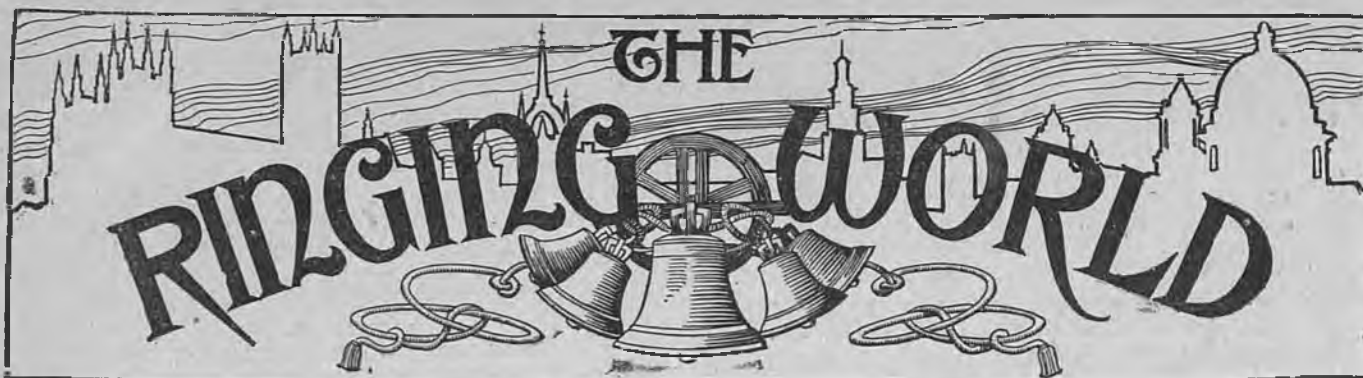


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NAMING THE SURPRISE METHODS.

The announcement, made in 'The Ringing World' a fortnight ago, that in the book on Surprise Major Methods, which the Methods Committee of the Central Council has now got ready for the Press, names have already been given to all the methods that are to be printed, has disinterred an old bone of contention. The point at issue is, who shall name a method? It seems, in one sense, a small matter, and yet it involves one of those 'rights' to which ringers attach considerable importance and which they like to retain in their own hands.

There has been an unwritten law that those who ring the first peal in a new method should have the right to name it; on the other hand authors of new methods have also exercised the right of giving a name to these children of their brain, and these conflicting claims each have something to be said for them. Up to a few years ago each method was produced as an individual effort, and, as such, the author had an unquestioned right to give it a name if he so desired, although some of the most distinguished men left the naming of their products to the ringers. But even so there were exceptions.

With the advance in the science of method evolution and mass production, when—and the Methods Committee were the first to advance the idea—no individual can claim to be more than a producer, the position has altered and the rights as 'author' would seem to have largely disappeared. On the face of past practice, therefore, the rights remaining are the rights of those who first ring the methods. But it is not, we imagine, with the idea of usurping these rights that the Methods Committee proceeded to find names for all those methods not previously titled. The experience in the naming of the Minor methods, which got into a welter of confusion, led them to name the plain Major methods before they were published and, in giving names to the Surprise methods, they have only followed this precedent.

Whether, in view of the much wider practice of new Surprise methods, this is advisable is a question open to discussion, and the committee might well reconsider the position. There is unquestionably a desire among ringers of new methods to associate them, either with the place at which they are first rung, or with some other place which they wish, in a way, to honour, and the naming of all these new methods before they are rung may, as Mr. Gabriel Lindoff points out, cause trouble and heartburning. Indeed, until a method has been rung and given a name by those who ring it there is no guarantee that the name inserted in the Council's volume will be accepted or not. There is nothing to prevent ringers

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upsetting the well-intentioned aims of the committee. Mr. Lindoff's proposal to number those methods not already rung—as was done in the case of the first issue of the Minor Collection—is worth considering before publication has gone too far, but there should be some reservation with regard to a proper register of the names of those rung in future for the first time.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	BERT HORTON 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 5	ARTEUR E. PEGLAR 11
*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal on twelve. Rung for the Christmas festival and as a birthday peal for C. Wallater.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

BERT HORTON Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
ROBERT PICKERING 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	HARRY BOSWELL 11
HOWARD HOWELL 6	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Arranged and rung as a welcome to Canon John Brierley, M.A., as Rector of Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	HAROLD MARCON 8
GEORGE W. CREASEY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
CECIL J. MAYER 4	HERBERT LOWMAN 10
LEWIS SNELL 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 6	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

This was the conductor's first peal and rung at the first attempt.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL,
8040 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	RALPH HARRIS 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 2	† JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
JOHN HALL 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH 8
JAMES D. HEMMING 4	FRANK SADLER 9
* JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5	* GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* Fiftieth peal together for the association. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Spliced Royal by all the band and by the association. There were 96 changes of method. It was rung as the annual peal for the association.

DUDLEY, WORCS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HARRY WYRE Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
JOHN LLOYD 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 7
JOHN BASS 3	FRANK BURLEY 8
JOHN GOODMAN 4	THOMAS HEMMING 9
ROBERT MATTHEWS 5	*JACK PAGETT Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. First attempt on ten as conductor. Rung in honour of St. Thomas' Day, and also as the annual peal for the Guild.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*KENNETH LEWIS Treble	*LIONEL CLOUGH 6
†ERNEST BENNETT 2	†WILFRED STEVENSON 7
*JAMES FERNLEY 3	†DAVID VINCENT 8
*JAMES A. MILNER 4	†GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 9
*FRANK TWIGG 5	†JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal on tower bells.
† First peal of Bob Royal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. F. Twigg for standing in at a minute's notice.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT 7
GEORGE HINTON 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 8
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
DENNIS R. MORRIS 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters in the tower, and of Caters on the present bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At the Cathedral Church of St. James, in the Norman Tower

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. (approx.) in D.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	*ERNEST F. POPPY 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
TONY PRICE 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 8
JOHN SPARROW 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*THOMAS TRASLER Treble	JOHN A. GREEN 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 6
FRANK J. GREEN 3	THOMAS C. TOMKINS 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT

* First peal of Major. First in the method as conductor. Rung for St. Thomas' Day.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S, No. 1.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Worthington, Esq., J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, an esteemed hon. member of the association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CRAYFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY HOVED Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

