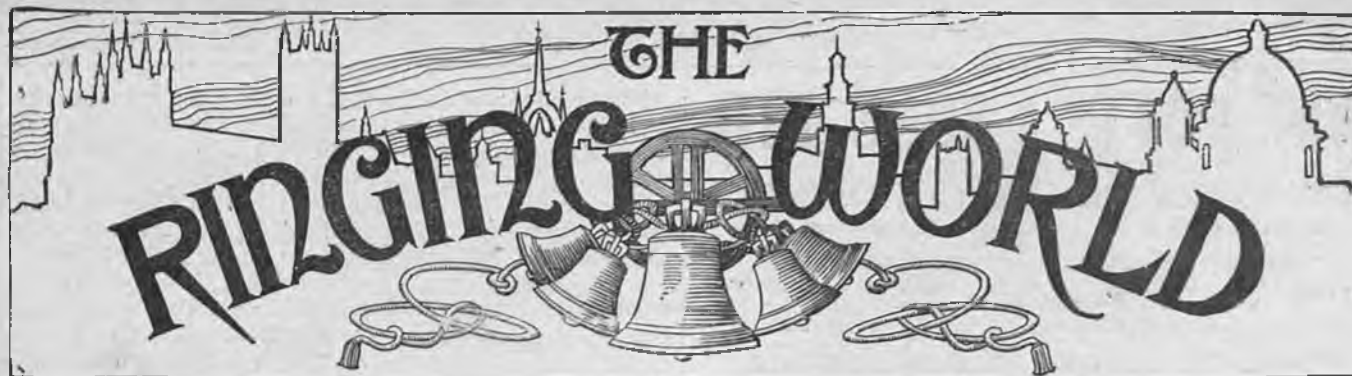




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A TECHNICAL ADVISER WANTED.

We have recently heard of more than one case of bells, which needed attention, being patched up by some local firm without any knowledge of bell engineering. We wonder when church authorities will learn that this is a policy that never pays in the long run. Bell hanging is a specialised job. A blacksmith, a carpenter or a plumber may be an excellent man at his own trade, but, because he can shoe a horse, make a door or mend a burst water pipe, it by no means follows that he can efficiently put a new clapper in a bell, repair a bell frame, or replace an old bearing with a new one. The parish coffin maker is not the man who would be called in to overhaul the organ, yet some church authorities have the idea that the local tradesman is qualified to put their bells into running order. Afterwards they learn to their cost that bell hanging is best and most cheaply done by firms with special qualifications for the work, and ringers should stand out firmly against anyone but those thus qualified being allowed to take bell work in hand.

A difficulty which sometimes presents itself to church authorities when repairs are contemplated is that of getting reliable independent advice. Most of the ringing associations have someone who will inspect a tower and make a report, but it must be admitted that the number of ringers who have sufficient technical knowledge to speak with real authority is very small. A man may be able to say from his general experience that there is too much movement in a frame to be good either for the tower or the ringers, or that this or that bell ought to be rehung, but when it comes down to such questions as the design of a frame, the stresses on the walls of the tower, or the roping of the bells there are few who can give expert advice. And it is not to be expected. It is a matter that calls for scientific training and technical knowledge.

At the moment this training and experience is almost entirely in the hands of the bell founders, although there are, as we have said, just a few men of sufficient knowledge outside whose judgment and advice are authoritative. What is needed in the Exercise is an independent professional adviser, whose services are at the command of all church authorities where bell restoration work is necessary; just in the same way that an architect is called in when building operations are contemplated. It would enable church authorities to obtain tenders for work on the basis of the same specification; or, where there were differences, they would have the advantage of expert opinion in deciding between the varying estimates. At present it is no unusual thing for three or four different

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schemes and tenders to be submitted for a restoration, and, we say it advisedly, church authorities frequently make a more or less blind selection or go for the lowest, which is by no means necessarily the best, estimate. If, in such cases, for a reasonable fee, there were available the services of an independent expert, the authorities could be sure of getting the best result for their money, but the primary benefit would be that they could, if they wished, start from the proper basis of a fixed scheme with a definite specification, which is a somewhat rare thing in these days. That this should be so is not the fault of the bell founders; it is due to the absence of a professional adviser whose services would be available to all who needed them.

TEN BELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(S. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. HAZELDEN Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
FREDERICK W. RADFORD 3	EDWARD RADFORD 8
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
SIDNEY ELTON 5	REGINALD RADFORD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. RADFORD.

The first peal of Stedman by the S. Nicolas' Society, also the first peal of Stedman Caters for the Guildford Diocesan Guild by a local company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 28½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This variation is now rung for the first time. It contains 42 singles and has all the 6-7's at backstroke. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Freebrey, the energetic hon. secretary of the Derby District.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 2	EDWARD ROBBINS 6
LESLIE W. BACON 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
STANLEY SLANEY 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
BERNARD SAUNDERS 3	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 4	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HORACE FOX Treble	EDWARD ATKINSON 5
FRED NEWTON 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
WILFRED APPELGATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
VICTOR APPELGATE 4	JAMES LINDSAY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE 5
THOMAS ATTWELL 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6
FRED BOWDEN 3	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY 7
*MRS. BOWDEN 4	WILFRED BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

* First peal of Triples.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE W. STOKES 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
*CHARLES A. LEVETT 4	CHARLES LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Especially arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. T. Lewis, who attained his 88th year on December 28th.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... Treble	JONATHAN HONEY 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
THOMAS BOND 3	ALFRED H. WEBB 7
†JOHN NOBES 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method. † 50th peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE HOWLETT 5
GODFREY WALPOLE 2	CHARLES BAILEY 6
ARTHUR H. TOOK 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1931.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BRASSINGTON ... Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*HAROLD E. HOUSON 4	NORMAN G. LEECH Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 19. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	J. GEORGE BURROWS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY BRITTON ... Treble	MADRICE HODGSON 5
*ALEC DRANSFIELD 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 6
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 3	GEORGE W. HEWITT 7
PERCY BYRAM 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by MAURICE HODGSON.

