brought much more closely in touch with each other.

Mr. G. Pullinger said the reason why the York Town District was not in favour of a Guild for the diocese of Guildford was that they did not think it would succeed at present. He had studied the question, and he thought the chances were all against it succeeding at present. Personally he would like to see the Guild carried on as it now was, with perhaps a reorganisation, and he suggested that in each of the dioceses a sub-committee should be formed with the object of fostering and developing the diocesan spirit among the ringers, so that when the position was favourable separate Guilds could be formed. He urged the members to approach the question cautiously and not be in too much haste.

Mr. C. Hazelden said nearly fifty years ago the Winchester Guild was formed by a little band of men who were of good spirit and had plenty of courage and faith. With these characteristics he urged the members to go forward with the formation of a Guild for the Guildford diocese. He was quite aware of the difficulties and that certain border towers might be tempted to remain outside, particularly if the threat were carried out to form a Hampshire County Association. He was aware also of the opposition in the York Town District and of the activity of the Surrey Association, and while some of the opposition might not be overcome in their lifetime, there were generations yet unborn, to whom Winchester would be but an historic fact. Their lives would centre in the diocese of Guildford.

Mr. Whittington said he loved the Winchester Guild and everything connected with it, but when the ecclesiastical authorities decided that a new diocese should be formed, he wanted to follow suit and have a new diocesan Guild. If they were on the wrong track in splitting the Guild, then those who decided on the splitting of the diocese were also on the wrong track. Everything connected with the Church was becoming more and more diocesan in character, and, although there were suggestions that county associations might be formed, county associations could not possibly be of the same standard as diocesan associations. He was prepared to admit that they would have sentiment and prejudice to deal with, but it would gradually wear out. If they did not start the new diocesan Guild now, the time would come when they would have to, and he was in favour of taking the bull by the horns. Mr. Pullinger had said it could never be a success. He would like to ask him if the Guildford District was not a success?

Mr. Pullinger: Certainly it is.

Mr. Whittington: Then why should not a Guildford Diocesan Guild be a success?

Mr. Pullinger: Because the Guildford District does not cover the diocese.

WHEN BUCKS WAS IN THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN.

Canon Coleridge, pressed for his views as an 'outsider,' said he was reluctant to intervene, as he was not in the diocese of Winchester. The diocese of Oxford, to which he belonged, at present consisted of three counties and was bigger than the diocese of Winchester. It had 653 parishes. In 1836, Berkshire belonged to the diocese of Salisbury. In 1845, and before, Buckinghamshire belonged to the diocese of Lincoln, and if there had been diocesan ringing Guilds in those days he did not think Berkshire would have remained with the Salisbury Guild or Bucks with the Lincoln Guild when they were formed into a new diocese. He had no doubt whatever that when Guildford got its new Bishop he would want to get into touch with the associations of all kinds in the diocese, and he would like to feel he had under him a body of men like the ringers. He (the speaker) had not the slightest doubt in his own mind that it would be a very wise thing indeed to have a Guildford Diocesan Guild of Ringers co-terminus with the diocese of Guildford. They would be a compact body, and when they got things into a small compact body they expanded and went on well, but he would urge them, if he might, not to be in too great a hurry. Let them wait and see. When their new Bishop came they would see exactly how the land lay and would be able to make a very sound nucleus for a diocesan Guild.

After some further discussion, the amendment was put and defeated by a large majority, and the original resolution was carried nem. con.

Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that having taken this step the meeting could not let the matter rest where it was. Those who had opposed immediate action would loyally support the decision of the majority, and he urged them, having embarked upon the scheme, to do the job properly. Their first aim ought to be to gain the support of the York Town District, and he suggested the appointment of a small delegation to attend the annual meeting of the York Town District on the following Saturday to lay the Guildford District's views before members there.

This was agreed to and a delegation appointed. A sub-committee was also appointed, with power to add to their number, to carry on any negotiations that might be necessary and to develop a scheme for the formation of the new Guild, which is to take effect from November next.

A HEALTHY DISTRICT.