This method is now rung for the first time.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY MERSON Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
*WALTER H. POOLE 2	S. GEORGE COLES 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	JACK ROY 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 3	ROGER W. DANIELS 7
WILLIAM A. STONE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal on eight bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Eric J. Cole, of the Edgbaston band, who was married to Miss Alice P. Aiken at this church earlier in the day.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY HOPKINSON Treble	ALFRED W. H. BOWLER 5
EDWIN HOPKINSON 2	VICTOR E. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
HUGH W. GREGORY 4	THOMAS DENT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

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On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
*KENNETH LEWIS 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
WILLIAM P. DEANE 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method away from treble. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. G. Hawkins and Miss Ida Wolstencroft, which took place at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, the same day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE A. PARSONS Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST WILSON Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
*REGINALD ELT 2	*RALPH SAYERS 6
*ALLEN MORGAN 3	REGINALD WOODVATT 7
*DENNIS SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method. Seven of the above are members of the Claines band.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 14) Treble	†GEORGE H. LIMMER 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	PERCY DYKE 6
†GORDON W. LIMMER 3	†THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
†REGINALD W. DARVILL 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First attempt for Treble Bob. † First attempt in the Oxford variation. ‡ First of Oxford away from the treble. 100th peal as conductor for the Guild.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON 3	THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 4	ERNEST BRETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 67). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, ECCLESTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM LEACH Treble	WILLIAM BAGLEY 5
J. NORMAN BROWN 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN 6
†WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
GEORGE THOMAS JENES 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Brown and A. B. Britzell, of Poolstock.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
*MARIE R. CROSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*ROBERT G. CROSS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal of London. The first peal in the method in these bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 5
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
THOMAS J. FOWLER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
WILLIAM H. SEABROOK 4	PERCY NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

MISS HILDA SNOWDEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
*GEORGE TRENBELL 2	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
ALAN M. GENERY 4	ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Composed by WM. KEEBLE. Conducted by MISS H. SNOWDEN.

* First peal on eight bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
†GEORGE F. GOSHAWE 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	LEONARD P. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt; aged 14 years. First peal of Major as conductor.

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On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Waldron on the 30th anniversary of their wedding day, and to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wybrow, late of Fakenham, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE HARVEY Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 5
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 6
JOHN E. HOBBS 3	TOM CLARKE 7
EDWARD F. GOBEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	HARRY KILBY 6
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
THOMAS COLLINS 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES FIRTH. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	ROBERT H. VIGOR 5
JOHN LYDDIARD 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
MOLLIE REDPATH 4	LESLIE KELLY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal by the tenor man. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Miss Redpath is the first lady to attempt a peal on these bells, which are notorious in the district for the length of rope without sally guides.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	*RAYMOND OVERY 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal. The conductor's 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method away from the treble, and first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich rung at Ossett, and first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast by J. Taylor and Co. Rung after meeting short for Royal, and on the 37th anniversary of Mr. T. B. Kendall's wedding day.

HOBINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Five Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,368 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	LAURENCE POULSON 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

Longest peal of Kent Treble Bob rung in Suffolk and for the Guild, and longest peal by all.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

KENNETH LEWIS Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
LIONEL CLOUGH 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
JAMES A. MILNER 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... Treble	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 4
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2	RALPH HARRIS 5
J. WILLIAM HEATH 3	*STANLEY TRAGUR, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Ipswich, York, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Duke of York and Woodbine.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ELLIOTT COOPER ... Treble	JAMES STANWAY 4
*FRANK BRADBURY 2	WILLIAM HAZELDINE 5
JOHN BEECH 3	J. COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of and to commemorate the conductor's 40 years' service as a bellringer.

MARGATE.—On Thursday, December 12th, for Confirmation service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: E. Spickett 1, F. Gadsden 2, A. Dadds 3, J. Waghorn (conductor) 4, F. Reeves 5, F. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
*KENNETH DALE... ..Treble | HARRY ROBBINS... .. 4
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 2 | JOHN J. WEBB 5
THOMAS BEVAN 3 | *FRANK WILKS Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

* First peal. It is 30 years since H. Robbins rang his last peal.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN H. ARBON Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 4
ALDERMAN LING 2 | HENRY J. VINCE 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3 | JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by BENNETT, JUN.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ...Treble | FREDERICK HOOPER 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
GEORGE FOSTER 3 | HAROLD DENMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

First peal on the bells since the addition of the new tenor. Rang as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Stimson and Mr. H. Johnson, who were married just before the peal took place.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

HAZEL LITTLEWOOD ...Treble | ROGER CADAMY 4
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 2 | F. C. SMITH... .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3 | GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS GWEN M. SMITH ...Treble | WILLIAM J. POWELL... .. 4
LESLIE BAYNHAM 2 | *ROBERT SMITH 5
*SIDNEY BAMFORD 3 | *GEORGE JOHN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Four Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of the following ten methods: Kent, Wath, Killamarsh, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Burton, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal. Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. HILTON SYKES... ..Treble | ERNEST BROOKES 4
WILLIE GREEN 2 | HAROLD CHANT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3 | DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Longest length by ringers of treble, fourth and tenor, also longest length on the bells. Rang after failing to ring 18,000 of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, through the clapper of the fifth breaking after two hours' good ringing.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE OPENING OF WIGAN BELLS.

POMP AND CEREMONY AT IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION.

A Memorable Service.

Seldom has a peal of bells been opened with more impressive ceremony than was witnessed at Wigan Parish Church on the Saturday before Christmas, when the recast ring of eight bells was rededicated and two new trebles, given in memory of Mrs. Mary Ellen Rigby, hallowed by the Lord Bishop of Warrington. Civic pomp accompanied the religious rites, and the event was one to be long remembered by those who shared in it.

A civic procession was formed at the Town Hall and, led by the mace bearer, proceeded to the church, where the Mayor, aldermen, councillors, magistrates and borough officials took their places in the Mayor's gallery. The Bishop's procession of clergy, bellringers and others with the choir made a circuit of the church, the crucifer leading the Decani file by the south aisle, and the banner bearer leading the Cantoris file by the nave, while the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was sung. The marshal directed the members of the procession to their allotted seats, but the president of the Lancashire Association (Canon H. J. Elsee) and the Archdeacon of Liverpool awaited the Bishop at the choir screen, the Bishop, in the meantime, having proceeded to the Mayor's gallery to greet the Mayor and his company.

