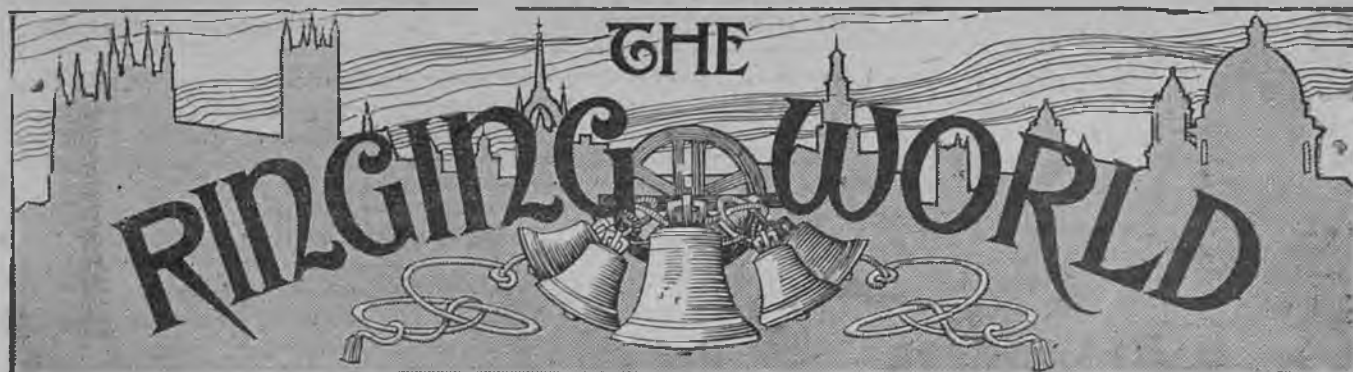




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STRIKING.

We have often urged that advantage should be taken of district meetings to discuss subjects of general importance and interest to the Exercise, outside the purely domestic affairs of the association immediately concerned. It was certainly a step in the right direction that led to the introduction of a topic for debate at the Braintree meeting of the Essex Association last Saturday, especially as nothing more important could be found in the whole gamut of ringing matters than that which comes under the head of 'Striking.' A debate on matters of this kind can only have a beneficial outcome, for the practical advice tendered by experienced ringers is bound to be welcomed and acted upon by younger aspirants in the art.

The importance of good striking cannot be too greatly stressed. Ringers must remember that what they do is heard, not merely by themselves, but by the general public. There are churches where the bells when rung must be heard actually by thousands, and bad ringing jars just as much on the nerves of the outside listeners as upon those of the ringers inside the tower—perhaps more so, when it happens that the band are indifferent to the noise they make. We are afraid that some ringers do not fully realise how much the public notice the difference between good and bad ringing; do not, in fact, appreciate that they have an audience at all. Some allowance has, of course, to be made for practice, but there is little, if any, excuse for bad ringing on Sundays. The best possible in quality should be the object of all bands for service ringing, and for this purpose good rounds are preferable to bad change ringing.

The problem is how to educate ringers into being good strikers. There are some who have no 'ears' at all, and these, unless they are ringing on a perfectly 'even-struck' peal, are almost beyond redemption, for unless a man can pick out his own bell from among the rest it is hopeless to expect good striking from him. Such a ringer is a real handicap to a company. The matter of first importance, then, is to give a ringer of this type a pair of 'ears,' or, in other words, to teach him to use those which he has got, for 'ropesight' in itself is not sufficient to make a man a good striker, however adept he may be at grasping new methods. There are many extremely valuable hints which experienced ringers can pass on to those who are capable of being taught, and which would tend in a large number of cases to raise the standard of their ringing. Often, however, these hints are never given, and the young ringer, whose indifferent striking is due to equally indifferent training or lack of experience, grows into an habitually bad striker, to whom no amount of coaching afterwards seems to make a material difference—indeed,

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attempts in this direction are not infrequently resented. Instruction provided by friendly discussion at meetings, however, is a most valuable means of education, and we should like to see much wider use made of these opportunities than has been done in the past.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in B flat.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to commemorate the establishment of the Diocese of Leicester.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERTA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	PERCY W. WITHAM 6
*GEORGE POLLINGER 2	GEORGE PRESTON 7
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND ... 3	†OWEN H. GILES... .. 8
REV. CAREW COX 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 9
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5	R. FRANK PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters inside.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 4	JAMES W. TRAPPIST, SEN. ... 9
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 5	FRANK E. DARBY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by F. E. DARBY.

First peal on ten bells as conductor. Daniel Cooper has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
THOMAS H. NAISBY 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice.

MUFFLED RINGING.

At Writtle, Essex, on Saturday, November 20th, with the bells half-muffled, the 'whole pull and stand' and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, H. Edwards 4, A. Head 5, F. G. Radley 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8. This was rung as a token of respect to Mr. Thos. Williams, for 39 years schoolmaster at Writtle, many years choir-master, and 12 years churchwarden at All Saints', Writtle. The ringing took place immediately after the funeral.

BROAD CLYST, DEVON.
THE DEVON GUILD.On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM REEKS 5
*GEORGE LIXTON 2	ARTHUR TROMAN 6
ARTHUR GOODING 3	ALFRED BETTS 7
WILLIAM HOWE 4	CHARLES SANDFORD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM FLETCHER Treble	†ROBERT TURNER 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	†FRANK CORKE 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
Cecil C. MAYNE 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ADAM DEAS Treble	ROBERT WALKER 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
*WILLIAM SHUCKFORD 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM L. GOFTON

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

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PETTY Treble	†ERNEST STITCH 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
RICHARD EVANS 3	ALFRED TALBOT 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Canon David Phillips, B.A., R.D., on completing 25 years as Vicar of this parish.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITBY Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
WILLIAM MORRIS 2	HARRY SMALE 6
LEWIS A. CORDELL 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
VINCENT TIPTON 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

LONDON.—On Monday, October 18th, at St. Clement Dane's, Strand, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. H. Swinson 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, J. C. Doel 5, E. F. Pike 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. W. H. Sergison 8. Rung on St. Luke's Day as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of the church.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT CHAMBERS Treble	FRED HINDLE 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	†JAMES HARRISON 6
THOS. CALDERBANK 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BROWN 4	*GEORGE HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. Fred Hindle's 50th peal.

