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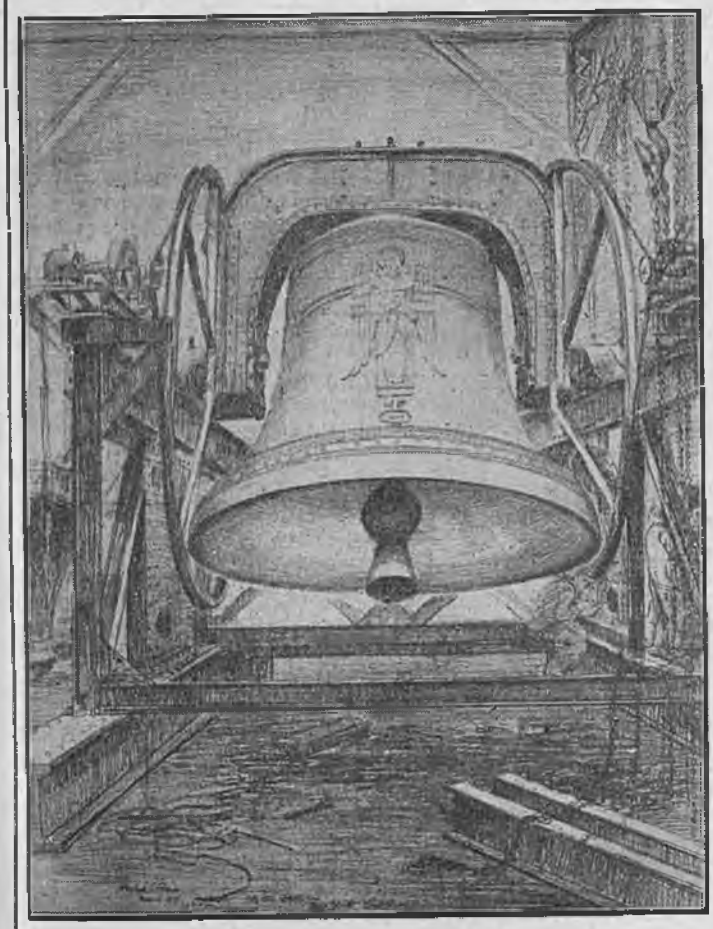

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CLERGY AND RINGERS.

The appeal, which appeared in our last issue, for a closer interest in their ringers on the part of the clergy, particularly, and their fellow churchworkers, generally, is one which, although often made in various quarters, will stand reiteration. Big advances in this direction have been made during the present century, but there is, frankly, still much to be desired. There was a time, as we all know, when, in the vast majority of parishes, the tower was a place entirely apart from the church, and the ringers were looked upon as a body of men whose acquaintance was not to be encouraged by 'respectable' people. That state of things has happily gone for ever, thanks in the first place to the reforming zeal of the various associations and guilds, which have placed ringing on a higher plane and brought into the belfries a totally different type of ringer. Many of the clergy thankfully recognise this, and many others, when occasion arises, do lip service to the labours of the ringers. But a large number of clergy still take no interest, either in ringing, as one of the arts of the church, or in ringers as churchworkers and part of the church organisation. There is probably no section of church life in which the clergy as a whole take so little personal interest as in the bell ringers and anything which can be done to improve matters in this direction is well worth the effort. It is quite true that if the ringers saw more of the parsons in the belfry, the parsons would see more of the ringers in the church, and this point is well emphasized in the appeal to which we have referred.

Good in every direction would accrue from a more sympathetic relationship between ringers and clergy. Fortunately the persistent activities of our associations have brought about this better understanding in numerous instances, but much remains to be done. There are churches where the ringers seem to be merely 'tolerated' by the incumbent; there are others where, if the parson realises their existence, he entirely ignores them, except in the exercise of his veto to stop peal ringing. We do not say that there are never faults on the other side. There constantly are; but we do say that it is the duty of the incumbent to show the same consideration for and the same interest in the work of the ringers as he displays in that of any other body of workers. The interest of the clergy in the activities of the ringers helps to maintain the company at full strength, by making the ringers realise that their services are really appreciated. This, in turn, ensures the regular ringing of the bells Sunday by Sunday, and also secures the maintenance of the bells in an

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efficient state. And not only is an incumbent's interest in the ringers repaid in the directions thus indicated. If one of his chief aims is to see the ringers as often in the pews as at the rope-ends, he will find there is no surer way of achieving this than by the encouragement which his frequent presence in the belfry would give.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

HAROLD E. SYMONDS	...*Treble*	GEORGE FLEMING	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	8
WILLIAM TILLETT	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
*HARRY R. ROPER	4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT... ...	10
ROBERT H. BRONDLE ...	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
ALBERT FLEMING	6	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* 50th peal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus ever rung, and first attempt.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	†JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ...	3	*P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ...	8
JOHN T. KENTISH	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
*JOHN G. NASH	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. A birthday peal for W. J. Ellis.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RICHARD E. JONES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FERNLEY	5
ERNEST BENNETT	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	3	TOM WILDE	7
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	4	JOHN W. HARTLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Bristol as conductor. First peal of Bristol on the bells. The band wish to associate the name of Harry Langley with this peal. He was prevented from ringing by illness. He was in two previous attempts, each of which was lost in the last course, once through the breaking of a rope, and once through the failure of the 'human element.'

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MELKSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

MRS. W. C. WEST	*Treble*	WALTER S. BURBIDGE	5
*STANLEY R. COCKELL	2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE	6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
ARTHUR J. WEST	4	†HERBERT F. COCKELL	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by WM. C. WEST
* First peal inside. † First peal. All the above are members of the local band.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

P.C. CHARLES DAVIS	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	CECIL PIPE	7
GEORGE F. COLE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN.	*Treble*	GEORGE O. DIXON	5
MRS. J. BRAY	2	*WILLIAM GARTRY	6
*FRANK LORD	3	JACK BRAY	7
CHARLES H. BIRD	4	*CECIL PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 7. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOHN CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition was published in 'The Ringing World' of October 11th. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on his 76th birthday.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. THORNTON	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	JACK DAFTERS	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
GEORGE H. DAYNES	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON	*Treble*	FRANK DEWEY	5
HAROLD HARPER	2	WILLIAM HOUGHTON	6
*FRANK P. HARWOOD	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	7
FREDERICK LEGGOTT	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY THORPE	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE	5
MARK BEND	2	ARTHUR W. WARD	6
REV. C. J. STURTON	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	7
CLARENCE F. BIRD	4	JOHN H. BRANSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. WARD.
First peal of Triples as conductor. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. M. Bend, who attained the age of 73 on November 27th; and to Cynthia Mary, youngest daughter of the Rev. C. J. Sturton.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Treble*	HAROLD EDWARDS	5
HARRY OVERTON	2	RICHARD T. HOLDING	6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	4	JAMES H. RIDING	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day, and also as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. K. Swinbourne).