Then, with the Bishop leading the way, the Mayor's procession went to the choir screen, where the opening prayer was said, and the large congregation joined in singing the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.'

THE BISHOP'S QUESTIONS.

Next followed an interesting ceremony, in which the Bishop was petitioned to re-dedicate the restored bells and to hallow the new ones. His Lordship thereupon demanded and received assurance from the representative of the Bell Founders that the work had been fitly done, and from the building contractor that the masonry and fitting had been 'well and truly done so that the bells, the tower and the fabric of the church are secured from damage.'

Then the Bishop asked: Will the congregation of this church and the citizens of this ancient and loyal borough have care of the tower, the belfry and the clock?

To which the people's warden replied: The wardens and Council of this parish will do their part.

The Bishop asked: Will the citizens of this town maintain the clock as heretofore?

The Mayor having intimated that the aldermen and councillors of the ancient and loyal borough of Wigan had subscribed to the work of repair, the Town Clerk added: The maintenance and repair of the Parish Church clock will be continued at the public charge, according to our agreement and custom.

The Bishop then intimated that he was ready to proceed with the hallowing of the bells, and while the hymn, 'Ye holy angels bright,' was sung, the Bishop and his attendants, followed by the Mayor's procession and the ringers, went to the north door, whence the Apparitor, with the Book of Record, the Bishop, the Archdeacon, Canon Elsee, the wardens, the representatives of the late Mrs. Rigby, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, the Mayor, the town clerk, the borough engineer, the representatives of the bell founders and builders, together with the bellringers, went to the ringing chamber, while the rest of the procession returned to their seats.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

In the ringing chamber the Bishop hallowed and dedicated the bells and then handed his rope to each of the ringers in turn, from treble to tenor, saying to each respectively:—

1. See that you ring these bells to the glory of God.
2. Call God's people to his house.
3. See that yourselves answer the call.
4. Bid the careless heed the summons of the Gospel.
5. Let the sick and infirm rejoice with the congregation.
6. Let the marriage peal invoke God's blessing on Christian homes.
7. Let the people's rejoicing be heard in your ringing.
8. Let the whole earth give thanks for the coming of the Incarnate Son of God.
9. Let the people's sorrows be tolled in your solemn peal.
10. Let the faithful be called to the rest of Paradise.

Each ringer, in response, answered 'Amen' and struck his bell three times. Meanwhile, in the church, while the Rector stood at the altar, the Rev. F. H. Gripper read from the lectern, between the hallowings, portions from King Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple (1 Kings viii. 22-61). Then, at the sounding of each bell, a verse from Psalm 98 was recited, the first by a junior boy,

the next by a junior girl, followed in turn by a senior boy, a senior girl, a chorister, a server, a member of the choir, the organist, a sidesman and the Rector.

When the ceremony in the ringing chamber was concluded, the Book of Record was signed by the Bishop, the Mayor and others, and the procession returned to the church, where, after the hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' the Bishop gave a stirring address, and in the course of his remarks spoke in terms of high praise of the work of the bell founders.

The anthem was from Psalm 96, 'Let all the world in every corner sing,' followed by special prayers, and the inspiring and impressive service ended with the hymn, 'O Worship the King,' the National Anthem and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

MANY RINGERS PRESENT.

In the large congregation were many ringers, among them, in addition to Canon Elsee, being Messrs. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary), C. I. Davies (hon. treasurer), G. R. Newton, T. Hammon, T. W. Gilmour, J. Martin and R. Edwards (Liverpool), P. Crook, J. Wright, J. Halsall, T. B. Worsley and W. Dickenson (Bolton), B. Knights, F. Rigby and F. Bradley (Preston), S. Holt, B. Thorp and C. Gudgeon (Manchester), A. Prince (Gresford), W. Bibby and Miss N. Bibby (Frodsham), Messrs. N. Brown, A. Parker, S. Forshaw, E. Birchall, J. Booth, J. W. Grounds, J. Taylor, J. Genks, J. W. Hall, W. O. Farrimond, A. Shaw, E. Shaw, J. C. Sharratt and J. Baxendale (Wigan), etc. In the regretted absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, through indisposition, the bell founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, through whom Messrs. Taylor and Co. received many congratulations upon the result of their work.

At the conclusion of the service three courses of Stedman Caters were rung by a representative company of ringers under the conductorship of Mr. G. R. Newton, and the bells were then at the disposal of visiting ringers.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

The second annual dinner of the St. Stephen's Ringers' Guild, Rotherham, was held at Davy's Tudor Cafe on Friday evening, December 27th, when a party of over 30 in number sat down to dinner.

After dinner the Rev. W. Platt deputised for the Vicar of St. Stephen's, who was unfortunately indisposed and unable to attend, much to the disappointment of those present.

The company was ably entertained by Miss H. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. J. Hancock, the Rev. W. Platt, and the handbell ringers, until about 10.15 p.m., when some jolly community singing and 'Auld Lang Syne' concluded the proceedings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A YEAR'S WORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

In spite of the thick fog prevailing, a very good number of ringers attended the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association at Writtle. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Upton), who gave the association his usual very warm welcome and a very encouraging and interesting address. The lesson was read by the District Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips.

The Vicar presided at tea, to which 34 sat down.

At the business the Hon. Secretary reported that eight new ringing members had been elected during the year, and they had lost by death Mr. W. Lincoln, of Chelmsford. The division had 134 paid-up ringing members. Nine peals had been rung, consisting of four of Minor, two of Triples and three of Major. The conductors were Mr. G. Green (3), Mr. L. W. Wiffen (2), and Messrs. A. Bradley, W. Burgess, H. Mansfield and T. Lufkin (1 each). Five members had rung their first peal. Five meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 33 against 28 for 1934.

Little Waltham bells had been rehung and a new treble added, making a ring of six, and Purleigh had had their old treble recast and a new treble added, making another ring of six. The district secretary concluded by thanking the District Master, the tower secretaries and all those who had helped to make the various meetings successful.

Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips was re-elected District Master, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack hon. secretary, and were thanked for their services.

