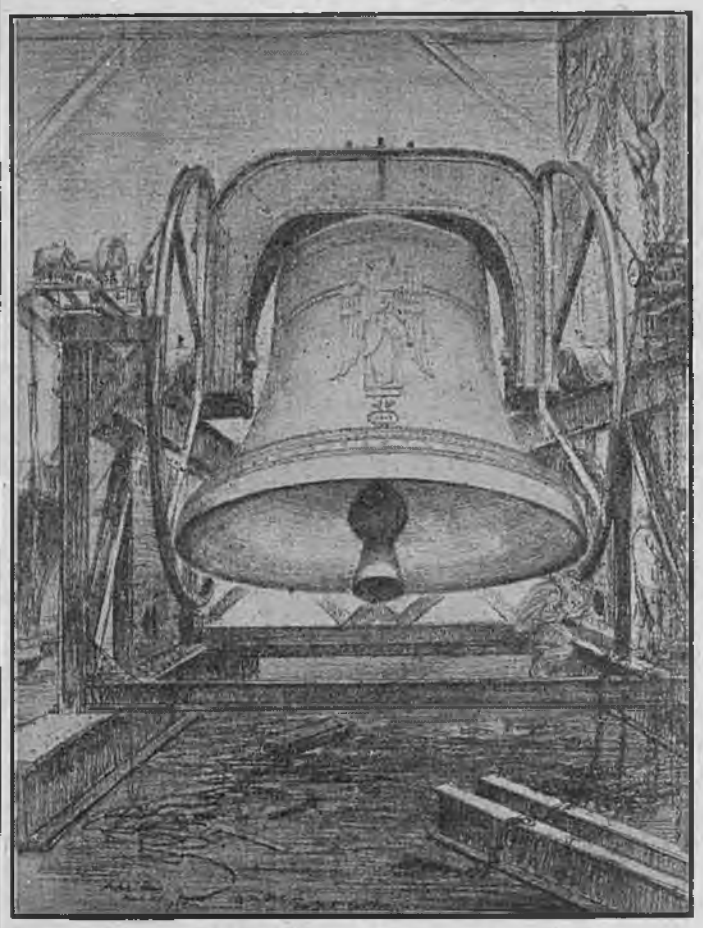
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CONDITIONS FOR PEALS.

When a departure is made from a well-defined practice in ringing, complications inevitably arise, often in a direction which the originators of the innovation did not anticipate. During the last three or four years, there have occasionally been rung peals on eight bells, in which Triples and Major have been spliced together and on ten bells in which Caters and Royal have been spliced. Now the question has been asked, Is it permissible to ring a mixture of Doubles and Minor and call it a peal? It is a pertinent question, and one which requires a definite ruling. There will doubtless be divergent views held on this question, but as things stand, it is difficult to see how any differentiation can be made between the practice on eight and ten bells and the application of similar principles on six bells. If Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters can be combined in a peal; and Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, why not Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles? But if this last is to be admitted, it is going to add further complications to the definition of what shall constitute a six bell peal?

The present rules of the Central Council, although they have been amended to provide for the splicing of methods when they are of like nature, for instance, all Major, as in the ten method Surprise peal recently rung, or all Triples, did not contemplate the splicing together of odd and even bell methods, and it is open to question whether such performances are strictly entitled to be recognised under 'the conditions required for peals.' There is certainly no provision for ringing both Minor and Doubles in the same peal. In the case of Triples combined with Major it would seem to depend on whether the definition of a peal on seven bells (with or without a covering bell) applies to such a performance. At present the rule requires, in a peal on seven bells (and when it was framed it was doubtless intended to apply to all peals in which Triples are rung), that 'the number of changes be not less than 5,040 rung . . . without interval, being the extent of the changes in the method or methods chosen. . . .' The definition of a peal on eight is wider—'that there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval'—and it is only if this rule can be construed into including Triples, and if Triples, spliced into a peal with Major is excluded from the other definition, that Spliced Triples and Major can be strictly recognised as a peal. The position with regard to Caters and Royal is, perhaps, a little less questionable, for the rule as to Caters states that 'there shall be not less than 5,000 true changes . . . with the addition of a covering bell,' while that relating to Royal is exactly the same as for Major.

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Undoubtedly the whole question requires clarifying. Either the Council must discourage the splicing of odd and even bell methods in peals, or they must amend the rules so that this new development in ringing is 'legalised.' The definition of a peal of Minor is likely to be again in the melting pot; it might, therefore, be a good thing if the whole of the 'conditions' for peals were overhauled. It seems rather obvious that the position cannot remain as it is, otherwise the whole of the rules governing peals might as well be scrapped, and that would be a distinctly retrograde step to take.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN	...*Treble*	†FRANK HAYNES	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	8
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	*STAFFORD H. GREEN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
*HERBERT KNIGHT	5	ALBERT E. NORMAN	11
FRED PRICE	6	*ROBERT MATTHEWS	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CECIL S. CORRICK	...*Treble*	JACK E. CONSTABLE	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	2	JOHN W. HOBSON	7
CHARLES P. BRADLEY	3	ALBERT E. SELLERS	8
JACK BRAY	4	LEONARD RODMELL	9
HARRY RODMELL	5	EDWIN WOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
KEITH HART	2	RICHARD J. STONE	7
WILLIAM HILLMAN	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	8
HENRY J. TUCKER	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	9
JACK M. CRIPPS	5	JOHN DEARLOVE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE	...*Treble*	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	6
MRS. H. BAKER	2	HARRY BAKER	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN	9
WILLIAM SPICE	5	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. SONE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* 150th peal. First peal of Canterbury Pleasure Royal for all the band and the association.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. MARY, DENYS AND GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 27½ cwt.

DONALD BROWN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR RIDYARD	6
BEN THORP	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
HAROLD B. WILSON	3	†F. RALPH WILLIAMS	8
*WILLIAM H. OWENS	4	FRED PAGE	9
RALPH RAVENSCROFT, JUN.	5	JOSEPH WILSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. THORP.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bridgford. Mr. Bridgford has been conductor of the Cathedral band and a worker in the Sunday School for many years. F. Page's 100th peal for the association. * First peal. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor. Ringers of treble, 8, 9 and tenor are members of Manchester City Police, B. Thorp is from Ashton-under-Lyne, the remainder belong to the Cathedral band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER	...*Treble*	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	5
EDWARD W. SPICE	2	EDWARD G. MORRAD	6
EDWARD E. RUCK	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
EDWARD D. SMITH	4	EDWARD HADLOW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

This is believed to be the first 'Edward' peal ever rung. Mr. Edward D. Smith was elected a member of the Kent County Association previous to starting for the peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