POOLSTOCK, WIGAN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN & BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	5
JOHN BOOTH	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
JAMES GROUNDS	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
JOHN GARDNER	4	WILLIAM GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HAROLD BURNINGHAM	...*Treble*	GEORGE UPSHALL	 5
†JOHN READ	2	‡FRANK KEMP	... 6
CHARLES WELLS	3	RICHARD HASTED ...	... 7
SIDNEY MEADOWS	4	ALBERT E. KING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by R. HASTED.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day. The first peal on the bells since they were overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in January last, and rung by a local band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	LESTER L. GREY	... 6
*G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	3	HARRY SMALE	... 7
*JOHN BROWN	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th. The ringers of 5th and tenor have now rung 200 peals together. Mr. Smale hails from Harlow Common.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE F. GARRISON	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN	2	†RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	... 6
*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ...	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	4	ALFRED HACKETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

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

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	...*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	RICHARD J. STONE ...	... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild, by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY GREEN	...*Treble*	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE	2	GEORGE GREEN	... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ...	... 7
THOMAS LINCOLN...	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

First peal in the method on the bells since the recasting and rehanging. Thanks are given to Mr. G. Green who kindly provided tea for the band at the finish of the peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING ...	... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member of the Oxford Guild before starting for the peal.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ...	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	... 5
WILLIAM COLLISON	2	HERBERT MARKWELL ...	... 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ...	3	KEITH HART	... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	JOHN DEARLOVE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)
On Thursday, November 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,200 Canterbury Pleasure, 1,200 Plain Bob, and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD COOKE	... 4
*WALTER ADAMS	2	THOMAS C. GWILLIAM	... 5
THOMAS G. COOKE	3	FRANK EVERITT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. G. COOKE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a purely local band.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob.

JOHN C. PERKINS	...*Treble*	JOHN HALL	... 4
JAMES HEMMING	2	RAYMOND JELFS	... 5
THOMAS HANDS	3	GEOFFREY HEMMING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Phillip Hall, an esteemed member of the local band, who was married on this day.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Single Court, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*R. DOUGLAS ROWLEY	...*Treble*	HORACE V. ROWLEY ...	... 4
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	... 5
†SAMUEL A. MARTIN	3	WILLIAM MARTIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal and elected a member previous to the attempt. † First peal inside.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

BERTRAM PILGRIM ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... ... 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	FRANK HARPER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Harper, and on the anniversary of his wedding.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT CANTLE... ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR GOULD 4
*DENNIS FLOWER 2	WILLIAM SHORE... 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL... ... 3	*FREDERICK HUMPHRIES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSEWELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. L. J. Foster, Vicar of this church.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... ...*Treble*	*CHARLES POULTENEY ... 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ALBERT NASH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Tuke, a ringer, and Miss Edith Wright, both of Rawmarsh, which took place earlier in the day, and of the birthday of the 3rd ringer's mother.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, each called differently, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG ... ...*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
FRED HAWKES 3	HENRY BISHOP ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

BUTTERWICK, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Single Court, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ...*Treble*	*FRANK P. HARWOOD 4
†FRANK DEWEY 2	*WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
*HAROLD HARPER 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods away from treble. Rung on the occasion of the Patronal Festival.

PEAL CORRECTION.

The ringer of the second in the peal at Widford last week was A. Tarbun, jun. (not Turban). It was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell for Percy Green and Edward Kemp. Both have rung Treble Bob on working bells.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*STANLEY W. THOMPSON *Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH LANGDON 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

BELTON, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

JOSEPH NORTON ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY... ... 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
*ERNEST A. MARSH 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS HULL 4
BERT HALSEY 2	*FREDERICK SPICER 5
*ROBERT BEDFORD 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal in the method.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12lb.

CHARLES W. TUCKER ...*Treble*	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 4
*MISS G. HENDRY 2	FRANK HOOD 5
*FREDERICK O. TUCKER .. 3	*JACK HULL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. TUCKER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. All the above belong to the local band.

STONE, NEAR KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... ...*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
JOHN BASS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First Surprise peal on the bells and also the quarterly peal for this Branch. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

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STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD JACKSON	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY...	5-6
*WILLIAM JACKSON	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON	1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON	7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on his 76th birthday.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
*WILLIAM JACKSON	3-4	FREDERICK PAGE	7-8
PETER LAFLIN	9-10		

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE

Umpire: HAROLD JACKSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER AND ENGLISH BELLS.

SUGGESTED PURCHASE WHERE THERE ARE NO RINGERS.

The 'S.O.S.' which went out from Halesworth, Suffolk, for ringers has been 'picked up' in all parts of the world. Many of the English newspapers copied it, and it also found its way into American journals. Here is what a Baltimore newspaper had to say about it under the heading of 'Old England's Bells'—and if any English parish cannot find ringers, the opportunity apparently offers to sell the bells to the Americans, who are out to buy anything with a real old English flavour about it:—

'A brief dispatch from Halesworth, a little village deep in Suffolk, tells of the lack of interest among the young Halesworthians in the time-honoured art of bellringing. The ten ringers now practising total more than 700 years in age, and they have no successors in sight. That is to say, one of England's finest traditions is in danger of decay.

'The crisis, if it be one, does not affect America directly. Belgian carillons, operated from a keyboard by a single player, are becoming popular in this country, but the English bell ringing by bands of from five to ten men is not known. To its advocates this is sad, for they claim a finer performance by hand than is possible through the use of any machinery. The pure tone is heard, so they say, when the clapper and bell swing together by gravity. And certainly there is a spirit of good fellowship in a band of bellringers which a carillon operator cannot develop in himself. To be sure, bell ringing in England at one time served as an adjunct of the nearest pothouse, but in recent years it has regained its higher standing, and the alien who hears a "Treble Bob Major" on a fine Sunday morning has gained a memory which even his doubt about the name cannot weaken. Or a "plain course" of "Grandsire Triples"—the nomenclature is charmingly antique and correspondingly obscure to the uninitiated.