Four new members were elected—Messrs. R. Gee, J. Gee, A. Watling and R. Grooves, all of Chelmsford Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Little Waltham either in January or early February.

A letter was read asking for copies of old peal boards and tablets recording peals rung prior to 1826 for the Central Council's register, also a letter from the Rector of Purleigh asking for assistance in teaching his ringers.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the District Master to the Vicar, to the organist, and to Mr. T. Lincoln for making the arrangements, to which the Vicar replied.

Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower for further ringing. The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Danbury, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Writtle, Little Waltham and a visitor from Sudbury.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Editor desires cordially to thank the host of friends who have sent him Christmas and New Year greetings. They have come not only from all parts of the British Isles, but from other parts of the world as well. They included a cable from Melbourne, a letter from Kashmir, in Northern India, and a message on California redwood from Los Angeles. From whoever and wherever they have come, all these tokens of greeting and goodwill have been warmly appreciated.

After a lapse of 30 years since his last peal, Mr. Harry Robbins, of the Hereford Guild, has taken part in another 5,040. Thirty years is a long time between two peals.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers will be held at Leicester on Saturday, February 8th, and on Monday, February 10th, a band of policemen will attempt a peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester to commemorate the centenary of the Leicester City Police Force. In connection with the celebration a church parade of the force to Leicester Cathedral will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 9th. Quite a busy and interesting week-end for the police.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Boxing Day at St. Thomas' Church, Eccleston, St. Helens, Lancs. The bells were originally a peal of six that were in another tower in St. Helens, which was burned down. After the fire the bells were buried in the cemetery, where they thus remained for 25 years, until this new church at Eccleston was built and opened last year, when the two trebles were recast, the others tuned and two bells added to make the octave. They are now a very musical peal.

The first peal of London Surprise on the bells at St. Mary's, Slough, was rung on Boxing Day. A peal of London, the first in the town, was rung on the old octave in the former tower of St. Mary's Church, conducted by Harry Passmore.

Bill Fussell, who spent last Christmas on the Pacific Ocean and thus missed his Christmas ringing, was at it again during the festive season last week. He 'rang in' Christmas morning for the first time exactly sixty years ago. He's done a bit of ringing since then, including more than a thousand peals! More power to your elbow, Bill.

In our issue of December 20th it was stated: 'St. Mary-le-Tower band have added to their laurels peals in other Surprise Maximus methods, some of them the "first ever."' We should have said all of them the 'first ever.'

The first peal of Cambridge Maximus was conducted by the late Mr. James Motts on August 15th, 1908; the first of Yorkshire Maximus by Charles J. Sedgley on November 30th, 1929. The first of the remaining four Surprise methods were conducted by G. E. Symonds.

Mr. W. P. Garrett, still going strong, has the unique distinction of having rung in all six 'firsts.'

Here is another interesting point. St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, is the only steeple in which 5,040 and 5,088 changes have been rung to Surprise Maximus.

The longest peal of Kent Treble Bob rung in Suffolk was accomplished on Boxing Day, when Thomas Day's 10,368 was rung at Horringer.

John Freeman, of Lincoln, son of Mr. J. A. Freeman, must surely be the youngest ringer to call a peal of Stedman Cinques as his first peal? This he did on Saturday. Few people of any age have done it, and he was only 16 years old on October 17th last. Well done, John!

In the list which we published last week of ringers who have rung one thousand peals no mention was made of that well-known ringer, Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton. Although modesty has prevented him announcing the fact, we learn from another source that Mr. Hart is well past the one thousand mark. If that be so, there are now nine living ringers with a four figure peal total.

'Many congratulations to Edwin A. Barnett on composing and conducting a peal of Superlative Surprise Major,' writes Mr. W. P. ('Tich') Whitehead, who adds that he made an unsuccessful attempt to accomplish a similar peal before the age of 16. However, the peal was 'scored' six weeks after his attaining the age of 16 years.

ATTEMPTS ON RECORDS.

MISHAPS AT WARNHAM AND HOYLANDSWAINE.

Neither of the two attempts on peal records on Boxing Day was successful.

At Warnham, Sussex, where a band met for the 14,144 London Surprise Major, the attempt only lasted 50 minutes, when a 'change course' brought some perfect ringing to an end. Afterwards a peal of ordinary length was knocked off with excellent striking.

The attempt at Hoylandswaine, Yorks, for twenty-five 720's in Treble Bob methods came to grief through the breaking of a clapper. The ringers settled down to their task in confident style, and the bells went merrily for two hours when, nearing the end of the fifth 720, the fifth clapper broke.

After being entertained to a substantial meal by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Brookes, the band, nothing daunted, proceeded to Penistone, where they rang a peal of 7,200 in ten methods, before returning again to Mr. and Mrs. Brookes', whose guests they were at supper.

It was thus a day of mixed luck, but it is hoped to make another attempt on the record at some early date.

THE PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

AMONG THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL TIME.

In our last issue we gave the bare facts of a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods rung at Queen Camel, Somerset, on the heaviest ring of six in the country. That was possible by the use of the long distance telephone. We are now able to say something more about this wonderful achievement, which ranks with the finest heavy-bell performances of all time.

First of all, just contemplate the weights of the bells in this fine old Somerset tower:

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	8	2	27
2nd	10	0	9
3rd	15	3	9
4th	20	0	11
5th	26	3	6
Tenor	36	3	7

Here is the story of this great achievement. The bells were rehung in 1908 in a wooden frame, and were going extraordinarily well in 1925, when a peal of Bob Minor was rung on them. In 1934, ball bearings were fitted all round, and in the autumn of that year a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. It was found on this occasion that the swing of the tenor affected at least one of the smaller bells. This effect was judged to be due to frame movement, as the tower movement is not particularly obtrusive.



QUEEN CAMEL CHURCH.

The idea was then conceived that seven Surprise Minor methods might be rung. The band, obviously, had to be chosen with care. It was not only necessary that they should ring seven methods without question of trip, but the ringers of the smaller bells had to be able to 'hold' them with precision and certainty. Let it be said at once that the smaller bells were rung magnificently, although it meant constant overpulling and the inevitable holding.

