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THE TYRANNY OF WORDS.

The value of words consists in their being able to convey definite meanings and ideas from those who use them to those who hear them, and during many years among ringers a number of terms have been introduced, most of which serve their purposes excellently well. But wherever there are life and improvement there must be changes and development in ideas and, with them, changes in the meaning of technical terms. Otherwise the terms are a hindrance to progress. Generally speaking, the meanings of the terms used both in the art and the science of change ringing have kept pace with the development of the things they represent, and the Exercise is well equipped with sufficient technical terms for use either in the belfry or to explain even the most abstruse problems of composition.

There have been, however, one or two instances where a technical term has been fully adequate to explain what the men who introduced it intended, but afterwards, when for one reason or another the original meaning was changed or expanded, the use of the term led to misunderstanding and some error of opinion.

In early days when 'cross' peals were first introduced it was natural for men to designate the changes rung as 'singles,' or 'doubles,' or 'triples' according to the number of pairs of bells which were changed. In this way Grandsire on five bells was called Doubles, but equally so what we now know as Bob Minor was called 'Triples and Doubles on Six Bells.' Then, by a process of simplification and development, the terms Doubles and Triples became confined to methods on five and seven bells, and new terms were found for six and eight.

So far we have the natural and proper development of the meaning of the terms to meet the needs of the development of the art. But what happened was that later men argued that, because 'Triples' originally meant triple changes, any method which does not consist of continuous triple changes has no right to be called Triples; from which it was but a step to the contention that no seven bell method which does not consist of continuous triple changes ought to be rung at all. This last opinion was entirely illogical, but it was widely held by influential men in the Exercise, and, though few probably would profess it to-day, it has had the effect of excluding from the ringers' repertory, without even a trial, a whole group of methods which to all appearances have many excellent qualities and might appeal to some bands

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if they were known. These methods have been condemned, not on account of any real defects in them, but because people did not recognise that the original meaning of the term Triples had become obsolete.

Another, and more important, instance is in the use of the word Surprise. This, too, is a very old term and dates from the early years of the eighteenth century if not before. In its origin it meant no more than a claim by ringers that they had rung a method more difficult and complicated than those in ordinary use, though from the first there seems to have been a tendency to confine it to Treble Bob methods. This is the meaning given to it in the great Oxford English Dictionary, and it would have been well if the Exercise had left it at that. When, however, the Central Council was first founded there was a general feeling among the leaders that the technical terms used in ringing should be carefully and straitly defined and among them the term 'Surprise.' What definitely was a Surprise method? Up to the end of the nineteenth century there were only three methods generally known which bore the title and, compared with the other methods in use, they could fairly be considered to be a group by themselves. So, after much discussion, the present definition of a Surprise method was adopted.

It was a great mistake. The development in the knowledge of the construction of methods and the vast expansion of method ringing in the tower have made the old meaning of the word obsolete. Cambridge and Superlative are no longer among the most difficult and advanced methods, though London still keeps its old position and is likely to do so. A large proportion of the Surprise methods is really included among the simpler and easier, yet because of the original meaning of the term they have a prestige which is not given to far better methods outside the group. Perhaps this does not matter overmuch so far as Major ringing is concerned. It decidedly does in Royal and Maximus, and the best will not be got out of ten and twelve bell ringing until ringers realise that it must be sought elsewhere than among the Surprise methods.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 7
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 10
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 11
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6	HENRY E. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
ERNEST SIBLEY ... 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

In memoriam, Charles T. Coles.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. K. WAGSTAFFE ... Treble	FRANK BROWN ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... 7
†HAROLD PAILING ... 3	FRANK BRADLEY ... 8
†GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 4	FRED A. SALTER ... 9
†T. VERNON JENNISON ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal on ten.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FRED HAYES ... Treble	FRANK WEST ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 7
WALTER LEE ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 8
RALPH COLES ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... 9
PERCY NEWTON ... 5	ALECK D. STRATHDEE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble	*JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 5
HARRY BALAAM ... 2	*ERNEST AUSTIN ... 6
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Caters.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