* First peal.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS 5
*MISS LILY WHEELER 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
*MISS ELSIE GREENALL 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	*PERCY PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the Christmas festival.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER, JUN. ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ARRY LEWIS 2	SAM JONES, JUN. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, SEN. ... 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS AMY KYNASTON...	...Trebble	HARRY JARMAN ...	...	5
RICHARD EDWARDS ...	...	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...	6
HAROLD T. HUGHES ...	...	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	...	7
†E. HARVEY KYNASTON ...	...	THOMAS MARSHALL ...	...	Tenor
		REGINALD KYNASTON...		

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. With the exception of the conductor, who is an old member of this tower, all the band are regular Sunday service ringers, and this is the first peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part.

BEESTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 84.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ...	...Trebble	RONALD H. DOVE ...	...	5
MAURICE SWINFELD ...	...	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	...	6
CHARLES DRAPER ...	...	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	...	7
JOSEPH BAILEY ...	...	EDMUND C. CHASTY ...	...	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the 100th different twin-bob composition of Stedman Triples called by the conductor, the first having been rung at Overseal, on December 26th, 1922.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ...	...Trebble	GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	...	5
JACK BRAY ...	...	*ERNEST BRITTAIN ...	...	6
*PERCY PEACOCK ...	...	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...	...	7
GEORGE W. MOODY ...	...	FRANK LORD ...	...	Tenor

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by F. LORD.

* First peal of Bob Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*EVEREST FORD ...	...Trebble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	...	5
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ...	...	*EDWARD IDDON ...	...	6
JOHN BOOTH ...	...	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	...	7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ...	...	PETER CROOK, JUN. ...	...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This peal and the one at Leyland were rung at the request of Richard Newton, of U.S.A., to celebrate the wedding of Miss Barbara Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Eaton, of West Newton, U.S.A., and Charles Mortimer Sykes, of Bolton, and Charnock Richard, England, son of Brigadier-General Sir Percy and Lady Sykes, which took place in U.S.A. on December 28th.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE ...	...Trebble	CHARLES T. COLES ...	...	5
GEORGE R. PYE ...	...	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	...	6
ALFRED PYE ...	...	WILLIAM PYE ...	...	7
FRANK G. RINGE ...	...	JAMES BENNETT ...	...	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FRANK SCHOLEFIELD...	...Trebble	†JOHN MARSHALL...	...	5
ROBERT THOMAS ...	...	GEORGE W. SLACK ...	...	6
PERCY JOHNSON ...	...	†LEONARD DRAKE ...	...	7
†JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ...	...	†G. WILFRED SLACK ...	...	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is only 14½ years of age. Rung with bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Herbert Martin, who was vergier at the above church for the past thirty-seven years.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON ..	...Trebble	*CHARLES A. PARKER...	...	5
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	...	*JOHN TAYLOR ...	...	6
*WILLIAM T. COX ...	...	CHARLES FREEMAN ...	...	7
*DOUGLAS ELLENDER...	...	WILLIAM A. STONE ...	...	Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Spiced Treble Bob by all the band and for the Guild.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. SMITH ...	...Trebble	*ERIC G. SHANE...	...	5
ALFRED KING ...	...	FREDERICK HUNT ...	...	6
*ALFRED E. RUSHTON ...	...	HARRY WOOD ...	...	7
THOMAS KENDALL ...	...	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ...	...	Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung for the watchnight service.

HIGHAM FERRARS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON ...	...Trebble	AMOS SMART ...	...	5
FRANK KIRK ...	...	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	...	6
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ...	...	WILLIAM STOCK ...	...	7
ERNEST WHITMORE ...	...	*G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ...	...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 30th anniversary of Mr. F. Kirk's wedding day.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON...	...Trebble	JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	...	5
E. ROGER MARTIN ...	...	JOHN BOOTH ...	...	6
*JACK CHARNOCK...	...	WILLIAM TAYLOR...	...	7
WILLIAM SHARPLES ...	...	JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method on eight. First Surprise peal as conductor. Also first Surprise peal on the bells.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPEL Treble	ERNEST SMITH 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
WALTER J. NURTON 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
EDWARD PHILLIPS 4	*ARTHUR PYNER Tenor

Conducted by G. I. Lewis.

* First peal on eight and first attempt. Ringers of 4, 7 and 8 are from Cadoston, 6th from Bridgend, the rest local.

LESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. HERSEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. ROMSEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. BEER Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
JOHN S. MORTON 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

Rung as a farewell to Archdeacon W. M. Browne, M.A. (late Vicar of Erith) on his leaving the parish to take up residence in Rochester.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. TAYLOR Treble	G. HURD 4
MISS A. FREARSON 2	G. NEWTON 5
W. NEWTON 3	G. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CICIL N. AUSTIN Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
JOHN W. WARD 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN SEWEL Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 4
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
JIM TEBAY 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Giles, grandson of Mr. Hugh Redmayne, of Brathay Hall, Lancashire.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman and Chase, and 600 each of Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN F. FOX Treble	WILFRED E. BROOKES 4
THOMAS C. JAINE 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
*WILLIAM E. JAINE 3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal for Leominster District in which Stedman has been rung by a resident band. First peal in eight methods for the Guild.

HILTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

COLIN E. ROE Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
HUBERT SMITH 3	D. W. CHARLES CHANT Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single (Regular), Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM V. BENNETT Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 2	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 5
*WILLIAM CLARKE 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal 'inside.' All are Sunday service ringers at this church except 2nd ringer, it being the 27th anniversary of his wedding day. Mr. A. E. Sneath, of the local band, gave his rope up to him.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 270's of St. Clement's and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

HUBERT BIRD Treble	FRED MATTHEWS 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ALBERT MASON 5
FRED MATTHEWS, JUN. 3	JOHN BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by A. MASON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MISS HILDA SNOWDON ... Treble	C. FREDERICK FUDNEY ... 4
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	* ROBERT LYON ... 5
ALEC M. GENERY ... 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. L. DIXEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first time a resident of this parish has called a peal on these bells.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CENTRAL BOOKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN HODGES ... Treble	THOMAS HAYNES ... 4
VICTOR G. COOKS ... 2	FREDERICK THORPE ... 5
VICTOR G. PHILLIPS ... 3	RONALD TUFFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by V. G. PHILLIPS.

First peal by all, also first peal to be rung on the bells with new treble added. The ringer of 2nd is 13 years of age, and all are local ringers.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

* ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND ... Treble	GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 3
† HORACE PATRICK ... 2	ERIC J. SARGEANT ... 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells by a local band, all of whom are Sunday service ringers, and rung at first attempt.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	* FRED PATCHELL ... 4
* THOMAS W. MARSDEN ... 2	* HERBERT DAVIES ... 5
HAROLD DAVIES ... 3	* JAMES ASHCROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Lancashire, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP ... Treble	AMOS SMART ... 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	PEARL INSKIP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

OLAVE E. BROYD ... Treble	BERT COCKS ... 4
* MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARKE ... 2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 5
THOMAS BIRD ... 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* First tower bell peal on a working bell, and first attempt.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

* D. CLARKE ... Treble	† D. BRYAN ... 3
† L. BARKER ... 3	† C. WATSON ... 6
† J. MARRIOT ... 4	E. H. MASTIN ... 7

† R. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung at the first attempt. All the above are Sunday ringers at the above church.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS GLADYS PACK ... Treble	† WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... 5
* WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. This peal had 5-6 the right way throughout.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Colleger Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK BECKETT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4
GEORGE HORWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins.

SEATON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,880 of New Grandsire with fourth's place single, in 16 different callings, 960 Plain Bob with four different callings, 1,200 Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD HOPKINS ... Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF ... 3
ALBERT L. WARD ... 2	PERCY AMOS ... 4

ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE PARISH CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

MISS ALICE E. FROSTICK ... 1	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARKE ... 2	OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First handbell peal for both ladies. First attempt for Miss Frostick, achieved under two months' weekly practice.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, S. Worsfold 4, J. Hope 5, E. Cooper 6, H. Acock (conductor) 7, A. Law 8. Also to ring the old year out, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, S. Worsfold 5, E. Cooper 6, H. Acock 7, A. Law 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION TITLE.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT VOTES AGAINST CHANGE.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District of the Essex Association was held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday. A large attendance of members assembled in the belfry of St. Michael's Church and rang a number of touches on the bells. This was followed by a special service in the church, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. McCarthy, who also gave an address. Tea was served to 36 ringers in the Parish Hall, after which the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard) presided over the business meeting.

The Chairman took the opportunity of thanking the Vicar, who had to leave after the tea, for inviting them there, for his address and for the use of the bells. He also thanked the District Master, Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow Common, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Harry Wacey, for their services during the year and for arranging the annual meeting.—Each responded, and the election of officers was then proceeded with.

Mr. Dent was again nominated for District Master, and Mr. Wacey for hon. secretary. There were no other nominations, and they were declared elected.—The Chairman said it was a good sign as, at the other district meetings, the old officers were re-elected, showing that the association was well served by the officials.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Harlow Common (St. Mary Magdalen's) at a date to be fixed in February.

The chairman brought up for discussion the question of the proposed change of name from the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. Views were expressed by Mr. Prior (Leytonstone) and Mr. Prior (Stansted) and the chairman, and in the first vote taken there were nine against the proposed change, the others not voting. Another resolution, that the name of the Essex Association be retained, was carried by 11 votes.

This closed the business of the meeting, but many members signed Mr. Joyce's communication affecting Minor peals.

The ringers then repaired to St. Michael's belfry and rang several touches under various conductors. Ringers were present at the meeting from Stansted, Harlow Common, Braintree, Wenden, Sawbridgeworth, Fulbourn, Nazeing, Leytonstone, Deptford, Stetchworth, Cambridge, Exning, Melbourn, Sawston and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford.

GREAT CHEVERELL, DEVIZES.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): D. E. Heginbotham 1, G. J. Winter 2, S. Hillier 3, C. D. Heginbotham 4, W. J. Whiting (conductor) 6.

VETERAN WENHASTON RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. GEORGE EASTAUGH.**

On Tuesday afternoon, January 3rd, there was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of St. Peter's Church, Wenhaston, Suffolk, the mortal remains of the late Mr. George Eastaugh, for many years the respected verger, towerkeeper and sexton of the parish, who passed away in his 83rd year at the residence of his son, Mr. Wm. Eastaugh, of Plumstead.

'Old George,' as he was affectionately called by all who knew him, retired from the post of verger a few years ago, and since the death of his wife had resided with his son. He was a keen lover of the bells, and had rung 13 peals for the Norwich Association, mostly on the six bells at Wenhaston Church. He was also a member of the Suffolk Guild. Visiting companies or ringers from neighbouring towers were always sure of a hearty welcome from the towerkeeper, and he was always ready to take a rope to oblige.