A preliminary canter in the shape of a peal in seven Surprise methods had been rung at Doulting on the previous Saturday. Here

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED FROM CHRISTMAS TO EASTER.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Boxing Day, when a splendid muster gathered from both dioceses, and there were visitors from Bath, Bristol, Hereford, Ross, etc. The bells were off soon after two o'clock in various methods, and the new young band recently formed at Penarth tried their hands in round ringing.

Service took place at 4 o'clock, the Vicar, Canon S. G. Morgan, officiating. Tea followed in All Saints' Mission Rooms, where a large number sat down to an excellent meat tea hospitably provided by the Vicar and his wife, both of whom were busy carving and attending to the wants of the ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Canon. There were reports on restorations and augmentations, which included during the year the rehanging of Aberdare and Cowbridge rings of eight, the recasting of Penarth ring of six with the completion of the octave, and the overhauling, etc., of Aberavon bells. After discussion and various propositions with regard to the date of the annual meeting, it was decided to alter the date from Boxing Day to Eastern Monday. The next annual meeting will be held at Cardiff.

The next Glamorgan meeting is to be held at Bridgend, and the next Monmouth meeting at Usk, the Vicar of Usk having sent an invitation to the association to hold a meeting there.

Mr. G. Wines, of Pentre, was elected Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) and auditors were re-elected. Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. C. H. Perry were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

The whole of the Bonvilston, Penarth and Pontypridd ringers and various others were elected, and Miss Boon, of Bristol, elected a life member. Congratulations were extended to Mr. A. W. Heath, of Cardiff, on having been honoured by receiving the King's Jubilee medal. Expressions of regret to Mr. H. Page and Mr. F. Chamberlain in their extended illness were passed and shown in a tangible form to Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. John Clark, of Ross, proposed the best thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and this closed the meeting, which was a pleasant and happy one.

The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

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the tenor weighs some 24 cwt., and on the day the peal was rung went very heavily. When Saturday, the 21st, arrived, the chief means of transport was in Bristol, having been abandoned there owing to fog, the previous night. The train by which the owner went to retrieve the car next morning was hopelessly late, and came to what seemed to be a permanent standstill some two miles from Temple Meads station. Something had to be done about it speedily. With his collar turned up, the owner of the car left the train, walked along the line, down an embankment, climbed through a fence and found himself in a works yard. He walked through the office as to the manner born, and emerged from the front entrance. A brisk walk brought him to the car, with bare time to collect three of the band. Lunch was out of the question.

At two o'clock the conductor was picked up. His day had started at 4 a.m. A mile above ground to the pit, a mile underground in steamy heat, seven hours' hard labour dragging coal from an eighteen-inch seam, and into the sunlight again at 1.15 p.m. Home, a bath, a change and a meal—if he had time—and he was on parade at 2 p.m. Thence to Queen Camel, with sundry stops to clear ice from the windscreen and to purchase glycerine to rub on it. Five minutes late is an unusual thing with this band, but it happened on this occasion, to the annoyance of the driver.

As to the peal itself, it was rung with 'bold and regular striking.' The tenor man, with his usual lack of attention to details, merely ascertained that there was a rope on the tenor, and proceeded to ring it. Not until he had been to lead for the first time did he find out that the sally was so low that at times he had to use the bare rope, and that he had a single rope at backstroke whenever the bell had to be cut at backstroke. However, on the principle of never turning back, he carried on.

The methods had been chosen with care. It was anticipated that Lightfoot, with its seven-pull dodge twice in each course, would cause the greatest difficulty, but Durham, Wells and London proved to be the most difficult from the point of view of the tenors, Wells especially, with its treble work, 5-6-6, 3rd's, 6-5-6, 4th's, 3rd's, snap lead, 3rd's, dodge, 4th's, caused a lot of hard work. Cambridge was child's play to it. However, the job was done and done well, and no sooner was the car headed in the homeward direction than someone suggested that fourteen spliced Surprise methods would go well there. It might! The writer doesn't know, and he will require some pressing before he even thinks of it.

J. D.

THE DEATH OF MR. R. A. DANIELL.

HIS SERVICES TO RINGING.

The passing of Mr. R. A. Daniell, whose death at the age of 79 we briefly announced last week, removes a distinguished personality from the Exercise, better known to the ringers of a generation ago than to-day, but one to whom we owe a great deal for his historical researches. Graduating at Cambridge, Mr. Daniell was a man of great intellectual attainments, and while his actual ringing achievements were only of limited distinction, his work in other directions was of great value.

He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and joined the Central Council in its early days. His love of historical research led him to undertake investigations among the documents in the British Museum, the London Museum, and at Oxford and Cambridge, his chief research at the last-named place being in connection with Fabian Stedman. On a will of a civil servant named Fabian Stedman, discovered in London, Mr. Daniell set great store as the will of the Fabian of campanological fame, although since he published it considerable doubt has been raised as to whether these two Fabian Stedmans were identical.

Mr. Daniell's services to the Bibliography Committee of the Central Council were very valuable, and although ill-health and his consequent resignation prevented him completing the work he had begun, there are numerous papers in the Central Council Library as his contribution to the historical records of the art, in addition to the many articles in the ringing Press from his able pen. There is a melancholy interest in the short contribution which appears in our issue to-day—the last which he wrote for publication on the subject of bellringers.

Of his activities among ringers in London we may recall that he was largely instrumental, with Mr. T. H. Taffender, in reconstituting the old St. James' Society as the London County Association, and that he was instigator of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington. In recent years, however, ill-health had robbed him of the pleasure of ringing in the tower, but he followed ringing affairs closely to the end.

He had a gift of language, and was a ready speaker, although from the point of view of the hearer his delivery was poor, for he spoke in a muffled voice. But of his readiness as a speaker none could doubt. The writer remembers him at the annual dinner of St. Mary Abbot's Guild last year. Called upon without warning to propose a toast, through the absence of the prearranged speaker, he made a speech of intense interest lasting something like a quarter of an hour, dealing with the historical relations between the Church and bellringers.

Had he lived another month Mr. Daniell would have been eighty years of age.

Mr. Daniell was the pioneer of St. Mary Abbot's Guild when the old round ringers were formed into a change ringing band and, with others, came under the instructorship of the late Mr. W. Garrard.

He served as Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and represented the Society on the Central Council from 1900 to 1911. The following year he was elected an honorary member of the Council, retiring in 1923.