*EDWARD C. WEAVER ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW ... 7
ARTHUR H. S. RAINY ... 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 8
†TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	ALLAN SHORT ... 9
FRED PRICE ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRED PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	GEORGE LAKE ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	GEORGE AMHLER ... 9
*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5	WILLIAM RANFORD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

FIGHT ALL PEALS

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM CORPUS MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	I. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the association.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	*MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW	5
*FRANK REED 2	†MRS. IRENE SOMERVILLE	6
*MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW	3	*ERNEST PADGETT 7
*RICHARD WILLCOCKS 4	BEN BIRKETT Tenor	

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First in the method for the association.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
*WILLIAM G. COOK 2	JOHN O. WELLER 6	
†FREDERICK G. BUDGEN	3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
*MISS DORIS COLMAN 4	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method on tower bells.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Three and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PHILIP M. J. GRAY Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON	5
†MONICA J. RICHARDSON	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
RICHARD F. SPEED 3	VERNON J. BENNING	7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 4	WALTER F. JUDGE	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method inside.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

R. IVOR LEWIS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
D. REES JAMES 2	ERNEST STITCH	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	ALFRED W. HEATH 7
EDWARD T. BAILEY 4	DAVID L. HUGHES	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung for the wedding of Miss F. S. Perry to Mr. I. R. Eastwood.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*KATHLEEN STEVENS ... Treble	ERNEST THORLEY	5
AUBREY D. MILLS 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
GEORGE SEWELL 3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
CYRIL WANDER 4	JOHN G. AMES	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. 50th peal as conductor.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 12 cwt	
MISS HAZEL BLOOMER Treble	HAROLD WHITE	5
HAROLD J. SHUCK 2	†LEWELLYN R. HALL	6
*RAYMOND DUNN 3	ARTHUR WYKE	7
ARTHUR GROVE 4	*JACK GRIFFITHS	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. SHUCK.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY	5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	ALICK CUTLER	7
MAURICE HODGSON 4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. Half-muffled for Mr. C. T. Coles.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JAMES BENNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

In memoriam, Charles T. Coles.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACEY Treble	*MAURICE LINGS	5
*JOYCE LACEY 2	HAROLD JUDD	6
JACK BRAY 3	FRANK LORD	7
*GEORGE THOMPSON 4	GEORGE W. MOODY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	*PETER R. BLACKMAN	5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 2	*HAROLD A. NOBES	6
*ALFRED MEARS 3	*JOHN H. HUNT	7
*ROBERT E. TURNER 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and One and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt	
ARTHUR WIGGINS ... Treble	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	5
FRANK H. HICKS 2	BERNARD C. CASTLE	6
*VIOLET N. CASTLE 3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
†JOAN A. RANCE 4	A. JAMES GLASS	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.



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GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Oxford.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

MARGARET D. TELFORD...Treble	*ROY STEPHENSON 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	ERNEST THORLEY 6
AUDREY D. MILLS 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
FRANK TAYLOR 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
*MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
*NOEL J. DISERENS 3	ALBERT DISERENS 7
RICHARD A. POST 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method away from treble.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ERIC A. DENCH 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED READ Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOSEPH WOODS 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	ROGER LEIGH 7
JOHN CAVANAGH 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

DRONFIELD, DERRYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ...Treble	JOHN J. L. GIBERT ... 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...Treble	*WILLIAM AMBLER 5
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
PAUL BIRKETT 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 7
ALFRED ASHTON 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* Fiftieth peal together.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*GEORGE CRISP Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2	*HARRY L. MARTIN ... 6
RICHARD SPEED 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	MARIE R. CROSS 4
VERNON J. BENNING ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
PHILLIP M. J. GRAY ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.
First peal on the bells.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge

Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS BETTY KING ...Treble	HENRY HARDING 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 2	SERG. JACK STUBBS ... 5
ANDREW SINFIELD 3	EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.
* First peal.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Soliced Kent

and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob. Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERNARD H. DALTON ...Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4
THOMAS F. CARFORD ... 2	GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 5
LEONARD P. WILSON ... 3	CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by C. WANDER.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SENBURGA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,200 Stedman, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PETER C. W. NEAL ...Treble	DORIS G. DOBBIE 4
*STANLEY M. EVANS ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
*J. GARTH ROOKE 3	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung for the wedding of Dennis Parham and Mabel Gregory.