Prior to the discussion, the customary business of the branch was transacted.

The hon. secretary's report showed the district had maintained its strength and now comprised 21 honorary members, 131 full members, 10 probationers, and four compounding members. There was a balance in hand of £8 8s. 8d. Subscriptions had amounted to £19 11s., and the expenditure to £12.

The Ringing Master reported 18 peals, distributed among ten towers, rung since the last meeting. This was a lower total than in 1925, but he did not think the falling-off was greater than the average had been throughout the country. A feature of the work during the year had been the visits to outlying six-bell towers, twelve of which had been visited and help given to the local bands. This work it was hoped to continue during the coming year. The Ringing Master pointed out that it was becoming more and more customary in churches for the interval between the celebration of Holy Eucharist and the morning service on Sundays to be reduced to such an extent that ringing was not possible. Where that was the case he hoped bands would meet to ring for the Eucharist.

The reports of the Secretary and Ringing Master were adopted and the district officers re-elected en bloc, as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. E. Raddon; Ringing Master, Mr. O. Hazelden; representatives on the Guild Central Committee, Messrs. Whittington and Jones. Thirteen new members were elected, including the whole of the band at Blackmoor.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

In the afternoon, the Guild's form of service was conducted in Holy Trinity Church by the Rector (Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan), and an address given by the Bishop of Guildford, who referred to opportunities which ringers had of service to God by the exercise of body, mind and soul, a combination of effort which few, if any, others were called upon to exert in the work they did in connection with the Church.

The Bishop and the Rector, through Canon Coleridge, sent their regrets at being unable to attend the subsequent tea and meeting, but they were heartily thanked for their respective parts in the service.

Owing to the fact that on that afternoon the funeral took place of the Vicar of one of the Guildford parishes, no general ringing was possible, only a half-muffled touch of Stedman Triples being rung for the service. As the ringers assembled, however, they were enabled to find kindly shelter from the rain through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Pulling, who were warmly thanked for their courtesy and consideration. But for this many visitors would have had to spend the afternoon in the rain-drenched streets.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT FAVOUR A UNITED GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Havant on Saturday last, when the attendance was somewhat spoilt by the weather. Heavy rain fell continuously throughout the afternoon, but about twenty or more members put in an appearance, and the deal of eight were kept going in various methods until the service. This was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. N. Rodgers), and the Guild's form was used.

The members then adjourned to tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector, who was voted to the chair at the business meeting which followed. At the outset he referred to the unavoidable absence of the secretary, who had unfortunately met with an accident the previous week, and the meeting wished him a speedy recovery.

The balance sheet showed receipts £17 5s., expenditure (including instruction at Havant, Bramshott and Netley) £9 3s. 3d., leaving a balance to the Guild treasurer of £8 1s. 9d. This was adopted by the meeting, together with the secretary's report for the year. Compared with the previous year, there had been an increase of eight hon. members, 17 full members, 15 probationers and three towers in union. Messrs. E. Hedger (Havant) and C. Shepherd and J. Cassidy (St. Thomas', Portsmouth), were elected full members, and Comd. Boyd-Richardson and Mr. Dymak White, honorary members subject to their approval.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. J. Reynolds; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone.

On the question of the division of the diocese, the meeting endorsed the resolution adopted by the Winchester District on the previous Saturday—that the Guild continue as hitherto; and also that, if the new diocese of Guildford should wish to have its own Guild, the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth remain in unity for association purposes.

On the subject of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's draft for the revision of the rules, it was thought better to refer them to the committee meeting to be held at Winchester in February, the representatives having a free hand in the matter.

It was decided to hold the pre-Lent meeting at Netley, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and kindly providing the tea, and to the organist. To this the Rector responded, saying how much pleasure it was to him to meet them, and also that he would be pleased to entertain them when they again came to Havant.

During the day, members were present from Bramshott, Havant, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Swanmore; also the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham).

BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I was very pleased to see that Mr. T. Groombridge has raised the subject of broadcast ringing, which the B.B.C. has been transmitting for the last two Sunday evenings. It was, as he writes, an act of discourtesy on their part to those who have undertaken the ringing on these occasions that their efforts should be drowned by the announcer, who is reeling off the whole form of service which is to follow when the complete details are printed in their own organ. Although we read that almost superhuman efforts were required to ring the back bells at Bow, yet we were treated to about four leads of Double Norwich. The same thing happened last Sunday, when we heard about half a dozen sixes of Stedman Cinques.

I might add that I have also written the B.B.C. about this unsatisfactory state of affairs, but they take little or no notice, and simply 'hope that I may enjoy their programmes in the future.' It seems a pity that when there are 15 minutes allotted to St. Martin-in-the-Fields once a month we have to listen to chiming some changes where one bell may be struck twice or even three times in the same change and a few hymn tunes. Perhaps some satisfaction may be secured if the Central Council appointed a deputation to interview the B.B.C. on this subject.—Yours truly,

F. W. ROGERS.

Portsmouth.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, also took the matter up with the B.B.C., who replied that if the announcements were not superimposed it would mean that less bell ringing would be possible. 'There is the option of having the announcement without the bells (and less bells) or the announcement with a faint background of bells. We feel that the spoken words should not affect the enjoyment of the bells, and that that method is preferable to the suggested alteration.'

Mr. W. Keeble writes that he thinks more good would be done if societies and associations take the matter up with the B.B.C., rather than that individual members should do so.

Members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will broadcast from Bow, Cheapside, on Sunday evening, at 8 p.m. Eight bells have been asked for as being better for the general public. The method will, therefore, probably be Bristol Surprise.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at the six-bell tower of Barcombe, on Saturday, November 6th. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and at 3.45 a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Farrar, M.A.), who gave a very interesting address. The Rector of Southover (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, M.A.) also took part in the service and read the lesson.

At the invitation of the Rector of Barcombe, those present, numbering about 27, proceeded to the Rectory, where tea had been prepared in a most liberal manner.

The usual business meeting which followed, with the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), was mostly of a routine nature.

The following new members were elected: A. E. Awcock, E. C. Langdrige (Turner's Hill), Charles H. Surridge (Crawley).

The election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: W. L. Goffon (Monkseaton), R. V. Johnson (Handcross), James Batters (Mersham), F. A. Mitchell (Gravesend, Kent), A. J. Hughes (Rhy), N. Wales, F. E. Collins (South Norwood), Daniel Cooper (Croydon), Chas. H. Kippin (Beddington), John F. Galyer (Carshalton), James Bennett (Herne Hill), and Miss Florrie Wyman.

The Master informed the meeting of the loss Mr. O. Sippetts had sustained, on November 6th, by the death of his father, and the hon. secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence. The late Mr. Sippetts had been a member of the Crawley Branch of the association until two or three years ago, when ill-health caused him to give up ringing.

On the motion of the Master, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address in church, and the warm-hearted welcome he had extended to the meeting, coupled with an expression of appreciation of the part taken by the organist and other local friends in promoting the success of the proceedings, and this being acknowledged by the Rector the meeting terminated.

Ringing was again resumed and continued until about 7.30, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London and Cambridge Surprise.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), East Grinstead, Lewes (Southover), Pevensey, Seaford, Uckfield, Waldron, and the local branch.

MASONIC HONOUR FOR A NORTHUMBRIAN RINGER.

At the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, Bro. William Story was installed as Junior Grand Warden of the Province. This preferment was unique in that Mr. Story is the present reigning Master of his lodge, Hotspur, 1626, and it is an honour very rarely conferred until several years have elapsed after filling the chair.

Mr. Story's long services to ringing in the northern dioceses are well known.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN EXETER RINGER

MR. JAMES MOSS'S LONG CONNECTION WITH RINGING.

A link with the past generation in Exeter ringing circles has been broken by the death of James Moss, which took place on November 11th at the ripe age of 78.