The funeral service was performed by the Rev. G. Hardingham (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. W. N. Matthews (Vicar of Yoxford, and late Vicar of Wenhaston). In addition to the family mourners, many friends, ringers and other attended the funeral, immediately after which half-muffled touches of Bob Minor were rung on the bells by Messrs. W. Eastaugh (son) 1, S. Ellis 2, F. Walling (son-in-law) (conductor) 3, R. Pearce 4, G. Pearce 5, R. Roberts 6. In the evening further half-muffled touches, including 600 of Bob Minor, were rung by the local company, as a last token of respect to the memory of an old comrade.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on Tuesday, January 3rd, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Harold E. Symonds; Deputy Master, Frederick J. Tillet; treasurer, Charles J. Sedgley; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

During 1932 the society rang seventeen peals as follows:—Cambridge Maximus 3 (including one of 5,040 changes), Superlative Maximus 2, Stedman Cinques 3, Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Double Norwich Royal 1 each, Stedman Caters 1, Oxford T.B. and Bob Major 1 each, Stedman Triples 1, Cambridge and Bob Minor 1 each. The conductors were: G. E. Symonds 8, C. J. Sedgley 7, W. J. G. Brown 1, G. A. Fleming 1.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A muffled peal was rung at Lydney, Gloucestershire, on New Year's Eve, in memory of the late Rev. J. C. E. Besant, Vicar of Lydney from 1893 to 1927. He was interred at Penny Stratford, Bucks, where he had resided since his retirement, on December 26th. He was a great lover of bells, and it was during his ministry at Lydney that in 1900 two bells were added to the ring.

Listeners who care to tune in to the Midland Regional programme on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.25 will hear a talk by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham. The talk will be a part of the 'Warwickshire County' broadcast, and the subject will be 'Motor-Car Electrical Equipment in the making.' Factory noises incidental to production and testing will be relayed. Mr. Paddon Smith is well known in ringing circles for his long connection with St. Martin's Guild, of which he was hon. secretary for twenty years. He is now its representative on the Central Council.

Several months ago the Cathedral Chapter at Truro adopted a scheme put forward by the ringers for the blocking up of the louvres of the bell tower with inch boarding and Cabot's quilt. The improvement has been appreciated in many quarters. The local paper even congratulated the Chapter and stated that many people at first thought it to be owing to 'atmospheric conditions.'

On New Year's Day, a prominent member of the Cathedral congregation, whose house is directly under the bell tower, wished one of the ringers a 'Happy New Year,' and remarked, 'I suppose you rang last night, we did not hear the bells.'

The Cathedral bells did ring—half-muffled before and open after midnight! Bells, at least when towers are properly treated, do not disturb the public so much after all. Some people even sleep under the ringing of a heavy peal!

Many friends will learn with regret of the illness of Mr. A. G. Rivers, the father of Surprise ringing in the Ely Diocese. All will wish him speedy recovery.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham on January 2nd consecrated a carillon of 23 bells in the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Little Flower of Jesus, at Saltley. The carillon was made by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, at the Croydon Foundry.

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why didn't Mr. Cave attack Mr. F. H. Dexter instead of me? However, I accept the challenge on Mr. Dexter's behalf. Mr. Cave says Mr. Dexter is years behind. I beg to say it is Mr. Cave who claims publication in 1932. The peal in question was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1927. My friend, Mr. P. Merson, was the first to call it in the West in 1928. We have rung it about five times, including my two transpositions, and in each case the variation has been accredited to its rightful owner.

Mr. Cave kindly offers me advice as to the course in which to begin for this and that bell to be the observation. My peal with the second there has him beaten to a frazzle. Sixty-one courses—I don't think! I have not as yet sent a false peal for publication.

Heywood's, Washbrook's, Davies', Pitstow's and Dexter's—I have them all. If Mr. Cave does not give up the peal to Mr. Dexter, I have further conclusive evidence on how Mr. Cave obtained it.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave's letter in your current issue re-opens a vexed question. However, he did not examine carefully the paragraph at the foot of Mr. Hunt's arrangement. There are not 61 courses, but 60.

The figures by Mr. Hunt are two of the possible 419 simple transpositions, all starting from the 4th blow of a quick six, of Washbrook's peal. I do not consider them to be, in any sense, transpositions of Thurstans', on the following grounds:—

i. The quarter-peal, based on the 3 course block, was material common to composers contemporary with Thurstans. This is a reasonable supposition.

ii. By means of extras and omits Thurstans joined them into two half-peals and linked the halves with singles.

iii. Washbrook spliced the whole together with singles only.

Hence it seems clear that any arrangement of the 3 course blocks, using extras and omits, is Thurstans', and one which uses singles only is Washbrook's.

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

A HALF-PEAL.

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Lechlade, on Saturday, Dec. 24th, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes): G. Milsom 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, A. Law 3, S. Worsfold 4, E. Cooper 5, E. Tilling 6. Longest length for ringers of 1, 3 and 5.

APPLETON'S RECORDS.

SOME FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.

Appleton, still an unspoiled Berkshire village, has played no unimportant part in the records of great ringing performances. The bells and the prevailing conditions have made it an attractive place for those seeking to ring new long lengths, the last of which, as already recorded, was the 16,271 of Grandsire Caters, successfully brought round on Dec. 27th. The bells are a light ring, with tenor of 14½ cwt., and the church is well away from the village street.

With most of the earlier records on the bells the Rev. F. E. Robinson was associated. He gave the two tenors and it was at this church that he learned to ring under Mr. F. White and scored his first peals. It was, however, in 1888 that the 'long peal' fever reached its height. On January 28th of that year a 10,080 Double Norwich Major was rung. On March 5th, 12,041 Stedman Caters was brought round in 7 hrs. and 26 mins., and on April 11th



ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, APPLETON.

13,265 Grandsire Caters in 8 hrs. 5 mins. Both these were records, but the former was soon beaten at Cheltenham, where on May 21st a 13,954 was rung. Not to be outdone, however, the Appleton men, on the last day of the year, rang a longer length of 15,041. They met a man short for this attempt and sent to the next village for him. He happened to be engaged in threshing corn. He handed over his job to another and went along to Appleton, where he stood for 9 hrs. and 16 mins. With two exceptions the same men rang in all three of the peals of Caters. In the 12,041 Stedman Caters, G. H. Phillott rang instead of C. Hounslow, and in the 15,041 Rev. G. F. Coleridge rang in place of E. Holifield. The eight who shared in all the peals were the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. H. Baker, W. Bennett, F. White, J. Avery, G. Holifield, J. W. Washbrook and F. S. White, who rang the tenor each time.