'Can an efficient America take up this highly technical art? It is possible. If bell ringing is really lapsing in England, the bells will remain and can perhaps be bought for the edification of the New World. In fact, this suggestion should be made seriously to Halesworth. If, after that, they cannot get volunteers to help out their aged ringers, they have no right to the bells.'

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, November 30th, for Confirmation service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: L. H. Wilson (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Folkard 2, J. A. D. Webb (first quarter-peal inside) 3, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 4, W. G. Wilson 5, J. A. Trollope 6, A. Harding 7, E. A. J. Coombs 8.

THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £18 6s. 9d.; Messrs. J. Cowley, 10s.; W. Roughton, 10s., G. Bull 2s.; Farnham Royal ringers, £1; Aldermaston ringers, 4s.; Milton Keynes ringers, 5s.; Tywford (Bucks) ringers, 9s.; Marlow ringers, £1; W. J. Nevard, £1; five Birmingham friends, £1; T. Faulkner, 5s.; H. R. Newton, 5s.; friends at College Youths' dinner, £1 10s.; Chipping Norton Branch, O.D.G., £3 5s.; Newbury Branch, £2; Beedon ringers, 7s. 6d.; Brightwalton ringers (second subscription), 5s.; R. Knapp, 3s.; Rev. L. R. Majendie, £1; Goring ringers, 14s.; Great Milton ringers, 8s.; Binfield ringers, 15s. 6d.; Royal Cumberland Youths, £5; Rev. A. L. Manby, 10s.; Witney and Woodstock Branch, £5; All Saints' (Wokingham) ringers, £3; St. Giles' (Oxford) ringers, 15s.; St. Laurence (Reading) ringers, £5; St. Giles' (Reading) ringers, 10s.; Easthampsted ringers, 10s.; Piddington ringers, 5s.; E. H. Lewis, £1 1s.; Stoney Stratford ringers, 13s. 6d.; total to November 26th, £157 9s. 3d. Correction to previous list: For Mitcham read Hitcham.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Saturday last a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of St. George's, Doncaster, as a last tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Henry Joy Clarke, M.D., J.P., some time churchwarden at St. George's, who was laid to rest on the previous Tuesday: H. Bradley (Campsall) (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Holmes 2, F. C. Newsome 3, J. Thorley (Thorne) 4, W. Lloyd 5, R. Thompson 6, H. Walker (Lincoln Cathedral) (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

At All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Sunday, November 10th, prior to evensong, a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins. by: A. Jackson (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Dowden 2, A. R. Ward (conductor) 3, A. Brading 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, W. Kemp 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Charles Greaves Vincent, aged 91, who was elected honorary treasurer of the ringers in 1886, when the bells were dedicated, and held this office continuously for many years, when, owing to his ripe age, his son, Major C. W. Vincent, took over the duties of treasurer.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Deeping St. James on Saturday, November 2nd, and was well attended by members and ringing friends from Northampton, Peterborough, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Bourne, Edmonthorpe, Wymondham and the local band. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. on this fine peal of bells, and various methods were rung prior to the Guild service, which was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. Pain).

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Patworth, 15 sitting down. Afterwards the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) presided over the short business meeting.

It was left to the secretary to try and arrange a joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association at March early in the new year.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Court Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, Primrose and Ipswich Surprise.

SPLICED DOUBLE OXFORD & ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES

BY A. J. PITMAN.

5,040.

		234567	Start Double Oxford.	
	1	462753		Part Ends.
	3	534762		26543
	2	465273		34562
PL	1	457632	Change to St. Clement's.	32654
*	1	574632		45623
PL	1	543726	Change to Double Oxford	43265
	2	325674		56234
PL	1	357246	Change to St. Clement's	54326
	2	743562		62345
	1	437562		65432
	2	764325		23456
	1	647325		
PL	2	625734	Change to Double Oxford.	
	3	346725		
	2	623574		
PL	1	637245	Change to St. Clement's.	
	2	746352		
	4	237546		
PL	2	246753	Change to Double Oxford.	
PL	1	265437		

Repeat nine times, but omit the bob * in parts 2-4-6-8-10. In this peal the changes are triple changes throughout. The method is changed according to the position of the seventh.

'SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our band is just getting well enough advanced to ring peals on six bells. Will some reader of your paper kindly tell us what exactly is 'seven different 720's'? Does it mean that there must be seven different compositions, or could the same composition be used, making a different bell the observation, which would thus produce the 720 changes in a different order?

Also, is it permissible to ring six 720's of Bob Minor and 720 of Grandsire Doubles and call it a peal? Recently a peal was rung at Brierley Hill, which was a mixture of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Is it permissible to do the same thing on six bells? Our band would be interested to know.—Yours, etc.,

TYRO.

ST. MARY'S, DOVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether any of your readers can furnish information regarding one of the earliest peals which the College Youths rang, and some books state took place, at St. Mary's Church, Dover, the ringers afterwards crossing the Channel to France. I have tried to find out locally of any history attached to the above, but can trace nothing. I believe 'Campanologia' has some reference to it, but perhaps some of our research ringers can enlighten me, if any record is obtainable, as to the peal and names of the ringers who took part.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES TURNER,
Captain, St. Mary's Ringers.

DOUBLE TRIPLES METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I congratulate Mr. A. Craven on his two double methods of Triples, both of which, so far as I know, are original, and if peals can be produced in them should prove very interesting (as Mr. Craven says) to ringers, conductors, and composers.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—When 'Silchester' (?) was published with two other similar methods in the 'Bell News' in June, 1900, I gave them only as examples, in illustration of the old saw: 'What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.'

2, North Street, Quadrant, Brighton,
November 29th, 1929.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

The following contributions have been received in connection with the appeal made by the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, on behalf of Mr. Harry Tomlinson, of Burnley, who is totally incapacitated and has a daughter entirely dependent upon him:—

Ringers of St. Philip's, Nelson, £1 1s.; ringers of St. Mary's and All Saints', Whalley, 11s.; ringers of St. Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe, 5s.; ringers of St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, 5s.; ringers of the Cathedral, Blackburn, 7s.; W. H. Shuker, Clayton, Manchester, 5s.; Maurice Smith, Banbury, 2s. 6d.; P. Crook, Bolton, 2s. 6d.; Thos. FitzJohn, Grimsby, 2s.; Minor Ringer, Tuxford, 2s.; J. Hindle, Accrington, 1s.; Walter Idle, Dewsbury, 2s.; total, £3 6s. Any further donations will be gratefully received by F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD.