He commenced his ringing career at St. Thomas' in 1860, when quite a lad, and was initiated a member of the Cathedral band on June 27th, 1866, and so continued up to September last. He was elected a member of the Devon Guild in 1884, and rang his first peal at Honiton Cylst on April 14th of that year. He was also a member of St. David's and St. Sidwell's bands, and rarely failed to attend the ringing at both towers every Sunday, as well as the week-night practices. His record of peals was 71, made up of Grandsire Triples 55, Grandsire Caters 9, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 1, and Bob Major 1.

He took part in the muffled peal for the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in 1885, in the Victoria Jubilee peal in 1887, in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters in Exeter, was umpire for the non-conducted peal at St. David's in 1906, and rang the treble to the peal on the minor eight at the Cathedral in 1908, his last peal being at St. Thomas' in October, 1924.

Before joining the Guild, he was an ardent round ringer, and took part in many prize-ringing contests in different parts of Devon, acting as judge at a meeting at Crediton in 1882. He was a friend of the late Mr. Mallett, with whom he used to visit Alphington tower, and by whose persuasion he became a member of the Guild. Possessed of a keen ear, and stoutly built, he was generally on the heavy end, marking time with his head and eyes as he rolled along the Cathedral ninth, and a laggard making a false blow would bring from 'Jimmy' (as he was familiarly called) the ejaculation, 'Strike 'em!'

Ever ready to help a young band, of a genial disposition, and having a lively sense of humour, he was one of the most popular ringers in Exeter and district. At raising and falling the treble, he was without an equal, and has probably tolled the Cathedral Stafford bell as the passing bell more often than anyone.

By trade a bootmaker, he served his apprenticeship with the old firm of East and Son, Exeter, and stuck to his last until quite recently. He will leave a blank that can never be adequately filled.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Thomas' Cemetery.

MASONIC BELL RINGERS.

A Masonic service was held in the Church of St. Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, on Sunday last, and was attended by brethren of the Earl of Durham and Cestria Lodges and visitors. The ringing before and after the service was done by Masonic brethren as follows: 676 Kent Treble Bob Major by: A. M. Hall (Hotspur) 1, G. Holmes (Whitley) 2, F. Watson (Cestria) 3, N. Ward (Earl of Durham) 4, J. E. Gofton (Monkseaton) 5, C. L. Routledge (Hotspur) 6, J. Crawford (Earl of Durham) 7, A. Deas (Northern Counties) 8. To ring the congregation out, Bro. T. Edmondson (Earl of Durham) rang the treble in more Treble Bob Major, the rest being placed as above. It is doubtful whether such has ever been done before in Freemasonry.

SPliced BOB MAJOR AND OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

5095 by A. J. PITMAN.

Bob Major.			Oxford Bob Triples.		
23456	W	H	462357		continued.
45235	—	—	254736	4	C 742563
34256	—	—	362754	1	B 732564
53246	—	—	543762	1	C 725463
24536	—	—	745362	5	B 734562
32546	—	—	237456	3	C 754263
43526	—	—	432756	5	C 724365
52436	—	—	564732	1	B 753462
35426	—	—	325764	1	C 743265
42356	—	—	723564	5	527436 3
54326	—	—	647523	1	425736 5
25346	—	—	236547	1	364726 1
43256	—	S	752364	3	253764 1
25436	—	—	437526	3	532647 2
42536	—	—	372465	2	†325476 2
A 45326	—	—	523746	3	
32456	—	—	C 465723	1	
*46235	—	MS	234765	1	
			732465	5	

* Produced by ringing Oxford Bob Triples last four changes as follows:

36217485
63124758
61342578
16432758
14623578

This composition contains 2,572 changes of Bob Major and 2,523 changes Oxford Bob Triples. It was rung at Bridgend on October 6th, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and was the first peal rung spliced in these methods.

† Round at hand.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Crofton on Saturday last, members being present from Ackworth, Horbury, Sandal, Felkirk, Roy-stone, Shelley, Leeds, Wragby, Wortley, Wath, and the local company. The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods, and tea was served in the schoolroom, free tickets being given to those directly affected by the coal dispute.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Brownrigg) presiding.