REUBEN S. GOODCHILD	...*Treble*	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH	5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ...	2	THOMAS EMSDEN	6
JOHN LYDDIARD	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
HERBERT NEVILLE	4	JIM HURRELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with the hearty congratulations and best wishes of the band to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, on attaining his 78th birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM MUSK	...*Treble*	ARTHUR W. LEEDER	5
JOHN SOUTER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ALBERT G. HARRISON	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	7
CLEMENT J. MORE	4	GEORGE ARCHER	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Messrs. William Musk and George Archer, whose birthdays occurred on that and the following day respectively. The 50-course composition, containing the 6th the extent at course-ends in 5-6 without the second in 6th's or the 6th in 2nd's, is now rung for the first time.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Tuesday, December 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Ellis 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band except ringer of 5th.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, December 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM JACKSON	5
HAROLD JACKSON	2	*CHARLES H. OLLIER ...	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	TOM WILDE	7
FREDERICK PAGE	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD JENKINS. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First touch of Double Norwich. Rung on the twenty-first anniversary of the dedication of the daughter church of St. Agnes. It was also a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the ringers of the treble and third, and the youngest daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	PERCY E. JONES	5
EDGAR G. SWIFT	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
JAMES H. LUCAS	3	FRANK CORKE	7
JOSEPH J. PRATT	4	CHARLES A. NICHOLLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	*JOHN R. RODMELL	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7
FREDERICK G. COLE	4	OWEN H. GILES	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the eve of St. Nicolas, and the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the eight bells.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*FREDERICK W. BUSH	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. DEAN	5
HARRY MANCE	2	*HENRY J. MARTYN	6
*WALTER H. COE	3	*HAROLD E. WEEKS	7
RALPH MAKRILL	4	WILLIAM ESSERY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Essery.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN FITTON	...*Treble*	JAMES E. SHAW	5
MISS ROSE BELL	2	GEORGE STAFF	6
HAROLD HUMAR	3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	7
WALTER STAFF	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

The 2nd ringer hails from Cross Stone, tenor from Todmorden, the rest from Parish Church, Milnrow. Rung as a birthday peal for the treble ringer, who attained his 75th birthday on the previous day. The band also extend their heartiest congratulations to the mother-in-law of the captain of the Rochdale Parish Church band, who that day attained her 75th year. The peal also commemorated the 21st anniversary of the Rochdale Parish Church Dramatic Society.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. CLODE ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE WILSON	5
†CHARLES N. BURDOCK ...	2	†C. ERNEST SMITH	6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON... ...	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	4	ALFRED H. POLLING... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING
* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild. C. E. Smith's 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	...*Treble*	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...	2	HARRY L. SMITH	6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	3	EDWARD READER	7
ALBAN DISNEY	4	LEONARD JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DENNIS R. MORRIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
†FRANK LAWRENCE	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
WILLIAM C. JONES	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside. First in the method on the bells.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN W. LINES	5
*ARCHIE HENMAN	2	JOHN R. MAIN	6
JAMES T. WARD...	3	GEORGE LINES	7
GEORGE BASFORD	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. This peal was arranged to mark the completion of thirty years' service as a regular ringer at this church by Mr. George Lines.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK BROWNING, Branch Committee	...*Treble*
†WILLIAM ATTERBURY, Branch Ringing Master	2
ARTHUR ROBINSON, Branch Committee	3
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE, Central Committee	4
BERTIE O. SODEN, Central Committee	5
‡HARRY ENGLAND, Branch Committee	6
TOM TEBBUTT, Branch Secretary	7
THOMAS LAW, Branch Treasurer	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal on eight bells. All the above ringers are officers of the Northampton Branch, and it is the first officers' peal to be rung for the Guild.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. BAKER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. TAYLOR...	5
ROBERT PICKERING	2	SIDNEY ELTON	6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ...	3	JOHN PERRY	7
KENNETH C. TAYLOR	4	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.
Rung as a birthday compliment both to the ringer of the treble and to Mr. Herbert Knight.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

HUBERT JONES	...*Treble*	JOHN J. PRICE	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	6
WILLIAM R. NASH	3	FRANCIS EVANS	7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	4	ARTHUR C. NASON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM PIPER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
PERCY GREEN	2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	6
*ERNEST TOWNSEND	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
GEORGE PIPER	4	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
* First peal in the method and the first peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of F. Suckling, a member of the local band. G. Green, P. Green and Dr. S. Phillips from Great Baddow, and W. Lincoln from Chelmsford. The rest belong to the local band.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY C. ALFORD ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BOREHAM	5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	2	JESSE ELDRIDGE	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
F. DONALD BOREHAM	4	ERNEST BRETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. BRETT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN POWER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHARPLES	4
†JOHN CHARNOCK...	2	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ...	5
FRED BLACKLIDGE	3	WILLIAM FOWLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.
Rung with bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Joseph Greaves, churchwarden at the above church for 54 years, who was interred here the same day. * First peal, and proposed a member of the association previous to starting for peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

*GEORGE WHITE ... ...*Treble*	*PERCY BONNETT... 4
JOHN POTTER 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
*FRANK TYSOE 3	HERBERT HARLOW ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.
* First peal in seven methods.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
ARTHUR HATCH 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.
Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to John H. Gartside, of Chorley, who was a ringer at Chorley Parish Church for a large number of years.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*JOHN TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
CLIFFORD PAGE... 2	STANLEY WALLIS... 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	PEARL INSKIP ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.
* First peal.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, December 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven different extents, viz., two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RAYMOND GRANT ... ...*Treble*	ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 4
*PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	ARTHUR COOK 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal of Minor.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*ERNEST W. RILEY ... ...*Treble*	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 4
†HAROLD DOUGHTY 2	HAROLD FRADGLEY 5
WILSON ALLIN 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Fradgley.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court and Double Court. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ARTHUR J. FARR ... ...*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY... 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	JOHN CURRY... 5
GEORGE LADD 3	JOHN G. AMES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
First peal in nine methods by ringers of 3 and 5.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON ...*Treble*	HENRY SQUIRES 4
SYDNEY WHALEY... 2	ARTHUR W. WARD 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.
Rung to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Dean of Lincoln.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SILVER END, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 33, VALENTINE WAY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE WIFFEN 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes.
AT RYE MILL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	GEORGE WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
First peal in the method on handbells by all except the conductor.

BUSY LOUGHBOROUGH BELL FOUNDRY.

It will no doubt be of interest to many of our readers to note the wonderful capacity which the Loughborough Bell Foundry has for turning out work, their bell hangers being engaged on no less than ten different jobs, all of which are to be completed this month. The following list gives details of these particular restorations, etc.:—

Shirley, Warwickshire, augmenting peal of five to six and hanging, in a new iron frame, with modern fittings.
Bradden, Northants, recasting the ring of five and hanging with modern fittings in the existing framework.
Whimple, Devon, rehanging peal of six with modern fittings in new cast-iron frame.
Claybrooke, Leicestershire, recasting the treble of four and adding four new trebles to complete the ring of eight, and hanging, with modern fittings, in new cast-iron framework.
Yatesbury, Wilts, adding new treble to ring of four and hanging, with modern fittings, in a new iron framework designed for six bells.
Radstock, Somerset, adding new tenor to make ring of six, and hanging with modern fittings in oak bell frame.
Tilsworth, Beds, recasting ring of five into peal of six, and hanging, with modern fittings, in new cast-iron framework.
Thatcham, Berks, adding two trebles to complete the ring of eight, and hanging, with modern fittings, in new cast-iron framework.
Goole, Yorks, rehanging peal of eight, with modern fittings, in existing framework.
Glastonbury, Somerset, rehanging peal of eight.