SANDAL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Cape,

Sandal Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingstone.
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES NETHERWOOD...Treble	ERNEST CUTT 4
ALFRED LAMB 2	WILLIAM WOMACK ... 5
JOHN WM. MOXON 3	GEORGE CUTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CUTT.

HANDBELL PEALS.**OXFORD.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At Somerville College,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 7-8
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE... 9-10
*BETTY SPICE 5-6	*JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First handbell peal of Stedman Cinques.

OXFORD.**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

*On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At Somerville College,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JEAN A. SOUTHERST 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	JOHN E. SPICE 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At St. Peter's Hall,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
BRUCE R. ROGERS 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At 202, FOSSE ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5-6
JILL POOLE 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

Mrs. C. W. POWELL ... 9-10
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: Cuthbert W. Powell.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MEETING AT HOWDEN.**

A meeting of the Selby and District Society, held at Howden on February 2nd, was attended by about 40 members and friends from Eastrington, Goo'e, Hemingbrough, Hull (Holy Trinity), Sherburn, Selby, Fishlake, Thorne, Barnby Don, Doncaster and Howden. The methods rung included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT LEOMINSTER.**

At the annual meeting of the Leominster District, held at Leominster on February 2nd, the district officers were re-elected: Ringing Master, Mr. F. Jaine; secretary, Mr. J. Fox, Kimbolton; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. T. Cooke, Eye. Two new ringing members and one honorary member were elected. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Aymestry in February, a quarterly meeting at Kingsland in April, and a practice at Leominster. Twenty-four members were present, including visitors from other districts and returned prisoners of war. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT EASTBOURNE.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on February 9th. Thirty-five members attended from Rotherfield, Heathfield, Hailsham, Burwash, Bexhill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Chiddingfold, Hastings, Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church).

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Marcon, and tea was at the Oak Cabin. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Mr. J. Downing, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Rogers, Ringing Master; Mr. S. G. Smith, hon. auditor; Messrs. W. H. Joiner and W. Rogers, committee. The next meeting will be at Frant in March.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT CLERKENWELL.**

The annual general meeting of the London County Association, held on February 9th at St. James', Clerkenwell, was attended by between 40 and 50 members and friends. Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting and handbell contest. The only team entered was from All Saints', Isleworth, who rang a course of Grandsire Triples, which, in the opinion of the umpires, was worthy of the award.

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not to the Editor.

The Little Bob Royal at Surfleet on February 16th was Mr. Rupert
Richardson's 500th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on February 12th was Mr.
Albert Walker's 360th peal on twelve bells. He rang his first peal,
one of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Taunton, fifty years ago this
month.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, who is in his 89th year, is resigning the
living of Crowthorne, which he has held for 52 years. He hopes to
still live in the parish. The good wishes of all ringers will go with
him in his retirement.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

February 17th, 1727. At St. Lawrence Jewry, the first peal of
Union Triples.

1801. At Hackney, the first peal of Place Triples.

1836. The steeple at Christ Church, Spitalfields, burnt out, and the
heavy ring of twelve bells destroyed.

1856. At Aston, the first peal of Stedman Major.

1883. At Tong, Yorkshire, 6,000 changes in 25 Minor methods. Not
spliced.

February 18th, 1782. College Youths rang 10,000 Oxford Treble
Bob Royal at Shoreditch.

1792. 5,088 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

1914. Nathan J. Pitstow died, aged 67.

February 19th, 1851. Henry Haley born.

February 20th, 1872. The Oxford University Society founded.

