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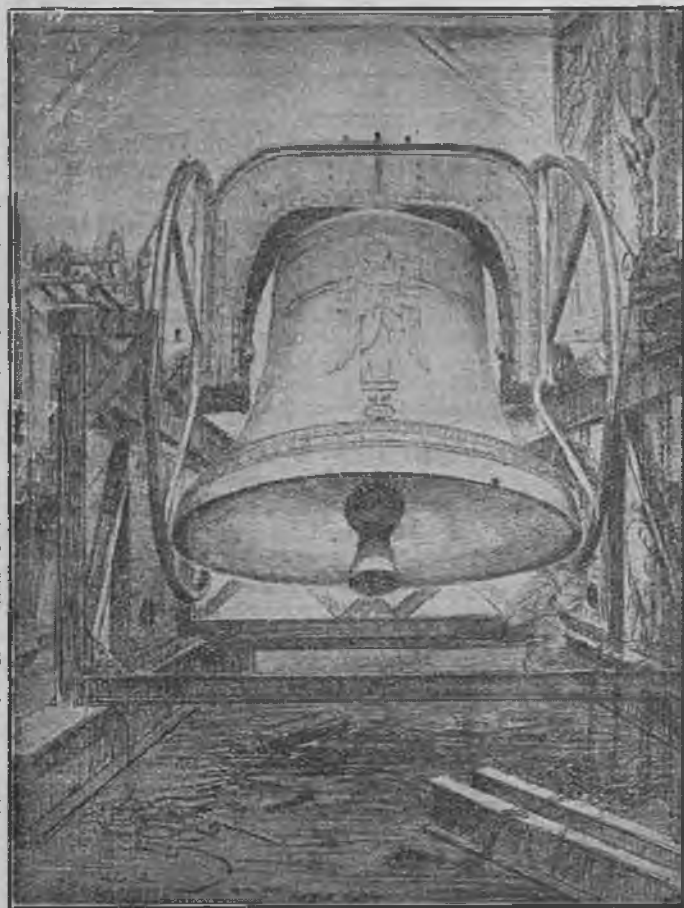
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A SUGGESTION FOR SCOTLAND.

Last week and this we have been able to publish interesting details of the activities of ringers further afield than England and Wales. Scotland has figured in the news; this week both New Zealand and the United States come into the picture. It is specially interesting to turn from the perusal of the many performances among the bells of the Motherland to a contemplation of the efforts that are being made beyond the bounds of these islands to keep alive or inculcate the art in distant places of the globe. Somehow or other change ringing has never taken kindly to the soil of other climes. Enthusiasm has from time to time implanted the art in isolated spots in the Dominions or the United States, but never for long has it really flourished in any one place. The difficulties are, of course, enormous, not the least being the very small number of towers equipped with bells and the vast distances which, generally, separate the ringers who have emigrated from the old country and upon whom must depend in large measure the propaganda and instructional work. That this interest once established seldom entirely evaporates is again manifest in the news from New Zealand, where the largest gathering of ringers ever assembled in that Dominion was drawn together about two months ago to celebrate the jubilee of Christchurch Cathedral and bells. It will come as a surprise to many to learn that twenty-five followers of the craft could be found in those distant islands to meet and join in the festival. But such is the fact, and although many of the ringers live long distances apart, the proposal was made that a New Zealand Association might be formed, with a view to drawing the ringers of the Dominion closer together and endeavouring to create a greater interest in the art in the islands.

In this issue a well known contributor to our columns makes a similar suggestion to the ringers across the Tweed. While England, Wales and Ireland have their associations, Scotland has never had any organisation among the ringing societies. It is true that the number of ringing companies over the border are few and scattered, but the cause of ringing would probably be furthered if an association could be formed, as 'W. H. F.' suggests. Edinburgh has two well established companies; Glasgow, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Stephen H. Wood, is producing a young and able band to supplement the ringers already in the district; Dundee, as we have seen, is beginning to make a move in the art. Here, at least, is the nucleus of what might be developed into a useful association, and which, despite limitations, might do for ringing in Scotland what the Irish Association has

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done in Ireland. It is a suggestion to which we hope youth and enthusiasm north of the Tweed will turn its attention, so that it can at length be said that the art is organised throughout the whole extent of the British Isles.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6086 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 7
*CHARLES O. MOORE ... 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 9
GEORGE H. GRAINGER ... 5	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten bells.

RECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MISS D. CONSTANCE Treble	*FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	CHARLES BAILEY ... 7
*GODFREY WALPOLE 3	*CECIL BARRETT ... 8
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 9
*STANLEY COPLING 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

JAMES F. DUFFIELD Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY 9
GEORGE H. CROSS 5	WILLIAM E. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINFOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6
MISS MARGARET REYNOLDS 2	RICHARD A. POST ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 5	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR

First peal on the bells since 1919. Rung to commemorate the Ter-
centenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman. The first peal of Sted-
man Caters in the county was rung on these bells in 1869.

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BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	*ALBERT PRYKE 5
HARRY TURNER 2	ERNST J. BUTLER 6
FRANK C. RINGE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

KINVER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. BASS Treble	T. FIELD 5
L. THOMPSON 2	J. F. SIMPSON 6
*P. HANDLEY 3	F. HANDLEY 7
V. HABLE 4	F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by F. HANDLEY.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, a band not being available on December 5th. Ringers of 1 and 2 from Wollaston, all the others being members of the local band.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSHUA PARTRIDGE Treble	AMOS SMART 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	PEARL INSKIP 6
*PERCY BONNETT 3	*SYDNEY FOSKETT 7
*NORMAN INSKIP 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by H. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*PERCY L. DEBLING Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
FREDERICK A. COLLEY 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
*E. CHARLES PATTEN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman to be rung by a resident band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. Darke, daughter of the ringer of tenor.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	*LIONEL CLOUGH 5
JAMES FEARNLEY, SEN. 2	*WILLIAM FEARNLEY 6
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	HAROLD JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman, also first in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE TOMLINSON Treble	GEORGE ELLIOTT 5
ROBERT G. LEWIS 2	WILLIAM LONN 6
ALFRED HOWKINS 3	CHARLES SMITH 7
GEORGE BURROWS 4	FRANK OLIVER Tenor

Conducted by C. SMITH.

