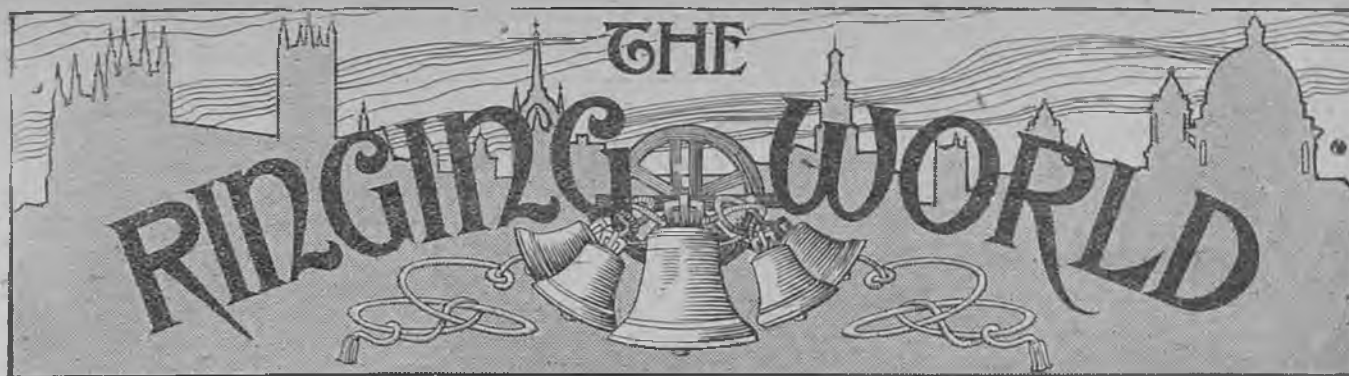




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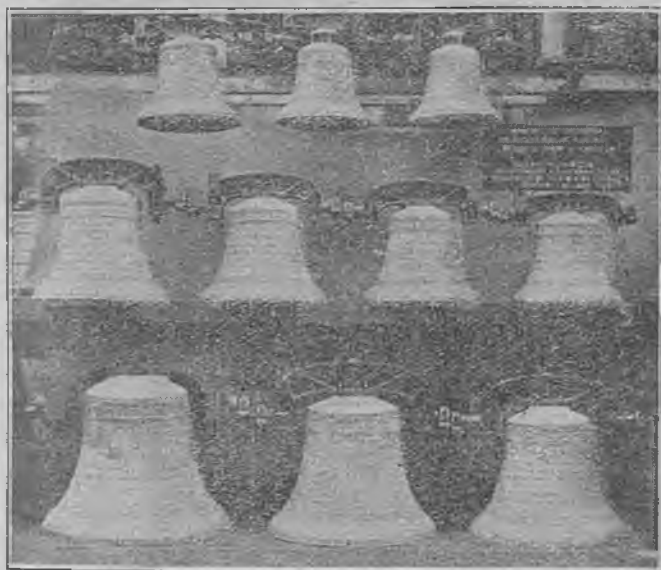
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## A NEW DEPARTURE.

An entirely new feature in connection with a festive gathering of ringers was introduced into the proceedings at Bristol on Saturday, when the United Guilds' annual dinner brought together a large company of those interested in the art. At the College Youths' dinner in November the suggestion was made by Mr. Albert Walker, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, that advantage might profitably be taken of such occasions, when representative ringers from a wide area assemble, to hold an informal conference on some subject of interest to the Exercise. This idea was taken up by the Bristol Guilds, and the experiment was certainly an interesting one. Saturday's meeting resolved itself into a twenty-minutes' discussion on the important question of maintaining the strength of the Exercise, by bringing in recruits to fill the gaps as they arise. The subject is a vital one to the future of ringing, and it was well worthy of being the matter for debate at the inaugural conference.

In the brief time that was available in the course of a crowded afternoon, several useful views were elicited from men of long, practical experience. No resolutions were passed, even to embody the views put forward—that was not the intention of the conference, but some good should come of it if only ringers at their own meetings in their own districts will continue the discussions and consider means of putting into effect some of the suggestions made at Bristol.

The point that stands out most prominently from the conference is that there is no royal road to filling up the ranks. Whatever course is pursued, success can only be achieved by steady plodding, constant effort in face of frequent disappointment, and some sacrifice of time and energy on the part of those able to instruct. One of the most practical of all the suggestions, and one which has met with success, was that put forward by Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of Llandaff and Monmouth Association. At his own church he is never without a pupil learning to handle a bell, and as fast as one passes into the ranks of those competent to ring—if only rounds—for Sunday services, another is found to start at the beginning; and so the process goes continually on. It involves an expenditure of time and patience on the part of someone; but it is obviously a successful course of action in the case of the church at Newport. Unquestionably the matter is one which presents numerous difficulties, and various speakers voiced some of the obstacles which are met with, and which are only too well known to those who do the spade work. But help in overcoming the difficulties may be found in a general discussion of the

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problems, and we hope that consideration of the subject will be freely taken up at ringers' meetings, so that practical good may grow out of the seed which this first informal conference at Bristol has planted.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7  |
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2      | JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 8      |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3       | ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 9   |
| WILSON ROBERTSON ... .. 4       | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 10   |
| ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 5         | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 6      | THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. SELLERS ... .. 6  |
| A. BERNARD COOK ... .. 2  | HERBERT HOWELL ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3  | WILLIAM AYRE ... .. 8       |
| HARRY RODMELL ... .. 4    | JOHN H. HOWELL ... .. 9     |
| LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 5  | JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. in C.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 6    |
| ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 7     |
| THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 3     | WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 8       |
| WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4     | ARTHUR W. DAVIES ... .. 9    |
| GEORGE W. TAYSON ... .. 5     | ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... Tenor |