A letter was read from the secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter) regretting his absence through illness, and the hope was expressed that he would have a speedy recovery.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company for use of the bells and providing tea and giving such a hearty welcome to all present.

The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, December 11th. The bells were going again soon after 6 p.m., and were kept ringing until 9 p.m., thus bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

WREXHAM VETERAN'S NOTABLE PERFORMANCE.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung at Wrexham, as already recorded, on October 28th, had several interesting features. It included seven local ringers, which is the largest number of Wrexham men to take part in a peal together for very many years. The band was completed by Mr. T. R. Butler, of Ellesmere, and Messrs. Sperring and Riding, who journeyed from Chester and Crewe respectively. Special interest centres in the performance of Mr. Samuel Meadows (affectionately known to his friends as 'Old Sam'), who rang the ninth to the peal. It was his first ten-bell peal as conductor, and it says much for his sustained enthusiasm that he should undertake the task when more than seventy years of age. It is many years since the genial veteran called a peal—Kent Major at Chester.

He started his ringing career as a lad at his native village of Brandon, in Suffolk. His first peal was rung in 1885 at a five-bell tower in Suffolk. His ringing activities have since extended to London, Devon and Staffordshire, and he has rung on most of the famous peals in those areas, including St. Paul's, Cripplegate and Shoreditch in the metropolis, and the Cathedral at Exeter. Mr. Meadows is now tackling Double Norwich.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**MID-DEVON BRANCH MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Torre on Saturday, November 6th. Ringers present included the president, Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton); the general secretary, Mr. T. Laver (Exeter); also members from Plymouth, Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Swindon, Keen, Cockington, Collaton, Brixham, Torquay, Newton Abbot and Paignton.

Ringling took place at Torre and Upton, and a service was held at Torre Church, conducted by the Rev. Porter, who gave a very impressive and interesting address. Tea was provided at Messrs. Woolley's restaurant, and 35 sat down to a splendid repast.

At the business meeting, at which Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, the place and date of the next meeting (which is to be the annual) was discussed, and Brixham was chosen for Saturday, January 22nd, 1927.

The chairman very warmly welcomed the visitors and expressed his great pleasure at having with them so many distinguished campanologists.—Mr. W. H. Marsh (Plymouth) suitably replied.

The president briefly but very warmly expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and held very high hopes of further development of change ringing in Mid-Devon.

The hon. secretary introduced Mr. C. R. Walker, of Newton Abbot (late of Kent), who was very heartily received, and was duly elected an honorary member.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Torre for the service and use of the bells, also the Vicars of Upton and St. Marychurch for the use of their bells.

The ringers then made their way once more to the respective towers, and ringing was continuing until 8 p.m. The methods were Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire.

The members wish to thank the respective tower captains for so kindly getting everything ready for them.

RINGERS' BEREAVEMENTS.

Mr. Richard Stredwick, of Aldrington, and well known in Brighton ringing circles, has sustained a sad bereavement by the death of his wife, who passed away on October 18th, the cause of her decease being heart trouble. Mrs. Stredwick was laid to rest in Hove Cemetery, the Rector of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, officiating at the service, while among the mourners was Mr. Keith Hart, representing the St. Peter's Society, Brighton. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Stredwick in his heavy loss.

It is with deep regret also that we announce the death of Eleanor, wife of Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, at the age of 52, after a long and painful illness borne with cheerfulness and great fortitude. The deepest sympathy of all his ringing brethren and other friends will go out to Mr. Barber in his great bereavement.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

The following were among the touches rung on Armistice Day. Others will appear in our next issue:

BALDOCK, HERTS.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Armistice evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: T. J. Wilkins (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Morley 2, W. D. Pooley 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, A. E. Rose 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Hauscombe 7, A. Spicer 8.

PERRANWELL, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Piran, on Armistice Day, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 51 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen: *W. Launder 1, A. S. Roberts 2, *J. Sedgley 3, †W. E. Minors 4, W. H. Southard (conductor) 5, B. Pascoe 6. All are members of the Truro Cathedral Company, and this is the first quarter-peal rung by six members of this company. * First quarter. † First quarter on an inside bell.