* First peal. Arranged for A. Howkins, who hails from St. Giles', London.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN BRASSINGTON Treble	†JOHN WORTH 5
†WILLIAM GAYES 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
THOMAS HURD 3	†GEORGE BIDDULPH 7
HARRY PARKER 4	†WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	JAMES W. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	TOM TEBBUTT 5
*ARTHUR H. TAYLOR 2	*JOHN B. HOWES 6
MAURICE SMITH 3	BERTIE O. SODEN 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	JOHN J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

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(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25½ cwt.	
ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD 2	S. PERCY MERSON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
JAMES HUNT 4	S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

First peal of Steedman as conductor.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. EMERY Treble	HARRY JOYCE 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
HENRY W. KIRTON 4	REGINALD THRIFT Tenor

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

* First attempt at Major.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

OSCAR GILBEY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
* ISAAC EMERY 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	JACK DARTERS 7
† WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 4	PERCY J. SPICE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 50th peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (267). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in five towers.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE

The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	T. WILLIAM LAST 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE BENNETT 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

A birthday compliment to Leslie G. Wightman and the conductor. G. Bennett has now 'completed the circle' to a peal in this tower.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	WILLIAM PRATT 5
GABRIEL G. LINDOFF 2	JOHN SAVAGE 6
JAMES RUSH 3	SAMUEL MCCLELLAND 7
ROBERT MCCLELLAND 4	JAMES MANN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal by the Northern Branch. First peal on the bells, and first peal by ringers of 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The ringers of the back six all hail from Holywood. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE ASTBURY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
ERIC B. ALLMAN 2	JOHN PARKER 6
JOHN TIMMIS 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN MATTHEWS 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Astbury, one of the local ringers, to Miss E. Walker; also as birthday compliment to the conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SOUTER Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	* ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

* First peal in the method. Longest length by all the band except the conductor, also the longest peal on the bells, on which 6,160 Bob Major was rung in 1819.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
WILLIAM J. WHITING 3	JOHN HOYLE 7
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 4	WILLIAM T. BERSON Tenor

Composed by the late F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. WINCH

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* GILBERT MILL Treble	† ARTHUR E. HOLMES 5
JOHN W. LAKE 2	‡ WILLIAM A. HOLMES 6
ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	† GEORGE MILLS 7
† CLEMENT BOTHAMLEY 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. Tenor man's first peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST BENNETT 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
JESSE W. HARRISON 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

A birthday compliment to Master Henry Wingrove.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ERIC RAYMOND SMITH ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
†ROY A. WOODARD 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	GEORGE WILSON 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 15 years. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and also as a compliment to J. E. Bailey, son of J. M. Bailey, on his success in passing the intermediate B.Sc. (Eng.) examination at the London University at the age of 18 years.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*MISS FLORENCE HARTLE Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time. This completes peals Nos. 1 to 12 by the same composer by the 'Wednesday' afternoon band.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	RICHARD STEER 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	*FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 6
CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal, and belongs to the new band formed at St. Lawrence Jewry, City of London, under Mr. Albert A. Hughes. Rung on the 56th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EGHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Nix 1, W. Shorter 2, P. Bell 3, E. J. Goater 4, W. Peck 5, E. Burley (conductor) 6, W. C. Parker 7, J. Grennough 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and Double Oxford.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EDWARD BARKER Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4
*ALFRED BACON 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor, and as incumbent on his own bells. This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES FREEMAN Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 4
GEORGE WHITE 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 5
FRANK C. TYSOE 3	ERNEST FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. FREEMAN.

* First peal.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 4
H. JIM RALPH 2	WILLIAM C. SHOTE ... 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHOTE.

First peal of Oxford by all.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 4
*LEWIS BYWATERS 2	HARRY TYSOE 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT HOWARD Treble	JOHN WELCH 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5
JEFFERY WILLIAMS 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

It was the 100th peal for R. Howard and B. Patmore, and 50th for S. Carter, and a birthday compliment to W. H. Lawrence.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

On Monday, December 28th, at St. James' Parish Church, Tong, Bradford, in memory of the late Mr. George B. Bolland, a past-president of the Yorkshire Association, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by: C. J. Sallaway 1, D. Thornton 2, George Lambert 3, E. Wheeler (conductor) 4, E. Lambert 5, S. Barron 6.

SANDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	*WILLIAM WENBAN ... 4
CHARLES TRIPE ... 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells since the addition of a new treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lambert.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Old Doubles, April Day, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandshire.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE HOLICK ... 4
HENRY FAULKNER ... 2	*A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3	ERNEST A. MASH ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

* 50th peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

DULLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fifteen callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD C. SHARPE ... Treble	T. FREDERICK LANCASTER ... 3
LESLIE C. BRIGGS ... 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ... 4

*SIDNEY BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by S. J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all. Rung to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 120's each of Old Doubles and Bob Doubles.

*WILLIAM STEELE ... Treble	†FRANK OSBUENE ... 3
ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 2	FRED WM. KNOWLES ... 4
WILFRED RILEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal off the treble.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double and Single Court (1), Double and Single Oxford (2), St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4
*MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	†ROGER W. DANIELS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in nine methods. † First peal in nine methods on an 'inside' bell.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY LOOMES ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
JOHN H. BAILLESS ... 2	FRANK BAILLESS ... 5
*WILLIAM NEWTON ... 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILLESS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F.

MISS EVELYN H. J. PRICE ... Treble	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4
VICTOR BOWEN ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
GILBERT PLAICE ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT ROBINSON ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
WILLIAM SHARP ... 2	JOSEPH J. PARTRIDGE ... 5
JOSEPH SHARP ... 3	WILLIAM STOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... 4
JOHN TARGETT ... 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of York, and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... Treble	†EDWARD WOOD ... 4
GEORGE HULME ... 2	FRANK EDWARDS ... 5
HENRY CARNWELL ... 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, one 720 Oxford Bob, and five 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.)

*ERNEST HEAPY ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
*THOMAS POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 5
JACK TIPPER ... 3	WILLIAM GAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in three methods and first attempt. The conductor's 50th peal.

ROWDE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE WINTER ... Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... 4
E. GEORGE SWIFT ... 2	WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 5
VINCENT E. SWIFT ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells, and by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the second.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SPLICING ALLIANCE AND LITTLE MINOR METHODS.**A NEW PLAN.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On page 66 of the Collection of Minor Methods, where an explanation is given of the splicing of these two classes, it is insisted that a change of method must be made every time a Single is called.