Composed by W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. First peal on ten by all except ringers of treble and 9th. First 10-bell peal in the county, and, believed, in the diocese by all resident members. Rung to commemorate the 1,250th anniversary of the formation of the see of Hereford.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. Treble | REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 6 |
| EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2             | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 3          | ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 8 |
| DONALD BARNARD ... .. 4          | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 9  |
| HENRY PRING ... .. 5             | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE

## A HALF PEAL.

At Maxey, near Peterborough, on Saturday, December 18th, a half-peal of Minor (2,544 changes, viz., 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor and 384 of Double Court) was rung: C. Stiles 1, J. O. London 2, J. Lunn 3, J. Ames 4, J. H. Roden 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6. This was rung in attempt for a peal, the bells being called round owing to the bad 'go' of the 5th.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6     |
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 2     | G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 7      |
| HARRY OVERTON ... .. 3        | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8   |
| *WILLIAM D. WASE ... .. 4     | *WALTER LAGO ... .. 9        |
| WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 5       | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. It is over 100 years since a peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung in the county. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and tenor were elected members before starting.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. Treble | JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 6     |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2      | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7  |
| JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3           | EDWARD HELL ... .. 8       |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4      | *ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 9  |
| JOHN HOYLE ... .. 5           | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Ivy Dean (fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dean, of Leatherhead) and Mr. Luff, of Wimbledon. This composition contains the sixth its extent behind the 8th and 9th in the handstroke and tittum positions alternately.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ... Treble | CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE POPNAL ... .. 2           | GEORGE COOKE ... .. 7          |
| SIDNEY RACKHAM ... .. 3          | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 8      |
| SIDNEY DAVE ... .. 4             | ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 9         |
| JOHN DAVIES ... .. 5             | SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by E. COOMBS.

\* First peal of Caters and first attempt. The peal was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the veteran ringer of the district, Mr. John Clutterbuck, also to Mrs. Dave, wife of the ringer of the fourth.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble | WILLIAM THUCKFORD ... 6        |
| ROBERT ANDERSON ... .. 2       | ADAM DEAS ... .. 7             |
| ARTHUR PAYNE ... .. 3          | ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 8       |
| CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 4     | RICHARD THOMPSON ... 9         |
| JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 5          | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This musical composition, which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' December 31st, 1926, is thought to be rung for the first time. It was rung after meeting short for Maximus.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| STANLEY WHITE ... .. Treble | †GERALD SCRAGG ... .. 6     |
| *MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT ... 2 | FRANK A. SPARSHOTT ... 7    |
| REGINALD O. STREET ... 3    | WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... 8     |
| ARTHUR N. WOUFF ... .. 4    | GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 9     |
| †MRS. E. A. WILLIAMS ... 5  | BERT J. KERLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\* First peal with inside bell. † First peal. First peal of Caters in the diocese in which two ladies have taken part.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HOLIFIELD ... .. Treble | HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6       |
| WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 2      | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 7     |
| ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 3          | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 8     |
| ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 4         | WALTER H. TRUDMAN ... 9       |
| HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 5         | CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR.

Messrs. Holifield hail from Appletton. It is interesting to record that Mr. G. Holifield, senr., called the first peal in this tower on the old ring of eight on September 4th, 1884.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. Treble | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5     |
| *P.O. R. OCKWELL, R.N. ... 2  | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6     |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3     | FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7       |
| CHARLES WINNER ... .. 4       | CHARLES NORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2        | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6       |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3          | THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 7        |
| ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 4      | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Treble | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5  |
| PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 2      | EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 6  |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3    | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7   |
| WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 4       | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT, SENR. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 5    |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 2      | HARRY PARKER ... .. 6       |
| JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 3          | * CHARLES MASON ... .. 7    |
| FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4      | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Major.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS (CITY),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * HERBERT COLCOMB ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5  |
| † JOSEPH W. DOWNES ... .. 2     | CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED R. ELKINS ... .. 3       | GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 7  |
| WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4       | GEORGE SOLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples.

NEW SHOREHAM-BY-SEA.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * FRANK CHALLEN ... .. Treble | LIONEL SEARS ... .. 5         |
| BERT CHALLEN ... .. 2         | FREDERICK CRIPPS ... .. 6     |
| * FREDERICK GREEN ... .. 3    | HENRY STALHAM ... .. 7        |
| CHARLES J. BUTTON ... .. 4    | * ROBERT CHALLEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

\* First peal and at first attempt.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. Treble | ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 5      |
| SAMUEL HARRISON ... .. 2       | JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6   |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3     | JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 7     |
| JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 4      | WILLIAM HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WM. L. MASON.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

First peal in the method on these bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY HOLDER ... .. Treble | JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5         |
| JAMES MARSHALL ... .. 2    | CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3    | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 7  |
| * THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 4  | WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. TAYLOR.

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

\* First peal of Grandsire inside. All are members of the local band of service ringers.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY RODMELL ... .. Treble | HERBERT HOWELL ... .. 5     |
| A. BERNARD COOK ... .. 2    | ALBERT E. SELLERS ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 3 | JOHN E. HOWELL ... .. 7     |
| LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 4    | JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALFRED J. BATTIN ... .. Treble | WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... 5        |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2         | CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 6          |
| ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 3        | WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7         |
| HARRY BAKER ... .. 4           | * CECIL H. BALLARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frintenden, the rest belong to the local band.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HENRY FLETCHER ... .. Treble | ALFRED MOULD ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM FOYSER ... .. 2      | WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6    |
| JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 3        | JOSEPH LORD ... .. 7       |
| JACK BAILEY ... .. 4         | JAMES STEVENS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. W. GLEW.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... Treble | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 5       |
| FRANCIS FRASER ... .. 2         | JIM HURRELL ... .. 6          |
| FREDERICK S. BEAN ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7     |
| HARRY MORGATE ... .. 4          | ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

First peal by the ringer of the treble. Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2         | * JAMES MARTIN ... .. 6    |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3        | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7    |
| * JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 4      | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of London.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble | CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... 5    |
| ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 2     | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 6    |
| CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 3       | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 7    |
| HENRY C. CHANDLER ... .. 4     | ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

LYDNEY.—On Saturday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Jones 1, J. Gillett 2, G. Condlake 3, E. Baldwin 4, J. Austen (conductor) 5, J. Davies 6, J. Williams 7, F. Sandford 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the local popular leader, J. Davies.