THURCASTON, NR. LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
WILLIAM WILSON, JUN. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
Geo. STEDMAN MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Arranged for Mr. Wm. Bottrill, of London.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
JOHN POTTER 3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 7
RICHARD P. HEALD 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Smith on his 21st birthday.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 19, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	FRED HINDLE 5
THOMAS CHAMBERS 2	*WILLIAM MILLER 6
FRED BRADLEY 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
HERBERT CHAMBERS 4	*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal and first attempt. Fred Chambers' 50th peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY TARTLTON Treble	*BENT WHEELER 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	A PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*FRED KNOWLES 3	JOHN P. TARTLTON 7
*ERNEST T. MALLENDER 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN P. TARTLTON

* First peal on eight bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE COOK Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* 150th peal.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
HARRY WINGROVE Treble	FRANK CORKE 5
*WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*HERBERT C. ALBROW ... 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First peal on eight bells. First Cambridge Major as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.	Tenor 10¼ cwt. in E.
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	GEORGE CHESTER 5
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	*HORACE M. DAY 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
FREDK. W. STOKES 4	COTBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 23 cwt.
ARTHUR BOLTON Treble	*PERCY WILFORD 5
GERALD DUNCAN 2	CECIL ROBINSON 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
WILLIAM AINSWORTH 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by R. LAUGHTON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	†HARRY MORGAN 6
*EDWARD C. GOBBY 3	*FREDERICK MILNER 7
†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. Milner.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

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

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	JAMES BLACKMORE 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
FRANK CORKE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*ROBERT TURNER 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. R. B. P. Wells.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, October 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Triples in 45 mins.: J. Jackson 1, E. Doran 2, G. Parkinson 3, A. Parkinson 4, G. Dewhurst 5, R. Benson 6, C. Sharples (conductor) 7, R. Porter 8. First in the method by all, also first on the bells.

RADCLIFFE, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
*ROBERT WALLWORK 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (67).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* One hundredth peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells and by all the band except the brothers Wallwork, it being 17 years since they struck a blow in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Cutsforth.

BANGOR, CARNARVON.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WILLIAMS ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the 49th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Crane. Mr. Crane was 73 years of age on November 23rd, and is one of the oldest ringers in Bangor.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas, Lersfield.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... Treble	GERALD W. SCHOFIELD ... 5
THOMAS K. DRIVER 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
*ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
SAMUEL HOLT 4	*ABRAHAM BROMLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

* First peal. Mr. Samuel Holt's 40th peal. Rung after meeting short, Mr. I. Schofield kindly taking the vacant rope.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

BENJAMIN JARMAN ... Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
*HARRY WALKER 2	FREDERICK HONT 6
ALFRED KING 3	THOMAS KENDALL 7
†ARTHUR J. SMITH 4	LEWIS A. GODDENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. A. GODDENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal inside. Rung during the festival week of the jubilee of the incorporation of the town and the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. SIMMS ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
GEORGE CULLUM 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
SIDNEY A. STAGG 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 4	OSCAR ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal. Rung as birthday compliment to ringer of the tenor. This is the first peal rung by a band born in the parish of Erith. The ringers of treble and 3rd are only 16 years of age.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON... ..Treble	SIDNEY SADLER... .. 5
† HERBERT HAIGH... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY... .. 6
CHARLES LAWSON... .. 3	* HARRY STOTT... .. 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER... ..Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON

* First peal in method. † First in method inside.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

* EDWARD HAMBLING... ..Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY... .. 4	FREDK. J. SMITH... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Major.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM COLEY... ..Treble	JOSEPH H. COX... .. 5
THOMAS GREENHALL... .. 2	WILLIAM BROWN... .. 6
VICTOR WHITE... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE... .. 7
ALBERT HARRIS... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT... ..Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. R. A. Down, who is leaving Halesowen to take up duties in Cairo, Egypt, as chaplain to the Forces.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY HILLIER... ..Treble	FRED LAMBETH... .. 5
CHARLIE LOVELOCK... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL... .. 6
* THOMAS DAVISON... .. 3	FRANK GREEN... .. 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE... .. 4	CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First peal and first attempt. Mr. C. Lovelock was elected a life member previous to starting.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

FRANK H. BALLARD... ..Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT. SEN. ... 5
ALEC RICHARDSON... .. 2	ROBT. T. LAMBERT... .. 6
DONALD FINDLAY... .. 3	HERBERT MARKENELL... .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN... ..Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, in 1 hr. 11 min., a date touch (1,926 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Townend 1, C. W. Stephenson 2, H. Wormwell 3, D. Campbell 4, R. Ashworth 5, T. Redman (conductor) 6, R. Hartley 7, H. Entwistle 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of R. Ashworth, who was one of the original band. The ringers of 1, 4 and 5 hail from St. Peter's.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

CALEB FENN... ..Treble	EDWARD H. KING... .. 5
ALBERT C. HARDY... .. 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER... .. 6
ROWLAND FENN... .. 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS... .. 7
FRANK C. NEWMAN... .. 4	* HUGH WAGSTAFF... ..Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. Canon L. S. Hunter, M.A., also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS... ..Treble	* MORRIS J. MORRIS... .. 5
JONATHAN PRESTON... .. 2	* FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON... .. 3	† WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 7
THOMAS H. REEVES... .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* 300th peal, 99 of which are 12-bell peals. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. J. Preston. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston for their kind hospitality on this and previous occasions.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

* G. ROBINSON... ..Treble	R. PARKINSON... .. 4
* S. MASTERS... .. 2	J. MASTERS... .. 5
S. H. ROBINSON... .. 3	T. MASTERS... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. PARKINSON.

* First peal.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, three 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

PERCIVAL BALLENGER... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. NURDEN... .. 4
* PERCIVAL D. NURDEN... .. 2	ALFRED G. PULLEY... .. 5
JESSE LYVES... .. 3	FREDERICK WALKER... ..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NURDEN.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, and also upon the bells. Rung by an entirely local band.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

WILLIAM HOLMES... ..Treble	WILLIAM NELSON... .. 4
* JAMES MILLER, JUN.... .. 2	HARRY FRANCE... .. 5
JAMES MILLER, SEN.... .. 3	JOHN T. MILLER... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MILLER, JUN.