While this is the only plan that can be used generally, your readers may be interested to learn that in a number of instances the changes of method can be made apart from the Singles.

The extent given below was rung on Sunday, January 3rd, 1932, at St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, Kent, for evening service, by: E. Woodage 1, T. Fuller 2, J. J. Bassett 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, J. Bassett 6.

It will be seen that the extent contains twenty-two Singles, while the method is changed twenty-five times. Further, in no case does a change of method coincide with a Single, so that no less than forty-seven calls have to be made.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Windmill Cottage, Lamberhurst, Kent.

23456 Kelly Alliance	24356 Belvedere
S 32564	S 42563
26345 Belvedere Little Bob	26435 Kelly
S 62453	S 62354
25634 Kelly	25643 Belvedere
53246	54236
S 35462	S 45362
56324 Belvedere	56423 Kelly
62543	62534
24635 Kelly	23645 Belvedere

S 42356

S 32456

Repeat twice, omitting last S for 24356.

Repeat twice, omitting last S for rounds.

THE FIRST 1932 DATE TOUCH.

At Sandal Magna, Wakefield, on Friday, January 1st, in 1 hour 11 mins., at St. Helen's Church, a date touch of Minor (1,932 changes), being 492 of Oxford, 720 of Duke of York, and 720 of Kent: C. E. Netherwood 1, J. W. Moxon 2, J. W. Robinson 3, H. Spencer 4, G. Cull 5, E. Cull 6. All are members of the local company.

DEATH OF AN OLD POOLSTOCK RINGER.

A long and honoured association with the bells of St. James' Church, Poolstock, Lancs, has been severed by the death of Mr. William Busby ('Old Bill'), who passed away on Sunday morning, December 27th. Mr. Busby became associated with the bells of St. James' in the year 1896, shortly after they were installed, and right up to the time of his death he had put in a consistent attendance, and has seldom been known to miss a service. Of late years, apart from his ringing, he also spent much time in the belfry cleaning and oiling the bells, and keeping them in good condition.

Despite his great age of 79 years, he was always found in his place in the tower every New Year's Eve, waiting to ring the old year out, and the new one in. Mr. Busby was never a prolific change ringer, his favourite bell being the 25 cwt. tenor, on which he had taken part in four peals of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Busby was a native of Little Milton, Oxfordshire, and before going to Wigan was a ringer in the six-bell tower in the village.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, a service at St. James' preceding the interment at the Wigan cemetery.

On each evening during the week, up to and including the day of the funeral, the bells were rung half-muffled, it being Mr. Busby's express desire that the bells should not be fully 'capped.' He was carried to his last resting place by four of his brother ringers, Messrs. George Brown, Norman Brown, Albert Parker and Tom Burns, and was laid to rest within hearing of the bells he loved so well.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT A FIVE-BELL TOWER.**

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Barton on Saturday. Members were present from Cambridge, Exning, Fulbourne, Newton, Sawston, Stetchworth, Trumpington and the local band. Although numbers were small, useful spade work was done amongst the local team. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address, after which the company were entertained to a generous tea in the Village Institute by the Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Lawrence.

Messrs. C. Barnes and H. Nightingale, of Barton, were elected members. It was decided to hold the next by-meeting at Whittlesford on January 30th. Will members please note that the committee have arranged the quarterly meetings for 1932 as follows: Bourn on February 27th, Soham on May 21st, Over on September 10th, and Cambridge on December 3rd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. M. Edwards, though not yet completely recovered, has resumed his regular work, and any correspondence with reference to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild may be addressed to him.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild will be celebrating its jubilee this year. The festival will be held on Saturday, May 7th.

Not yet quite 14 years of age (his birthday is on the 14th of this month), Ernest William Pye, son of Mr. William Pye, has scored his first peal by ringing the treble to Stedman Triples at Romford. Father and two uncles also took part. There ought to be great opportunities before this bearer of famous names, and his ringing career will be watched with interest.

At the age of 15 years, Eric Raymond Smith, of Leiston, has just rung his first peal. It was the treble to Rochester Surprise. It was also the first peal in the method by Roy Woodard, another young Leiston ringer—his sixth peal in one year, in six different Surprise methods.

Twenty-one Surprise Minor methods were spliced into a peal rung at Bourne, Lines, on the last day of the old year.

Peals at Magdalen College, Oxford, are few and far between, but one was rung there just at the close of the old year to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. It was to have been conducted by Mr. W. F. Judge, who is doing some fine work for the Oxford Guild, but he was prevented by illness from taking part.

The energetic hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Charlie Denyer, of Aldershot, had a nasty motor-cycle spill just before Christmas which resulted in damage to his face and a fractured arm. He is home again after nine days' detention in hospital, and is going on well. His many friends in the Guildford Guild will wish him a speedy recovery and return to his activities in the belfry, which customarily occupy him nearly every evening of the week.

Mr. Wm. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, suddenly contracted flu last week, and was unfortunately unable to take part in the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Holy Trinity Church last Saturday. We hope for his quick recovery to health.

Several correspondents have written in reply to the query as to the first peal of Stedman Triples at Bridgwater. A peal in this method was rung on the bells on August 5th, 1907, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

'Bow bells rang last night—and rang true.' That is what a daily newspaper said on Tuesday. Unfortunately, it only related to a theatrical production. When will the real Bow bells ring again?

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. J. A. Trollope, who celebrates his birthday to-day.

The first peal on ten bells was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 11th, 1717 (or was it 1716?), by the London Scholars. According to Osborne, the 'frame' put up to record it was taken down and destroyed when the church was repaired in 1796. The peal was Grandsire Caters.

James Barham, the famous old Kent ringer, who lived to the advanced age of 93 years, died on January 14th, 1818. He was buried in the churchyard at Leeds, Kent, where the headstone records that he rang 112 peals and took part in the 40,320 of Bob Major on April 7th and 8th, 1761.

PROGRESS AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

Teaching 'the young idea' the rudiments of change ringing is no easier in America than here in England. Progress, however, is being made among the students at Kent School, Connecticut, where Mr. I. J. Attwater is instructor. 'Since I wrote to you,' he says, 'we have been carrying on with our practices and open ringing as usual, and we started ringing courses of Grandsire Triples on November 21st, and also another course, beginning with the bells in the order 1.2.3.4.7.5.6, which, although an easy course, altered the run of the bells and made a variation.'