The Whites and Holifields are still the mainstay of Appleton ringing, as they have been since the middle of last century.

The longest peal ever rung by one set of men was rung at Appleton, when, on April 22nd, 1922, a band, which again included two members of each of these families, rang 21,363 Stedman Caters in 12 hrs. 25 mins., the ninth and tenor being rung by Richard White and Fred White, who rang the same bells to the long peal on December 27th. Appleton can now claim the longest peals of Caters in both methods.

THE BELLS.

The inscriptions on Appleton bells are as follow:—

Treble.—'Although I am both light and small, I will be heard above you all.'

W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector.

Recast by Mears & Stainbank, A.D. 1875.

2nd.—This Bell and next five given by R. Southby, 1817.

'I am the second of this ring, therefore next to thee I'll sing.

Recast by G. Mears, of London, 1859.

3rd.—'I with my fellows do agree, then listen to our harmonie,' 1817.

Recast by G. Mears, of London, 1859.

A. White & Sons, Bellhangers.

4th.—Recast by Mears & Stainbank, A.D. 1875. 'Ye people all that hear me sing be faithfull to your God and King.'

W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector.

A. & F. White, Bellhangers.

5th.—Recast by Mears & Stainbank, A.D. 1875. 'At the expence of the Appleton Change ringers

'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round.'

6th.—VOCOR. MEO. SÆPE. ILLE. SONABIT. LAURENTI. MEARS & STAINBANK, 1910. William Moore. Rector. M.A. Cuthbert. George. White. Parish. Clerk.

7th.—The gift of R. Southby, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Appleton. T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1817.

8th.—Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London.

To the Glory of God. Recast by subscription A.D. 1874. Rord.

W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector. F. White, Parish Clerk.

'While thus we join in joyful sound may peace and holiness abound.'

9th.—G. Mears, founder, London.

Praised be the name of the Lord. The gift of F. E. Robinson, Esq., of The Old Bank, Oxford, A.D. 1861. W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector. W. Richards, W. Holifield, Church Wardens.

Tenor.—G. Mears, Founder, London.

Praise God with the loud cymbals.

The gift of F. E. Robinson, Esq., of The Old Bank, Oxford, A.D. 1861. W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector. W. Holifield, W. Richards, Church Wardens.

'I toll thy Funeral knell,

I hail the Festal day,

The Fleeting Hours I tell,

I summon all to pray.'

It is interesting to note that the Rev. W. J. Butler, whose name appears on some of the bells, was the father of Mrs. Robinson.

ONE HUNDRED TWIN-BOB COMPOSITIONS.

MR. MAURICE SWINFELD'S GREAT FEAT IN CONDUCTING.

A real genius in conducting Stedman Triples is Mr. Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, who has called far more compositions in this method than any other ringer. Mr. Swinfield makes a hobby of Stedman, and with the 'Wednesday' band which he has got round him—old stagers most of them, but as keen as any youngsters to get the peal—he has opened up a field in Stedman Triples so extensive that few others are likely to explore it to its limits.

The peal which he rang at Beeston, Notts, made the one hundredth different twin-bob composition which he has called—a record for any conductor. It has been accomplished in ten years, and when you ask Mr. Swinfield how he has done it he modestly puts it down to the loyal help of others—to Mr. James George, who, he says, rings the 7th so beautifully that it is easy to call from (Mr. Swinfield always rings a working bell); to his father, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, who arranges all the peals, and without whose efforts in this direction the number would have been considerably less; to Mr. Charles Draper, whose countenance, and—yes—whose chiding at times, could never be forgotten. 'Good old Charles,' says Maurice, 'ready at any time for a three-mile walk to the tower, and be hanged to the buses.'



MR. MAURICE SWINFELD.

Others to whom he is deeply indebted for co-operation and help are Mr. Joe Bailey, who finds the right seats and so forth in trains and buses for all the rest of the band; Mr. Charlie Dicken, one of their recent and best acquisitions; and Mr. John Curtis, who settles the question of who shall ring the tenor by ringing it himself.

The record that has been set up, says Mr. Swinfield, is a tribute to the patience of those who helped to score the peals, and it is upon them that congratulations should be bestowed, as he gives them his thanks.

Mr. Swinfield also offers his thanks to Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and other composers who have sent him peals, for their kindness and patience in explaining the composition of Stedman Triples, which has helped him so much in calling the peals.

But with all his desire to give credit to others, the part which Mr. Maurice Swinfield has played is, after all, the most important. Practically every week he calls a fresh composition—and Stedman Triples in such variety is no mean task. It is a great feat of memorisation, for some of the peals would be beyond the capacity of many a man to call correctly at the first attempt. Yet in 1932 thirty-five peals were rung, and there were only two failures!

Altogether Mr. Swinfield has called 108 twin-bob compositions, but he counts only 100 of them as being different, because four of them were the reverse of some other, and two were variations of the same peal, while the two remaining were Brook's variation and Mr. Swinfield's own variation of the famous four-part by Thurstans.

The one hundred twin-bob compositions are by no means the limit of what Mr. Swinfield has done in the calling of this method. In addition, he has conducted 34 different odd-bob compositions, as well as one by the Rev. E. Banks James, which is claimed to be a variation of one by John Carter.

We said at the beginning that Mr. Swinfield was a real genius in conducting Stedman Triples, but it is a genius born of patience, hard study and a faculty for taking pains. The band may be the best in the world, but all their talent would be of no avail if the bobs were not put in the right places. Maurice Swinfield's achievement stands in a class by itself.

In his calculation of the one hundred different compositions, however, Mr. Swinfield has, we think, carried punctiliousness to the utmost limit, for how many Stedman conductors would recognise the following as a variation of the four-part?