UPTON, SNODSBURY.—On Friday, December 24th, at St. Kenelm's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins.: J. Reynolds 1, W. H. Chance 2, Cyril Tansell 3, T. Campden 4, L. Morris (conductor) 5, Thomas Black 6. Longest length by ringers of 4, 1, and 6, the latter of whom has been ringing for upwards of 30 years.

METHERINGHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Treble | HAROLD MARCON ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 2           | CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. 3          | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7     |
| JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4              | CHARLES CLAYDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

The conductor's 50th peal, also a birthday peal for the tenor ringer.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

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

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * EDWARD PAUL ... .. Treble | LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4          |
| BASIL LATHAN ... .. 2       | P. S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... .. 5 |
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 3     | † WILLIAM MILLS ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Bob Minor and three of Canterbury Pleasure.  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| W. YOUNG ... .. Treble | J. KEMP ... .. 4        |
| F. BATTERHAM ... .. 2  | G. A. COLEMAN ... .. 5  |
| A. YOUNG ... .. 3      | G. COLEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. COLEMAN.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of 4th and 5th. First peal and first attempt as conductor. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * FRANK DEWEY ... .. Treble | ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 4      |
| ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 2   | * WILLIAM E. CLARK ... .. 5    |
| JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 3       | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble | MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 4 |
| HUGH W. STEVENSON ... .. 2       | THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3          | JOHN SHUKER ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, December 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): P. A. Aldham (Hinckley) 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, T. K. Deacon (Earl Shilton) 3, G. P. Garner 4, F. Cotton (Hinckley) 5, C. E. Belton (conductor) 6, C. H. Belton (first quarter in the method) 7, P. Yates 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTON.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise.  
Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM TILLEY ... .. Treble | HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4       |
| JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 2      | JOSEPH O. LANDON ... .. 5    |
| ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 3      | GEORGE H. WELLS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| * CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble | ALFRED J. BOLL ... .. 4      |
| GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2            | ALBERT ELLIS ... .. 5        |
| * CECIL NICK ... .. 3            | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BRECON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. David,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being twenty-one 240's of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * GEORGE EVANS ... .. Treble | GEORGE HARDWICK ... .. 4    |
| WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2       | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5     |
| CHARLES POWELL ... .. 3      | SAMUEL BROOKES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 14 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Oxford Singles and Grandsire.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| * REGINALD JORDAN ... .. Treble | KITTY WILLERS ... .. 3 |
| JACK HARPER ... .. 2            | HENRY WILSON ... .. 4  |
| ARTHUR WILSON ... .. Tenor      |                        |

Conducted by ARTHUR WILSON.

\* First peal; started to learn to pull a bell during the first week in January, 1926. First peal as conductor. Rung with muffled clappers as the old year passed away.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * HERBERT V. DIGBY ... .. Treble | EDWARD J. BARTON ... .. 4     |
| † WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 2     | EDWARD HOWES ... .. 5         |
| HAROLD BARTON ... .. 3           | WILLIAM P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. The treble ringer is the seventh member of the band at this church to ring his first peal since the company came together on December 31st, 1924, to 'ring the old year out and the new year in.' Only the conductor had then had previous experience of change ringing.

CHICHESTER.—On Friday, December 31st, New Year's Eve, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: T. Doick 1, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 2, J. H. Blake 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, M. E. Hepper 7, A. Tugwell 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On January 1st, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, \*G. King 2, W. Franks 3, C. Tribe 4, \*C. Cressy 5, T. Hoad 6, \*E. Mills 7, W. Hoad (conductor) 8. \* First quarter in the method.

### WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN SPENCER ... .. Treble | GEORGE LEE ... .. 4           |
| * WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. 2 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 5 |
| EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3      | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor  |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal in seven methods on a working bell. 100th peal as conductor. This peal came into rounds at midnight.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, Snowdrop, Sandal Exercise, York Minster and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| WILLIAM BRAMEHAM ... .. Treble | ALBERT NASH ... .. 4     |
| HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... .. 2    | ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 5  |
| ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 3    | ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung in honour of Mrs. A. Gill's birthday, and also of the 26th anniversary of A. Panther's wedding.

### GREAT HARDFIELD. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR PIPER ... .. Treble  | WALTER SMITH ... .. 4        |
| FREDERICK SUCKLING ... .. 2 | ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM PIPER ... .. 3      | JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. All are regular service ringers at this church, except the ringer of the 4th, who comes from Dunmow.

### KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY CASSON ... .. Treble | MISS EMMA BUTTERFIELD ... 4 |
| * JOSEPH SLATER ... .. 2   | WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. 5   |
| JOHN P. BARKER ... .. 3    | GEORGE SLATER ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by WILLIAM T. CLARK.

\* Age 15 years, first peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th (son and father) are from Millom; 3rd, 4th and 5th from Broughton; treble from local band.

### ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| * JAMES NEWBY ... .. Treble   | FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3 |
| MISS E. M. SOART ... .. 2     | EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4  |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |                          |

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. Rung after failing for a peal of Minor through the tenor rope breaking.

### ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on Tuesday, January 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. R. H. Brundle; deputy Master, Mr. S. D. Kinsey; treasurer, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Mr. F. J. Tillet; auditor, Mr. W. P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

### HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2       | JOHN BAYLISS ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3       | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

### MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 28, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. Treble | * WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5     |
| * JOHN BAYLISS ... .. 2          | * SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6      |
| * WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3       | CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7          |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4       | * ALBERT RICHINGS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

### HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN BAYLISS ... .. Treble | ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2    | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3   | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

### CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. Treble | FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2      | * CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 6    |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3       | CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7        |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4    | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

## HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE GEN. HON. SEC. 24, COVENTRY 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 | * ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8 |

Composed and Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First in the method 'in hand.'

## HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over a number of peal reports, 'Notes by the Way,' and the second portion of Mr. W. Taylor's article on Superlative Surprise, as well as other items.

**KING'S NORTON BELLS.****RINGERS' GATHERING.**

A very enthusiastic gathering of ringers took place on New Year's Day at King's Norton, at the invitation of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates. The bells, which have recently been augmented to a ring of ten by the addition of two trebles, the gift of the Ringing Master, attracted a large company of ringers, visitors attending from several towers in the Midland counties. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and was continued after tea, opportunities being given to all to get a pull.

A substantial meat tea was provided by Mr. Yates, and took place in the ancient school in the churchyard.—At the conclusion, Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Yates for his kindness to the ringers on that occasion, and congratulated him on his magnificent gift to King's Norton.—This was seconded by Mr. T. E. Reeves, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Yates, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to carry out his project and also to meet the ringers that afternoon.

Mr. Albert Walker, of St. Martin's Guild, thanked the ladies, Mesdames Yates, Moore, Laffin, Ball, Williams, and Webb (all wives of ringers) for their valuable help with the tea arrangements.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby, thanked the Vicar, the Rev. T. S. Dunn, for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells and for the interest he took in promoting bell ringing in King's Norton.—The Vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be associated with and to encourage the King's Norton ringers.

All the visitors were loud in their praises of the work which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have accomplished in the tower.

**DEVON GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the S.W. District Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Shaugh Prior, on Saturday, January 8th, presided over by the Rev. E. S. Powell and preceded by a service in church conducted by the Rev. A. Alexander.

The secretary's report was unanimously adopted. The year 1926 had been, he said, the most successful of the branch. Each band in union was able to report considerable progress, and the result of the meetings at Stoke Damerel was that four 720's of Cambridge Surprise and one of London had been accomplished.

The chairman and secretary were unanimously re-elected and thanked for their past services.

The next meeting of the branch will be held at Aveton Gifford, on Saturday, April 23rd.

**STANMORE GUILD'S ANNUAL DINNER.****PRESENTATIONS TO INSTRUCTORS.**

The annual dinner of the Stanmore Guild was held on Saturday, January 1st, at the Abercorn Arms, Stanmore. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewitt) presided, and was supported by Messrs. G. Hughes (Ringing Master), F. Hill (hon. secretary), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association), F. Edwards (Bushey), and a company consisting of some 25 ringers and friends. The various courses of the dinner having been successfully 'brought round,' the Rector proposed the loyal toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

The toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens' was proposed by Mr. G. Hughes, who spoke of the success of the Stanmore Guild, mentioning that they were now negotiating the Stedman stage.—The Rector, in his reply, apologised for the absence of the churchwarden, and thanked the ringers for their loyal services to the church.

Mr. F. Hill proposed the toast of 'Our Guests,' coupling with it the names of Messrs. Coles, Edwards and Milner, and including the Isleworth ringers who were present, and the local friends who had joined them.

The Rector then performed the very pleasant ceremony of making presentations to Messrs. Edwards and Milner on behalf of the Stanmore ringers, in token of their services as instructors during the past year.

Mr. G. T. Coles first responded to the toast, thanking Mr. Hill, on behalf of the visitors, for his very kind words about them. He congratulated the local ringers on their progress, and Messrs. Edwards and Milner on having brought about such a satisfactory state of affairs. He warned them not to fall into the error made by so many bands, that of not looking to the future. It was always necessary to bring in and teach young ringers, and a mistake to wait until the actual shortage of ringers took place.

Mr. Edwards next responded, thanking the Stanmore ringers for their kind gift to him. It had been a great pleasure to him, he said, to do what he had done, and he had been amply repaid by the knowledge that some progress had been made.—Mr. Milner also returned thanks for the gift to him, and expressed the hope that the present excellent state of affairs would continue.

During the evening, the company were entertained with songs by Messrs. Lawford, Withers, and G. Hughes, sen., with conjuring tricks by Mr. Schofield, and with various selections on the handbells by Messrs. Goddard, Milner, and Tricker, from Isleworth, breaking-up time coming all too soon.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham, sails to-day for India on a business trip, and will be absent from England for about three months. He will miss the Johnson dinner, which he has attended for 28 consecutive years.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on December 4th last at St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich, should have been credited to the Norfolk Guild.

Exactly two hundred years ago to-day the first peal of Double Bob Major was rung. This was achieved by the College Youths at St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street.

James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, died at the age of 93 years on January 14th, 1818.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques, was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1724.

The Norwich Scholars, who rang 6,720 Norwich Court Bob at St. Michael's, Coslany, on January 15th, 1771, rang the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817.

The number of complete 720's rung during the year 1926, at Little Munden, Herts, was 116 in 17 methods, and the band have not missed ringing for both Sunday services throughout the year. This is a record number of 720's on the bells.

The Herts Association meeting, which was to have been held at Hemel Hempstead to-morrow, has been cancelled.

## THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT. SUCCESS STILL ELUDES RINGERS.

Once again success has eluded the band that has been seeking to ring a new record length of London Surprise Major at Warham, Sussex. The fourth attempt, made last Saturday, came to an end through a change course after three and a half hours' good ringing.

One of the band, who had sprained his foot a week earlier, arrived a bit late through fog and cold, and a start was not made, therefore, until 11.10 a.m., by which time Messrs. K. Hart (Brighton) and A. Dean (Leatherhead) had arrived to listen to the ringing. When the bells had been going for 3½ hours, one of the safest of the band dropped in a 'shift' and 'stand' was called within three leads, to the surprise of the listeners outside.

Later, Messrs. A. W. and C. T. Coles, and E. F. Pike, of London, arrived, and touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise were rung.

## A PEAL AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

It has been the ambition of the Hereford ringers for some time past to ring a peal of Caters at the Cathedral. The first attempt was made on December 18th, when after 2 hours 20 minutes' good ringing a little man on a big bell missed his sally and failed to get the bell back in time and all was over.

The conductor immediately approached the Dean, who readily gave permission for an attempt on the 30th, and this met with success. The Dean himself struggled up to the ringing chamber on both occasions, and read the Office and wished the ringers the best of luck, saying that he should listen with great interest to hear the peal finish.

To ring a peal on these bells is a big job, owing to the wide circle and also the noise, as the ringing chamber is so close up to the bells that the sallies go round the wheels. In addition to this, the ringers have to stand amongst the timbers that carry the bell frame.

Great credit is due to all who took part in the peal, as the striking was throughout especially good and regular. The Dean wrote the conductor next day, congratulating all upon the peal, and also saying that the Dean and Chapter would have much pleasure in providing a suitable tablet.

## PEAL POINTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was under the impression that 'points for peals' had been in disuse for the last year or so, but I noticed this method of rating peals was brought up in the report of Mr. Burton's 100 peals last week.

I think when such an unsatisfactory and extraneous method is not counted by the C.O. it should be dropped by the individual ringer.—Yours truly,

E. R. W.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A practice was held at Curdridge on Saturday last by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Slater). The weather was not all that could be desired, but members were present from Southampton, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), and Curdridge, and included the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and Messrs. W. T. Tucker (Winchester district secretary) and F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth district secretary). Various touches were rung during afternoon and evening in methods including Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The monthly 12-bell practice will be held at Winchester Cathedral on January 22nd, at 6 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will be present.

**BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.****A CONFERENCE AND DINNER.**

Visitors to Bristol for the United Guilds' sixth annual dinner on Saturday had a crowded afternoon and evening. Assembling at the University buildings, a magnificent and conspicuous pile at the top of one of Bristol's many hills, ringers with their wives and friends inspected the edifice, with its stately entrance hall, its handsome assembly room, its well equipped laboratories and lecture rooms, and then made their way to the lofty tower which dominates the building and is of striking architectural design and proportions. This handsome structure is 54 feet square and 200 feet high, and in it hangs 'Great George,' the fourth largest bell in this country. Cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, this bell, 8 ft. 4 in. in diameter, and weighing 9 tons 11½ cwt., is in E flat, as deep a note as Great Paul's, at St. Paul's Cathedral, which is more than 7 tons heavier. Its wonderful tone is a great sonorous boom, and in the tower, where the monstrous bell swings in a reinforced concrete frame, every blow seems to make one's own body vibrate. As many of the visitors as could climb to the belfry door, which is 132 feet above the street level, did so to see this splendid specimen of the founder's art rung. With a ponderous rope, three or four sturdy ringers gradually swung the bell to and fro until at length its prodigious, balanced clapper struck the sound bow, and a deep, pulsating boom went out over the city. For a minute or two the bell was rung, and was a source of great interest to the visitors, who afterwards descended to inspect other parts of the building and to join in a conference, the subject for discussion being, 'How can we obtain recruits to take our places hereafter and to fill the many present gaps?'

The Chairman of the United Guilds, Mr. H. J. Way, presided, and, after explaining the object of the conference, invited the views of those present. Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) suggested that the University Guilds might do even more than they did at present by getting young men who, after leaving university, would be able to use their influence to bring in young ringers. Mr. Uriah Braven (Bristol) advocated enlisting the sympathies of the elementary schoolmasters in order to get hold of boys about school-leaving age, and who generally made apt pupils.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) said if by recruits they meant those who would ring the bells for Sunday services, then he had found an easy way of maintaining a supply. He always had someone learning to handle a bell, and as soon as he could ring rounds he was passed on to the change-ringing stage, and another beginner was found. At present he had three lads of twelve years of age who could ring rounds as well as he could, who were being trained, but he always had someone learning to handle a bell.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) pointed out that often a lad who had been in the choir until he was about 14 left because his voice was breaking. He urged these lads should be encouraged to take up ringing and so keep their connection with church work.

Mr. John Austin (Gloucester) thought the difficulty was not so much in getting recruits as in keeping them. They must make ringing more attractive, something which their beginners would take up and look forward to from week to week. Instead of sending out instructors, what they wanted in their country districts were organisers.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) urged that old ringers should show more tact with young ringers than was often the case; that meetings should be less 'stodgy' and more sociable. Another speaker said that young ringers were often not given sufficient opportunities on practice night, and when it was in a tower where a band could ring higher methods they sometimes got little chance to make headway, and young people of to-day had not sufficient patience to endure that sort of thing.

Other speakers took part in the discussion, including Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. W. Knight (Bristol) and the chairman, who brought the debate to a close and thanked the speakers.