February 21st, 1903. At Leicester, the first silent peal of Stedman
Cinques on handbells. Mr. J. O. Lancashire is the sole survivor of
the band.

February 23rd, 1783. At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, The ancient Society
of College Youths rang Cambridge Surprise Major. False.

1876. William Escourt died, aged 78.

PLAIN BEARINGS VERSUS BALL BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my visit to belfries in different parts of the country
I have heard the question strongly argued: which is the best for
ringing, ball bearings or the old-fashioned plain bearings? Some
really good ringers say that no bell hung in balls is as good as one
in plain bearings when they are properly hung. They are less trouble,
I suppose, to the steeplekeeper, but that ought not to be a considera-
tion. What do your readers think about it? 'VISITOR.'

SYNTHETIC BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Salisbury Diocesan Gazette' for February appear
two notes issued by the Advisory Committee. The second reads:
'Synthetic Bells,' i.e., gramophone with loud speaker playing records
of bellringing. The Advisory Committee find themselves unable to
give approval.'

The committee reached this decision without consulting me, which
is so much the more satisfactory. F. LI. EDWARDS.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.

(Continued from page 57.)

Occasionally we find subscribers' names appearing amongst the inscriptions such as this:—

'All you of Bath that heare me sound
Thank Lady Hopton's hundred pound.'

A bit crude, but no doubt it pleased Lady Hopton and made sure of her hundred pounds. If the inscription is not pleasing, it is one way of getting subscriptions for a Bell Fund anyway.

At Hartland we get this one:—

'The name of Dennis Heard Chose and Rowe
With us can never die. They saved our
Lives not only so but made us multiply.'

Whilst at Ticehurst Thomas Janaway put this on the tenor:—

'This is to show to ages yet to come
That by subscription we were cast and hung
And Edward Lulham is his name
That was the actor of the same.'

Edward Lulham was not an actor on the stage, but a foundry employee of Janaway.

Then there is the common and at one time popular

'At proper times my voice I raise
And sound to my subscribers praise.'

This is to be found in all parts of the country and, like many votes of thanks, thanks everybody and mentions none.

One must admit that in several cases good use has been made of the few words it is possible to place on a bell, such as the Banham bell; at Stevenage Briant played with the story of the bell he recast in 1783:—

'Full thirty years my tone I lost
Been broke and tumbled down
In so neat I am recast
By Briant of Hartford Town,'

and made a good job of it too. A boastful inscription of Briant is a rarity, and in this case he only refers to the casting and not to its tonal quality.

From North Tamerton we gather there must have been some indifference to the bells, for in 1830 this appeared on the tenor:—

'Let bells said many go to wreck
Bailey and Bray said nay
We love our God, His House to deck
And hear His cymbals play.'

So far as I can gather, this is the only inscription which departs from the normal run in the county of Cornwall.

It is not often a founder expressed his feelings in his inscriptions; on two occasions what appear to be a solemn protest against Methodism and all the other isms which about that time (1760) were stirring the somewhat dry bones of the Church of England, Joseph Eayre placed on a Welwyn bell:—

'Prosperity to the Established Church of
England—no encouragement to enthusiasm.'

At Little Wymondley it is repeated except the word 'established' was omitted and 'enthusiasm' spelled correctly.

Very few of William Sellers' bells bear much of an inscription, but on the 2nd of the three he cast (1687) for Owmbly, Lincs, is the inscription:—

'Let us remember the 5 of November,'

As this follows 'God save the King' on his treble, we know which side he was on. In 1831 there appeared at Witham-on-the-Hill an inscription very strong in the opposite direction:—

'Twas not to prosper pride or hate
William Augustus Johnson gave me
But peace and joy to celebrate
And call to prayer to heaven to save ye
Then keep the terms and e'er remember
May 29th ye must not ring
Nor yet the 5th of each November
Nor on the crowning of a king.'

Incidentally the fifth bell at Witham-on-the-Hill is a bell of record, as the following shows:—

'Three of the 5 old bells cast in 1623, 49 & 74.
Were broken and frames worn out
These six bells were cast and put up by
William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, 1831.'