The end-of-term examinations prevented any more progress, but when the spring term starts on January 7th we shall go straight on with the practice of touches, which may take a considerable time, but the enthusiasm for progress is still with the forward ringers, and by the end of the spring term in March I hope to be able to report touches successfully accomplished.

'While our progress may seem slow to some ringers, those who have "been through the mill" in instructing ringers will appreciate the difficulties that have to be encountered, while the youth of the students here does not help it.'

'I have tried to get some of the school staff to take up the art, but not yet with success, although some of them may do so later.'

The Groton visit, arranged for December 5th-6th, was postponed at the last minute till the spring term, much to the regret of Mr. Sturgis and myself. We hope it is simply a pleasure deferred.

There are now 22 ringers at Kent School, divided into two teams, the younger ringers having an open practice on their own on the front six bells once a week.

'Although there is nothing much in this letter to "write home about," I do want you to realise that this experiment is slowly going forward, and if it can only be kept going time will do the rest.'

NEW ZEALAND RINGERS.

ALL MEET TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The largest gathering of ringers ever held in New Zealand took place at the beginning of November in Christchurch in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the Cathedral. Invitations were sent out to all known ringers in the colony, and received an almost unanimous response. The following well-known ringers from England were present: Mr. J. S. Wilde (Dunedin), Mr. C. Charge (Auckland), Mr. B. Shaw (Wanganui), Mr. Geo. Claydon, the present Master of the Cathedral company, who, some 25 years ago, was a member of St.



THE CATHEDRAL AT CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The bells of the Cathedral are a fine ring of ten (tenor 32 cwt. in D), and were opened on October 31st, 1881, when the Cathedral was consecrated.

On Saturday, October 31st, to commemorate the jubilee, the bells were set going to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, and found all ringers rather 'rusty.' Ringing was continued throughout the week, and resulted in some really excellent plain courses of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, six scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Several good courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. It is interesting to note the Birmingham influence at Christchurch, where the local men can ring Stedman better than any other method.

On Sunday the visitors went to Papanui, a small suburb of Christchurch, where there is a light ring of five by Warner (tenor 6½ cwt.),

several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman, the first on the bells, being rung.

The aristocrats of the English Exercise may be inclined to scoff at the humble methods attempted, but when one considers that these two rings of bells are all that are available in the Dominion, it is really wonderful that any ringing is done at all.

Mr. Cornelius Charge travelled 800 miles, Mr. B. Shaw 600, and Mr. Wilde 460 miles to be present at the festival, so that they have not lost their keen love for the art.

On Monday, November 2nd, 25 ringers—practically everyone who can manage a bell in the country—look part in the ringing. Afterwards the local society entertained the visitors to supper, and Messrs. J. S. Wilde, B. Shaw and C. Charge replied to the toast of 'The guests.'

The Cathedral Society are hoping for a great trade revival, so that they can then induce a few good ringers to come out from England. Christchurch is a lovely 'English' town, and anyone would feel quite at home there.

It would not be right to close this article without referring to Mr. T. Barnett, the indefatigable Deputy Master and acting secretary, who made all arrangements and assured the great success of the gathering.

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF A NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY.

The ringing activities in connection with the jubilee began on Thursday, October 29th, and continued at suitable intervals on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, when ringing finished at 9.45 p.m. All ringers then present in the ringing room were grouped for the purpose of a flashlight photograph, which was reproduced in the issue of the local press next day. Supper and a social followed in a nearby cafe, when thirty or more sat down. The Very Rev. Dean Julius, Dean of Christchurch, and president of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers, occupied the chair. The vice-president of the Guild, Canon F. R. Rawle, was also present.

The president, after supper, said he wished first of all to convey to members of the Guild and to visitors the hearty thanks of the Chapter for the very active part they had taken in the celebrations. It gave him great pleasure to see so many ringers gathered to commemorate the dedication of the Cathedral, and of the first ringing of the Cathedral's bells, now fifty years ago. It was, indeed, quite fitting to introduce the festival with the music of the bells. He hoped the occasion would be a stimulation to ringing locally. In extending a hearty welcome to visitors, he suggested the formation of a New Zealand society of ringers, which would unite all in a more definite bond.

The Ringing Master, Mr. George Claydon (formerly of Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham), stressed the hearty welcome extended to the visitors, naming in order of senior residence in New Zealand Mr. J. S. Wilde, formerly of Hyde, Manchester; Mr. B. Shaw, formerly of Hunslet, Leeds; and Mr. C. Charge, formerly of Fulham, London.

In responding, visitors spoke of the keen delight it afforded each of them to accept the Guild's kindly invitation, of the very cheery welcome which awaited their arrival, of the comforts and pleasures so thoughtfully designed as to make their stay as interesting and enjoyable as possible, all of which they deeply appreciated, and for which they tendered sincere thanks.

When the visitors had resumed their seats a full chorus on the piano was the signal to the rest of the gathering to rise in a body and sing lustily, 'For they are jolly good fellows.' The pleasures of the social were greatly added to, at short intervals, by the splendid rendering of the quartets and songs by members of the Cathedral choir, the musical part of the programme being under the direction of Mr. Claydon, who also acted as accompanist.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a Colonial gathering of 'brother strings' destined to be long and pleasantly remembered by all.

THE NEW RING OF BELLS AT BRISTOL. TO BE OPENED NEXT WEEK.

The new peal of eight bells at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, are to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th, and doubtless many ringers who propose to attend the annual dinner of Bristol United Guilds, which is to be held in the evening, will make a point of being present at the service. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. W. A. Cave by the first post on January 11th.

The ringing room is less than 9ft. square, and it will be necessary to make up the bands for ringing in advance. The names will be taken from the applications for tea tickets.

Owing to another function at the hall, ringing will cease at 6 p.m., so that it will not interfere with anyone wishing to attend the Bristol dinner.

A bookcase is being made for the belfry. It is to be large enough to take Mr. Morris' book, and it is hoped it will not be long before one is placed therein.

The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G. The treble is 4 cwt. 4 lb., 2nd 4 cwt. 15 lb., 3rd 4 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb., 4th 5 cwt. 19 lb., 5th 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., 6th 7 cwt. 18 lb., 7th 9 cwt. 2 lb.