The dates of the openings of the above will be advertised in our notices columns, and those of the first five will be found in this issue.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ASHTEAD.

The Leatherhead District held its last district meeting for the year at Ashtead on Saturday, and good progress was made in several directions. The attendance was small, only 16 ringers putting in an appearance from the following towers: Ashtead, Banstead, Epsom (St. Martin's), Haslemere, Dorking, Leatherhead, Woking and Guildford (Cathedral). Actually only 12 district members were present. This is not good enough, and does not repay the efforts of the men who try to make these meetings a success.

Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major were practised with varying degrees of success. Some useful 'spade work' was accomplished, and all enjoyed their practice on this handy ring of bells, which have probably been more 'worked' by peal 'fiends' than any other tower in the diocese.

The Rector, Rev. E. J. Austin, conducted the service, and in an impromptu talk welcomed the ringers to Ashtead. He mentioned the fact that he had never before been in charge of a church which possessed a peal of pells, and said that he had grown to love them, as also had his parishioners (a remark which will doubtless delight the said 'peal fiends'). He outlined the work of ringers and its value to the Church, and his address was much enjoyed by all.

Tea followed the service, and was partaken of at Evelyn's Tea Room. The tables presented quite a festive appearance, and each one had a Christmas cracker, some of which, appropriately enough, contained bells.

The tea and following business meeting was quite a jolly affair, and the spirit of comradeship, so necessary to a ringing meeting, was much in evidence. Three new honorary members were elected, viz., Miss E. A. Cleeve, of Dorking, Mrs. T. P. Walker, wife of Admiral Walker, as an hon. life member, and the Rev. E. J. Austin. These elections were carried unanimously amidst great applause.

At this point the Rector had to leave, and Admiral T. P. Walker proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to him for all he had done to make the meeting a success, and also to all those who had contributed their services in various ways. In reply, the Rev. E. J. Austin said how greatly honoured he felt in being made a member of an organisation which was doing such good work for the church, and promised to further its interests as and when he could. He said he felt he must apologise for refusing to grant the bells for a peal on one occasion, but he wondered whether the bells would annoy some fresh parishioners of his. He felt the ringers would understand his point of view, but there was now no need for apprehension in that direction.

He left the meeting amidst applause, and the Leatherhead District feels that it has made another friend among the incumbents.

The next item on the agenda was the nomination of district officers for 1930. The Leatherhead District must be fairly satisfied with its present officers, as few changes were reported. Mr. Albert Harman had no rivals for the position of Ringing Master, and neither had Mr. Alan R. Pink as district secretary. The two representatives on the Executive Committee (Mr. Alfred H. Winch and Mr. George Marriner) were again nominated, and one other, Mr. William James, of Cobham, the idea being that the six-bell towers should have a representative.

Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was again nominated as the representative of the honorary members. This was the extent of the business, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman (Major J. H. B. Hesse). The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ended at 9 p.m. by letting the bells down in peal. This latter we feel would have met with the approval of the 'West Country' experts.

A. R. P.

FORMER SALISBURY RINGER'S DEATH.

There passed away at Bassett, Southampton, on November 24th, Mr. H. D. Adams, who, about 40 years ago was an active member of the band at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, in the palmy days of W. W. Gifford, A. W. Barkus, A. P. Goddard, T. Blackbourn, W. S. Wise, S. Lawrence, Macey and others, including J. W. Washbrook. He had rung nearly forty peals for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on tower and handbells, but he had been out of ringing for some years.

Mr. Adams was formerly a colleague of the late Mr. Gifford in the Wilts and Dorset Bank at Salisbury. He had retired and settled at Bassett, and about a year ago he became Rector's warden at North Stoneham, in which parish Bassett is situated. He was 66 years of age.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Dore on Saturday, November 30th, when two members of the Lincolnshire District also attended. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Johnson.

The Vicar's warden gave an interesting speech of welcome in the belfry, and Mrs. Scott proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the churchwardens and the gentlemen present. After the ringing had ceased, the meeting was held in the vestry, Mrs. Scott being voted to the chair. The place and date of next meeting were left in the hands of the secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JOINT MEETING OF DISTRICTS.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday. There was only a fair attendance of members present, a few of whom arrived at St. Oswald's Church at 2.30, and rang a well-struck 720 of Oxford Minor. More members then turning up, the bells were soon going to Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Caters.

Tea was the next important item, and a good spread awaited the ringers in St. Oswald's Mission Room.

After tea a short meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. T. H. Lilburn (Vicar of St. Oswald's).

Mr. Burnett, vice-president, moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of Canon Knowlden, of St. Aidan's Church (who passed away in November after a long illness), the ringers standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. Titt moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. Lilburn, in reply, welcomed the ringers to West Hartlepool, where, he said, they would always be assured of a hearty welcome when they came. The bells of St. Oswald's would also be available for them at any time. The Vicar referred to those people who objected to the bells, and said they should be ignored, as the bells would certainly be missed by a great majority of the people.

Mr. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the excellent tea, and Miss Stephenson suitably replied.

Gateshead will be the place of meeting to be held some time in January.

After tea the ringers went to All Saints', Stranton, but owing to some misunderstanding the church was locked up. They therefore proceeded to St. Aidan's Church, where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung until nine o'clock.

The ringers all agreed that this was an enjoyable meeting, but the presence of a few more ringers would have been welcomed.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTER'S BADGE.

A silver replica of the badge worn by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths has been presented to the London Museum by Mr. W. H. Fenton, of Heston House, Heston, Middlesex. This medal was struck in 1837 to celebrate the bicentenary of the society, and that worn by the Master as a badge of office was formerly the property of James Mash.

The one now presented to the London Museum was the property of H. Mills, and recently came into the possession of Mr. Fenton, who has given it to the metropolitan collection at the suggestion of Mr. E. A. Young.

TIMBERSCOMBE RINGER'S DEATH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins., for morning service at the Parish Church, Timberscombe, Somerset, on Sunday week, in memory of the late Mr. E. J. V. Thorne, who died on the previous Friday week, and who was a member of the tower band. The ringers were: G. Stacey 1, S. Grabham 2, J. Pugsley (conductor) 3, F. Date 4, F. Bond (first quarter-peal) 5, I. Farmer 6, E. Gould 7, W. Yeandle 8. During the course of his sermon, the Vicar, Prob. the Rev. H. H. Bell, alluded to Mr. Thorne as a good sportsman, and referred in felicitous terms to his devoted service to the church as a ringer and member of the choir.

BELLS IN A COAL MINE.