After 'ten and bun,' the large party proceeded to St. Stephen's Church, where service was held, and then they reassembled at the Royal Hotel, where over 160 sat down to an excellent repast, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. J. Way, the vice-chairman being Mr. John E. Jefferies. The guest of the evening was Canon H. B. Freeman, of the Cathedral, and among others present were the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Mrs. Way, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. E. Wilkins (Bristol), Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. Spurrier, Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. S. H. Wood (Almondsbury), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. P. H. W. Cams (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Wright (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. T. H. Beams (Bradpole, Dorset), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Messrs. T. F. King, F. C. Rich and G. H. Harding (Bath), J. Austin, E. E. Davis and T. Baldwin (Gloucester), Miss E. Emm (Evercreech), Messrs. W. Farley (Box), J. R. Jones and J. H. Blackmore (Weston-super-Mare), and ringers from the towers of Bristol and surrounding district, many of whom brought their wives. The officers of the United Guilds who worked so hard for the success of the gathering, in addition to the chairman and vice-chairman, were: Messrs. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), E. Guise (hon. secretary), E. J. Brown, W. A. Cave, W. Knight, E. G. Trew and Miss E. Smith (stewards), who with the following constituted the Dinner Committee: Messrs. E. Abraham, U. Braven, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, P. Jewell, R. Seager and W. Stafford.

A feature of these gatherings is the musical programme, and once more Mr. W. S. Emery and Mr. E. Guise, who were responsible for this part of the arrangements, had succeeded in providing a diversified and thoroughly enjoyable bill of fare. Miss W. Rodd, who has a fine voice, sang, 'It is only a tiny garden' and 'Annie Laurie.' Mr. F. Griffin contributed 'O lovely night,' Miss M. Bishop rendered 'My heart is like a singing bird' and 'Pipes of Pan.' Miss R. Read played cello solos, and the songs of the Rev. J. D. Stancombe were much enjoyed. A feature of the vocal items was the songs of Mr. Jackson Potter, who appeared by permission of the Princes Theatre Management, and sang 'Onaway, awake,' and 'The Sergeant Major.' Mr. Marriott Edgar, also from Princes Theatre, greatly amused the audience by recounting in song and story his attempt to swim the Channel, and Mr. F. E. Lester gave a humorous recital. Handbells figured conspicuously in the programme, and Mrs. Hughes gave a delightful interlude. Her splendid rendering of 'Love's old sweet song' was followed by 'Land of hope and glory,' played with wonderful expression, and called forth uproarious applause. Mr. E. J. Brown's handbell party, which consisted of four ladies in addition to himself, also contributed some splendid selections, and familiar tunes were also admirably rung by the St. Thomas' handbell ringers. A very clever conjuring entertainment was given by Mr. R. Harris, who performed some wonderful tricks with cards.

The toast 'The King' was proposed by the Chairman, who also submitted 'The Church,' which was responded to by Canon H. B. Freeman. Mr. F. E. Dawe gave 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' to which Mr. Albert Wright replied, and the Vice-Chairman proposed 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' with which was coupled the names of Messrs. C. F. Johnston and A. Walker. The other toasts were 'The Ringing World,' proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, and acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and 'The Artists,' submitted by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham and replied to by Mr. C. Read, the gathering concluding at a late hour with 'Auld Lang Syne.' A report of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

Many of the visitors, who stayed over Sunday, enjoyed ringing on several of the peals of bells in the city.

**LONG SERVICE.**

An interesting ceremony took place a short time ago at Bridgnorth, Salop. At the entrance to St. Leonard's Church a bronze tablet has been erected to record the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples to commemorate the jubilee of Mr. J. Overton's service as head ringer, and a representative little company gathered for the unveiling ceremony. The Rector said a few words expressing the purpose of the gathering. St. Leonard's, he said, had been fortunate in the long tenure of its office holders in the past. Mr. John Sewell had been 59 years organist, Mr. H. Goodall 48 years vergier, and assistant vergier for many years previously, and they had set a standard of long and faithful service. Now their head ringer, after 50 years of office, was still with them and still able to do good work.

The tablet was then unveiled, after which some appropriate prayers were said, and a short 'touch' upon the bells brought the ceremony to an end. Three of Mr. Overton's sons and himself took part in the peal. The tablet was designed and executed by Mr. W. J. Fletcher, of Coalbrookdale, and was cast by the Coalbrookdale Co., Ltd.

**LLANDUDNO RINGERS AT BANGOR.**

On New Year's Day a small party of ringers from Llandudno paid a promised visit to Bangor. When they arrived at Bangor they found that they were one ringer short, but fortunately they found a good friend in Mr. J. H. Midwinter, who took a rope at a few minutes' notice. After ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Minor were rung. The ringers retired to the Westminster Cafe, where a good tea was enjoyed. On the homeward journey, it was decided to pay another visit in the near future. The quarter peal was rung by: J. H. Midwinter 1, R. L. Fairlie 2, A. E. Pegler 3, E. Lodge 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 7, T. Lowe 8.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**GREMSBY.**—For midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, 504 of Stedman Triples: H. Rushby 1, F. Overton (conductor) 2, C. Kennington 3, S. Bromfield 4, F. Metcalf 5, H. Minghay 6, C. Taylor 7, A. Sheppard 8.—Also for evening service on Sunday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Overton 1, H. Minghay 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, \*J. Kennington 4, J. B. Budd 5, C. Taylor 6, H. S. Long (conductor) 7, A. Sheppard 8. \* First quarter in the method. This quarter was arranged for Mr. R. S. Long, of Sheffield Cathedral.