The Hedderlys cannot be classed as outstanding founders and, judging by their lettering, were not much as scholars; they avoided lengthy inscriptions, and one example by Thomas Hedderly will suffice for him:—

'We will sing with a cheerful nise,'

and, as a gentleman named Joad would say, 'it all depends upon what you mean by a cheerful noise.' A latter member of the family put this on the fifth at Louth:—

'According to our sound let Hedderly's fame seround.'

One more example from the Hedderly Foundry appeared at Spilsby:—

'The glas doth rvn the globe
Doth go awak from sin why
Sleep you so.'

As far as I know, this inscription has not been repeated elsewhere.

When seeing an unusual inscription, I wonder frequently as to what prompted it; for example:—

'Send pastors pure in word and life,'

which appeared at Northorpe, makes me wonder whether the bell was cast whilst the living was vacant and, as the previous incumbent had been 'a bit of a lad,' the parishioners were praying for a parson of the opposite school. Again, I wonder why

'Be not over busie'

appeared at Sempringham. This bell was cast by Robert Newcombe, Mayor of Leicester in 1550, and it would appear that even in those early days there were some who advocated 'go slow' tactics. Certainly it is the very opposite of 'Begone about your business' or 'Come away make no delay,' which are to be found frequently and in all parts of the country.

(To be continued.)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT GRIMSBY.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. James', Grimsby, on February 2nd. Members attended from Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Waltham, and the local belfry.

Service was conducted by the president, Canon E. Lisle Marsden. At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected and one new member was elected. The Bell Fund accounts were presented and accepted by the members. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 15s. Meetings were fixed for Thornton Curtis in April, Burton-on-Stather in June, Bigby in July, and Louth in August.

A MATTER OF FINANCE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read your leading article this week on the subject of finance. In my opinion, ringers have had their ringing far too cheaply in the past. It is not, of course, one of the functions of a ringing organisation to accumulate large bank balances, but it must be obvious to everyone that the slender resources of the majority of our associations will soon become exhausted if the amount expended each year is not recovered in one way or another from the members.

The association of which I am now general secretary had, rightly I think, discontinued the publication of an annual report during the war and has consequently accumulated a sum which will just about pay for the printing of one this year covering the six years 1940-1945. It does seem obvious to me, however, that if our members desire an annual report in the future some drastic revision of our finances is imperative. A printer friend of mine to whom I explained the position asked me what subscription we collected from our members. After I had told him they paid 1s. 6d. per annum he replied, 'Ridiculous. You ought to get half a guinea.' Compared with the fees charged and the services rendered by many other organisations one can think of, his reply did not seem to me to be in any way unreasonable.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

65, Kingsley Avenue, Ealing.

Dear Sir,—I strongly disagree with your suggestion that even the wealthy associations should increase their subscriptions to meet the rising cost of printing.

The work done voluntarily by officials is perhaps not fully appreciated, but associations should use their 'substantial cash balances' instead of accumulating funds for no useful purpose.

32, Heathfield, Leeds 6.

G. ROBINSON.

BROADCAST BELLS.*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—The bells of Bradford Cathedral were broadcast recently and they were on the air for approximately one minute. This seems a very short time in comparison with the length of the service. One would think that about four minutes would be allotted. This is typical of broadcasts of religious services preceded by bells.

I suggest that at the next meeting of the Central Council the length of time for which bells should be on the air at broadcast services is discussed, and after consideration the resulting time is recommended to the B.B.C. One minute seems hardly fair to ringers themselves after having practised a considerable time.

My experience is that many people who know nothing of bellringing enjoy listening to bells on the wireless and are just beginning to appreciate them when they are faded out. It would be gratifying to hear other ringers' comments on this matter.

PAUL BIRKETT.

2, Brighouse Road, Queensbury, near Bradford.

THE BELLS OF COLOGNE.