Three hundred and sixty yards down in the bowels of the earth handbells were rung on Sunday week. Four members of the Midland Counties Association descended a coal mine in the North Midlands, and at the bottom rang a course of Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples. It was a strange experience for the little company, who would like to know if handbells have been rung underground before. The ringers had to undergo the usual search for matches and cigarettes before going down.

TILEHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on November 30th of Mr. E. M. Shepherd, who was a ringer at Tilehurst Church, near Reading, for a considerable number of years. He was 48 years of age. The funeral took place on Thursday week, and in the evening the local company of ringers rang the 'whole pull and stand' and a 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of the esteem in which the deceased was held by his colleagues. The ringing was done by A. Haines 1, H. Hunt 2, R. Runham 3, R. Chapman 4, J. Barnes 5, C. Watts 6, H. Goodyear (conductor) 7, R. Hames 8.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Ham 2, C. Weare (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, W. E. Wiseman 4, W. Braddock 5, C. Daunton 6,.

'GODFATHERS' FOR EAST DEVON TOWERS.

AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on December 7th. Although a large number were present, many others were prevented from attending by the ravages of the storm. A hearty service was held in St. Sidwell's Church, the Rector officiating and giving an interesting address.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, at St. Sidwell's Institute, the Rev. E. V. Cox, chairman of the branch, presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (president) and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. Lanyon Owen, the Rev. E. A. Jullyan and others.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the local ringers was carried with acclamation.

The hon. secretary and treasurer's report on the year's progress and finance of the branch was adopted, and showed a slight decrease in the membership.

A resolution was carried that the committee should take steps to evolve a scheme whereby one or two experienced ringers should act as 'godfathers,' so to speak, of each of the various towers, with a view to maintaining the interest of members, improving the standard of the ringing, and furthering the progress made in new methods, etc.

It was decided that the spring meeting should be held at Whimple on March 1st. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have rehung the bells there, and they are to be dedicated to-morrow.

Several new members were elected, and some change ringing certificates presented by the president.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Miss E. Lomas hon. secretary and treasurer.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, Heavitree, St. David's, St. Thomas' and St. Petrock's were available for ringing by kind permission of the Dean and the respective incumbents.

BROADCAST RINGING AND CHIMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a ringer and listener, I wholeheartedly support the suggestion made by 'F.C.T.' that some distinction might be made in the announcement in the B.B.C. programme with regard to scientifically rung changes or mechanically chimed hymn tunes, by inserting the word 'Chimed' or 'Rung' in the announcement in both 'The Radio Times' and the daily Press, for the benefit of those who are not aware of the difference. The two performances (if not the performers) do not bear comparison.—Yours truly,

E. I.

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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.

Cambridge University Guild has received some seven or eight recruits this term who are very keen and have learned to manage a bell. Change ringing instruction is going on on handbells, and in this the veteran president (Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) continues to give valuable help.

Berkshire's new ring of twelve, at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, will be dedicated at 8 p.m. on December 20th. Owing to the lateness of the hour there will be no general ringing, but, as announced in our notice columns, the tower will be open for ringing on the afternoon of Boxing Day.

One of Benjamin Annable's many great performances was conducting a peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 15th, 1735. He rang the 10th on this occasion, and three men rang the tenor. In February of the previous year Annable called a 7,018 in the same method, and on that occasion assisted two others in the ringing of the tenor.

Twenty-five years ago next Sunday the first peal was rung in South Africa—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Woodstock.

We record this week a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Royal rung at Leeds, in Kent. It is interesting to recall that the first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1888.

In reference to last week's letter, headed 'Silent Holt's Original,' another of the band, writing from the Isle of Wight, affirms that so far as he is concerned he feels still capable of taking his part in a repeat performance.

To-day, Mr. Francis E. Dawe celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal, Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Wilton Road, London, called by James Pettit. Mr. F. T. Gover, of Paignton, Devon, is the only other survivor of that band.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Bottesford on November 30th was Clarence F. Briggs, not Bird, as printed.

At the special invitation of the Dean of Worcester, a large party of Birmingham ringers and friends visited Worcester Cathedral on Sunday, and rang for an hour and a half for the evening service. The visitors made up a party of 17, and touches of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus were rung.

THE EXTENSION OF NEW DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Cave's letter, and to make certain that I am not wrong (it was very unlikely in this instance), I have interviewed the officers of St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers, and they corroborate my statement that New Doubles extended to Caters was rung upon at least two occasions, at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol. This was before May, 1926. At Chester or Ipswich, it is difficult to remember, I asked a Central Council member's opinion about it; hence my statement, namely, about three years ago. The member's opinion was that it was irregular, and that is perhaps why no more was rung at St. James' or St. Stephen's.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

A PEAL BY EIGHT EDWARDS.

At Gravesend, on Saturday week, a band of eight Edwards pulled off a peal of Stedman Triples. Other 'name' bands, led by the Williams of Shipway's day, have rung peals, but this is believed to be the first time that the Edwards have accomplished such a performance. Six of them were residents of Kent, and the other two came from across the Thames. The conductor was Mr. Edward P. Duffield, of Colchester (who rang the 11th in the record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne), and the others in the band were Messrs. E. Hadlow, E. Beer, E. Spice and E. Morrad (all of Gravesend), E. Allen (Rochester Cathedral), E. Smith (Stratford) and E. Ruck (Ashford).



THE EIGHT EDWARDS.

E. J. Beer. E. D. Smith.
E. P. Duffield. E. A. G. Allen. E. W. Spice.
E. G. Morrad. E. Hadlow. E. E. Ruck.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD

TO-MORROW'S LONG PEAL ATTEMPT AT PAINSWICK.

All being well, an attempt will be made at Painswick, Gloucestershire, to-morrow, for a new record twelve-bell peal. The present longest length is the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday. To-morrow's attempt is for 16,565 Grandsire Cinques, and ringing will begin about 8.30 a.m. Good wishes for success will go out to Mr. Albert Wright (the conductor) and his band.

From the earliest days of ringing, Painswick has been famous for long lengths, and several records have been set up there. Among the long peals in this famous tower have been the following:—

12,006 Grandsire Caters, in 7 hrs. 55 mins., on April 18th, 1737.
12,312 Grandsire Caters, in 7 hrs. 44 mins., on May 5th, 1817.
10,224 Treble Bob Maximus, in 6 hrs. 50 mins., on December 9th, 1833.
13,001 Grandsire Cinques, in 8 hrs. 45 mins., on February 14th, 1920.

BELLS REOPENED AT WOOLTON HILL.

A HAMPSHIRE RING REHUNG.

On Sunday, December 1st, the bells at St. Thomas' Church were reopened after being rehung with modern improvements, including ball bearings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The result is that the bells now go perfectly.

To mark this occasion, special mention of the bells and change ringing was made by the Vicar (Rev. E. E. Utterton) in his sermon. He spoke of the various uses of bells and of the great art of ringing. He told his congregation that it was far more difficult to learn change ringing than many people imagined. He also spoke of the position of the bells and ringers, saying, that as the bells were hung in the highest part of the church, one naturally had to look up to the bells and ringers, and he himself looked up to any ringer who mastered this great art.