* First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day and those of St. James' Parish who fell in the Great War.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

G. N. WILLIAMS Treble	C. H. HAWKINS... .. 4
*STAN REES 2	*D. MICHAEL 5
J. T. WILLIAMS 3	*Ex. P. C. ROBBINS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of St. David's, and also to Mrs. Morris, wife of Mr. Morris, chairman of the band. The band thank Mr. G. N. Williams and Mr. J. T. Williams for assisting in the peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

MORTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford, 720 Kent, two 720's College Single, and three 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	FRED KNOWLES 4
*MISS D. TARLTON 2	*BERT WHEELER 5
ERNEST MELLENDER 3	J. P. TARLTON Tenor

Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

* First peal.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

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

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsires and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	†ARTHUR GAZEY 4
*GEORGE WASLEY 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 3	†IVOR WHITING Tenor

Conducted by A. MARTIN.

* First peal inside. † First peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 4
*FRANK LEWIN 2	GEORGE BASFORD 5
JOHN R. MAIN 3	DAVID VINCENT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 18 of Grandsire.

*GEORGE S. BROWN Treble	FREDERICK W. RANDALL 3
*RONALD C. COLEMAN 2	REGINALD WILLIAMSON 4
HARRY BAXTER 3	 Tenor

Conducted by H. BAXTER.

* First peal.

WITHERLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten 120's each of Stedman, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and 12 120's of Grandsire, 30 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

SAMUEL WHITE Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 3
WILLIAM COPE 2	ARTHUR ROWLEY... .. 4
FRED COTTON Tenor	

Conducted by F. COTTON.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of the organist, Mr. G. Mottram. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, Rev. J. A. Wood, for so kindly entertaining the band to tea at the Rectory after the peal.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN Treble	HARRY PROUT 4
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 2	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band acknowledge with gratitude the kind hospitality of the Vicar after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA.

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Being 864 changes each of Reverse and Double Bob and 3,456 changes of Bob Major.

Tenor size 16 in B.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. 1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3-4	WILLIAM BIBBY 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Chapman.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Two Hours.

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT 29, VACKHALL STREET.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor size 10 in A.

*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 1-2	†HARRY MORGAN... .. 5-6
†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3-4	§LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method, and first peal of Major in hand.
† First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal on handbells.
§ First peal on more than six handbells and 25th peal this year.

HELD OVER.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we have again been compelled to hold over Mr. J. A. Trollope's 'Notes by the Way' and numerous peal reports and other items.

SALISBURY GUILD LOSES PIONEER CHANGE RINGER DEATH OF MR. THOMAS RADDON.

We regret to record the death, which occurred at Potterne (Wilts) on Sunday, November 14th, of Mr. Thomas Raddon. Mr. Raddon, who was 64 years of age, was at one time well known in ringing circles. He was one of a band of pioneer change ringers formed at St. John's, Devizes, in 1893, and helped to spread the art in the district. He remained with this change-ringing band until he joined the local band at Potterne, with whom he rang for over 20 years, until his illness forced him to give up.

The funeral took place at Potterne on Wednesday, November 18th, and was attended by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the Devizes Branch, Salisbury Guild. Floral tributes were sent from the branch and the old comrades at St. John's, Devizes.

Muffled ringing took place at Potterne on Wednesday by the local ringers and friends from Market Lavington and Devizes. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung at St. John's, Devizes, the same evening, by a representative band of the Devizes ringers: J. E. Watling 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, G. England 3, S. Sutton 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, W. A. Swift 6, F. Green 7, J. Stone 8.

DEATH OF MR. W. B. KEMPTON.

RINGER AT GT. ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE, FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Blythe Kempton, of Cambridge, which took place at his residence on Armistice Day, November 11th, at the age of 78 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some six months, and last rang at Great St. Mary's for the King's birthday.

Mr. Kempton became a member of the Society of Cambridge Youths in 1870, and for a number of years held the office of collector to the society. He was also steeplekeeper at Gt. St. Andrew's Church for many years, and in 1918 became instructor to a young band at Trumpington, assisting them through their first peal on the bells in 1920. His peals included Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Cutters, Kent, Bob Major, and Double Norwich, and numbered in all 21 for the Ely Association, including a 6,336 of Kent Major. Deceased was a good practical ringer, and always evinced the greatest pleasure when a particularly good piece of ringing fell under his ear.

As a mark of respect, the bells of Gt. St. Mary were rung fully muffled, and afterwards half-muffled, to touches of Grandsire Triples on Monday evening, November 15th, by members of the Cambridge Youths and friends.

ARMISTICE DAY TOUCHES.

STONY STRATFORD.—On November 11th, with bells half-muffled, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Clarke 1, H. E. Tompkins 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, E. Yates 4, H. E. Edwards 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6, W. Redley 7, W. Neale 8.

NEWHALL.—On Thursday, November 11th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Paling 1, S. Jones 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Brealey 4, J. Hough (conductor) 5, H. Cotton 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

WOOTTON BASSETT.—After meeting short for Triples, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 40 mins., by the following members of Calne Branch of the Salisbury Association of Ringers: Elsie Lawrence (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gibbs 2, H. Hewelling (first quarter as conductor) 3, H. Wheeler 4, L. A. Wilson 5, A. E. W. Smith 6.

WOOTTON BASSETT.—A quarter-peal of Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Hewelling (aged 14) 1, H. Hewelling 2, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 3, J. Gibbs 4, L. Box 5, W. Boulter 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, Norah Reeves (age 17) 8. H. Wheeler and A. E. W. Smith hail from Swindon, and J. F. Ballinger from Leckhampton.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On November 11th, for Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 minutes, with the clappers half-muffled: F. R. Blewitt 1, J. W. Perry 2, T. Perry 3, G. Warner 4, F. Birks 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Whitehouse 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. P. Evans 1, P. Hanington 2, G. Large (conductor) 3, W. Richards 4, E. Hunt 5, J. Davies 6, S. Dawe 7, C. P. Heath 8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Thursday evening, November 11th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvill 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. H. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Thursday evening, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled: A. E. Lock 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, J. Honey 3, W. H. Holfield 4, W. Simmonds 5, G. Caudwell 6, T. Barrett (conductor) 7, P. Dyke 8.

NEWMARKET.—On Armistice Day, November 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: E. Bonnet (first 720) 1, L. Warner 2, F. C. Turner 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forward (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Thursday, November 4th, 720 London Surprise Minor: B. Luck 1, T. E. Sone (first touch in the method) 2, A. Smith 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relf 5, H. J. Hammond (conductor) 6.