In the list of great bells given in Lord Grimthorpe's 'Clocks and Watches and Bells' (sixth edition, 1874), Cologne is said to have possessed a bell cast in the year 1448, 7ft. 10in. in diameter, and 11 tons 3 cwt. in weight; and another cast in the year 1449, weighing 6 tons. The last edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' says that 'the Kaiserglocke of Cologne Cathedral, recast in 1875 with metal from French cannon captured in 1870-71, weighed 27½ tons, but was broken up in the world war, and has since been replaced by a new bell weighing 25 tons.'

The great bell at Erfurt, cast in the year 1497 and weighing 132 tons, used generally to be considered the best big bell in Europe. Erfurt was not mentioned in any of the bombing or military operations, so presumably the Cathedral and its bell have survived.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.*MEETING AT PUDSEY.*

A meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, held at Pudsey on February 2nd, was attended by members from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Haworth, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Queensbury, Liversedge, Woodlesford, and visitors from Weedon, Northants, and Hillingdon, Middlesex. Mr. Senior presided at the business meeting and referred to the recent death of Mr. Pratt Cordingley. One new member, Miss M. Ambler, was elected.

The next meeting will be at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Feb. 23rd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*MEETING AT ELM.*

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held a meeting at Elm on February 9th, when ringers attended from Chatteris, Downham Market, Elm, Hilgay, Leverington, Marham, Shouldham, Terlington St. John, Walsoken and Wisbech. In the absence of the Vicar, the Vicar of Fridaybridge conducted the service and gave an address. Tea, provided by the local ringers and served in the Parish Room, was followed by the business meeting, Mr. Offord taking the chair.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.*

At a special general meeting of the Midland Counties Association, held on February 9th, the president, vice-president, hon. treasurer, hon. secretary and 17 committeemen from each branch met in St. Peter's Church Hall, Nottingham, to decide finally on the division of funds to the four newly-formed guilds.

The hon. secretary gave an estimate for printing the report, which will cover the last five years' work, peals, balance sheets, etc. It was decided that he should get further estimates and he was empowered to choose and proceed with the printing. A sub-committee was chosen to deal with the question of mementoes to the four general officers, and honorariums were granted to secretaries as formerly. The treasurer presented the balance sheet and it was approved. It was decided that after payment of the report and other expenses the balance should be equally divided among the four guilds: Derby and Districts Association, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Southwell Diocesan Guild and Midland Counties Guild (Burton District).

It was pointed out that the latter title was not an ideal one and might prove confusing, and the committee asked those concerned to reconsider this, suggesting it might better be named the Burton and District Guild. The association handbells were given back to the Derby Society.

After tea a general meeting was held in St. Mary's belfry and about 120 members were present. The president (Canon R. F. Wilkinson) explained that it was not one of the usual association meetings, but was called for the purpose of finally deciding the division of the funds remaining in hand after all expenses had been met. He gave an account of the committee's decision. Canon Wilkinson made reference to the formation of the association in 1882 and of the pioneers of those days. This generation had reaped the benefit of the solid foundation they had laid, and he paid tribute to their energy, devotion and zeal. In their turn they were now embarking on a new order, forming out of the unwieldy area covered by the old association new diocesan guilds for the inclusion and benefit of those many towers which could not possibly be embraced in the old order of things. They looked forward with every hope and confidence to a prosperous future. Canon Wilkinson also paid high tribute to the work carried out in all branches of the art—ringing, writing, organising, lecturing and other ways—by the energetic secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, who is now ending his office after 21 years' service. Also to Miss I. B. Thompson, whose careful work as treasurer was deeply appreciated, and to Mr. Colin Harrison, who had proved in so many ways his ability as vice-president.