After the service, he said the bells would be rung in various methods, and he asked the congregation to stay to listen to the ringing, and many did so. Some good ringing was done by the local band and visitors from Highclere and Newbury in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman, and Plain Bob.

Change ringing has flourished somewhat at Woolton Hill during the past few years, and it is hoped to get back to the original standard of Surprise ringing in the near future. The ringing included 720 of Bob Minor by: H. Curtis 1, J. Scott 2, J. Berry 3, F. Knapp 4, L. Robbins 5, R. Rex (conductor) 6, followed by 360 in the same method by J. Robbins 1, A. Challis 2, F. Knapp 3, J. Berry 4, S. Beaven 5, H. Curtis (conductor) 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, in fine weather. The useful peal of eight, with tenor of 20 cwt., were set going at three o'clock, and made good use of. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), assisted by the curate. The address, given by Rev. E. G. Benson, of Tewkesbury, was listened to very eagerly, the preacher himself being an expert change ringer.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, where all were the guests of the Vicar, who had a band of willing lady helpers.

The business meeting was held in the same room, and the Vicar, on being voted to the chair, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. He was, he said, always willing to do all he could for the ringers at any time.

The chairman was supported by Canon F. W. Sear (Leckhampton), Rev. Smith (curate), Rev. E. G. Benson (Tewkesbury Abbey), and over 40 members, including a number of visitors from Bourton-on-the-Water, Fairford, Minchinhampton, etc.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. J. Pennington, who has gone south on retirement, saying how he regretted having to sever his connection with the branch.

The following officers were elected: Branch chairman, Canon F. W. Sears (Leckhampton); branch representative, G. H. Walters (Prestbury); branch hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon). The two latter were thanked for their past services.

At the invitation of the Rev. W. Downes, Badgworth was selected for the next meeting in March.

The secretary was instructed to send the following message to Mr. Albert Wright: 'That the members of the Cheltenham Branch gathered at Charlton Kings for their annual meeting send their best wishes for the success of the band in their record long peal attempt at Painswick on Saturday next.'

On the proposition of Mr. F. Clements, seconded by Mr. G. Noch, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for all he had done to make the meeting such a success, also Rev. E. G. Benson for his able address, and the lady helpers.—Rev. E. Neale and the Rev. E. G. Benson responded, and this concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and much useful practice obtained.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, November 30th, 16 towers being represented, together with the local band. The bells, a nice peal of eight, were raised soon after 3 p.m., and some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round. Rounds and Queens were also rung for the beginners.

The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. M. E. Thorold), a vice-president of the association, who gave a very interesting address.

Tea followed, and there were over 40 members present at the business meeting.

Mr. J. Gould (chairman) asked the members to stand in silence as a token of respect and sympathy for the late Mrs. W. H. Thomas. Deceased was very popular in the Bristol Branch, and will be greatly missed at these meetings. She was present as recently as the last monthly meeting of the branch at St. Matthew's.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. H. Thomas, the president of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, in which he thanked the members for their letters of sympathy and floral tribute.

The next meeting, as is the usual custom, will be held at Brislington.

THE AMERICANS AND HALESWORTH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I expect I know Halesworth and its ringers as well as anyone living at a distance. In case any of your readers should be led to the erroneous conclusion by your last week's paragraph, that our brethren there hobble up to the church with a pair of walking sticks or anything like that, I would like to mention that this is by no means so. It is merely a case of there being not much young blood in the band, but I venture to say the present company can (D.V.) carry on with Grandsire Triples and Bob Major under their enthusiastic conductor for many a year yet.

Halesworth can by no stretch of the imagination be called 'a little village deep in Suffolk.' It is a fair-sized market town, with a station on the direct London-Yarmouth line, and a fine Parish Church with a melodious peal of eight. The drawback to ringing is that the ropes hang something like this: 1 8 2 6 4 3 5 7, which is rather puzzling to beginners. The Halesworth men are of the right sort. A visiting ringer would be sure of a hearty welcome, and, indeed, would be an inspiration. The bells merely want rehanging, and, who knows, perhaps some day a fresh eight will come along there, and then things would go ahead. As for the Americans wanting the bells—I should say, let them keep their money.—Yours truly,

HARRY BARTON.

Ventuor.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

ANCIENT RULES FOR THE ORDERING OF RINGERS.

In an article in these columns a fortnight ago we briefly outlined the history of the Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers, an old Bristol Society which, while it is not now connected with ringing, had its origin in the ringers of that church more than three hundred years ago. To-day the Guild devotes its energies largely to raising funds for the preservation and restoration of the church.

There has recently been published on behalf of the Antient Society a handsome volume. The author is Mr. H. E. Roslyn, a member of the Guild, who has compiled an exhaustive history of the Guild, so far as it can be traced, based mainly on the minute books which, with one exception, are intact from 1682. An interesting history of the church is also given, as well as a description of the handsome tower.

The church was founded between 1247 and 1291, and was attached to Glastonbury Abbey, this connection lasting until the dissolution of the monasteries, when the patronage passed to the Crown, in whom it is still vested. The church was rebuilt about 1470, the tower being erected at the sole cost of Master John Shipward, who also gave the great east window. Shipward was one of the most important citizens of Bristol of his day. He was a wealthy merchant, and was the second of his family to fill the highest office in the city. His father was Mayor in 1444 and 1453, and he himself served as Mayor in 1463 and again in 1469. He also represented Bristol in Parliament in 1460.

He left directions for a most elaborate funeral, as was the custom of rich men in those days, and also for the observance of the anniversary of his death. He charged his property with the maintenance of two chaplains for twenty-five years, and after that one chaplain in perpetuity to celebrate daily at the high altar of St. Stephen's for the good of his soul and the souls of his parents. A solemn requiem mass was to be celebrated every year on August 3rd, in connection with which there were a number of bequests, including twentypence for tolling the bells.

In the records of the Antient Guild, however, probably the most interesting portion to ringers is 'The Ordinances,' sometimes known as the 'charter.' These ordinances have been transcribed at various dates, but they are directly traceable to 1620, and it is supposed that even those of this date were a transcription of an even earlier copy. The ordinances, which are read every year, as a part of the ritual observed at the annual banquet, begin with the following preamble:—

> 'It is agreed and determined that everyone that is or shall be of the Company or Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, shall keep all Articles and Decrees that are or shall be specified in this Ordinary concerning the good government and Peaceable Society of the said Company, and that none shall be of the said Society but those that shall be of Honest, Peaceable and Good Conversation, and such that shall be at all time and times ready to defend whatsoever shall be alleged against the said Company as well in regard to any Challenge as of any other Wrong or Injury that shall be offered and done by anyone of what estate or Condition soever he be, so that we may not only stop the mouths of those that would or shall exasperate themselves against us. But also gain credit and Reputation by our Musical Exercise that others of our rich neighbours hearing these loud Cymbals with their ears may by the Sweet Harmony thereof be enlarged in their hearts to pull one string to make it more sweet and for these and other causes We have procured this Ordinary and do confine ourselves to those Articles following.'