A very pleasing function took place at Bishop's Stortford on Thursday, November 28th, when a tablet was unveiled in the tower by the Vicar (Rev. W. McCarthy). The tablet records the peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band, the report of which was published in 'The Ringing World' of October 25th. The proceedings opened with a short prayer, after which the Vicar gave a brief address and expressed the pleasure it gave him to unveil the tablet. The Master (Mr. F. Bird) thanked the Vicar for the interest he took in the tower, and hoped they would soon be able to record a local peal of Stedman.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Chesterfield District of the M.C.A. was held at the Parish Church at Alfreton on Saturday, November 16th, and was attended by ringers from Creswell, Morton, North Wingfield, St. Mary's, Notts, Sutton, Swanwick, Staveley, Warsop and members of the local company.

The bells were kept going until eight o'clock, good practice being obtained in Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Norton on Saturday, December 21st, thus accepting the invitation from the Norton company.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Monday, October 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: S Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, S. Pye 3, C. J. Rogers 4, J. C. Newman 5, G. Hayward 6, F. Fludder 7, C. Button 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 3rd.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

At Howden, Yorks, a man has been committed for trial, charged, on his own confession, with having set fire to the church. The fire destroyed the magnificent tower and bells, as well as the chancel, and damage estimated at over £10,000 was done.

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Portsmouth was rung on Saturday last, and the band wish to associate with it the name of Mr. F. A. Burnett, who, although taking part in the practices, was unable, through indisposition, to take part in the peal.

It was on this day in the year 1731 that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, by the rivals of the St. Peter Mancroft company, who had rung the first peal in the method about six weeks earlier. There was a great deal of local feeling about these performances, and it is evident that the Coslany ringers doubted the truth of the Mancroft peal.

The tablet in St. Michael's belfry states: 'In this steeple, on the sixth of December, 1731, was Rung that most Incomparable as well as Intricate Peal of Stedman Triples, which had been long ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application brought it to perfection with two Doubles. This peal contains 5,040 Triple changes, 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed.'

On December 8th, 1883, the 'five ones' of Stedman Caters (11,111 changes) was rung at Fulham by the College Youths. Youth as well as experience took part in that peal of 47 years ago, for there are still several of that band alive, including Frank Dawe, Jack Rowbotham, Challis Winney and Walter Prime. The two latter regularly take their place at St. Paul's Cathedral every Sunday, and Walter Prime, who rang the tenor at Fulham, is still to be seen on the tenor box at St. Paul's.

By contrast, it was only two years earlier, viz., on December 10th, 1881, that the first peal was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, yet all the 13 men who took part in that memorable performance have gone from us. Jim Pettit (who called both), George Mash, Ted Horrex and Jack Hayes took part in the two peals.

Painswick, which is shortly to be the scene of another record-breaking peal attempt, held the Treble Bob Maximus record for nearly eighty years with a peal of 10,224 rung on December 9th, 1833.

In the paragraph which we printed in our issue of November 22nd with regard to peals rung at Southwell Cathedral, one peal was omitted. Mr. E. H. Lewis writes that the Cambridge University Guild rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major there in 3 hrs. 30 mins. on August 31st, 1906, conducted by H. S. T. Richardson (now the Rev.).

The peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and recorded last week, was rung on Wednesday, November 20th, not Tuesday, the 19th, as reported.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BANSTEAD.

A very pleasant meeting of the North-Western District was held at Banstead on Saturday, when, despite the unsettled weather, thirty members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom, London, Merstham, Mitcham, Rickmansworth, Wandsworth and Watford. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, and good use was made of the bells until service time. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon F. N. Skene). Tea followed in the View Tea Rooms, where 26 sat down to a very enjoyable meal. The Vicar presided at the business meeting after tea, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) and the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clarke).

The election of Mr. A. J. Smith, of Leatherhead, previous to a peal attempt was ratified.

It was decided if Camberwell bells were not available for the district annual meeting that the secretary try and arrange it at Kingston on the fourth Saturday in January if possible.

BANSTEAD CHURCH.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, Mr. F. N. Pitstow for kindly playing the organ, and Mr. F. G. Woodiss for the help he gave in arranging the meeting.

The Vicar suitably replied, saying how pleased he would be to welcome the association at Banstead at any time. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 7.30, when to everybody's regret ringing had to cease owing to a concert in the Parish Room. Methods practised during the meeting ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

Banstead bells are a ring of eight recast, from a mixed octave, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1921, and they are rung from the ground floor. The former trebles were by Warner in 1892, but the others were ancient castings, one of them, the 6th, having come from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1585, and being the work of Mot. It was inscribed 'Robertus Mot me fecit, 1585.' The other bells were as follow: 3rd, B.E., Gloria Deo in Excelsis, 1638 (cast by Eldridge); 4th, William Carter made me, 1613; 5th, Thomas Mears, Fecit 1791; 7th, Lester and Pack, of London, fecit, 1756; tenor, William Eldridge made mee, 1661, I.L., S.L., Churchwardens. There were 'V belles in the steple' as long ago as Edward VI.'s reign.

SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

IPSWICH BAND RING YET ANOTHER 'FIRST.'

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on November 30th is the first peal of Maximus ever rung in this method. The figures were published by Mr. Arthur Craven in 'The Ringing World.' It is very musical, as the bells work in their correct coursing order, both before and behind, with very little exception.

St. Mary-le-Tower Society thank a well-known East Anglian ringer, now resident in London, for bringing the method to their notice. They have now rung peals in ten different Maximus methods since 1921.

It is worthy of note that the first peals of the only four Surprise Maximus methods practised have been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, viz.:—

August 15th, 1908: Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
April 30th: 1927: Superlative Surprise Maximus.
December 8th, 1928: New Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
November 30th, 1929: Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

THE BELLS IN NORWICH DIOCESE.

MANY UNRINGABLE PEALS.