CHICHESTER.—On Thursday, November 11th, at the Cathedral, half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Talconer 2, R. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. B. Blake 6, M. R. Heller 7, A. Tugwell 8.

PORTRISHEAD.—At St. Peter's Church, on Armistice Day, for evening-song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss G. Broad 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mrs. W. Edwards 4, E. Goldstone 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colburn 8.

WINDSOR.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Swift (first quarter-peal) 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Phipps (first inside) 3, T. Smith 4, C. W. Piper (Life Guards) 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Croyley 8.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of Armistice anniversary: S. Steele (first quarter in the method) 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, S. Bromfield 4, J. B. Budd 5, F. Metcalf 6, C. Taylor 7, H. Mingay (conductor) 8. This quarter was rung after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief owing to a rope breaking after 40 minutes' ringing.

EALING.—On November 11th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) at Christ Church in 52 mins.: Wilfred Wilson (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Harbour 2, H. Harding 3, A. Fulwell 4, J. Hunnisett 5, J. E. Davis 6, J. Armeriger Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Burton 8.

CARISBROOKE.—At St. Mary's Church, for memorial service, on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 47½ mins., with bells half-muffled: W. Upton 1, W. Johnson (conductor) 2, P. Reynolds 3, W. Scott 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, C. Taylor 7, E. Brett 8.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Armistice Day, November 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the clappers half-muffled, in memory of the men of the village who gave their lives for their country: A. Hart (aged 14) 1, A. Redgwell 2, J. Claydon 3, B. Redgwell 4, H. Redgwell (conductor) 5, J. Hart 6.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Remembrance Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins.: Miss Noel Cawthorne 1, Miss Elsie Lakin (first quarter) 2, Miss Eva Hopkin 3, Frederick Cardwell 4, Joe Garth 5, Harold Taylor 6, William Godden 7, Fred Watkinson (conductor) 8.—For memorial service on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, with bells half-muffled a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: W. Godden 1, Miss N. Cawthorne 2, Miss E. Hopkin 3, J. Taylor 4, J. Garth 5, H. Wilson 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, L. Gray 8.

CADOXTON, NEATH.—At the Parish Church, on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Matthews 1, A. Devonald 2, J. E. Bloxham 3, D. J. Lewis 4, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 5, R. Bandle 6.—On Sunday, November 14th, 1,440 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 50 mins.: A. Devonald 1, W. J. Thomas 2, C. Lake 3, J. E. Bloxham 4, E. Phillips 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On November 11th, half a peal of Minor was rung at the Parish Church of St. Mary, with the bells half-muffled, consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,080 Kent Treble Bob: H. Hawding 1, M. Fowler 2, O. Greathead 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. This is believed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells, which were cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1771.

CHARLES MEE,
Stone and 'Marble Mason,
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Ringling my first peal (Grandsire Triples) in January, 1884, at the opening of our augmented ring at Soberton, I was, naturally, like many other ringers, imbued with the fascination for more. I, therefore, set to work to get a band together to practise Grandsire Triples straight away; struggling all through 1884, with occasional assistance from an old friend, the late Mr. James Hewett (of Gosport and previously of London), a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He was one of the celebrated band of handbell ringers who toured the Continent and America about the middle of last century, ringing the first peal in America at Philadelphia.

Many tales have I heard of these 'expeditions' from the old gentleman, which all helped to interest me more in the art. Other early stalwarts of the Guild who helped considerably during 1884 were Messrs. Whiting, Prevett, Hill and Grafham, of Fareham, and before the year closed we had rung several quarter peals.

By this time I felt a certain amount of confidence to call a peal, and the captain of our band at Soberton (Mr. G. H. Child) arranged for the attempt to be made on his birthday, the first anniversary of the opening peal, January 17th, 1885. Calling in the assistance of Messrs. Hewett, Whiting and Grafham, of Fareham, and T. Newnham, of Winchester, to make the team as strong as possible, we successfully accomplished it at the first attempt, much to the satisfaction of all, and, not least, to myself, with the result of our first year's work. The peal was Taylor's six-part, and after this little digression into history, I propose to say something about my method of mastering the composition.