WHITFIELD'S RECAST BELLS.**BISHOP OF DERBY AND THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.**

The bells at Whitfield, Lancashire, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the parish is now in proud possession of a really wonderful ring. The bells, originally hung in 1884, were cast by Warner, the tenor being 12½ cwt. in G. They bore the following inscriptions:—

- 1.—'The Vicar and his wife gave me in loving memory of their only daughter, Isabel Amy Ward, who died March 29th, 1871, aged 6 years.'
- 2.—'Anne Kershaw Wood gave me in memory of the deceased scholars of her Sunday School class, 1884.'
- 3.—'I first hung here when Charles Bruce Ward, M.A., was Vicar and Edward Thomas Taylor was Curate.'
- 4.—'When I came here James Rhodes and James Winterbottom were Churchwardens.'
- 5.—'My seven companions and I were made September, 1884.'
- 6.—'We were placed here by public subscription—the clock was given by Alice Agnes Wood.'
- 7.—'The male teachers and senior scholars of the Sunday School gave me to tell the praise and glory of God.'
- 8.—'The female teachers and senior scholars gave me to adorn the place of God.'

In the recasting of the bells further metal has been added. The ringers have worked hard to bring the restoration scheme to a successful issue, and they must be highly gratified with the vastly improved results.

The dedication took place on the last Sunday of the old year, the parishioners entering with great spirit into the day's proceedings, which began with early celebration of Holy Communion. The ceremony took place at morning service, which had been adapted to the occasion by the use of special psalms, hymns and lessons. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Derby, and the bells were opened with a few rounds.

FORMER VICAR OF ST. BENEDICT'S.

'The Bishop preached from the words, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel" (1 Cor. ix. 16), which are on the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral. "Those words," said the preacher, "bring home to us—or at least I hope so—the great part which Church bells can take or ought to take in preaching the Gospel and reminding those who hear them that they ought to live according to the Gospel. This year, 1931, as it so happens—though perhaps many of you don't know it—is a very important year in the bellringing world. It is exactly 300 years ago that a man called Fabian Stedman was born. Strangely enough, no one knows exactly where he was born. Parish registers have been searched, and searched in vain, to find out where Fabian Stedman first saw the light. But my interest in Fabian Stedman is this: It was in the tower of the old Saxon Church of St. Benedict in Cambridge, of which for six years I was Vicar, that Fabian Stedman learned to ring bells; and to commemorate the tricentenary of his life, bellringers all over the world have just united to restore the old Saxon tower and to rehanging the bells in honour of their great master; and now I suppose—I have not heard them yet—you can hear the bells ringing from the old Saxon tower which for fifty or sixty years has been silent. I have no doubt that your bells will be rung presently when the ringers will ring them, on the system which Fabian Stedman originated, and "Grandsire Triples" and "Bob Major"—strange language for those of us who do not understand about bells, and perhaps not suited for this general congregation; but we can all join in realising at any rate that Whitfield has chosen a very appropriate time for restoring and rehanging its peal of bells.'

CHURCHWARDENS' CARE.

After referring to the generous gifts of the patrons to Whitfield Church, the Bishop said: 'Now Whitfield is, of course, not an old parish. It has not got—you won't mind my saying so—the records or historical associations that some other parishes have. When you think of Whitfield you can contrast it with that old Saxon Church in Cambridge of which I spoke, and where one day amongst what my verger called "rubbish," and which he asked my permission to burn, I discovered to my great joy and amazement the churchwardens' accounts dated from about 1602. I read them with considerable interest. Churchwardens' accounts of that period are always interesting, but the great point was this, that they showed continually by the expenditure that the chief care of the churchwardens' accounts was the care of the bells. You were always coming amongst bills for oil for the bells, leather for the bells, and also you would find that the ringers were paid for ringing upon certain State occasions, and always had to ring for an accession, a coronation, the death of a king or queen, and those were entered as being rung for; and it shows us the close connection that there has always been, and I hope will always continue, between the Church and the national life.' The Bishop went on to speak of the uses and purposes of church bells and the lessons to be learned from them, and concluded by saying: 'To-day we meet to offer our thanks that your peal of bells is once more able to ring out its message of salvation and to preach the Gospel. Let us hope that those who ring them will always remember that they are handling sacred things, and may we who hear them not dis-

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LONGEST PEALS AT STOWMARKET.

The longest peal on Stowmarket bells was rung on Boxing Day, when 6,336 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was accomplished in four hours and six minutes by eight members of the Suffolk Guild. This recalls the earlier longest length on the bells rung more than a hundred years ago. It is recorded thus: 'On Thursday, January 4th, 1819, was rung in this steeple by the Stowmarket Company of Youths a Complete Peal of 6,160 changes of Bob Major in four hours by the under-mentioned persons: Robert Cutlbert, age 16 years, treble, Thomas Stevenson 2, Isaac Sheppard 3, Robert Pilbrow 4, Thomas Hobart 5, Robert Fuller 6, Henry Hobart 7, John Elmer tenor, age 22 years. Composed and conducted the peal.'

DEATH OF AN ELLESMERE RINGER.

Ringers of Ellesmere and district have been considerably shocked by the death of one of their former colleagues, Mr. George Henry Edwards, who died at the Cottage Hospital, Ellesmere, on December 18th, after a short illness. Deceased, who would have reached the age of 35 years on Christmas Day, had been married four years, and leaves a wife and baby son, for whom much sympathy is felt.

Up to about a year ago, when, after an operation, he gave up ringing on medical advice, Mr. Edwards was a steady ringer and keen member of the Ellesmere band, and took part in the first peals by this band of Stedman Doubles and Triples at Hammer and Ellesmere respectively in 1925, the latter being the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band since 1730. He had also rung and conducted several quarter-peals, chiefly Stedman Triples, on handbells and tower bells, very often on Christmas Day as a birthday compliment to him. A keen churchman, member of the British Legion and a Forester, he was of a very cheerful disposition, a regular and prompt attendant at the tower, and was practically always one of the first arrivals for Sunday service ringing. He was severely wounded and gassed whilst on active service during the war.

The funeral, which took place on Monday, December 21st, was a military one. An impressive service was held at the Parish Church. The Dead March was played on the organ, and the 'Last Post' was sounded at the graveside.

At the conclusion of the service, as a last tribute of respect, four six-scores of Stedman Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, were rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: T. Butler, sen. (conductor) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Allen 3, W. Higginson, sen., 4, A. Haynes 5, J. Lloyd 6, W. S. Higginson 7, R. Lloyd 8. This popular ringer will be greatly missed by all his ringing and other friends.

BICESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL SUPPER.

The Bicester band of ringers held their annual supper on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells the ringers sat down to an excellent repast at the Rose and Crown, the Vicar (Rev. W. O'Reilly) presiding. There were also present Messrs. B. Cox, L. Evans, C. Kinch, T. Ward, W. Constable, J. Grace, W. Keeys, H. Halford, F. Neale and the verger (Mr. B. Walker). Mr. T. Clifton, captain of the band, appeared after the supper. The toasts of the evening were 'The King,' 'The Chairman,' 'The Bellringers' and 'The Hostess,' with musical interludes. At 11.30 the ringers made their way to the belfry to ring the old year out and the new year in.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: W. Williams, S. Carter (conductor), J. Williams, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams, S. Carter, S. Head, J. Williams, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips (conductor).

STAINES.—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, and on the occasion of the twenty-first birthday of the granddaughter of the ringer of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Jolley 1, G. Walmsley 2, A. Hiscock 3, W. C. Parker 4, J. Phillips 5, W. Shorter 6, G. Beeby (conductor) 7, G. Jackson 8.

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regard the summons, not be deaf to it, but ponder over the message which those bells are to-day dedicated to proclaim. Woe is unto them if they preach not the Gospel; woe is unto us if we do not answer their summons.'

There was a special service of thanksgiving in the afternoon and commemorative evensong. At intervals during the day the bells were rung, and their tones greatly admired.

The ringers who took part in the ringing were Messrs. J. L. Buckley, F. Marsden, Tom Jackson, Joe Marsden, H. Orme, H. Bradshaw, H. Bradley, Eli Garside, Sam Marsden, J. Lawton, F. Booth, E. Malkin, H. Cooper, R. Davis, B. Bradley, and Mr. Brown (secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers).

GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS.

MR. W. H. BARBER'S SERVICES TO RINGING IN THE NORTH.

Having in view the unequalled services rendered to ringing in the north by Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, a few of his ringing friends, Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. E. R. Keen, A. Payne, W. Story, A. Deas, J. Anderson, W. J. Davidson and R. S. Anderson, decided that the time had arrived when appreciation of his work should be made in some tangible form. Mr. Barber had often mentioned with seeming regret that he had no record of the many peals which he had rung in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and it was agreed that no more suitable gift could be made than that of a 'peal book.' Recently, the above-mentioned, with one exception, foregathered at the Crown Hotel, Newcastle, to make the presentation. The absentee was Mr. W. Story, who, owing to a previous engagement, was to his great regret unable to attend.

After a light, but excellent, repast, Mr. Routledge recounted many instances of the ringing prowess and performances of Mr. Barber, both in the north and other parts of the country. Mr. Barber, he said, had come to the district 26 years ago, after a short stay at Edinburgh, where he had succeeded in introducing the Edinburgh ringers to the mysteries of Stedman and other methods, and had the satisfaction of conducting the first peal of Stedman in Scotland, rung at Dundee on January 2nd, 1905. Pride of place among his performances in the north appeared to fall to the peal of Stedman Triples, at Gateshead, on February 21st, 1908, in which he rang the fifth, and conducted the peal blindfolded, although he has participated in many other excellent and intricate peals.

Mr. Routledge then presented to Mr. Barber the 'peal book,' inscribed on the cover, 'W. H. Barber,' and containing the record of 512 peals. The gift was handed over with choral accompaniment.

In replying, Mr. Barber expressed his great appreciation of the gift, and said that nothing could or would give him greater pleasure than the 'peal book.' He said he had not mentioned that he had no completed record of his peals with the object of throwing out hints (eries of 'Certainly not'). He added that words could not express his appreciation or how he would cherish the book, as much for the thoughts behind it as for the actual contents.

Mr. Routledge then said that the story of the compilation of the book should be told, and asked Mr. John Anderson to recount the many obstacles and difficulties encountered and surmounted in turn. The younger members, namely, Messrs. John and R. S. Anderson, W. J. Davidson and A. Deas, undertook to be responsible for the gathering of data, and little realised the tremendous task confronting them, and but for the assistance of a gentleman, who desired to remain anonymous, the task would not have been finished in time for Mr. Barber's birthday.

The thanks of the gathering were offered to this gentleman, who is, as it were, 'unhonoured and unsung,' but who can rest assured that his help is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Barber rang his first peal on October 19th, 1892, at the early age of 15, the method being Stedman Triples. He conducted his first on July 20th, 1896, and since then he has rung and conducted peals in all parts of these islands. He rang in the first 'double-handed' peal out of England in 1899; conducted the only peal rung in two centuries, 1900-1901; rang in only peal ever rung on the sea, 1901; was the first to conduct J. Carter's Odd Bob One-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung 'in hand' on non-observation bells; conducted first peals of Erin Triples and Caters in 1909 ever rung; conducted the first peal Real Double Superlative in 1922; and also conducted the only peal rung in a coal mine, in 1930. These are but a few of his outstanding performances.

Mr. Barber's versatility is well known, and there is no method which he is not prepared to tackle. He had the satisfaction of seeing the number of handbell peals in the Newcastle district considerably increased through a young and enthusiastic band which has risen during recent times entirely through his tuition, and which, with the help of other ringers, is endeavouring to place the Durham and Newcastle Association in a pre-eminent place in the country.

The following is a list of Mr. Barber's peals:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
	Rung. Cond.	Rung. Cond.
Minor, 5 methods	1	—
Minor, 7 methods	14	6

Bob Major	11	4	14	11
Bob Royal	3	1	2	2
Double Bob Major	1	1	—	—
Forward Major	3	2	—	—
Forward Royal	—	—	1	1
Forward Maximus	1	1	—	—
Erin Triples	2	2	—	—
Erin Caters	1	1	—	—
Erin Chiques	1	1	—	—
Stedman Triples	93*	56	4	1
Stedman Caters	58	42	21†	10
Stedman Cinques	41†	20	3	1
Grandsire Triples	14	5	12	5
Grandsire Caters	7	5	6	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	44	24	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	5	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	27	13	4	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal (Graula Variation 1)	17	9	4	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Graula Variation 1)	4	1	—	—
Bob and Little Bob Major Spliced	1	1	—	—
Little Bob Royal	1	1	1	1
Little Bob Maximus	1	1	—	—
Double Oxford Bob Major	4	1	—	—
Grandsire Major	1	—	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	—	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure Royal	1	1	—	—
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major Spliced	1	1	—	—
Five Plain Major Methods Spliced	1	1	—	—
Duffield Major	2	1	—	—
Shipway Major	2	2	—	—
Dublin Complex Major	1	1	—	—
Stedman and Erin Caters Spliced	1	1	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	34	7	—	—
Loridon Surprise Major	11	2	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	3	—	—	—
Real Double Superlative Surprise Major	1	1	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	3	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	3	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	—	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	—	—	—
Total (512)	439	227	73	46

* Includes peal rung and conducted blindfolded at Gateshead.
† Includes 8,888. ‡ Includes 11,111.