Then follow the twenty-six Articles as under:—

Imprimis. For the choosing of every Master you shall put three honest men into the Election, and he that hath most voices to pass on his side shall be Master of the Company of Ringers for the year ensuing.

2.—Item. For the choosing of Wardens you shall put four honest men into the Election, and those two of the four that have most voices shall be Wardens of the said Company for the year ensuing.

3.—Item. You shall have four Quarter days every year (that is to say), the first, St. Stephen the Martyr; the second, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the third, St. John the Baptist; and the fourth, St. Michael the Archangel.

4.—Item. Upon everyone of the said Quarter Days everyone that is a Freeman of the said Company shall pay to the Master for the time being for his quarterage one penny, and if he doth or shall deny or neglect to pay the same he shall pay for such his offence threepence, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other two pence to the Company.

5.—Item. Every Master for the time being shall settle up his account on the seventeenth day of November all Quarteridges and fines as he shall receive in his year, and if he shall deny or neglect he shall pay for his offence the sum of twenty shillings to the Company of his own proper money.

6.—Item. Every Master shall be chosen on Michaelmas Day between five and eight of the clock in the morning. If the Master shall neglect to send the Wardens to warn the Company so that by that means the day be deferred, he shall pay for his offence the sum of six shillings to the Company.

7.—Item. There shall be none made free of the said Company unless he give the Company a Breakfast or pay the sum of three shillings and fourpence in money.

8.—Item. If the Master for the time being shall send to the Wardens to warn the Company, and if they neglect the same shall pay for their offence fourpence apiece, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other threepence to the Company.

9.—Item. If the Master for the time being shall neglect or forget to warn the Company once within every fourteen days for to ring a Bissit sett peale he shall pay for his offence one shilling to be divided amongst the Company.

10.—Item. If the Master for the time being shall send to the Sexton concerning a peale that shall be rung either at night or in the morning or at any other time that the Master shall please to ring, if he shall deny or neglect to come at the every hour that the Master doth appoint him he shall pay for his offence twopence to be divided among the Company.

11.—Item. Everyone that is made free of the said Company shall pay to the Sexton fourpence for his fee.

12.—Item. If anyone of the said Company after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring shall curse or swear or make any noise or disturbance either in scoffing or unseemly jesting that the party so offending shall pay for his offence threepence to be divided as aforesaid.

13.—Item. If any of the said Company after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring shall be so saucy as to take a rope to ring before the Master for the time being and the eldest of the said Company who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay for such his offence twopence, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other peuny to the Company.

14.—Item. If any of the said Company shall miss to strike his bell at the second sway in the rising of a peale he shall for his offence pay one penny to the Company.

15.—Item. If any of the said Company shall speak or make any manner of noise when the Bells do ring so that the ringers or any of them by that means may make a fault, the party so offending shall pay for his offence threepence, to be divided among the Company.

16.—Item. If any of the said Company shall take a rope out of a fellow's hand when the bells do ring well and do make a fault to fly off or come too near, he shall pay for his offence one penny to the Company.

17.—Item. If any of the said Company do or shall after they have come together quarrell or misuse any of the said Company before they do depart, the party so offending shall pay for the offence sixpence to the use of the said Company.

18.—Item. It is agreed that everyone that shall be chosen Master of the said Company shall spend of his own proper money the sum of two shillings towards a breakfast, and the rest of the Company to pay the rest of the reckoning.

19.—Item. It is agreed that the persons who shall be chosen Wardens shall give unto the Master for the time being a pint of Wine apiece.

20.—Item. If any of the said Company shall be chosen Master and he shall refuse the same contrary to our Ordinary, he shall pay unto the Company three shillings and fourpence.

21.—Item. If any one of the said Company shall be chosen a Warden and shall refuse the same, he shall pay unto the said Company one shilling and sixpence.

22.—Item. If any of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the Belfrey before he do kneel down and pray as every Christion ought to do, he shall pay for the first offence sixpence and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.

23.—Item. If any one of the said Company shall deny to pay any fine or fines that shall be imposed on him by the Master and shall perempterely stand and contend in the same, he shall for his offence pay the sum of two shillings or else to be utterly excluded for ever without Bail or Mainprize.

24.—Item. It is agreed that yearly there shall be a peale rung upon the eighth day of October in remembrance of Mr. William Eyton deceased, who gave a legacy of Four Pounds unto the said Company, and if any shall refuse to assist to ring the same peal warning being given by the Master, he shall pay fourpence, and if the Master and Wardens for the time being shall fail to give warning they shall for their neglect pay one shilling apiece to the said company (who deceased in the year 1656).

Items 25 and 26, couched in the same terms, relate to the knells of George Witherly and William Nicholls.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged £3 6s., ringers of Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, 10s., Mr. J. Bentley, Hoylake 5s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated, and has a daughter entirely dependent upon him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

BELLRINGERS AND CLERGY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the Vicar of Measham's letter in your issue of November 29th. It may interest your readers to know that Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, is an illustration and a confirmation of the point with which he deals in his admirable letter.

Some time ago the conductor of our bellringers approached me with a view to the clergy visiting the belfry on Sundays.

I gladly welcomed the suggestion, and now before every service (at which the bells are rung), either I or one of my clerical staff climb up to the ringing chamber and hold a short service there.

We say the Lord's Prayer together, and pray for the blessing of God upon the work of our bellringers, emphasising the value of the service rendered by them to the glory of God.

This custom (which I trust will never be discontinued) is already bearing fruit, and is bringing home to the hearts of the ringers that they are regarded as an important group of churchworkers.—Yours faithfully,

F. P. WATKIN-DAVIS,
Rector of Llandudno.

The Rectory, Llandudno, North Wales.

A TASK FOR RINGERS TO DO.

Dear Sir,—The letter headed 'Clergy and Ringers' in your issue of November 29th, and your leading article under the same title in last week's issue brings out what is, indeed, a main object of practically all our ringing societies.

Will either help in bringing about this much desired ideal? Directly, I hardly think so. It is a case of preaching to the converted. The ringers who read these two items will concur that it is to be desired. The incumbents who read 'The Ringing World' are, in the majority, ringers themselves, and, of course, having the interest of ringers at heart, will also concur.

This is not enough. How many ringers who, as I have already stated, agree to this ideal, will approach their own incumbent and bring these two items to his notice?. How many incumbents will approach their clerical brethren, or their Archdeacons, or even their Bishops, and do likewise?

In this way only—again a case of spade work for the enthusiast—can the appeal be spread on to new ground, and if we, as ringers, consider this idea to be an ideal, it is up to us to arouse the interest of those whom we desire to be interested.—Yours faithfully,

'LAYMAN.'