**WEST GREENSTEAD.**—On December 31st, at St. George's Church, 720 London Surprise: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, R. Strudwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.—720 Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goutcher 4, H. Turrell 5, G. W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Friday, December 31st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for watchnight service, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. H. Sinkins 1, W. E. Judd 2, P. L. Miles 3, A. E. Bradley 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. V. Selby 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. Wakelam 8.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Hindes, for over 30 years vestry clerk of St. Luke's Church. He passed away on December 31st, at the age of 68 years. Born in Buckinghamshire, he deceased served for many years in the Scots Guards, retiring with the rank of sergeant. He had done no ringing for the past 20 years, but rang peals in the '80's and '90's, and no doubt will be remembered by the older members of the Exercise. He was a member of the College Youths and the Midland Counties Association. The ringers' last tribute, the 'whole pull and stand,' was rung on January 5th, the day of the funeral, by G. Watkin, H. W. Mance, W. Eyles, E. Reeve, A. Newman, G. Mitchell, R. Mackrill, W. Essery, H. Mance, L. Baylis: and on Sunday, January 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters, with bells muffled, by: H. W. Mance 1, H. H. Mance 2, G. Watkin 3, E. Reeve 4, W. Dean 5, H. S. Ellis 6, R. Mackrill 7, C. F. Mitchell 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 8th. The following towers were represented: Wath, Wortley, Anston, Rotherham, Doncaster, Felkirk, Cawthorne, Darton, Darfield, Sandal, Horbury, Shalvey, Penistone, Royston, Crofton, and Barnsley. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Treble Bob Minor and Major. Special mention was paid by some to the higher flights of Minor, but a most pleasing feature was the successful efforts made by a good number of young and rising members.

Service was held in church at 4.30. the Rector, Rev. H. E. Hone, again officiating, and about 24 members attending. The prayers were selected and directed to the ringers. The address was a welcome one, and a plea to the ringers to dedicate their art by associating with it Christian thoughts and acts, remembering always how influential such work and example were, and that it would bring increased happiness over and above the mental pleasures and happy hours spent in the ringing room.

Tea followed, a company of about thirty, including the Rector, sitting down. Business followed, the Rector, who is honorary president, taking the chair. The report of the I. G. Shade fund and the secretary's report of year's work were passed as read. The treasurer's balance sheet audited by Messrs. R. Thickett and W. Moxon was passed unanimously.

Messrs. J. Buggs, E. Ball, P. Shaw, F. Bradley, T. Cullingworth, R. Harrop, G. Hepworth, all of Crofton, were elected members; Messrs. F. and J. E. Bracken, of Darton, were elected.

As president for 1927, Mr. W. Moxon, a popular member of Sandal, was unanimously elected. The treasurer, Mr. A. Panther, and Mr. C. D. Potter, secretary, were each re-elected.

Congratulations were expressed to the chairman on his appointment by the Bishop of Wakefield as Rural Dean.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind assistance.

**COALBROOKDALE RINGERS' DINNER.**

The Coalbrookdale ringers held their first annual dinner on Saturday, January 8th, at the Coalbrookdale Inn. Those present were the Rev. Presh. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D. (Vicar), the Mayor of Wenlock (Mr. W. Bishop), Mr. Thos. Doughty, the churchwardens, sidesmen, local ringers, and several visiting ringers, including Mr. Herbert Brown, of Shropshire, and Mr. J. L. Hayward, who had motored from Oxford. A first-class dinner was served up by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bayley, to which all present did full justice.

The cloth removed, the rest of the evening was spent in toasting and harmony. The Brosely Quartette party were in tip-top form; Messrs. Pryce and Francis also rendered solos; Mr. E. Heighing as a humorist was excellent; and Mr. Jack Garbett (elocutionist) rendered the 'Last Shot' with great effect. The local handbell ringers also contributed several items, one of which was a fine course of Grandsire Caterers on Mr. J. L. Hayward's nice bells. The evening was a great success, and it was decided that the annual dinner had come to stay.

The same evening, and also on Sunday morning, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Doctor Whitfield, for many years a resident of Ironbridge. The flag was also flown at half-mast.

**THE LATE CANON PAPILLON.**

At Writtle, Essex, on Saturday, January 1st, at the Parish Church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Canon T. L. Papillon, whose death was recorded in our columns last week, and who was Vicar of the parish for 25 years, and was buried at 12.45 on the same day at Crowhurst, Sussex: W. Emery 1, T. Lincoln 2, H. Head 3, H. Edwards 4, W. Lincoln 5, F. G. Radley 6, A. Head 7, T. B. Fairhead 8.

Change ringing was introduced and a company formed in 1885 by Canon Papillon, W. Lincoln, the conductor, and F. G. Radley being the only original members who started with him. The rest, with the exception of ringers of 4 and 8, eventually joined and rang with Canon Papillon until his departure in 1909. He was interested in the continued progress of the band, and a fortnight previous sent congratulations to them after reading the report of a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung muffled for his late churchwarden, Mr. T. Williams.

**VETERAN TENTERDEN RINGER.**

The peal rung at Tenterden on December 31st was the second half-muffled peal upon this fine-toned ring of bells, the first having been rung December 31st, 1909, conducted by Mr. Robert Edwards. Mr. C. Tribe also took part in both peals. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Tribe, who attained the age of 69 years on January 3rd. He is also to be congratulated upon training so many ringers around Tenterden, including all who rang in the 1926 peal (except Messrs. Edwards and Wenban). The striking throughout the peal was maintained at a high standard.