231456	VI.	S.	H.	L.	V.	VI.	Q.	V.
254316		x			—			
238514		x		x				
(635124)		x	x		—			
(263154)							x	—
615243			x				x	
325614			x	x				
264531	—							

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SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURES BELLS SELDOM RUNG.

A meeting of members of the Suffolk Guild was held at the Church of St. Mary, Bures, on Saturday, when 19 attended and rang touches on this fine peal of six bells, the tenor of which weighs about 21 cwt. The Vicar (Rev. J. W. Green) paid a visit to the tower and welcomed the ringers, and said it was a great pleasure to him to hear the bells rung again, as, not having a band in Bures, they seldom heard their bells rung. Seeing a lady ringer in the tower (Miss A. White, of Springfield, Essex), the Vicar said he wondered if there might not be some ladies in Bures who would like to learn bellringing.

A party of 17 sat down to tea, which was followed by a business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Mr. P. O. Bixby (Long Melford) said how pleased they all were to see Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, among them again, after his illness. Mr. Symonds was one of the best-known ringers in West Suffolk, and had done much valuable work to further the art of ringing. Mr. Symonds, in reply, expressed his great pleasure in being able again to come to these meetings, and said he should continue to do so, as long as he had his health and strength.

The district secretary (Mr. Harold G. Herbert) gave a summary of the year's work in the districts of Sudbury and Clare. During the past year meetings had been held, he said, at Assington, Long Melford, Fostlingford and Glemsford. The total attendance at these meetings was 64, and 17 new members had been elected to the Guild during the year.

It was proposed, if permission could be obtained, to hold the next meeting at Haverhill.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Green for his welcome and for presiding at the meeting was proposed by Mr. P. O. Bixby and seconded by Mr. W. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

Members were present from the towers of Sudbury, Great Cornard, Assington, Wormingford, Great Bentley, Long Melford, Stetchworth, Springfield, Little Walsingham and Lavenham, with two of the local ringers.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Great admiration has been expressed for the recast peal of bells at Leeds Parish Church, which were dedicated at a memorable service on Saturday week. Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work has given the greatest satisfaction to everyone concerned.

One of the churchwardens has written as follows to Messrs. Taylor and Co.: 'Many congratulations upon the success achieved in the tower of our Parish Church. It is a very fine peal of bells, and on all hands we are receiving words of praise and appreciation. It was a very memorable week-end and a fitting climax to the very enjoyable visit I paid to your works when the tenor bell was cast. Both events will be an abiding memory and very full of pleasure.'

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Saturday, Jan. 7th, at the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 49 mins.: F. Atwell 1, J. W. Jones 2, D. Clift 3, C. Greedy 4, G. Large 5, H. Page 6, G. Poppell 7, E. Stitch 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, A. Thomas 10. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, on Monday, Jan. 2nd, on the back eight, 1,056 Bob Major: P. Laffin 1, *L. Burgess 2, T. Menkin 3, *E. A. Jones 4, F. Twigg 5, C. Tomkinson 6, *H. Ashton 7, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 8. *Longest touch in the method.

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A	(162543)	x		x	—
	654132	x			x
	214653		x		
	163425	—			
8A	462135				
	(314562)	x	x		—*
	152436				—*
B	315426	x		x	—
	346125	x		x	
	213546	x	x		—

8B 231456

8A is the calling of the four courses, commencing A, eight times repeated, the fourth of these being called S.H.Q.14S. (an 'extra') in the first course.

8B is the calling of the three courses, commencing B, eight times repeated, the fourth of these being called S. 9S. (an 'omit') in the first course.

The two singles marked * are separated by two sixes only.

This variation was first rung at Burton-on-Trent on December 26th, 1932. It produces all the 6-7's the right way.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. PROPOSED RECORD OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and Mr. James George, the senior vice-president, present, not feeling well, Vice-President Mr. A. Paddon Smith took the chair.

The Chairman referred to the recent death of Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, a respected member of the Guild, and asked all present to stand for a moment as a mark of respect to his memory.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. H. Withers.

The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett as Master, remarked how nice it was that they had come back to the dignified title of Master. Alderman Pritchett had served the Guild so long and so faithfully that they were all proud to have him as Master, and it gave him particular pleasure to propose his re-election.—This was seconded by Mr. Jas. George and carried unanimously.

Mr. Albert Walker was re-elected Ringing Master on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. F. Price.—In acknowledging his re-election, he thanked them for their continued confidence. The number of peals rung during the past year and the quality of them had been up to the average of recent years. The weekly practices had been fairly well attended and progress made in the higher methods, but he would be glad if more would attend when possible.

The trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and A. P. Smith, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. Preston. Sympathy was extended to Mr. Russam, who is at present confined to his bedroom, and best wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

The auditors (Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway), librarian (Mr. G. F. Swann), and hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. T. H. Reeves) were all unanimously re-elected.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith was re-elected Central Council representative for the new session, on the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. G. F. Swann.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, who remarked that in these difficult times they had done well to balance their budget.—Mr. J. Preston (auditor) moved the adoption of the balance sheet. This was seconded by Mr. H. Mason and carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, February 25th, and that the Rector of St. Martin's be invited to preside. Some discussion took place regarding the time of the dinner, and the secretary promised to arrange for this to start punctually at 6 p.m. All other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the Guild's officers.

The first quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Selly Oak on the first Saturday in April.

Messrs. A. F. Petrie, of Birmingham, and G. H. Williams, of Water Orton, were elected full ringing members, and Mrs. Robinson, of Solihull, as a life member.

A SUGGESTED MEMORIAL.

Mr. W. C. Dowding opened a discussion regarding the provision of a memorial to the late Mr. J. E. Groves, who was a vice-president, and for some years previously had rendered good service as Deputy Ringing Master. He suggested that a peal tablet recording the muffled peal rung to his memory be erected in St. Martin's tower.—Mr. Walker agreed that a memorial ought to be erected, and thought a peal tablet would be very suitable.