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

A meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Gorseinon on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended from Aberavon, Cadoxton, Morriston, Swansea, Llanelly, and the local band. The bells (eight) were kept going until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Thomas), and the curate (Rev. D. T. Price) presided at the organ. A meat tea was then partaken of in the schoolroom, most generously provided by the Vicar, and with a willing band of ladies to look after the wants of everyone, this was very much enjoyed by all present. Unfortunately the Vicar had to leave when tea was over, but before departing he gave the Guild a hearty welcome to the parish, wished it continued success in the future, and he hoped all had enjoyed themselves.

The business meeting followed, when the Master (Mr. A. J. Pitman) was voted to the chair. The election of officers for 1930 took place. Mr. E. Stitch was re-elected secretary, and Mr. G. W. Hollis was re-elected auditor. Baglan was chosen as the place of next meeting.

Two new members were elected. It was decided to have a practice at St. Mary's, Swansea, on January 11th, at 5 p.m., for Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. J. Thomas for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for the tea, to the Rev. D. T. Price for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for their kindness in waiting at the tea tables.

The tower was again visited, when Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and the bells lowered in peal about 8 p.m., bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO CHISLEHURST RINGER.

Mr. Thomas Emsden, of Chislehurst, has met with a severe motor accident. He was returning from Bromley on Wednesday evening of last week on a motor-cycle, when he was run into by another machine. No one saw the accident, but both riders were found unconscious in the road. Mr. Emsden had a fractured skull and a broken leg, while his right hand was badly lacerated. Both were removed to hospital, and it was two days before Mr. Emsden regained consciousness. His condition on Monday was still serious, after a restless night. Two days before the accident Mr. Emsden took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Chislehurst, rung in honour of the 78th birthday of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE!

Owing to the necessity for going to press much earlier in Christmas week than usual, notices of meetings for our issue of December 27th must reach us at latest by first post Monday, December 23rd.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION AND POLICY.

DISCUSSION AT A LANCASHIRE MEETING.

A well-attended meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 6th. Members were present from Blackburn (Cathedral and St. Michael's), Burnley, Accrington, Helmshore, Rishton, Oswaldtwistle, and a full muster of the local company. Ringing during the day consisted of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

During the meeting a short paper was read by one of the members on 'The Constitution and Policy of the Central Council' and the suggested alteration to its rules, as contributed to 'The Ringing World' of October 18th. The members were unanimously of the opinion that the time had come when the Central Council should be the real head of the Exercise in practice as well as in name, and that the societies comprising the Council should loyally accept its rulings and decisions.

A long discussion took place on the relative merits of the triennial and annual election of representatives, and in the end the majority favoured the existing system of triennial elections, it being urged that it takes some time for a person newly elected to the Council to settle down to the ways and means of his new surroundings, and therefore before he becomes a really useful member he may be displaced.

It was agreed by all that the societies ought to pay their full quota of subscriptions on all representatives they are entitled to send.

It was also thought that a notice of motion coming from a society through its secretary or other official would carry more weight and receive greater consideration from the other bodies.

Mr. W. H. Hunter, of Burnley, occupied the chair, and a very successful meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their usual kindly welcome and their good example to other towers in attending en bloc at their own local meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Clapham, on Saturday, December 7th (owing to the bells of St. Peter's, Bedford, not being available). In spite of the stormy day, about 28 members were present, and ringing on this light peal of six (tenor 5¼ cwt.) commenced about 2.45 p.m. At 4.30 a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. J. K. Cowburn (Vicar), who gave an interesting address, in the course of which he spoke of the early uses of bells, and also set forth his idea of the ideal ringer—one whose heart and soul was behind every blow of the clapper, one who was regular and punctual for Sunday ringing. We generally fall short of the ideal, he said, but if we got nearer to it the message the bells rang out on Sunday would have greater effect on those they summoned.

An excellent tea, prepared by the wives of the local ringers, was served in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. J. K. Cowburn took the chair. The secretary read a brief review of the year's activities. Twelve meetings had been held at the following towers: St. Peter's, Bedford, Sharnbrook, Houghton Conquest, Milton Ernest, Willington, Bromham, Elstow, Kempston, Wilden, Turvey, Biddenham and Clapham, and all were well attended. During the year 14 new members had been elected, chiefly through the energies of the late secretary, Mr. J. T. Newington, who, unfortunately, had to resign that office owing to business taking him to Peterborough. Four non-resident members had been elected. There was a total of 83 ringing members in the district. Ten peals had been rung, two members ringing their first peal, and one conducting his first peal.

The secretary also presented the balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £3 18s 8½d., which was considered satisfactory and accepted.

The following officers were elected: District secretary, Mr. P. C. Bonnett; district committee, Mr. H. Stapleton, Mr. P. Inskip, Mr. E. Freeman, Mr. G. Wright and Mr. L. Williams.

It was decided that one member of this committee should take charge of the ringing at the meetings in turn.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mrs. J. Barker for presiding at the organ, and to the local ringers and their wives concluded the meeting.

Ringing was carried on in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise until 8 p.m.

Members present represented the following towers: Bedford, Bromham, Clapham, Harrold, Kempston, Wilden, Keysoe, Thurleigh and Stagsden.

The next meeting is arranged for St. Peter's Church, Thurleigh, on January 14th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, 1,155 Stedman Caters in 48 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, G. Slater 3, D. Ovington 4, W. Pickworth 5, J. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, H. Miller 8, N. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10. This was the first visit to this church of the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, Bishop of Willesden. Longest length on an inside bell in Stedman Caters by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

BROMLEY.—On Sunday, December 8th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Flint 1, O. Gilbey 2, W. H. Hewett 3, G. B. Cole 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. Emery 6, P. Spice 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Petty 1, A. Reeve 2, F. Corney 3, C. Petty 4, J. Petty 5, C. Morss (conductor) 6. First 720 by A. Petty, aged 14 years, and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on Sunday evening, December 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. B. Peck 1, E. J Walsom 2, G. N. Price 3, A. A. Hughes 4, P. E. Clark 5, J. Rumley 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, A. H. Gamble 8. Arranged as a birthday compliment to E. J. Walsom.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (15 bobs) in 26 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, J. G. Nash (first 720 Kent Minor as conductor) 2, F. G. Symonds 3, F. Fensom 4, F. E. Ringrose 5, M. Fensom 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. (first quarter-peal of Grandsire inside and first attempt) 3, H. L. Cook 4, H. Lewis 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for Confirmation service, on Sunday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. D. Ward (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Reeve 2, W. Little, sen., 3, E. D. Lillywhite 4, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 5, H. F. Hull 6, J. H. Crampion 7, C. Whellams (first quarter-peal) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 1,120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Beagley 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6. All are members of the local band.