In an article which he has contributed to the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette,' Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has taken the opportunity of explaining the decentralisation scheme which the association has just put into operation, and points out that the object is to strengthen the work of the organisation in the diocese by getting into closer touch with the clergy and the young men of the parishes as recruits for the belfries.

Young ringers, he says, are much needed at the present time for the regular ringing of our bells for Sunday services. There are in the diocese eighty-eight rings of five bells, seventy-two rings of six bells, thirty-five rings of eight bells, three rings of ten bells, and two rings of twelve bells, making a total of 200 rings, which would require 1,206 ringers. It is a very deplorable fact that a very large percentage of those rings of bells are unringable. Even such being the case there is a great shortage of ringers. Although our total membership of all grades numbers 806, less than half that number reside in Norfolk. Of recent years the membership of the clergy has greatly fallen off, not one-third of what it once was; but for the good feeling and help received from the clergy the association could not exist, and without ringers our church bells could not be rung to summon the people to divine worship.

The relationship between clergy and ringers is a vital and mutual one; they stand and fall together, in this particular branch of Church work. On the matter of so many unringable peals of bells in the diocese, it is too often assumed that church bells, once hung, require little attention. Up in the windy heights of towers they hang, unvisited by Church authorities and Church officials, who care little to keep such valuable property in repair and in good order for ringing. Too often our bells and belfries are found to be the dirtiest place in our parishes—a veritable disgrace that it should be so in a consecrated portion of the church. It would be an excellent way for Archdeacons and Rural Deans at their periodic visitations to inspect the bells and belfries, and to see that the clergy and churchwardens at least keep them in a presentable state.

One of the surest safeguards for keeping a ring of bells in permanent repair is to organise a good company of change ringers, who will in their own interest and love for the bells look after them, and with the co-operation of the clergy and churchwardens meet the little expenses yearly needed to keep a peal of bells in excellent condition for long periods. It would be no difficult matter for a secretary of a diocesan or county association to state cases of rings of bells, restored, say, fifty years ago—one with a company of change ringers, the other without any ringers. In the former case the ring of bells would be found in as good a state of repair as when restored—the latter case, with never a band of ringers to see after the bells and so left unattended, unvisited by the Church authorities, and thus left for fifty years, would become unringable and in need of restoration at heavy expense to put them in ringable order.

We would commend the work of the association to the clergy and churchwardens of the diocese, and in doing so appeal for their co-operation in manning our belfries with young ringers and for the care of our beautiful bells. To many of the clergy we owe a deep debt of gratitude, who have always on every occasion at our meetings so kindly granted us the use of their bells and, whenever possible, co-operated with us by being present at the association meetings.

Finally, we would bring before the clergy and laity that change ringing is an art and a science well worthy of their attention and interest.

NEW DOUBLES EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Guise is wrong. The method has never been rung at St. Stephen's by the St. Stephen's Guild.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GLOUCESTER BRANCH AFFAIRS.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held on Saturday, November 16th, at St. Mary de Lode, 24 members attending, and visitors from Fairford and Ross being also present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Pritchard), assisted by the Rev. Wyndham Jones and Mr. G. Jackson (Vicar's warden), Miss Workman presiding at the organ. After service, tea was partaken of in the parish schoolroom. The usual business meeting followed, Mr. Geo. Jackson presiding in the absence of the Vicar, who had another engagement, and the branch chairman (Rev. H. G. Hadow), who also was otherwise engaged.

Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary) presented his report, which showed that during the past year nine meetings had been held, with a total attendance of 154 members, an average of 17 per meeting. The branch had now 110 ringing members against 121 last year, owing to the disbanding of ringers at Sandhurst and Upton St. Leonard's, where it is hoped to make an improvement during the next year. There were 27 hon. members, as against 24 last year, making a net decrease of eight in total membership. Thanks were extended to the incumbents in the district for the courtesy shown to the members when visiting their towers.

Mr. J. Austin was unanimously elected branch chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. H. Harris hon. branch secretary, with Mr. T. Baldwyn as representative on Management Committee. Barnwood was selected as the next place of meeting, the secretary to fix the date.

Discussion took place on a proposal to put a small tablet in St. Mary's Church, Hartpury, to the memory of the late Mr. C. H. Austin, as this was the last peal of bells which he hung in the county. It was left to Mr. G. L. Brunsdon to get an estimate to present at the next meeting.

The Secretary informed the members that at the last two meetings held at Hartpury and Arlingham £3 0s. 6d. had been collected for the Ruarden Church bell fund.

Messrs. Austin, Brunsdon and Romane were appointed, with the branch secretary, as a small committee to arrange the annual dinner of the branch, with Mr. Baldwyn as a co-opted member. The date of the dinner will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. J. Austin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Geo. Jackson for presiding at the meeting, to the Rev. W. G. Pritchard for the use of the bells, also for his excellent address, to Miss Workman, the organist, and to Miss E. Stephens and other ladies who looked after the wants of the members at the tea tables.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Williams and carried with applause.

Mr. Jackson, in replying, said he was always glad, as churchwarden of the parish, to welcome the members of the association to St. Mary de Lode, and he would convey the vote of thanks to the Vicar. The Chairman said he was sure all present were extremely sorry to hear of the death of Miss Gardner, who had done the catering for tea for the members during the past four years that the annual meeting had been held at St. Mary's. He would, therefore, ask the branch secretary to write a letter of condolence to Mr. Gardner (the deceased lady's brother), and also ask the members to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Miss Workman also responded to the vote of thanks, and informed the members she would be quite willing to offer her services as a pianist at their annual dinner.—This offer was much appreciated by the members.

There being no other business, touches of Triples on handbells, and tunes by ex-Sergt. Williams and Mr. J. Austin brought a very pleasant and happy meeting to an end.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH INAUGURATED.

A general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the association, the third of a series under the new constitution, was, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Ralph L. Whytehead) held in the vestry of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Diss, on Saturday, November 23rd, for the election of officers and committee. The Rector presided, and supporting him were Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. William Ireland (district secretary for Diss), and members from Diss, Dickleburgh, Garboldisham, North Lopham, Palgrave, Wymondham, etc.

The General Secretary, in his introductory remarks, said the decentralising scheme by the formation of four branches was a move in the right direction. It had one very great advantage, that it would give to many more members an opportunity for active work on the committee of their respective branches, with full liberty to carry on the business of their branches for the welfare of the association. It was for the members to proceed to elect chairman, secretary, and committee for the South Norfolk Branch of the association.