'Robert Arthur Daniell,' writes his old friend, Mr. Challis Winney, 'was a diligent worker for the ringing Exercise, like others who were at Caius College, Cambridge. Among them Squire Proctor, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. E. Banks James. In addition to ringing he was passionately fond of music, and was taught singing by the late Dr. Hunter, of St. Peter's, Eaton Square. Mr. Daniell often attended Westminster Abbey evensong, and delighted to sit in the choir stalls. Mr. Daniell used to name Westminster Abbey, King's College, Cambridge, and St. Luke's, Chelsea, as three of the best buildings for acoustic properties. His cousin, the Rev. Daniell Bainbridge, was at one time on the staff of the Abbey.'

Mr. Daniell's end was somewhat sudden, and he was apparently in his customary health a day or two before his death.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at Fulham Cemetery, North Sheen. Owing to the fact that there was little opportunity of letting ringing friends know of the place of interment in time, only four ringers were present in addition to the mourners. The service was impressively read, and at the close rounds were rung in slow time on six handbells; the three whole pulls rung thrice, with a pause between, being followed by a course of Grandsire Doubles.

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It is quite right to record the doings of ringers of the past, for, like those of other men, they are matter for history. But history should be fair, and unreasoning censure is not fair history, and is avoided by competent historians. Our present environment, whatever its real value may be, is not the standard by which to judge men who did not live in it, and if, when considering bygone ringers, we take the only right course and carry our minds back into their environment, we find nothing in their conduct calling more justly for censure than in that of other men in general, living under similar influences, in any period of their bygone world.

R. A. D.

BYGONE RINGERS.

HABITS OF ENVIRONMENT.

Mr. R. A. Daniell on the Standards of the Past.

Among the customs that survived in not a few places even within living memory was that of drinking in the belfry at Christmas time and New Year, when beer, and sometimes more potent liquor, was dispensed in the tower to ringers, and, maybe, their friends. Drinking took place within the sacred precincts at other times, but particularly was it usual at this festive season.

With the realisation among all classes of churchpeople that the belfry is a part of the House of God, this custom has happily disappeared, although such reminders of it as Ringers Jugs and Flagons, preserved as 'heirlooms' in some places, serve to emphasise the fact that in the days when indulgence in this direction was common, there was in no quarter among Churchmen any thought that such practice was one to be reprobated. It was an accepted custom. In what follows Mr. R. A. Daniell, who formerly contributed so much to our knowledge of ringers and ringing in the past, explains the circumstances of those bygone days.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE TIMES.

It is, he wrote (for we have already recorded the melancholy fact of his death), impossible to form a just estimate of men unless we take full account of the influence on their conduct of the conditions in time and place when and where they live or have lived—that is, of their environment; and what that environment at any time was social history tells us. And if, when scrutinising what we may choose to think faults of bygone ringers, we attend to their environment, we find the same faults manifesting themselves in the same or varying ways among men in general of their contemporaries.

Ringers have never been a cloistered body, but like other men have been subject to the general influences of their time; and it is unscientific and foolish to isolate them into a separate class and then find fault with them; to censure their conduct about drink, or anything else, as though it had been peculiar to themselves alone, when we know perfectly well that it was not, or to blame them for irreverence in towers when Church authorities were setting them no standard of reverence to observe.

Ringers and Church authorities alike were men of their day, and so they got on well enough together. For instance, if there was drink in towers, where, in old times, was it not? I can say of my own knowledge that the practice of drinking in vestries was not extinct when I was a young man, and that men in good positions in life took part in it. One of the former clergy of a London church told me that formerly dinners had been sent in from a tavern and enjoyed in the vestry, and I have read of a church organist, reckoned a fine performer, who had beer in the organ gallery, and of a church where the Sunday School teachers used the altar table for having their tea. There is abundant evidence that, when our modern ideas of reverence for churches came to birth, Church authorities had first of all to reform themselves, and, when they began to do so, anything they found calling for reform in towers was only what their own predecessors had permitted, if not encouraged.

It is probably due to a want of understanding of environment that some last-century writers, when writing about ringers, adopted a harsh, narrow and abusive tone, which rightly disgusts us and which stands condemned by the tone now used by clergy and laity of all kinds who, in various ways of religious and social effort, are working to help the more backward of our population.

Of course, we cannot infer from these petulant outbursts that at the time they were written the conduct of ringers as a body was unsatisfactory, but when we remember that the abused ringers were born a century or more ago, and know the backward and neglected condition of large portions of the population, both in town and country, at the time when these men grew up, we can see that it is not surprising if there were some places where—if better informed or better placed men took no interest in ringing—there were ringers unsatisfactory to reformers. But in such cases this was not due to any particular wickedness of those ringers; it was due to the misfortune of their environment, wanting in elevating influences and in almost all now deemed necessary or desirable for the welfare of our people. Their faults were not peculiar to them as ringers; they were shared with their neighbours, and are no more than an insignificant incident in our general social history.

In proportion as men get to understand environment, their mental attitude towards others changes from fault finding to an understanding of and consequent sympathy with the human beings behind the faults.

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1,000 PEALS.



MR. JOHN H. CHEESMAN, OF GREENHITHE,
who has just completed 1,000 peals.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. VISIT TO CRADLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Peter's, Cradley, where the bells were made full use of in various methods.

The service was fairly well attended, the usual Guild form being used, the Vicar of Cradley (the Rev. E. A. Poulouse) officiating and giving a very interesting and inspiring address; indeed it was considered one of the best delivered at a Guild meeting for some considerable time. After an excellent tea in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was held. Before leaving to fulfil another engagement, the Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Cradley, and expressed a wish that they might come again on some future occasion.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. H. Meredith, one of the churchwardens. Before the commencement of the business, the secretary referred to the lamentable death of Mr. Harry Mason, a vice-president of the Guild, and one of its founders. The secretary also referred to the death of Mrs. B. Gough, wife of Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, an esteemed member of the Guild. He had, he said, sent letters of condolence to Mrs. Mason and Mr. Gough, asking them to accept on behalf of the members their respectful sympathy in their sad and irreparable loss.

The members supported the secretary and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Several new members were added to the roll, and the Vicar of Cradley and the chairman were elected hon. members.

It was proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Cradley.

The next meeting, which is the annual meeting, will be held at Dudley.