SOUTH NORMANTON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, December 1st, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins.: E. W. Riley 1, H. Doughty 2, M. Slater 3, J. W. England (conductor) 4, A. B. Judge 5, Harold Fradgley 6. First 720 of Kent by all except the conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the same ringers in 26 mins.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church, on December 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes), first quarter of Double Norwich on the bells: F. B. Yates 1, W. Cartwright 2, H. Williams 3, A. Chambers 4, J. Eaton 5, H. Stanley 6, C. Webb 7, H. Withers (conductor) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Advent Sunday, for morning service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, A. G. Twinn 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, J. J. Pratt 5, F. Corke 6, J. H. Lucas 7, C. Nicholls (first inside in the method) 8, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 9, W. Honer 10.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: D. Pink 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Slater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th bells.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service and to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. William Herbert Jones, B.A., who was inducted on Thursday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, C. Mathers 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Jones 5, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathershy 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Thursday, December 1st, at St. Mary's Church, the following 720's were rung: Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 York Surprise, 720 London Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Southwell Surprise, 720 Beverley Surprise. The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, E. Sitch and A. Bradley (conductor).

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Nagington (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Walker 2, S. Hughes 3, W. J. Chesters (first quarter in the method) 4, J. Clark 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8. W. J. Chesters is late of Lois Weedon, Northants.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green (conductor) 4, C. J. Chocet 5, C. W. Pipe 6, E. Brett 7, C. Vitler 8.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Advent Sunday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for the Church Army Mission service evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor: N. Sharpe 1, P. Humphrey 2, L. Pell 3, J. H. Musson 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Reynolds 1, W. Sharp 2, L. Clay 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, A. Morgan 5, P. Wainwright 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of great respect, for the late Vicar (Rev. T. Robinson).

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's, for evening service, on Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, R. Baird 2, R. Dobbins 3, J. Williams 4, W. Dobbins 5, J. T. Williams (conductor) 6, W. T. Dobbins 7, T. J. Hanson 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Nov. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., with bells half-muffled, for memorial service to the late Mr. M. W. Loam, who was Vicar's warden and headmaster of All Saints' School: A. Millson 1, W. Weatman 2, J. Benyon 3, H. Cousins 4, A. Newell (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday evening, November 24th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Pashley 1, Miss Doris Turner 2, A. Bassford 3, Miss Eva Hopkins 4, Miss Noel Cawthorne 5, F. Cardwell 6th, H. Taylor 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service in 49 mins.: A. Reynolds 1, A. Dunn 2, J. W. Smith 3, A. E. Whatmore 4, H. Amphlett 5, A. Greenfield (conductor) 6, C. Wm. Cooper 7, H. Lawton 8.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, on Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. R. Mackrill 1, J. A. Dart 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, W. W. Thorne 4, A. Waddington 5, A. Cutmore 6, W. E. Judd 7, C. Warner 8.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Church of St. Mary, Islington, for evensong, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, W. H. Hewett 3, W. Williams 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, A. Diserens 6, J. E. Davis 7, J. Bullock 8. Longest length of London by ringers of 4th and 6th.

UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Church of St. Margaret, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 44 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, A. G. Twinn 2, R. Warnett 3, F. Baldwin 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, W. Home 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service on Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. C. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, C. Hunt 3, F. Rivers 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, G. Block 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 24th, for morning service, 1,248 Bob Major in 45 mins.: Dr. W. P. Roe 1, H. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, November 24th, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: C. J. Chocet 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, E. G. Garrard 3, R. W. Green 4, George Cole 5, A. C. Darnell 6, Ernest Brett 7, Cecil W. Pipe (conductor) 8. Composed by C. W. Roberts.

DORCHESTER.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: S. House (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White 3, F. C. Benger (conductor) 4, W. J. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, W. J. Benger 7, J. W. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Dr. G. C. Niven, who has been Rector of the above church since November, 1919, and who is now leaving for Torquay. All the band are local Sunday service ringers.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Vincent (first quarter-peal) 1, K. Pattenden (conductor) 2, G. Farr 3, F. Bryant 4, G. Hodson 5, T. Lay 6, E. Curd 7, A. Britt 8 (7-6-8 covering).

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,297 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, T. Lewis 2, W. Ireland 3, F. Cole 4, D. Morris 5, A. Wright (conductor) 6, W. Ranford 7, W. C. Jones 8, G. Checketts 9, W. Page 10, C. Tansell 11, W. Lewis 12.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: R. Multon (first quarter in the method) 1, W. Beard 2, G. E. Cottis 3, F. C. Newman 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, T. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—For evensong at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 6th, the dedication festival, 1,315 of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: L. Lee 1, R. Butcher 2, H. B. Whitney 3, W. Botsford 4, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 5, F. Plummer 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. Shepherd 8. First quarter-peal by treble ringer and first inside by ringer of the 3rd.

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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.—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. 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. 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. — 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.—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. 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. —T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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. 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.—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. A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

BRADDEN, Northants.—The 5 bells, recast by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 2.30 p.m.

SHIRLEY, Warwks.—The peal of 6, augmented and rehung with new fittings in new cast iron framework, by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m.

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. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Sec.

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.

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. 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.

YATESBURY, Wilts.—Dedication of new treble on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 7 p.m. Peal of 5 hung with modern fittings in new iron framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, READING. — The ring of 12 bells will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 8 p.m. The bells will be rung on this occasion by a selected band, and owing to the lateness of the hour there will be no other ringing that evening. The tower will be open for ringing on Thursday, Dec. 26th, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., when visitors will be welcomed. Will those interested please accept this, the only, intimation?—R. T. Hibbert, Foreman of Tower.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics.—Ring of 4, augmented to peal of 8 and hung with modern fittings in new cast iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

WHIMPLE, Devon.—The rededication of the peal of 6, rehung with modern fittings in new iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, is to take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea at 4. Meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please inform me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 18th.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available: Stoke Poges (6) 3.30 p.m. Slough (8) 7 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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.

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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at Brislington. Ringing from 3 p.m. until 4.15 p.m. Tea in Scouts' Hall, nr. tram terminus, 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing. Numbers for tea, please, by the previous Monday. All ringers welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m., in the Schools, for those who notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Carr's Row, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, of their intention to be present by Thursday, the 19th. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham bells (8) will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 11 a.m. Open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s., at 4.30. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d., now available from Messrs. Walker (Birmingham), Tanner (Weston), Hawkins (London), Grant (Bath), Austin (Gloucester), all Bristol tower officials, or direct from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St Michael's, Bristol.

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MORTON, LINCS.—On Saturday, December 7th, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Court as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 4th: G. Booth 1, E. Barron 2, A. Scott 3, H. Gibbard 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Machin (conductor) 6.

PRESTBURY.—On Monday evening, December 2nd, on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar (Rev. A. Elstob) by the Bishop of Chester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: J. Bowers 1, W. Gayes 2, F. L. Ronan 3, W. Stevenson 4, J. Tipper 5, J. Worth (conductor) 6, W. Mayers 7, A. E. Hough 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers, who, with the 7th ringer, are local men. The rest are from Christ Church, Macclesfield.

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PEAL CORRECTION, No. 2.

To the Editor.

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