At Hunslet, Leeds, on Thursday, November 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 23½ mins.: W. Morrell 1, W. Strangeways (conductor) 2, A. Metcalf (first 720) 3, H. Smith 4, D. Yorke 5, R. W. Smith 6.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, November 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: T. Birch 1, G. R. Edwards 2, R. G. Edwards 3, J. Martin 4, F. C. Amos 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. The ringer of the 2nd is only twelve years of age, and is believed to be the youngest member to ring a 720 of Surprise for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary's Church, Bulwell, Notts, on October 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kennedy (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Caunt (first quarter-peal) 2, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 3, S. Pinder 4, W. Whalley (first quarter-peal inside) 5, W. Collington (first quarter-peal) 6.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Bonvilston, Glam, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. John 1, W. James 2, W. Samuel 3, R. Coles 4, A. Haunington (conductor) 5, H. Coles 6. First quarter by ringers of treble and tenor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Nov. 20th. Service in church, addressed by the new Vicar. Tea at the Welcome Inn as usual. Business after. All friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A special invitation meeting will be held at Lower Beeding (Plummers' Plain), near Horsham, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 4.45 p.m.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Dedication of recast and augmented peal of bells at Church Kirk will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20th, by Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A. (president, Lancashire Association). Service to commence at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Watson, 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar and chairman of the branch (Rev. F. H. V. Paton). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district again will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 20th, owing to the very poor attendance. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting of this district will be held at King's Langley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. This tower is well served by both omnibus and train service.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Braintree, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available: Braintree (8), Bocking (8). Short service 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow in School Hall, New Street. Ringers from all districts will be welcomed. This meeting replaces the one arranged for Halstead, owing to the bells not being available there after 6.15 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5.15 p.m. Will members make an effort to attend this meeting?—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells at liberty 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Mary's, Putney, will be open from 4 to 5.30, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 'The Cosy Corner Café' at 5.30 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (by kind invitation of the Vicar) for those notifying me before the 23rd inst.—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity) on Saturday, Nov. 27th. This being the first meeting here since the new bells were installed, an open invitation is given to all ringers. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, with address by the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Barber, M.A.). Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Jackson, 14, Kay Street, Stalybridge, by Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' (City), Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30, also Redcliffe (12) from 2.30 to 4, St. Nicholas' (10) and Temple (8) from 4 to 5. Tea at 5. Service at 6, followed by a whist drive and dance in the Parish Hall.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at Eckington. Bells open from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited to attend.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 27th, from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Those intending to be present should notify me by Nov. 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John-the-Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—An evening meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be sent to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. All intending to be present kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford.—Saturday, Nov. 27th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea (Old Free School), 5.30 p.m. Cheap trains from London, etc. Number for tea by Wednesday, 24th.—Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Memorial to the late Major Hudson will be dedicated in Bishopwearmouth Church on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at 10.30 a.m. If members of the association

who wish to attend will notify Mr. J. G. Mustard, 8, Mary Street, Sunderland, early in the week, seats will be reserved.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at the Grange at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Chapman, 6, West Parade, Rothwell, Leeds. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The sixth annual social of the above branch will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d. each; children under 12 half-price. Will those who intend going please apply for tickets, and state the number they require, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Nov. 31st, to Mr. Harold Southworth, 54, Railway Road, Chorley?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a charge of 1s. will be made. Business at 5.30. Ringing 6-7.30. Will all who require tea please advise me by Nov. 30th. A grand concert will afterwards be given in the Lecture Hall. Members are welcome to attend; admission 6d. and 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar). A tea will be provided. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting at Heavitree, Exeter, on Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea, free to members, at Church Institute. Meeting to follow.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting for this division will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, Bell Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided by the local company at 9d. per head if not less than 20 send in their names by Thursday, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Rotherham.—F. Clark and C. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-East Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Intending visitors please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 7th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Guild). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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