Mr. Paddon Smith said that the late Mr. Groves was a great friend of his for many years; he also fully appreciated the services he had rendered to the Guild. He would, however, remind them that St. Martin's belfry was even now nearly full of peal tablets, and he considered any remaining space should only be used for very special memorials, almost of a national character. There were many past officers of the Guild who had rendered yeoman service for many years, as, for instance, the late Mr. Godden, who had been hon. secretary for 20 years, and no memorials had been erected to their memory. The difficulty, therefore, was where to draw the line, whom to erect memorials to and who not.

Mr. F. E. Haynes suggested as a possible way out of the difficulty that a record be prepared of all the principal officers since the formation of the society in 1755, and entered in a suitable album which could be added to from time to time. This in due course would become a very interesting and valuable possession of the Guild.

The suggestion was favourably received, and Mr. Haynes then moved it as a resolution. It was seconded by Mr. George, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Mr. Haynes proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and said that Mr. Smith had carried out his duties with tact, wit and dignity.

The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse, when many old reminiscences of the past were revived and thoroughly enjoyed.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Aslett (longest touch) 1, W. H. Chandler 2, E. J. Pepler 3, E. J. Heath 4, A. J. Butler (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

A NORFOLK PEAL RESTORED.

KNAPTON BELLS' FIFTY YEARS' SILENCE.

The bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Knapton, Norfolk, were rededicated on Friday last by the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, Archdeacon of Norwich and president of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. Knapton bells were condemned as unsafe for ringing when Sir Gilbert Scott made his report on the church in 1831. The order was obeyed for a time—until disregarded by some keen ringers among men working on the new railway line passing through Knapton from North Walsham to Mundesley-on-Sea, but they had to be stopped. The last occasion on which the five bells were heard was many years ago, when a welcome home was given to a bridegroom and bride from Canada. They were not 'rung up' then, but string was tied to the clappers, and the five ringers sat on the bell frame and pulled the strings and made a cheerful noise. The bells have not been rung for regular Sunday services for at least 51 years.

The restoration work has cost over £256, and has been done under the supervision and advice of Sir Aston Webb and Son, the architects, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon. The ring of five has been rehung in a steel frame for six bells, and the three trebles recast. The weights of the bells and the inscriptions on them are as follow, the recast bells now bearing also the inscription, 'Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.'

			Recast		
Treble.	F.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1804.	Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.	3	2	14
2nd.	E flat.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1825.	Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.	4	0	10
3rd.	D.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1825.	Sam Baker, John Cooper, Churchwardens. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.	4	1	22
4th.	C.—Anno Domini, 1565. R.B., I.B.		4	1	13
Tenor.	B flat.—Facta Erata. Nodmi isqzrb. (i.e., Facta Erat Anno Domini, qy., 1592).		5	2	10
			Total	22	0 13

The work on the bells is part of the extensive restoration scheme carried on since 1922 made necessary by the ravages of the death-watch beetle. The previous restoration in 1882-3 cost £2,000, and about a similar amount has been expended under the present scheme.

A large congregation attended the service in the beautiful 14th century church, which has one of the most famous roofs in all Norfolk—double-hammer beam, with three rows of angels on each side.

The robed clergy were the Archdeacon of Norwich, the Rev. G. W. Kershaw, R.D., Vicar of Worstead, the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Rector of Knapton, the Rev. E. A. Chase, Vicar of North Walsham, the Rev. W. F. Sommerfeld, Vicar of Bacton, and the Rev. L. A. Gilbert, Rector of Gimmingham. Miss C. E. Robinson presided at the organ.

The Rector of Knapton conducted the service. After the prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace, the Archdeacon, Rector and visiting clergy, together with the churchwardens, sidesmen and clerk, proceeded to the tower to dedicate the bells, and then followed a short touch of Doubles rung by a band of Buxton ringers: William C. Duffield (captain) 1, Eric Durrant 2, Edward Howes 3, William R. Catchpole 4, Walter C. Medler 5.

The Archdeacon of Norwich, preaching from the text, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord,' said that it was a glad day for the parishioners and for many outside who were interested in the parish, as it was the consummation of 50 years of effort and service. The parishioners worked together in a noble and glorious cause.

The concluding hymn was 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' and after the Blessing the bells were rung again until late in the evening.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, representing the bell founders and ringers from Buxton, Paston and Wrotham, were present, and took part in the ringing after the service.

The whole of the work is of the highest order, and the restored bells reflect very great credit on the Croydon firm.

OFF THE ACTIVE LIST.

Many members of the Exercise will learn with regret that the Gloucester and Bristol Association is to lose one of its old stalwarts, a past Master and vice-president, in the person of Mr. Frank K. Howell, of Thornbury.

Mr. Howell, who did so much spade work for the advancement of the Exercise in the early years of the Gloucester and Bristol Association when under the Mastership of Mr. John Drinkwater, and started the first change ringing at Thornbury in the seventies, has, owing to ill-health, been prevented from taking an active part in ringing for the past few years, but still maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Exercise in general.

He has left Thornbury and is at present in Ashley Grange Nursing Home, Ashley Down, Bristol, where he is staying for a short time before going to Bockleton to reside with his daughter.

He would be wonderfully cheered to receive a visit from any of his old friends of the ringing fraternity of Bristol or elsewhere.

'BELL TOWERS'

A lecture on 'BELL TOWERS' will be given by

E. H. LEWIS, ESQ., M.A.,

President of the Central Council,

At S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, following the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

All ringers are cordially invited. For other arrangements see Guildford Diocesan Guild notice.

**THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, members being present from Beeston, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Long Eaton and Nottingham, together with the officers.