Afterwards, the band spent a pleasant hour at Mr. R. Edwards' house, and then ascended the tower once more, when the New Year was rung in with 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. Tribe.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel, on Tuesday, January 4th, the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair. All the officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year: President, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham; vice-presidents, the Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. W. H. Godden, John Carter, J. H. Shepherd, Wm. Kent, Thos. Russam; presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L.; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and C. Dickens; auditors, Messrs. T. H. Reeves and Jonathan Preston; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

In thanking those present for their renewed expression of confidence, the Chairman said that although he would reach his 72nd birthday within the next few days, he would be quite pleased to continue to do all he could for the Guild, and to attend the meetings as regularly as possible so long as they desired him to remain in office. As a matter of fact, he had rung several peals within the last few months, and had several others arranged for the near future, so that he did not think he was quite 'played out' yet from the ringing point of view.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he was shortly proceeding to India on business, and that he would be unable to attend at, or complete the arrangements for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner to be held on February 19th. He remarked that he had attended 28 consecutive dinners, and was sorry to have to break the sequence, but business must not be neglected.—On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. E. Groves, the secretary was granted three months' leave of absence, the members wishing him 'Good luck' in his undertaking.

The Secretary announced that the Rector of Birmingham, the Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., had already consented to take the chair, and that the rest of the arrangements were well in hand.

Several new members were elected, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That we desire to express our appreciation of the generosity of one of our members, Mr. Frank B. Yates, in presenting two trebles to King's Norton Church, augmenting the beautiful peal of eight to a handy and musical peal of ten, which has given great gratification to the members of this Guild.'

It was also decided (subject to the Vicar's permission being obtained) to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton.

Will members and intending visitors to the Johnson dinner please note that outstanding subscriptions and applications for tickets should be addressed to Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Spark-hill, Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

Owing to bad weather, the attendance at the above, which was held at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 8th, was disappointing. Twenty ringers were present, including the vice-president. The bells were kept going in various Triple and Caper methods during the afternoon, and were made good use of.

At the business meeting it was decided that, there being no nominations from that district for the general officers and Central Council representatives, the present holders of office should be re-elected.

The vice-president (Mr. W. W. Worthington) and local secretary (Mr. R. H. Dove) were re-elected, whilst Messrs. G. F. Newman (St. Paul's, Burton) and Joseph W. Cotton (Overseal) were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Alrewas, if possible, or otherwise at Measham, on March 5th.

Four new ringing members were elected from Burton Ashby, Measham and Newhall.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the vice-president for taking the chair, this being carried unanimously.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 20th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road (Homerton), on Jan. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. The bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton (8) will also be available from 2.45 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Paul's, Glyn Road, is quite near Homerton Station (L.M.S. Railway). Trams 53, 55, 57, 81. Buses 22, 38, 42, 106, 108a. Alight at Median Road. All ringers cordially invited.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open 5 p.m. Important business. It is essential that all members attend. Ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford Branch.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Bedford. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells, a new peal of six, available at 2.30 p.m. All visitors heartily welcomed. Bus service from Swindon within one mile of church; get off at Carpenter's Arms, South Marston Road. Those requiring tea notify me early, as arrangements will have to be made.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Jan. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, and tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. At 4.30 short service at Parish Church, and at 5.15 tea and business meeting in the School Room, adjoining the church. The newly-hung bells of St. Leonard's, Colchester, will be open to ringers from 3 to 4.15 p.m., and at 7 to 8 p.m., if notified.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, jun., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—I. Clark, Dis. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Uxbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) available.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 15th. The bells are available for ringing from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. It is hoped that all members and friends will endeavour to attend.—William Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m., evensong 4 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Members who intend being present would oblige by notifying their intention.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow, on Saturday, 15th January, 1927. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. It is essential that as many district members should attend as possible. Business meeting at 5 o'clock, when the general election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, also nominations for Central Council representatives.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts district will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service in church 4.30. Tea in the School at 5, followed by business meeting.—H. B. Woolley, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton Vicarage.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, on Monday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available from 7.30 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Choir Vestry at 8.45. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present at the annual meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting, for the election of officers, will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, in St. Peter's, Derby. Bells available from 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries, J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at Brixham. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. (recently rehung). Service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend to be present please advise me by the previous Wednesday?—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided only to those who notify me of their intention to be present by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. J. W. Auguy. —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at the Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 18th. —S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. W. Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport, number requiring tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 18th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells of All Saints' (10) and the Bell Foundry (10) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting; all in the Fearon Hall. The War Memorial carillon (45 bells) will be played by special request from 6.30 to 7.30. It is essential that all intending to take tea should advise Mr. J. Saddington, Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough, before Thursday, the 20th, to avoid unnecessary disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5.30. Tea, at 1s. each, will only be provided for those who advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14, by the 19th instant. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1927 are now due. Any outstanding for 1926 should be paid without delay. A happy and prosperous new year to all members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braimston Road, Daventry.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily invited. — C. Evans, Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Watermoor bells open 3 p.m. Service, Watermoor, 4.30. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5.15. Parish Church bells during evening. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me by the 18th?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) from 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting in St. Chad's Vestry 4.30. The service will be held in St. Aidan's Chapel 5.20, when there will be an address by the Rev. C. E. Jarman. Tea in St. Chad's Institute 6 o'clock (1s. each). Ringing at St. Chad's (12) after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly advise either of us by the 16th inst.?—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, or E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet, Joint Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 18th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham, Surrey.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, including election of officers, immediately after tea. Those intending to be present at tea must please inform me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 19th. All subscriptions for year 1926 should be paid before this meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford (not Crayford) on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me of their intended attendance before the last post Monday, Jan. 24th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—William Doubleday Crofts Memorial Dinner.—The fifth memorial dinner to the above celebrated Nottingham ringer (1742 to 1809) will be held at the Weibeck Hotel, Milton Street, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, to be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th first post. Ringing at St. Mary's Tower (10 bells) from 2.30 to 5.45. All visitors will receive a very hearty welcome on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Service 5 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow at Streatham Hall. Those requiring tea (at 1s. per head) should notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea free to all who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 25th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Near Pembridge.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Particulars later. Doncaster tower will be open for practice at 7 p.m. every Saturday except the last Saturday in each month.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earl's Barton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available after the long peal.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, North Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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