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A new Westminster chime clock, made by Messrs. G. and F. Cope and Co., Nottingham, was dedicated and started by the Bishop of Bath and Wells in Corston Church, Somerset, on October 31st. Messrs. Cope are also making a new striking clock for Alderton Church, near Tewkesbury.

A recently elected member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. E. Bull, happens to carry the roll number of 5040!

One of the very early twelve-bell peals was rung by the London Scholars, who scored a 6,204 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill on November 27th, 1729.

A hundred years later, namely, on November 28th, 1829, the first peal was rung at St. James', Bermondsey. This was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the Cumberlands. Is it too much to hope that when the centenary comes round these bells may again be found in ringing order?

William Doubleday Crofts, the famous Nottingham ringer, died on November 29th, 1809.

On December 1st, 1732, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Alphege, Greenwich.

There is still time for those who desire to do so to assist in the competition for a set of 16 handbells, which were formerly the property of the late Mr. I. G. Shade. Subscribers of 1s. to the fund for the benefit of Mr. Shade's sister will be entitled to take part, and those who can help are invited to communicate with the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' 63, Commercial Road, Woking. Single tickets, or books of ten, can be had for disposal among members of a company.

'X' writes: I wonder how many of the inhabitants of Beddington thought that their church bells were ringing on Armistice Day in honour of the birthday of one of the ringers?

We published last week a handbell peal of Bob Royal for the Cambridge University Guild in which the names of the ringers of 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 appeared but the ringer of 9-10 was omitted. It should have read: 'J. R. Duffield (Selwyn) 9-10.'

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. James George, of England, who will be 75 to-morrow.

After ringing for the Lord Mayor's procession at a church not far from Ludgate Hill, the ringers found the Rector of the parish at the bottom of the tower steps. The conductor promptly seized the opportunity of calling his attention to the dirty state of the belfry. With a genial smile the Rector assured him that 'it was all cleaned down last Easter!'

Mr. W. H. Barber, of 118, Maughan Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, desires to thank the many friends who have sent him letters of condolence and sympathy in his recent bereavement, and asks them to accept this expression of his deep appreciation.

The good wishes of the Exercise will go out to the band who to-morrow will make another attempt for the 14,144 London Surprise Major at Warham, Sussex. The starting time is 10.30 a.m.

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS' PEAL.

J. W. WASHBROOK'S CLAIM TO THE DEXTER VARIATION.

We are informed by Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle, that Mr. F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples was previously obtained by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. The figures of Mr. Dexter's peal came into Mr. Barber's hands at the Chester meeting of the Central Council. Since then he has called the peal at Carlisle Cathedral, but recently, in looking through old reports of the Durham and Newcastle Association, he found the peal in the 1907 report under the name of Mr. J. W. Washbrook. As the variation is often rung, Mr. Barber thinks these facts should be known, and he regrets that he could not first communicate with Mr. Dexter as he has not got his address.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the above society held a successful meeting at Putney and Fulham last Saturday. The tower at Putney was opened at 4 p.m., and ringing commenced with touches in standard methods. The weather was not all that could be desired, but the attendance was better than was expected, even taking into consideration the popularity of the tower.

Unfortunately only one hour and a half was allowed for ringing at Putney, so that at 5.30 the ringers crossed the road to the 'Cosy Corner Cafe,' where they enjoyed a nice tea.

The business meeting followed the tea, and the usual routine matters were disposed of. One new member was elected.

It is hoped that the annual district meeting will be held at the well-known tower of St. Giles', Camberwell, on January 15th, but, owing to industrial and other causes, the work on the bells has been delayed, and the association may have to fall back on Lambeth.

After the meeting, the ringers walked over the bridge and rang on the five ten at Fulham until 8 p.m.

The ringers showed their appreciation by giving a hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of both churches, also to Messrs. Bolton and Herbert, of Putney, with their local men, and to Mr. Driver, of Fulham, for the arrangements made, and for the welcome received at both the towers.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE ELECTED MASTER.

At the meeting last week of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. T. Groombridge; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; junior steward, Mr. J. Bullock; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The old books of the College Youths have recently been overhauled, and the inspection has revealed that the motto of the society is 'Vivamus Unanimiter,' i.e., 'Let us live in unity.'

Mr. Thomas Groombridge, who succeeds Mr. Henry R. Newton as Master, has had a long connection with the society and with ringing in and around London. He began his ringing career at Tunbridge Wells in April, 1891, and rang his first peal on December 24th of that year. In 1893 he moved to Chislehurst, and it was on November 21st in that year that he joined the College Youths. His first peals of Stedman were all conducted by famous men of the society: Stedman Triples at Battersea on January 15th, 1894, conducted by the late Master; Stedman Caters, February 23rd, 1895, at St. Clement Danes', conducted by Chellis F. Winney; Stedman Cinques, February 18th, 1896, at Cripplegate, conducted by James Pettit.

Usually found in peal ringing at the end where the work has to be done, Mr. Groombridge has taken part in some notable long lengths. He rang the 9th in the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark—12,675 in 9 hrs. 47 mins., on May 21st, 1923. He has also rung in two long peals at Bow—6,048 Treble Bob Maximus and 7,392 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.



THE NEW MASTER.

Mr. Groombridge has been a member of Christ Church tower, Chislehurst, for 24 years, and captain for the last ten. His membership of the Kent County Association extends over 35 years, and for 21 years he ably discharged the duties of hon. secretary of the Lewisham District. He is one of the representatives of the Kent Association on the Central Council. In addition he is a life member of the following societies: Ancient Society of College Youths, London County Association, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Waterloo Society, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, Durham and Newcastle, Chester, Lancashire, Peterborough, Gloucester and Bristol, Winchester, Norfolk, Suffolk and Ely Associations.

THE HANDBELL PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR

A peal in which three plain methods were incorporated was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, last week. The order in which the methods were rung was Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, there being one lead each of Reverse and Double Bob Major and four leads of Plain Bob Major, making up six-lead courses. The composition was Reeves' 6,048 of Bob Major (No. 40 C.C.C., Sec. 2). The peal was rung at the first attempt after one previous practice.

Care has to be exercised in the introduction of Reverse Bob Major, as the second half-lead is liable to repeat with Bob Major. The change of method was made without notification by the conductor, the band finding this the best method of procedure.