The Rev. Ralph L. Whytehead was elected chairman, Mr. F. Nolan Golden hon. secretary, Messrs. Eric George Bennett, Frederick R. Borrett, Charles F. Goodman, Clement J. More, and William Steggells, members of the committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Ralph L. Whytehead for the use of the vestry, and also for the use of the bells. The Rector suitably replied.

The members then adjourned to the belfry for ringing.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Northern President's' query re bearings for church bells, I am of firm opinion that ball races of the self-aligning radial type, with two rows of balls, of proper diameters to deal with the load, are far superior to plain bearings.

The use of ball bearings is rapidly growing to nearly every class of machinery, and their durability has been put to severe tests. For church bell work, however, they seem to be specially suited.

A few points in favour may be acceptable. In a swinging bell the load is without shock, the difficulties of lubrication are entirely overcome, as when once packed with grease the bearing needs no attention for years, the bearing is about half the width of a plain bearing (space is often precious in the belfry), the bearing is always in accurate alignment, so that, if woodwork is used, a small shrinkage does not upset matters. In case of renewal they can be fitted at a small cost by an unskilled man, and can be easily obtained.

From a ringer's point of view, the perfect going bell is that without friction or any other force acting on the bell other than that put on the end of the rope. The co-efficient of friction is much less for a ball race than for a well lubricated plain bearing.

I may add that I am in no way connected with any bell founders, but am speaking entirely from the standpoint of an engineer, who happens to be interested, and who is a ringer.—Yours faithfully,

'ENGINEER.'

TOO COSTLY?

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 22nd, 'Northern President' inquires about the 'merits' of ball bearings, i.e., 'gun metal or others,' the bells in question having a 12 cwt tenor. My answer to this is that bells of this weight do not require ball bearings; they go quite easily enough if hung properly in the old style. Bells of, say, 17 cwt. and over may receive these bearings with advantage. I was recently shown a 'ball bearing' (not gun metal), and I asked the price. '£30 per bell,' was the answer. In my opinion this is too expensive, and they are quite unnecessary for light bells.—Yours faithfully, ANON.

Bath and Wells Association.

'SILENT' HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A week or so ago you published in 'Belfry Gossip' a record of a silent peal of Grandsire Triples rung at West Bromwich on November 20th, 1909. I took part in a silent peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) eleven years previously as under:—

Waterloo Society.—Silent peal. On Saturday, June 4th, 1898, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., at the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E., John Holt's Original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples: Arthur R. Davis treble, George W. Wild 2, Harry Barton 3, George E. Symonds 4, Harold N. Davis 5, James E. Davis 6, Thomas Langdon 7, William S. Langdon tenor, Frederick G. Perrin umpire.

I believe all the above are still with us, excepting the umpire, and this after 31½ years.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

FOUR ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

COMBINED GATHERING AT CLAVERLEY.

The picturesque village of Claverley, situated in the county of Salop, on the border of Staffordshire, was the place chosen for a combined meeting of members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Shropshire Association, the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society. The following towers were represented: Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge, Broseley, Bridgnorth, Brierley Hill, Bradley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Tettenhall, Swindon (Staffs), Brewood, Coventry, Croydon and the local tower. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Skelding (hon. secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts, Northern Branch), and Mr. H. Baker (hon. secretary of the Shropshire Association, Bridgnorth Branch), who had returned from hospital only two days before.

The ancient church now possesses a fine ring of eight bells which have recently been augmented from six, four of the old ones having been retuned, two recast, and two new ones added, the whole being hung on ball bearings in an iron frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Both the tone and 'go' of the bells gave great satisfaction, the general opinion being that it was an admirable 'splice.' The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, as well as rounds and call changes for the local learners.

Tea was served at the Crown Hotel, which was greatly enjoyed.

The Vicar (Rev. Ralph Guy), after giving the company a warm welcome, delighted his hearers with some humorous tales, fresh from the Mint. Handbell ringing followed, including Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, those taking part being R. Pickering, H. Knight, F. W. Perrens, J. Perry, E. F. Mitchell, and W. Saunders. A return to the tower for an hour or so concluded what might well be termed a successful venture.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COMPETITION FOR OFFICES IN CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Esher on Saturday. Some very useful six-bell practice was put in by the two dozen or so ringers who attended and who came from Hersham, Walton, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Oatlands Park, Esher, Cobham, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Leatherhead, Aldershot, Woking and St. Peter's, Croydon.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Dr. Floyer), who also played the organ, and gave an address, in which he pointed out that success in the work for the church needed the same qualities of enthusiasm, concentration and co-operation that were required for success in the belfry.

The business meeting was held after tea, when Admiral T. P. Walker presided. Nominations were received for the officers for next year. Mr. H. Hancock was again nominated for the post of hon. secretary. The District Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) was renominated, and, at his own suggestion, in order to give members a choice, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne was also nominated, although the latter was reluctant to let his name go forward.

There is to be competition for the two places on the Executive Committee, four names being put forward in addition to those of the two retiring members. The Rev. W. N. Willis (Ottershaw) was renominated as the representative of the hon. members.

A vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of the chairman, to Dr. Floyer for the use of the bells and for the service, and to Mr. Bristowe of the Esher band for his share in the successful arrangements.

A short but interesting discussion afterwards took place on the best means of attaining good striking.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, while, yielding to the pressure of the progressivists, some of the amateurs tried their prentice hands at Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob.

Esher Parish Church is a comparatively new structure, and stands in a perfectly kept churchyard, which has an unusual number of handsome memorials to the dead. In the tall spire there is a light ring of six bells, which were put in in 1853. In the now dismantled old church there were, at the time of the Edward VI. Inventory, 'iij belles in the steple and a hand bell.' There was also a tradition that there was in the tower at one time a bell said to have been brought from San Domingo by Sir Francis Drake. It bore no inscription. It was probably only a fable; it was much more likely to have been a bell given to the church, says a Surrey historian, by a Mr. Francis Drake who owned the manor in James I.'s time.