The Master, Mr. A. Coppock, presided at the business meeting, when the balance sheet was presented and adopted.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. A. Coppock, Master; Miss I. B. Thompson, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. R. Hickton, steward; on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. J. W. Kirtan.

Unfortunately, owing to indifferent health and other circumstances, Mr. F. Blood did not wish to stand again for re-election as secretary. No appointment was made, the election to this office being held over to another meeting, the hon. treasurer being asked to 'carry on' until a successor is elected.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Blood for his work as secretary to the society for the past eight years was proposed by Mr. A. Ward, who expressed the sympathy of the members with Mr. Blood.—Mr. W. E. White seconded and endorsed Mr. Ward's remarks.—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Blood, replying, expressed his regret at having to give up the work which, he said, had always been a pleasure to him.

One new member, Mr. Clark, of East Kirkby, was elected.

The society regretted to record the loss of two members by death—Mr. Alfred Archer, aged 85, and Mr. F. Johnson, both of Nottingham.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells concluded the business.

Ringling continued until nine o'clock, the usual standard methods being rung, several members being initiated (or was it intimidated?) into—to them—new methods.

RING OUT THE OLD. RING IN THE NEW.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on New Year's Day, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, E. R. Mackrell 3, C. E. Winney (conductor) 4, H. Haines 5, H. Cook 6, J. W. Driver 7, H. A. Folkard 8, A. Harding 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples ('Thurstans'): G. Upshall 1, T. Upshall 2, G. Carter (first quarter in the method) 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, P. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

NOTICE.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage Hut, 1/- each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

THE 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. Magnus' on the 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—

The first annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The towers of Norwood Green (6) and Heston (8) will be open from 3.30 p.m. Supper at 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—

The next meeting of this district will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—

The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th, Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. —C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—

The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room (1s. 6d. each), followed by business meeting. Election of officers, etc. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting if possible. Please turn up and make this annual meeting a real bumper attendance.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to this meeting. A really good attendance is requested, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Low Bentham, on Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Prince, Low Bentham, near Lancaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing continuing after. Those requiring tea advise D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer-Norton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m. in the School.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds..

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 1.30 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. each) in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. All members and intending members and friends are requested to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers. All ringers welcome, but please notify. — J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingborough (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district will be held at Southampton on Jan. 14th. Bells at St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at Burton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry 4.30. Visitors welcomed. Please turn up and make a good start for the year.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Laverstoke, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 5.30.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Annual meeting at Dursley on Jan. 14th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. A splendid peal!!! All ringers welcome.—Oliver E. Hills, Hon. Sec., 5, Elm Terrace, Lightpill, Stroud.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—Geo. Siddle, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A special practice meeting will be held at Gorton on Thursday night, Jan. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Special attention to Double Norwich. A practice meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will be available. Visitors will be welcomed. Notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) at 5 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers, followed by social.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — 12th Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Commence 6 p.m. Bells available: St. Luke's (6) 1.30 to 2.30 p.m., Temple (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Stephen's (10) by arrangement. Long distance visitors invited to motor coach tour to Wotton-under-Edge (8 bells) (limited). Coach leaves (near Temple Meads) at 2.30 p.m. All ticket holders invited to cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Full details posted later or exhibited in towers available for ringing. In the chair, Mr. U. W. Braven. Principal guest, Bishop of Malmesbury. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from hon. secretary.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, 2. Accommodation list sent if desired.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) open during afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 in Vestry. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at Warner's Café, Market Place, 5 p.m. General meeting follows. Tea only reserved for those who notify Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, before 19th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Divine service in St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 to all who notify me by Jan. 17th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by Canon C. H. A. Colville, Rural Dean. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 4 o'clock. Names for tea to be sent to me not later than Jan. 18th. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Augur). Tea (1s.) at Church Hall 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 17th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, will be available for ringers on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 o'clock. Further particulars next week.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present and require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th? This is most essential. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21st. WATFORD, HERTS. — Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing after till 8.45. Any suggestions which may tend to advance the welfare of the association and ringing generally will be welcome at this meeting. Cheap tickets by rail or coach from all parts to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, Jan. 18th? — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 18th. All outstanding subscriptions for 1932 should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Tea Rooms, The Borough, 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to me by Tuesday, 17th. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 6 p.m. Important business. Visitors welcome.—Norman S. Bagworth, Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, W.2.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The January quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Jan. 21st a meeting will be held at Ashwell. The bells (a 'grand' peal of 6) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. It is most important that members wishing to be present should notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th. Just 'show a leg' this time and make it a record! — Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Firecroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the local band and friends, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th. Subscription for 1933 are now due and should be paid as early as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let me know on Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. St. Clement Danes' bells from 3 to 4.30. All requiring tea please advise me by Jan. 25th. Members and friends heartily welcomed. The District Committee will meet in the Vestry at 4 p.m. All concerned please note.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting, including the election of district officers. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 25th, if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford District, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall, followed by lecture on 'Bell Towers' by E. H. Lewis, Esq., President of the Central Council. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 24th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available: Burley (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and St. Michael's, Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Matthias', Burley, at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Scholefield, 43, Watlass Street, Burley, Leeds, by Tuesday, the 24th. General meeting afterwards. Guiseley, Horsforth and Haddon Place cars leave City Square, Leeds, at frequent intervals. Passengers to alight at Wolseley Road for Burley. Subscriptions now due.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Rev. H. Law James Memorial.—The two trebles at Surfleet will be dedicated on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Further particulars later.—R. Richardson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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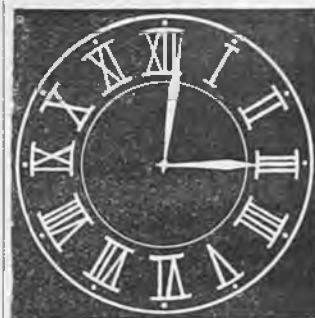
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