DEPTFORD.—The following three-quarter peals of Grandsire were rung for the harvest festival at St. John's Church, on Thursday, September 30th: E. Rivett 1, F. Bacon 2, E. B. Crowder 3, W. Martin 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, H. Norgate 6, T. Easterby (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service: E. Rivett 1, T. Easterby 2, F. Bacon 3, R. Fosdike 4, G. Rawlings 5, H. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.—For evening service: E. Rivett 1, T. Easterby 2, A. Bradley 3, R. Fosdike 4, G. Rawlings 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT INSTITUTES COMBINED PRACTICES.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at King's Langley on Saturday, members attending from Tring, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Watford, Rickmansworth, London and the local company. Ringing commenced about 3.30, the following methods being rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Forward Major.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who, after welcoming the visitors, encouraged the ringers to enlarge their parochial thoughts and endeavour to foster 'service' as required by the extra-parochial or World Call of the Church.

A youthful probationer of the local company ably presided at the organ.

As usual, tea was served in the Church House, being provided by the Vicar and local company, the most grateful thanks of the company present being conveyed to them by Mr. C. T. Coles, who really thought the thanks were more due to the ladies who looked after their wants.

Dr. Fisher (churchwarden), an exceedingly keen church worker, ably presided at the meeting, the Vicar having had to leave early. Two new members were elected, both from the local company.

Hemel Hempstead was chosen for the next meeting, to be held after Christmas. As this district is almost devoid of complete progressive bands, it was proposed and carried that arrangements be made to fix a combined practice once or twice a month at various towers in the district to enable further methods to be practised, the night chosen to be that of the practice night of the particular tower.

Subject to the approval of the county committee, it was agreed to accept Redbourn tower from the St. Albans district.

Mr. C. T. Coles having brought books of tickets, good business was done in the matter of the Miss Shade Fund, for which many thanks are offered.

The usual votes of thanks having been accorded, the meeting closed, a course of Stedman Triples 'in hand' adding the final touch. The ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing. It is not often that the secretary is lacking in increasing the methods, but he let an opportunity slip on this occasion, not realising that a 'Superlative' band was present until too late. Better luck next time.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESS OF THE NEWBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 13th. Forty members were present, including the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), and the treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright). The following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Chieveley, East Isley, East Garston, Peasemore, Shaw, Thatcham, Newbury.

Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn officiating and giving an excellent address.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by the ringers' wives, and was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch) presided, and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The secretary gave reports of the meetings and combined practices held during the year.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a balance of £9 6s. 6d. It was decided to place £5 of the balance on deposit at Newbury Savings Bank.

Rev. L. R. Majendie (Rector of Newbury) was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Miss S. Davis, Mr. S. Quintin and Mr. T. Curtis were re-elected as representatives of the branch on the general committee.

The foremen of towers then gave their reports, and all reported good Sunday ringing.

The Master congratulated the Newbury Branch on its successful working, and on their efforts to arouse interest at his old home at East Garston, whose ringers were welcomed into the Guild at this meeting.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert also congratulated the branch on its excellent meetings, which showed that it was well served by its officers. He advised young ringers to stick at it until the fascination infected them. Once it got hold of them nothing but three months in gaol would keep them out of the tower. Nothing would please him better than for a youngster to say he could ring better than he (Mr. Hibbert) could.

Mr. Wright said, as treasurer, he had no complaints to make. The financial position of the Guild was quite sound. There was £289 in hand, of which £122 was in the hands of the branches. Newbury was working well.

Several new members were elected.

The next meeting was fixed for the third Saturday in February at Peasemore, and the spring meeting at East Garston on the first Saturday after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his address and the Rev. L. R. Majendie for presiding at the organ and meeting. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. Despite the downpour, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Maidenhead, were present.

DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE

YORKTOWN DISTRICT DISCUSSES PROPOSED NEW GUILD.

The question of forming a separate Diocesan Guild of Ringers for the diocese of Guildford, when this see is constituted on the division of the diocese of Winchester, was further considered at the annual meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild held at Chertsey on Saturday. This district covers the north-western corner of Surrey and takes in a few Hampshire towers, all of which will come within the area of the new diocese. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. E. H. W. Leachman (Vicar), and was attended by about twenty members. In addition, there were present Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, R. Whittington and W. Melville, the deputation appointed at the Guildford District meeting the previous week, to lay before the Yorktown District the views of the Guildford District in favour of a separate diocesan Guild.

The subject was introduced by Mr. J. B. Hessey, the district secretary, who said the question had been discussed at several meetings of the district during the last three years. At the annual meeting held at Bagshot in 1923, when eight towers were represented by about 25 members, it was resolved that a division of the Guild was not desirable, but that it should be continued, on the division of the diocese, under the title of 'The Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.' They also resolved that the annual meeting of the Guild should be held in the three dioceses in rotation. These resolutions were carried unanimously, and he proposed that they be reaffirmed.—Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot) seconded.

Replying to Mr. Chaffey, the hon. secretary said a postcard vote of all the towers in the district was taken, and all were in favour of remaining as they were. Mr. Hessey added that he knew of towers who had declared that, if a division of the Guild took place, they would have nothing to do with the new organisation. The Surrey Association was working very hard to cover that area, and he was of opinion that if a Guildford Diocesan Guild were formed that district would 'go west.'

GOOD-WILL URGED.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith explained to the meeting what had transpired at the Guildford District meeting, leading up to the resolution in favour of establishing a separate Guild. As the mover of an amendment to delay any division of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, he realised that, this having been defeated and a determination expressed for a separate Guild, it behoved all those who had the interests of the diocese and of change ringing at heart to throw their weight into the scales to make the new Guild a success. Things had moved on since the Yorktown resolutions were passed, and to have the ringers of the new diocese divided among themselves would be a calamity. He urged the Yorktown District not to come to a definite decision that night, but to appoint a small committee to meet the committee set up in the Guildford District to discuss the question in all its bearings. If good-will were allowed to prevail, he was sure a satisfactory outcome would be reached.

Mr. Whittington said, as mover of the resolution at Guildford, his line was that, if it were desirable to split the Winchester Diocese, it was equally desirable to split the Guild for the same purpose, because it was big and unwieldy. He pointed out that the money which the districts now sent to Winchester could be spent in their own areas, and the members would reap the benefit of their own subscriptions. He had consulted several incumbents on this question, and all had expressed the opinion that they would be doing the right thing to have a Guildford Diocesan Guild. Moreover, there was a trend of movement, which would expand on the splitting of the diocese to make every organisation diocesan in character, which was not so already. The Yorktown District and the Guildford District, worked properly, would form a most efficient and compact diocesan Guild, and it would be a great pity if they did not combine. He hoped a committee would be appointed to discuss the whole question.