SEVEN-BELL METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not think that Mr. Craven is quite accurate in his remarks about Triple Methods. It is quite true that a section of the Exercise has all along held that seven-bell ringing should be continuous triple changes. It is quite true, also, that some of our leading authorities (notably Rev. C. D. P. Davies and, I think, Sir Arthur Heywood) have maintained that seven-bell methods which are not continuous triple changes are not legitimate. But the Exercise, as a whole, has never said so. Nor did the Methods Committee or the Central Council ever say so. The Method Report says that a seven-bell method which has not continuous triple changes cannot be considered 'perfect.' This was a concession to the above opinion. My own view, arrived at after examining several thousands of methods, is that the regular succession of the nature of the rows is sometimes of great importance in getting true peals, but otherwise of no importance at all. The only real test of a method's value is its suitability for ringing in the tower. Judged by that standard, Waterloo Reverse Bob (which is the correct name for Silchester) is an excellent method, decidedly better than Stedman. You may judge of this matter by asking yourself this question: Is Oxford Treble Bob so very much better than Kent, or Superlative so very much better than Cambridge, or Norfolk Surprise so very much better than Bristol?—Yours,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

A FRIEND OF WENHASTON RINGERS.

On Thursday afternoon, November 21st, there was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of St. Peter's, Wenhaston, Suffolk, the remains of the late Mr. E. Hardingham, father of the Vicar, and an honorary member of the Suffolk Guild of Bellringers, who had reached the ripe old age of 87 years.

The deceased gentleman took a great interest in all matters connected with the church, especially the choir and bellringers, and was beloved and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled in the afternoon, and again in the evening, several 360's and other touches of Bob Minor being rung by: Messrs. Sam Ellis, A. Leech, G. and S. Stockdale, R. Roberts, R. Pearce and G. Pearce, of the local company, F. C. Lambert (district secretary), A. H. Took (Halesworth), and J. Punchard (of Bramfield).

A PARISH CLERK OF 1710.

BY 'CASCABLE.'

The following is a 'skit'—political, of course—by Jonathan Swift, the famous Dean. It, however, throws some very interesting side-lights on parish life of the period.

'Yet, be it acknowledged that at the age of sixteen I became a company-keeper, being led into idle conversation by my extraordinary love to ringing; insomuch that in a short time I was acquainted with every set (sic) of bells in the whole country; neither could I be prevailed upon to absent myself from wakes, being called thereunto by the harmony of the steeple.

'While I was in these societies I gave myself up to unspiritual pastimes, such as wrestling, dancing, and cudgel-playing, so that I often returned to my father's house with a broken pate. . . . "What man is there, howsoever dexterous in any craft, who is for aye on his guard"?'

This outspoken individual also took the tenor to a peal on one momentous occasion, followed by a 'beano' over whose details we will draw a veil.

To proceed: 'No sooner was I elected into mine office (parish clerk) but I laid aside the powdered gallantries of my youth, and became a new man. . . . I was determined to reform the manifold corruptions and abuses which had crept into the church. First, I was especially severe in whipping forth dogs from the temple, excepting the lap-dog of the good widow Howard, which yelped not, nor was there offence in his mouth. Secondly, I did even proceed to morosenesa, though sore against my heart, unto poor babes, in tearing from them the apples which they privily munched at church. Thirdly, with the sweat of my own hands I did make plain and smooth the dogs-ears throughout our great Bible. . . .'

He appeared to be a man of many parts. Listen to this: 'Shoes did I make, and if entreated mend, with good approbation; faces also did I shave, and I clipped the hair. Chirurgery I also practised in the worming of dogs; but to bleed adventured I not; except the poor. I once had the honour of trimming Sir Thomas himself without fetching blood. Furthermore I was sought unto to geld the lady Frances her spaniel, which was wont to go astray; he was called Toby, that is to say, Tobias. . . . We had London singing-masters sent into every parish, like excisemen . . . to instruct my fellow-parishioners in this new manner of worship. What though they accuse me of humming through the nostril as a sackbut; yet would I not forego that harmony, it having been agreed by the worthy parish clerks of London to preserve the same. I tutored the young men and maidens to tune their voices, as it were, with a psaltery, and the church on the Sunday was filled with these new hallelujahs.'

Finally, he is overpowered with vanity. He first attempts to give hints to young curates how to preach, following on to higher game until he finally lets himself go on Dr. Sacheverell and politics generally.

Although the bitter Dean has used this fictitious character to vilify a great and good man, we can, nevertheless, easily deduce from his general and vivid description what the life of a parish clerk must have been in Queen Anne's reign.

Says Swift: 'In the churchyard (no name mentioned) I read this epitaph, said to be written by himself (i.e., the clerk):—

'O reader, if that thou canst read,
Look down upon this stone:
Do all we can, Death is a man
That never spareth none.'

If this epitaph is not fictitious, then it belongs to an individual named Paul Phillips. Other parishes mentioned in the full narrative are Milton, Yelverton and Waybrook.

Can readers say, please?

BROADCAST RINGING AND CHIMING.

The following appeared in last week's issue of 'The Radio Times':—

'As a regular reader of "The Radio Times," may I make a suggestion that when Sunday services are relayed from various churches and are preceded by bells, some distinction might be made in the announcement, so that listeners may know beforehand if the bells are to be scientifically rung or mechanically chimed? Take, for example, services relayed from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, and also from St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, both announcements are headed in the same way, viz., "The Bells," and yet the former consist of one man "clanging" out hymn tunes, etc., on a chiming machine, whilst the latter is proper change ringing by a competent band of ringers. The two performances do not bear comparison. Might the word "chimed" or "rung" be inserted under "The Bells" (as the case may be) in order that listeners may be forewarned?—F. C. T.'

Bravo! F. C. T., writes 'F. W. T.,' and so say all of us! And might not the 'chimer' at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, be asked to confine his efforts to the playing of hymn tunes only, and to kindly refrain from inflicting his attempts at 'changes' upon the sensitive ears of change ringers?

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MARYLEBONE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Miss M. White 1, F. G. Newman 2, H. Dyas 3, C. F. Winney 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Waddington 6, G. B. Cole 7, G. F. Edwards 8. It being Advent Sunday, also the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Mother, 'De profundis' was recited in place of 'Gloria, Patri.' Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. 'May she rest in peace.'