At the close of the business, Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master) proposed, and Mr. F. Molineux seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Cradley; to Mr. Meredith for presiding at the meeting; to the donors of the tea and the ladies for preparing and serving it; to the organist for the musical part of the service; to the Cradley ringers for making the necessary arrangements; and to all who had in any way contributed to making the meeting a happy and successful one.

Further ringing afterwards took place.

FOR BEGINNERS.

WORDS OF ADVICE.

There is no special season of the year when beginners are introduced to the belfry to start their career as ringers. Those who have a desire to learn are welcomed at any time—that is, in belfries where learners are welcomed. Unfortunately that is not the case everywhere, especially in some of those places where a small annual stipend is paid, and the 'old hands' want to keep the loaves and very small fishes to themselves. Generally speaking, however, a keen youngster is a great acquisition to any tower, and for the benefit of those who, just at this moment, may be taking up the art with the beginning of the year, we offer one or two words of advice.

First of all, do not take on ringing too lightly. Of course, you cannot tell whether it is a pursuit that will appeal to you until you have tried it, but, remember, the study of the art requires real application, and the office of ringer—an honourable position among active servants of the Church—demands that you should attend punctually and regularly to your duties.

Because it is 'only ringing for service' or 'only a ringing practice' do not imagine you are justified in lightly neglecting to be in your place. Do not continue with your ringing unless you intend to treat it seriously—in justice to yourself, to the other members of the band and to the Church.

When you are in the belfry on a general practice night, do not be disappointed if all the ringing that is done is not done for your special benefit. You must have patience. Patience is a virtue in all things, especially in ringing. Before you have been in the craft very long you will find you will need a deal of it. For one thing, even when you have learned to ring a bell, you may not be able easily to pick up change ringing, but, with patience, you will grasp it in time.

Most ringers, when they start, find themselves groping in the dark for a while, and then suddenly the light comes, and they wonder why they couldn't see it before. Do not, therefore, be discouraged if at first you find yourself unable to grasp the first thing in change ringing.

With patience you must have perseverance. Stick to it and do not give up because you feel you are a failure. And one other thing about your first experiences in the belfry. Do not take offence if your instructor or other senior members of the band seem to be a bit 'short' to you. First of all, remember they are not angels; then recollect that, when ringing is going on orders have to be short, sharp and decisive, and that what you are told is intended for your benefit and the benefit of the ringing that is in progress. After all, what you may be told and the manner of saying it will probably be nothing like as rough as the chiding which some young men in some other pursuits receive when beginning serious training.

If you are keen to learn and show yourself ready to take the advice given you, if you are regular and punctual and possess the virtue of patience, some day you will be as able and, perhaps, more able than the man who in your own belfry calls the bobs and tells others what to do.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

HAWKINS—WOLSTENCROFT.

On Saturday, December 21st, the marriage of Mr. T. G. Hawkins and Miss Ida Wolstencroft took place at St. Peter's Church, Ashlon-under-Lyne.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, a name long familiar to readers of this journal. Miss Wolstencroft has been a ringer at St. Peter's Church since she was eight years old, and the bridegroom has also been a ringer for many years at his Parish Church at Stoke Poges, Bucks.

It is to be regretted that the wedding had to be performed without bells, St. Peter's peal having been dismantled for rehanging. However, regret is outweighed by the knowledge that at last the work of rehanging has been put in hand, and, anyway, we learn that lack of bells did not prevent the satisfactory 'ringing' of the most important item of the day.

The couple will live in London, where they hope to attend ringing meetings as often as their new circumstances will permit.

A peal in honour of the wedding was rung at Norbury, Cheshire.

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BELL BROADCASTS.**THE B.B.C. 'STANDARD PRACTICE.'**

The following further correspondence has taken place between the B.B.C. and Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of Crayford, with regard to the broadcast of bells before Sunday evening services:—

Under date, December 24th, the representative of the Religion Executive of the B.B.C. wrote:—

We are sorry that it has not been possible to reply earlier to your letter of November 4th.

Our standard practice, when we broadcast bells, before a service, is now to begin with five minutes of ringing; about half-way through the bells are faded down, and an announcement of the service is superimposed; the bells are then faded up again until the service begins. We want to emphasize that the ringing should always be quite audible behind the announcement, and that the announcement is normally very brief. After careful consideration, we have decided that this is the most satisfactory arrangement; if an announcement were made before the bells began many listeners who tuned in only a minute or two before the service would not hear from where it came.

We are arranging to mention the bells before services in the 'Radio Times' whenever it is known in time that they will be broadcast, but the 'Radio Times' goes to press well in advance, and it cannot be guaranteed that the information will always be available.

We are grateful for your criticism, and hope that you will find this arrangement satisfactory in future.

RINGERS' POINT OF VIEW.

Mr. Groombridge replied on December 30th:—

Dear Sirs,—I beg to acknowledge yours of the 24th inst. with thanks, but am sorry to note that you appear determined to ignore the ringer's point of view—or should it be hearing—which I tried to explain in simple everyday language in my last letter.

I would like to point out that no amount of reiteration on your part of the statement that 'the ringing should always be quite audible behind the announcement' will obviate the fact that the keenest ear cannot detect anything beyond that somewhere in the dim distance bells are being rung, which is totally different from hearing what is being rung.

Furthermore, the brevity of your announcements may be a matter of opinion; doubtless, to those uninterested in ringing, it is brief, but I cannot concede that point as a ringer. To quote an instance, you broadcast a service, preceded by ringing, from Richmond Parish Church, in the North Regional programme on Sunday, the 22nd inst. Personally, I tried the London Regional first (this, of course, will be obviated when you put your arrangement for publication in the 'Radio Times' into effect, so I do not make any point in this), and finding the organ being broadcast from St. Margaret's Lee, I switched over the North Regional just in time to hear the bells going to Treble Bob Major with the 7th just leaving the slow, when your opposition began, and beyond a hum in the background, which might have come from any percussion instrument, I definitely claim that the bells were not audible. By the time the announcements were finished and the bells faded in again, they were 'in rounds.' I have purposely used technical terms here, and invite you to approach anyone with a knowledge of change ringing to bear out my statement that Treble Bob cannot come 'into rounds' from 'the 7th leaving the slow' in less than 64 changes. As the rate of striking would be about 25 changes per minute, I leave you to figure out how much of the five minutes' broadcast was available to interested listeners.