Mr. Nye disagreed with the opinion that a severance of the diocese necessitated a division of their Guild. A multiplication of societies added to expense, and personally he thought they ought to have a combined body of men from one end of the country to the other. As they now stood, they had in that area two or three societies overlapping, and a Guildford Diocesan Guild would add another. So far as their duties as ringers were concerned, he could see no reason at all for separation.

Mr. Armstrong (District Ringing Master) said there were so many towers in the district who had resolved not to join a Guildford Diocesan Guild that he thought that area would be overwhelmed by stronger associations if they split from the Winchester Guild. The Winchester Guild was one of the leading associations in the country; he did not see how a Guildford Diocesan Guild could ever hope to be anything like as strong. With regard to expense, he did not think there would be any saving.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said the deputation from Guildford was fully aware of the difficulties which Mr. Armstrong had in mind, but some of them who were interested in this matter had had it pretty clearly from the authorities that associations which were not diocesan in character would not be acceptable in their parish churches. Whether they liked it or not, the Winchester Diocese was going to be divided. Leatherhead, and by that he meant the parishes in that rural deanery, would be in the diocese of Guildford and no other. Whether the ringers there cared to join a Guildford Diocesan Guild was a matter which the future must determine. But with good-will—in fact, he

would take it a little further and say brotherly love—they could go a long way. In the Guildford District they hoped for the spirit of good-will and unity among all the towers in the diocese. They were endeavouring to found something not so much for their own day but for the future, something which required courage and faith and good spirit in the same way that the founders of the Winchester Guild began in 1879.

A GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CERTAIN.

Mr. Whittington pointed out that, whatever happened, a Guildford Diocesan Guild would be founded, and it was for that reason they asked the Yorktown District to discuss the position with them.

Mr. Chaffey said they would never make a success of a new Guild unless they could 'rope in' the men of the six-bell towers. The big ones could look after themselves, but it was the six-bell towers that counted. If they made things hum in that direction they might turn a Guildford Diocesan Guild into something useful.

Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that it was reported at the Guildford District meeting that during the year no fewer than twelve six-bell towers had been visited officially for the purposes of encouragement and instruction of the bands.

Mr. Cobbett (Bagshot) said he thought it would make the Yorktown District look ridiculous if they declined the invitation to meet the committee of the Guildford District. There were many clergy who did not like the division of the diocese, but the division was a fact, and they as ringers must fall into line.

The Chairman, who has recently come from the Oxford Diocese, said some day that diocese would be split, and he had no doubt new ringing Guilds would be established, because in Buckinghamshire, for instance, they felt themselves very much cut off from Oxford. So, too, Winchester was remote from that part of the diocese, and their interest could not be as warm as if they were close to the centre of their church's work. Their enthusiasm would be much greater in a small, compact diocese than in a big, unwieldy one. He thought it would be wise to appoint a committee to meet the Guildford committee.

Mr. Melville pointed out that if the district appointed a committee they would be in no worse position than they were at present. If they felt they were out of sympathy with the whole scheme, they would still be able to remain with the Winchester Guild at the division of the diocese. For a year, at any rate, they would all carry on as at present, but in the meantime the committee could go into the matter. He hoped the Yorktown District did not think the Guildford District wanted to take anything from them, because they didn't. They simply looked at the thing in this light. The bells belonged, in effect, to the clergy; the clergy and the churches were coming into the Guildford Diocese, and it was the desire of the Guildford District that the ringers should come into the Guildford Diocese, too.

Mr. Chaffey said if a new Guild was going to be for the benefit of change ringing and Sunday service ringing, then it would be all to the good, and the sooner it was formed the better. He would like to see the committee get to work to see what could be done. It was no good trying to stand out against the inevitable. They had heard that a Guildford Diocesan Guild was to be formed, therefore if they could work together so much the better.

A motion to appoint a committee was thereupon put and carried, and the following were elected to represent the district: Messrs. F. Nye, S. G. Armstrong, Crocker, J. Cobbett and H. J. Chaffey.

The Guildford District Committee consists of Messrs. J. J. Jones, A. C. Hazelden, R. Whittington, W. Melville and J. S. Goldsmith.

AN INCREASED BALANCE.

At the business meeting which followed service in church (conducted by the Vicar) and tea, the hon. secretary presented his report, in which he thanked the members for their support during the past year. The old faces, he said, turned up at the meetings, but he would like to see many of the younger ringers present. They had lost an old member by death in the person of Mr. Edser, of Hersham. He congratulated the district upon an increase in the balance sheet, but regretted that 14 members had not paid their subscriptions. The balance in hand had been raised every year since he had been secretary (applause). At present they had in the district 7 hon. members, 92 full members, 11 probationary members, and three unattached members, while they had also elected three compounding members. The receipts, including the balance in hand of 6s. 3½d., had been £12 12s. 9½d. The expenses had been £4 0s. 9½d., and £8 had been remitted to the general secretary, leaving a balance in hand of 12s.

The balance sheet was adopted.

The Ringing Master (Mr. S. G. Armstrong) reported that he had visited most of the towers in the district twice in the year. Where there was a weekly practice there was much better ringing on Sundays, but there were at least four towers where they never had a practice, and at least four where there was no change ringing done. It was a regrettable fact that in many cases when they held meetings and combined practices the local ringers did not attend, so there was not much chance of teaching them. If any tower wanted a quarter-peal or practice he would be only too pleased to help them in any way he could.

Mr. J. B. Hessey was re-elected district secretary, although he expressed a wish to resign, and the other officers were also re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. Armstrong; auditor, Mr. Crocker; representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. Nye and Armstrong.

Meetings for 1927 were decided on as follows: February, Pirbright; May, Farnborough; August, Egham; November (annual), Hawley.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT AT BRAINTREE.**

One of the most successful meetings of the Northern District was held on Saturday, November 20th, at Braintree, at the fine old Parish Church dating from the year 1199. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, ringers assembled from the following parishes: Earls Colne, Maldon, Greenstead Green, Rayne, Dunmow, Gt. Bentley, Prittlewell, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Feering, Kelvedon, Witham, Chelmsford, Croydon, Gt. Bardfield, Black Notley, Bocking and Braintree.