NORTH SHIELDS.—For evening service, on December 1st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Gray 1, A. Tully 2, J. E. Scott 3, E. A. Hern 4, G. Dix 5, J. L. Gray (conductor) 6, A. Tugwood 7, A. Skeoch 8. First attempt as conductor.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by members of the local band, in 44 mins.: F. Green 1, F. W. Cripps 2, R. H. Noakes 3, C. Thomas 4, T. Burtenshaw 5, L. E. Sears 6, J. M. Cripps (conductor) 7, J. Green 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): T. Abbott 1, G. Clapham 2, G. Basford 3, C. Richardson 4, G. Ette 5, A. W. Boddington 6, T. R. Hensher 7, J. R. Main (conductor) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.—For Confirmation service, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Clapham 1, T. Abbott 2, H. Tompkins 3, A. W. Boddington 4, J. R. Main 5, T. R. Hensher 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, C. Richardson 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, December 1st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. Mellin 2, B. Rawlinson (first peal in method) 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler 5, E. Bright 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, W. S. Butler 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: C. Piddock 1, F. Slingsby 2, E. Bridges 3, S. Baker 4, S. Binfield (conductor) 5, W. Kitchin 6, F. Farley 7, T. Anderson 8. C. Piddock and S. Baker hail from Cheriton.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, E. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, E. Cooper (conductor) 5, James McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Garner and Mr. J. McCluskey.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Brooks' variation): F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, H. L. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, W. H. Hayward 5, H. C. Bond 6, H. S. Parsons 7, J. Talbot Gardiner (South Cerney) (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8. For evening service, at the Parish Church, 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, H. L. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, H. S. Parsons 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. Wrigley 10.—On Sunday, October 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—For evensong, November 24th, in 23 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Pilgrim 1, R. King 2, C. Gouldthorp 3, S. Reed 4, J. W. Ward (conductor) 5, F. Harper 6.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, November 24th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: F. Sanders 1, C. Cottrell 2, Miss O. Sanders 3, G. F. Swann 4, J. Preston 5, W. J. Meers (conductor) 6, W. J. Davies 7, J. W. Pemberton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preston. Miss O. Sanders hails from Guildford and Canterbury, and this was her first quarter-peal.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,296 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Ginn (local captain for 15 years) on his 53rd birthday.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Heath 1, E. Coombes 2, A. Rowley 3, P. Heath 4, R. Addis 5, T. Carter 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, J. Bovey 8.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, November 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hatton 1, T. Ricketts 2, J. Penny 3, S. Hopper 4, J. Woodroff 5, J. Roberts (conductor) 6, N. Alnatt 7, G. Lawrence 8. All are Sunday service ringers, and belong to St. Mark's band.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. G. Symonds 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. W. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash (first quarter of Triples as conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.—On Sunday, November 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Ellis 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. A. Barnett 4, E. A. Hull 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. G. Nash (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

NOTICES.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bassetts or S.W. Transport Bus, return fare 1/- from Swansea or Llanelly.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the North Norfolk Branch will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Peter Mancroft will, by kind permission of the Reverend H. McMullen (Vicar), be available after the meeting. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Sat., December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: Questions on Central Council. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Service at 5. Tea at usual terms 5.30. Meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. Please advise me for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at the Parish Hall. All ringers welcome.—A. J. B ll, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice, All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, December 7th, 6 till 9 p.m. Committee meeting, Church House, 4.30 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. A good muster is required. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on December 7th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5, business meeting after. Service at 6.30, address by the Vicar. All are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 7th. St. Peter's bells available at 2.45 until 5 p.m., the Cathedral bells after tea. A service will be held at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for two representatives on committee.—William Horam, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Ashtead on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Evelyn's Tea Rooms, Ashtead. Please note that all nominations for district officers for the ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts will be held at West Hartlepool, Saturday, December 7th. Meet St. Oswald's 2.30 p.m. Bells available at three churches. Tea in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street, 5 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Robson and J. T. Titt, Joint Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (free to branch members) and business meeting 5, at St. Sidwell's Institute. Bells available: St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), St. Thomas' (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6). All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimple, Devon.

RICKMANSWORTH, ringing at, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 3.30. Tea (Red Spider) 5.45. Cheap tickets from stations. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. **(Tel. City 4270.)**

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Clapham on December 7th, for the election of officers for the coming year, etc. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Service at 4.30. It is hoped every member of the district will make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at the Parish Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Oxton (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Thomas' Chapel at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on December 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (at 8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; St. Magnus' on the 19th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GORING, OXON.—The recast peal of bells (augmented from 6 to 8) will be dedicated on Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th, at 6 o'clock by Bishop Shaw, after Confirmation.—J. Bower.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Those intending being present please inform Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, not later than Wednesday, December 11th. A good muster is especially requested. Canon Elsee will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, when it is hoped members will make an effort to be present. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card for tea by Dec. 11th will oblige. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hill Gardens, Tenterden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society, the Barnsley and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at 1s. 3d. each. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by December 11th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday morning, December 10th.—F. Hutchinson, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Gillingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Please inform me how many will attend by December 6th at the latest. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Motcombe (6), Silton (5), and Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. B. J. Langham, of Maiden Newton. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Greyhound Hotel, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea kindly send names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, not later than Dec. 12th.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Members are requested to make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—The meeting on Dec. 14th, at Wotton Underwood (6 bells). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please reply to the hon. sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury. Wotton Station, Metropolitan Railway; near the church. Trains few, but convenient.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Co-operative Tea Rooms, close to the church.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5. Will all who intend to come let me know not later than Wednesday, December 11th? All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Midland Red buses leave Central Hotel, Rugby, at 3.15, 4.20, 4.45, and may be caught near the L.M.S. station at the junction of Railway Terrace and Wood Street.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

A JOINT MEETING of the Oxford Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations will be held at Shrivenham on Dec. 14th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me or Mr. G. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, Berks.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The Bellfoundry Campanile and Bellfoundry will be open from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Arrangements will be made for tea for those who notify the secretary by Dec. 8th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge, Samlesbury, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Minster bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. All requiring tea please inform me by Dec. 10th. — A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 21st. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Next meeting, All Saints', Wandsworth, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. A postcard? Good! Social hour if possible.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos' (Pro-Cathedral), Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Waters Lane Mission Room. Business meeting to follow. Bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches available before and after the meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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On November 19th, at Burton-on-Stather, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half muffled, in memory of the deceased, by: A. Rowbottom 1, A. Thornton 2, A. Tomlinson 3, G. Hobbins 4, J. Coles 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

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