As a contrast, I would refer to your broadcast from Worsley the previous week, when the Vicar gave a five-minute talk, followed by five minutes' uninterrupted ringing, which could be followed and appreciated.

I do not propose to bother you further personally, as the position is either, as I stated in opening, that you appear determined to ignore the ringer's point, or alternatively, that I am unable to express myself clearly enough by this means to the uninitiated, and if this be so I shall be making myself a nuisance without serving any useful purpose, which is far from my desire.

If you should care to have other opinions on the statements I have made, doubtless the secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers (who has already been in touch with you), or any of the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who have been in the studio would oblige.

Scores of my colleagues in this district share my views, except that they add that 'it is a waste of time to tackle the B.B.C.' You alone can disprove this latter statement, and, if you succeed, none will be more pleased than I.

In a letter to 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Groombridge comments:—

The only course now appears to me to be that all those interested should bombard Broadcasting House with a well-voiced protest the next time they follow 'their standard practice,' and for those ringers at churches where services are broadcast to show some self-respect and take 'J. D.'s' advice and 'pack up when the announcer barges in.'

I have taken the liberty of referring the B.B.C. to certain of our fraternity who have already been in touch with Broadcasting House without obtaining their consent. I have no doubt that these ringers will stand their ground if called upon, a happening which I cannot foresee. I wished, if possible, to convince the B.B.C. that the opinions expressed were not merely those of a few isolated individuals.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan. 30th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the West Norfolk branch will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. — W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lea, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at a moderate charge. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. —H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at Bishop's Lydeard. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.40 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. All members urged to attend.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fourth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 4th, at 6 p.m. Ringing: Norwood Green (6) 4 to 5 p.m., Heston (8) 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. District annual meeting at Twickenham on February 1st.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 4th. For tea (important) please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Ringers please meet 2.30 p.m. Further particulars will be sent to belfries. Please start the New Year well by attending. All welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcomed.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due. Annual reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting of the branch will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. C. Sharratt, 3, Moss Road, Orrell, near Wigan, not later than Jan. 3rd. A good meeting is expected at this tower. Now you six bell ringers, what about it?—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus and train service to and from the tower. Please come, let's have a good start for 1936.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 4th. St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) bells available from 3 p.m. Service in St. John's Church at 4.30. Tea, with annual business meeting to follow, in Parish Room 5 o'clock. All ringing friends welcome. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Jan. 6th, certain?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as soon as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — January meetings: Jan. 5th, service ringing, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, Jan. 6th at 7 p.m. and Jan. 20th, at 7.30 p.m., also at St. Clement's. Jan. 22nd, combined practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 p.m. Jan. 25th, service ringing, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Jan. 28th, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m. Our annual meeting will be held on

Feb. 8th, and all entries for handbell contest and, under amended rule, nominations for election of general officers, must, at or before the quarterly meeting to be held at 8.15 p.m., Jan. 6th, be sent to the hon. general secretary, Chas. O. Moore, 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 11th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Guildford. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, can be obtained, up to January 7th, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Anyone who can pull a bell welcomed. Reports ready. Members' subscriptions due.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 11th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at the Guild Hall at 4.30 at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton District.—Annual meeting at Southampton on Jan. 11th. St. Mary's (10), Holy Rood (8) and St. Michael's (8) bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at Holy Rood at 4.15. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Jan. 9th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Leonards, Samlesbury, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. This is the time of the year for making new resolutions. Let yours be: 'I will attend our meetings regularly.'—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Owing to St. Mary's Church bells being down for repairs, the towers at Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be open for ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Buses are frequent from both places. Tea, 9d. each, at the Station Restaurant, at 6.30 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. D. Potter, 35, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley, by Thursday, Jan. 9th. Business meeting afterwards in tea room.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting for the election of officers will be held at Islip on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Adoption of balance sheet.—J. Nickerson, 47, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Quadring on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 6th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual and silver jubilee meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells available 3 p.m. Kindly notify by Tuesday, Jan. 7th.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at The Chequers. Subscriptions for 1936 may be paid at this meeting. Tower secretaries please send a card stating number of members expecting to come.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Gas Company's Offices, Bridge Street, at 5.15. Will those who want tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 7th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Jan. 11th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Derby on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, etc., will be held in the belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, and there is plenty of room for a large gathering.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30. Visitors will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Sat., Jan. 11th. A bumper crowd wanted. Names for tea to me, please, by Jan. 8th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Wigan branch heartily invited. For tea apply to George Newton, 4, Langham Avenue, Liverpool 17, before Thursday, Jan. 9th.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Tower subscriptions should be forthcoming before meeting. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare, if requiring tea.

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

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome, only please let me know. Best wishes.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the Rutland branch will be held at Uppingham (8 bells) on Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers (both sexes) will be made welcome. Please notify for tea early to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, but please inform me not later than Tuesday, 7th. Subscriptions are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham Saturday, Jan. 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, B.A. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Meat tea in Church House 4.45 by ticket. Members of branch 1s. Visitors 1s. 6d. Application for tea tickets *before* Jan. 13th. Usual ring- ing arrangements. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Sidmouth (8) and Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jan. 25th. Tower open at 4.15. The memorial tablet to late master will be unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30 and numbers must reach me by the 21st inst. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF- FORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 15th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, Bristol. Commence 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. H. Knight (Wrington). Afternoon ar- rangement include 12-mile drive, with a ring on 8 bells and a cup of tea (visitors only). Ringing arrangements (probable): Temple Church, 2 p.m. Drive commences at 3 p.m. Other City bells available during afternoon and a cup of tea at St. Thomas', 4 to 4.45 p.m. Tickets for dinner 4s. 6d. from Messrs. W. Rose (Cheltenham), J. Austin (Gloucester), W. Kynaston (Swindon), A. Prince (Bath), J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), G. Nailor (Chippenham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), all officials and stewards of B.U.R.G., or direct from hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2. All un- sold tickets to be returned by Jan. 10th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meet- ing at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road. Those re- quiring tea please notify Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Merton, S.W. 19, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. A. T. Greenwood, hon. sec. of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is, now 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth, Hants.

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