BUGBROOKE BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication of the bells of Bugbrooke, Northants, which have been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, took place on the Sunday before Christmas, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. P. de Putron (Vicar of Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire). The bells were rung during the dedication service by a band of ringers belonging to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and ringing also took place after the dedication service and again for evening service.

Of the existing ring of five bells, No. 4 was recast, the framework strengthened, and the bells rehung on ball bearings, with new fittings throughout.

Everyone was well pleased with the 'go' of the bells, considering the frame has only been strengthened, and, while the bell foundry have done their best with the old frame, in the writer's opinion a new frame would have paid in the end.

No. Note.	Inscription.	cwt. qr. lb.
Treble. C.	G. Mears and Co., Founders, London. 1863.	6 — 26
2 B flat.	Robert Stainbank, Founder, London. 1868.	6 3 12
3 A.	God save our Queen and her preascave. 1599.	8 1 10
4 G.	Thomas Mears, of London, Recast. 1813. Recast 1931. H. White, Rector. Edith E. Harrison, J. Pople, C.W. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.	12 — 7
Tenor. F.	John Whitfield, Rector. Edward Pickering, Samuel Frost, C.W. 1695. I to the church the living call And to the grave doe synnmo all.	14 — 14
		47 2 18

THE BRISTOL GUILDS' DINNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Visiting ringers attending the B.U.R.G. dinner on Saturday, January 16th, will be guests of the committee during the afternoon, and arrangements are being made for their entertainment.

A full announcement will be made in the notice columns of 'The Ringing World,' January 15th.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

'SCOTLAND FOR EVER.'

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF A SCOTS ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first issue of 'The Ringing World' for the new year appeared on the first day of the year 1932, and by a remarkable coincidence there appeared in its columns the welcome news of change ringing performances in three separate centres of North Britain:—

Dundee, a quarter-peal of Doubles.

Edinburgh, a quarter-peal of Stedman.

Glasgow, a handbell peal of Bob Major.

Heartily congratulations to all who took a part in these valiant efforts, and just a humble suggestion for their kind consideration, viz., the formation of a 'Scots Association' of change ringers for the whole of Scotland.

There are about a dozen towers, and, perhaps, some fifty members with which to make a fair beginning. No doubt the various clergymen concerned would gladly assist as honorary members, and sufficient Scottish gentry found to further the cause as patrons.—Yours,

W. H. F.

LONG SERVICE AND PRESENTATIONS AT STANMORE RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

The Stanmore (Middlesex) ringers held their annual dinner on Saturday last at the Crown Hotel, Stanmore. The chair was, as usual, taken by the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett), and the company, numbering 23, included visitors from the neighbouring towers of Harrow Weald and Bushey Heath, as well as Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association).

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured, this being followed by an excellent musical programme. Miss Atkinson (soprano) was frequently encored, Miss Banwell gave much pleasure at the pianoforte, and Cook's band added considerably to the liveliness of the proceedings. An interesting interlude was provided by one of the local ringers, Mr. Schofield, who puzzled everybody with some excellent card tricks.

During the evening Mr. G. Hughes, who has completed nearly 40 years as a Stanmore ringer, and ten as Master, proposed the health of the Rector and churchwardens and the visitors. He took occasion to remark on the support the ringers had had from the Rector and church authorities, and also the help they had received from Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, and from the ringers of Bushey Heath and Harrow Weald. He also stated that one of the company, Mr. Cheshire, had been a member of the band for 49 years.

Mr. C. T. Coles, replying for the visitors, remarked on the help given to the Stanmore band by Mr. Edwards. Recently 'The Ringing World' contained an article on 'The will to teach'—quite an admirable article in its way—but there was another side to this question. At Stanmore there was no lack of the will to teach, but had they all the will to learn? It was just as much their duty to do their utmost to learn as it was the duty of their instructor to teach them, and without the will to learn on the part of his pupils, the best of teachers would find his efforts wasted. Mr. Coles congratulated two members of the local company who had recently rung their first peals, and wished them all a happy and successful new year.

The Rector, on behalf of the Stanmore ringers, presented Mr. Edwards with a handsome set of brushes, whilst Mr. E. Heading, who was unfortunately prevented from attending, was presented with a silver medal as a small token of regard after a long period of service of some 48 years. The Rector also thanked the local ringers for their services during the year. Never once had they failed to ring for the Sunday services, and although there was at times complaint by one or two persons living near the tower about the noise of the bells, yet he was sure that if the bells ceased to ring on Sunday, or on their Thursday practice night, there would be many who would regretfully miss them.

Mr. Edwards returned thanks for the gift presented to him, and said that he was glad to be able to help them to the best of his ability.

Later on, 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a pleasant evening to a close.

DEATH OF VETERAN NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

At St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung for evening service on Sunday, December 27th, with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect of the late W. Flinders, who died in his 81st year, and had been a service ringer at the church for 40 years: H. Clemence 1, P. Johnson 2, F. Bradley 3, G. Chadburn 4, W. Dickenson 5, G. West 6, S. Pinder (conductor) 7, F. Salter 8. The funeral took place at Lenton Church on the previous day, when friends from various towers were present, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by F. Salter 1-2, A. Barratt 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, R. H. Cobbin 7-8. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung on tower bells, half-muffled, after the funeral.