The usual ringers' service was held, at which a suitable address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry, Rural Dean.

At the close of the service a company of 58 adjourned to the School Hall, where a bountiful tea awaited them, kindly supplied by the generosity of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association. The annual business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the District Master, Mr. F. Claydon, who was supported by the Vicar, the Master of the Association, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master of the North-Eastern District), Messrs. W. Elliott, W. Keeble, L. W. Wiffen, J. Flouty, and the district secretary, Mr. Ludgater, churchwarden, and the secretary of the Church Council.

The secretary gave his usual report of the work of the district during the past year, which showed that 25 peals had been rung—19 on tower bells and 6 on handbells—in the following methods: London Surprise 10, Bob Major 6, Superlative 3, Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples 1, and 3 composed of various Minor methods. Twenty-three of these peals were conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, one by W. Arnold (his first peal as conductor), and one by G. Williams, of Southampton. Congratulations were offered to the Dunmow band for their success in having their heavy ring of bells rebung and completing the octave, to Mr. H. Redgwell in connection with the progress made at Rayne, and particularly to Basil Redgwell in connection with the various peals of Major he had taken part in, and his ringing a peal of Bob Major upon the handbells double handed. The numerical and financial position of the district was laid before the meeting.

Mr. Howard gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Braintree, and the secretary was heartily thanked for his report.

Thanks were accorded to the District Master and Secretary for their services during the past year, and they were unanimously re-elected for the year 1927.

One new member was elected and two probationary members were advanced to the position of ringing members. The Vicar was elected an hon. member, and the election of four members previous to starting for peals was endorsed.

Witham was selected as the place for the first meeting in the new year.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for holding the service, and for his instructive address, also to the organist and choir for their kind assistance, which was adopted, and the Vicar suitably replied stating he was pleased to have the meeting at Braintree.

A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Mr. Howard for his generosity in providing the tea, and, in reply, he expressed his pleasure that 58 had braved the pouring rain from 18 parishes to be present.

This concluded the meeting, after which courses of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells, and the tower bells were kept going to the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

A DISCUSSION ON STRIKING.

After the meeting, Mr. L. W. Wiffen opened a discussion upon 'Striking,' which was taken up by several present. Mr. Wiffen said: 'We often read in *'The Ringing World'* long articles and discussions dealing with various subjects, such as names of methods, method construction, Simpson tuning, etc. Has it ever occurred to you that we seldom see anything dealing with the subject of striking? I don't remember ever having read an article dealing with it. I have often wondered that some of our eminent ringers have not given us some of their ideas on this very important question.'

I have discussed it with a few, and one or two are of the opinion that it is a difficult matter to deal with on paper. It may be, perhaps, but there is no reason why we should not realise and keep before us the fact that striking is of the greatest importance in change ringing.

In the first place, the beginner should learn to handle his bell well, otherwise he will always be greatly handicapped in striking, and he should also be able to hear his own bell wherever it is striking. Sometimes it has been said that striking has been sacrificed for method, but if the ringer learns to strike well in the first place he will always be a good striker, whatever the method. It is also a fact, as many know, that it is easier to ring and strike your bell when the striking is good

than when the time is broken by careless striking, because when pains are taken a good beat is gradually worked up, and it is possible to ring almost automatically and with little effort.

The pause at hand-stroke is, of course, known and observed by most, but there are some who do not take sufficient care with this most important detail.

There is another small point which improves striking; it is this, the last blow behind at the back-stroke should be a little bit on the slow side, not much, but just enough to get the proper finish. It sounds much better than when the last blow is 'clippy.' Then there is the question of helping the tenor man. In regard to this there are two groups, one which helps the tenor man and the other which doesn't. Of course, this applies more especially to heavy peals than light ones. The help that can be given to the tenor man, especially if a peal is being attempted, is very much appreciated by him. For instance, supposing the tenor is dodging in 1-2 up, as in Double Norwich, the bell that is dodging with it can be just a little bit quicker at hand-stroke—not enough to omit the pause—then the tenor can get his blow in better at back-stroke.

This applies to any position when tenor is dodging up. It is rather annoying when the bell in front is slow and then finishes up by giving the tenor a clip, when he should be well over it.

Little things like these are a great help. This can be realised better by ringing the tenor if you haven't already done so.

CANADIAN PREMIER AT CROYDON.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G., Prime Minister of Canada, visited the Croydon Bell Foundry, on Thursday of last week, to witness the casting of one of the biggest bells of the great carillon of 53 (which will be the largest in the world) now in course of construction for the Victory Tower of the new Canadian Houses of Parliament, Ottawa. There was a distinguished company to meet the Canadian Premier, who inspected the works with great interest, and saw the bells of the carillon already completed. When the large bell was cast, Mr. Mackenzie King threw a Canadian one-cent piece and a half-penny into the molten metal. His stay at the foundry lasted about two hours, and under the guidance of Mr. Cyril Johnston, the head of the firm, the Canadian Prime Minister saw a great deal that was of interest to him.

FUNERAL OF WELL-KNOWN EXETER RINGER.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Moss (whose death was reported in our last issue) took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at St. Thomas' Cemetery, Exeter. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. M. Hare (Rector of St. Edmund's), the principal mourners being the widow, two sons, and daughter. The president of the Devon Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell), hon. treasurer (Mr. T. G. Bartlett), and general secretary (Mr. T. Laver), were in attendance, also Mr. E. Shepherd, chairman of the Exeter Branch, Rev. G. E. F. Molinoux, an old friend, and the following representatives of Exeter towers: Mr. W. Drake (St. Sidwell's), Mr. E. W. Biffin (St. Thomas'), Mr. F. G. Coles (Alphington), Mr. J. Ridler (Thorverton), Mr. W. Lethbridge (St. David's), Mr. F. J. Davey (Cathedral), Mr. F. O. Couch (Dean and Chapter), and Mr. W. Acreman (for Rev. H. Lanyon Owen). The handbells were rung by the graveside at the conclusion of the ceremony, and in the evening a knell on the Cathedral bells by fellow-members of the Cathedral band. At St. Thomas' Church, also, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, by: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. J. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, T. J. Stokes 5, W. Howe 6, W. Brewer 7, and W. J. H. Bailey 8. Floral tributes were sent from the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas' bands.