POTTERNE, NEAR DEVIZES.—On Saturday, December 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. C. West 1, S. Hillier 2, F. Green 3, V. E. Swift 4, W. C. West (conductor) 5, A. J. Boyce 6. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

On New Year's Eve, at St. James', Norton, Derbyshire, for ringing out the old year and ringing in the new, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,376 changes): Wm. Bates 1, J. Berridge 2, Mrs. E. Berridge 3, C. Batos 4, N. Harrison 5, A. P. Knights 6, T. E. Lee 7, W. Biggin (conductor) 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Mortimer, Berks, for the ringing out of the old year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *L. Bushnell 1, F. Ham 2, A. Ham 3, W. Ford 4, H. Austin 5, H. Punter 6, W. Bullard (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, *A. Powell 8. * First quarter-peal.

At St. Martin's, Ruimsip, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Ewer 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, A. Hunter 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins (first as conductor) 7, A. Smith 8.

At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Miss A. I. Whitson 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, J. Adam 3, Miss M. I. Holland 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, H. Mann 6, T. Ritchie 7, L. Fraser 8. After 12 had been struck on the tenor, two courses of Stedman Triples, with the bells open, were rung. The members taking part were: Miss A. I. Whitson 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. I. Holland 3, E. J. Rose 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, H. Mann 6, D. Stocks 7, T. Ritchie 8. Conductor, W. C. S. Beathcote.

At Pinner, Middlesex, on Thursday, December 31st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Gwyler 1, C. Lord 2, P. M. Mayne 3, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 4, H. Pender 5, R. Colyer 6, J. Delymore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

On Thursday, December 31st, the ringers of St. Barnabas' Church, Great Tey, were entertained at the home of Mr. Dyers, the conductor of the band, for the evening. At 11.30 p.m. the ringers made for the belfry, where a touch of Bob Major (364 changes) was rung for the parting of the old year. At 12.3 a.m., January 1st, 1932, a touch of 336 changes was rung. The ringers then returned to the home of Mr. Dyers, where a touch of Bob Major was rung on the handbells before parting.

GREETINGS FROM BELGIUM.

Greetings and good wishes for the new year to all those who took part in the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate last August have been received by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. and Mrs. A. De Jaeghere, of the Hotel Myra, Ostend, which was the headquarters of the party. The letter which accompanied these greetings will be specially appreciated by certain members of the pilgrimage, who found such comfortable quarters at the 'Myra.'

'For you and all the ringers we wish happiness. We never forget the happy days we had altogether. Make another cluster and cross again the sea: come playing, in the day, under the vine, and, in the evening, in the kiosk until the policemen come.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Bells of the Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10) available at 3.30 p.m. — J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green Jan. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. G. A. Stokes, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Jan. 9th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service at 4, tea and business meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Subscriptions for 1932 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early as possible. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. You are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend. Subscriptions will be due, and can be paid at this meeting. Visitors welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. Notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, for tea. Wigan branch especially invited. Visitors heartily welcomed, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5. Nominations are invited for president, treasurer and secretary. A good attendance is requested. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Peter's bells (10) will be available from 2.45 until 5 p.m. A short service will then be held in St. Peter's Church, followed by tea and business meeting. The Cathedral bells will then be available. St. Peter's bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A good opportunity to try them. —W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Adoption of balance sheet. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—The meeting advertised for Caythorpe for Saturday, Jan. 9th, is cancelled until further notice.—H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 9th). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will take place at Ross to-morrow (Saturday, Jan. 9th). Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. A welcome to all ringers. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. —A meeting will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (5) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5. Please send names for tea to R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Saviour's on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Thursday, Jan. 14th, at the latest? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — Eleventh Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 6 p.m. Afternoon arrangements will be announced later. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), C. Mogford (Pensford), L. Tanner (Weston-super-Mare), or from officials and representatives of the Guilds. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

DEVON GUILD. — North-East Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, January 11th? — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — Meeting at Feltham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at the Railway Hotel, at 1s. Church adjoins station. — All ringers and friends welcome. Send a card to Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

UPTON, TORQUAY. Church of St. Mary Magdalene. — The peal of eight bells, restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Jan. 16th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 12th? — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY, KNOWLE, BRISTOL. — Dedication of the tower and bells by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Jan. 16th at 3 p.m. Tickets for tea (free) will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope to Mr. W. A. Cave, 10, Lily-mead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol, before first post on Jan. 11th.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1931 overdue. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. — E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7. All welcome. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 4 p.m. Arrangements as usual for tea. Names for tea to be sent to me on or before Jan. 12th. The new rule books will be on sale, price 6d. each. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 3.30 p.m. Members specially requested to attend. — G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Meat tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch, 1s.; visitors, 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. All ringers welcome. Those attending tea please notify by Tuesday, Jan. 12th. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual meeting Jan. 16th. Ringing, Putney (8), 3.30. Tea 5. Meeting: Election of officers, etc. A good attendance requested. Post cards re tea before 14th, please. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th (10 bells). Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Crewe on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing will take place at Christ Church (10 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me before the 14th inst.? — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of St. Peter's will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Visitors welcome. — Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Presbute bells available after dedication of a new treble bell. Dedication service 4 o'clock. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The January quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Annual meeting at St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by the Thursday previous. All welcome. — Herbert I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.). Tea at the Wheatsheaf 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Nominations are required for the offices of vice-president and secretary, and two committeemen for 1932, and a good attendance is hoped for. Will members please note that the annual subscription is now 1s. 6d., which includes a copy of the report?—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at Edenham (owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School. A good attendance is requested. Those requiring tea must please notify Mr. A. Holmes, of Edenham, Bourne, by Jan. 13th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting afterwards. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Will intending visitors please let me know if they will require tea?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Chantry Hall at 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 12th. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WATFORD.—The next merry meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come early.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 19th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Thursday, 21st.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn, Wigan and Lancaster Branches will be held at Lytham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells), St. John's, Lytham (6 bells), St. Peter's R.C., Lytham (6 bells) and Ansdell R.C. (8 bells) will be at liberty from 2 p.m. Service in St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea (1s.) must be sent to C. Sharples, 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting Jan. 30th at Ilkeston (Beeston unavailable). Further details later. Will all local secretaries and members note?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th, please, to D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—The diamond jubilee will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will be glad to get in touch with all old members, whether able to attend or not.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Amended Notice.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing: St. Giles'-in-the-Fields 2.30 p.m. and St. Clement Danes' 3.15 p.m. Ringers' special service in St. Clement's 4.45 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m. Business meeting: Parish House, 6.30 p.m. Members please support fully by coming early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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