**OFF TO VANCOUVER.
PRESENTATION AT PULBOROUGH.**

On Sunday evening the Rector, Rev. E. I. Frost, and the bell riggers met in the belfry of Pulborough Parish Church for the purpose of saying 'Good-bye' and making a presentation to Mr. Geoff. Carter, one of the ringers, who is shortly leaving for Vancouver.

In making the presentation, the Rector thanked Mr. Carter for the useful work he had done in the belfry, and wished him prosperity in his new sphere.—Mr. P. H. Doick, on behalf of the ringers, said how sorry they were to lose such a promising member of their company, and hoped to hear of Mr. Carter's ringing activities in distant Vancouver.

Mr. Carter thanked the Rector and his ringer colleagues for their kind thoughts and good wishes, and said he would always have happy memories of his associations with brother ringers at Pulborough.

Various touches were then rung by R. Pink, C. A. Greenfield, H. C. Greenfield, S. Greenfield, S. Picton, P. H. Doick, H. J. Doick, G. Carter and J. Beacher. The conducting was shared by Messrs. G. Carter and A. C. Greenfield.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Owing to a misprint, the peal of Double Norwich rung at Ewell on Saturday, November 6th, is false. With sincere apologies to the band, Yours truly,

A. HARMAN.

It was resolved to bring forward at the next meeting of the Central Committee the advisability of allowing district secretaries' travelling expenses to meetings.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Crocker, to the Vicar for the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

During the afternoon touches in the standard methods were rung at the Parish Church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILLENHALL.—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Evans 1, S. H. Coley 2, L. Trubshaw 3, I. Evans 4, B. H. Pountney 5, C. Wallater 6, J. T. Davis (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for A. Evans and first quarter-peal as conductor. All are members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and of the local band.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 7th, for Armistice Day service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, S. Stilwell 3, S. C. J. Tricker, jun. (first quarter-peal of Triples inside) 4, J. Kent 5, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, C. Gash 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 7th, at Emmanuel Church, for evening service, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: *J. O. Pook 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. Rundle 3, *H. J. Beer 4, *W. A. Wannacott 5, W. Richards 6, W. G. Hiscott 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, E. P. Palmer 2, E. Jones 3, H. Long (first-quarter) 4, R. W. R. Picton (conductor) 5, R. G. Bell 6, E. M. Elliott 7, G. Seaman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringer of the third recently celebrated his 76th birthday.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. J. Cullum, sen., 1, E. J. Hott 2, S. A. Stagg 3, R. A. Cullum 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. F. Bennett, for many years a member of the Church Council, who was interred on the previous Friday.

HORNSEY.—On Mayor's Sunday, November 7th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. W. Bice 1, E. G. Hibble 2, E. A. Hull 3, J. G. Nash 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Lister 1, E. G. Hibble 2, E. A. Hull 3, T. G. Deal 4, J. G. Nash (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. H. Ross 6.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, October 17th, for harvest festival, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: S. James 1, W. Jones 2, J. Howarth 3, S. Harrison 4, D. Clark 5, F. Grundy (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, October 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, for Matins, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method for the ringer of the treble, and first 720 in the method inside for the ringer of the 2nd.—For Matins on Sunday, October 24th, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor in 20 mins.: J. Titt 1, R. Park 2, W. N. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupton 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 840 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, W. N. Park 3, F. W. Lupton 4, R. Park (conductor) 5, G. W. Park 6.

DEATH OF MR. W. KINGDON, BISHOP AUCKLAND

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. Kingdon, of Bishop Auckland, which took place on November 10th, after a short illness. An honorary member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, he commenced to learn change ringing in 1894 in Holy Trinity belfry, Darlington, and was a faithful and conscientious ringer and sidesman at this church until he removed to Bishop Auckland, where he joined the belfry of St. Andrew's, and also filled other offices in this church, including those of sidesman and churchwarden.

He gave up active ringing in 1922, but retained honorary membership of his old belfry of Holy Trinity, Darlington, and of the Durham and Newcastle Association until the time of his death.

Several ringers of Holy Trinity attended the funeral on Saturday, November 13th, and a wreath was sent by the president and members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Andrew's, Auckland, by the local band, assisted by ringers from St. John's, Shildon, and St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity, Darlington. Mr. Kingdon had rung in peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. The deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and only daughter.

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Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which I first called, I took from Troyte's book on change ringing. This book had been handed to me by my uncle, who had never made any use of it, and never got beyond ringing the tenor behind. Taylor's composition at that time appealed to me on account of its being so easy to learn. I will give just two or three remarks upon how I made myself self-confident in calling it.

As already explained, the observation bell (the 6th) is only called in two positions, 'Middle' and 'Wrong,' throughout. The 'Before' (the only other lead available for the sixth when there is a call at every 'middle' and 'Wrong') is always a plain lead. This, I learnt later, makes up what is called the three-lead-course plan.

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

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). —B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

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.

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.

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.—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.

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.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Creaton on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at St. Neots. Service at St. Neots Church 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5, followed by the usual business meeting.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at 8. Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 6th and the 20th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 28th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

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. 30th, 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. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., and tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. Trains from Burton, also buses from New Street, Burton; return fare 6d. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Dec. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Will all who intend to be present kindly advise Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—T. Hurd, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to the Vicarage for tea. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Fakenham District.—A branch meeting will be held at Fakenham Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 2 o'clock till 8. Short service by Rector. Ringers heartily invited.—R. W. Cooke, Dis. Sec., Hempton, Fakenham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells of Holy Trinity (8) ready at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Christ Church bells (8) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

S. NICOLAS' CHURCH, GUILDFORD.—The dedication and reopening of the peal of ten bells will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 11 a.m. The bells will be available for ringing for a short time at the end of the service, also from 2.30 to 4, and from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Hazelden, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. F. E. Trotman (Vicar). Tea 5 (members 6d. each). Business meeting to follow, to elect chairman and secretary. Towers available: Mere (8), Gillingham (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6) and Stourton (6). Will any ringers who wish to attend the tea please let me know by Dec. 7th at the very latest?—Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, Dec. 11th, and not the 4th Dec., as arranged.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Clifton Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (Parish Church, 10) available from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., and (All Saints', 8) from 2 p.m. onward. Service in All Saints' at 4 p.m. Tea in Mr. B. Moody's Café, Horsefair, at 5 p.m. See circular for further particulars.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. A. W. Groves, hon. sec. of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, is now Amherst, Ham Road N., Broadwater, Worthing.

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