The secretary, in his review of 1945, showed it to be a year of activity in all spheres. The 93 peals included all numbers from five to 12. Meetings had been held in all districts with record attendances. The treasurer showed the finances to be in a healthy condition, and so soon as it can be arranged the invested funds will be liquidated and the division of the balances made as directed by the committee. Two auditors, Mr. G. S. Morris and Miss Jill Poole, were appointed. The secretary was empowered to call the final meeting (which will be at Leicester), when matters have been cleared, and at that meeting the four new guilds will each be presented with an equal share of all balance of finance remaining.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*MEETING AT HILLINGDON.*

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Feb. 16th, and was attended by over 30 members and friends from Bishops-gate (St. Botolph's), Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Ewell, Heston, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Leiston, Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Merton, Osterley, Oxhey, Pinner, Ruislip, Stanmore, Twickenham, Uxbridge, Wembley, Westminster (St. Stephen's) and Willesden.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major, and rounds. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address.

At the annual business meeting Mr. W. H. Coles took the chair. The names of the members who had passed over during the war were read, and the secretary's report and the statement of accounts were adopted. Mr. F. G. Baldwin was elected Ringing Master, with Mr. F. A. Finch as deputy. Messrs. G. M. Kilby, T. G. Bannister and J. Herbert were elected to the General Committee, and Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and J. Herbert as auditors. Other officers were re-elected. The following new members were elected: Cant. H. W. Rogers, Lieut.-Comdr. Albert M. Houghton, Lieut. J. D. Richard, R.N., B. Fuller, Albert Hunter and David Hunter, and the Misses L. Gregory and F. J. Anderson, and R. Carter and J. Saw.

Future meetings were tentatively arranged at Brentford in March, Feltham in April, and at Ruislip during May.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner paid a tribute to the late Mr. C. T. Coles, and this was endorsed by the chairman and the district secretary (Mr. J. E. L. Cockey). The general secretary announced that the annual general meeting would be at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on May 11th, and referred to the forthcoming diamond jubilee of the association.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Feb. 9th, was attended by members from Norwich, Bristol, Bournemouth, Luton, Southampton, Guildford, Brentford, Southend and elsewhere.

Mr. J. Cornford, who took the chair, referred to the death of Mr. C. T. Coles, who had been buried earlier in the day, and stated how much he would be missed. The Cumberlands were proud of the fact that Mr. Coles had been a member of the society for about 35 years. Other ringers who had died during the year included Mr. Arthur Hardy, a member for 50 years, and Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, who joined the society in 1903.

All the officers were re-elected, i.e.: Messrs. G. H. Cross, Master; G. W. Steere, secretary and treasurer; T. Bevan and F. Hawthorn, stewards; C. J. Matthews and F. Bondell, trustees; and W. Ayre and A. H. Pulling, auditors.

The new members elected were Miss Joan Griffith and Messrs. S. Bailey, William C. Hughes, A. V. Goode, H. L. Weight, M. Harbott, H. Smith, D. G. Mayell, T. A. Goodey and F. R. Goddard.

In his report, Mr. G. W. Steere stated that at the first opportunity available at St. Martin's a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung last December to commemorate the end of the war. This peal will be duly recorded in the belfry, alongside the record of another peal of Stedman Cinques rung in April, 1919, after the war of 1914-18. Twelve peals had been rung during the year. They were: Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stedman Caters at Kingston-on-Thames, Kent Treble Bob Royal at Beckenham, Bob Major at Grayshott, High Barnet and Pinner, Grandsire Triples at Burnham (2) and Guildford, Cambridge Surprise Major at Bexley, Bob Minor (2) at Hitcham. Meetings had been held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; Christ Church, Cubitt Town in conjunction with the Middlesex County Association; and at Ruislip.

It was decided to arrange, if possible, meetings at Hornchurch, Prittlewell, Burnham and Highgate during the year.

In a letter to the secretary, Dr. Perry expressed the hope that a ringers' festival could one day be held at St. Martin's, and it was decided to bear the suggestion in mind when arranging the bi-centenary celebrations. This matter would come up for consideration later in the year.

The methods rung were Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal. Later two young members from Bournemouth, John V. Davis and Andrew Pearmain, played some tunes on handbells and made a very good show with Grandsire Triples rung four-in-hand.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.**

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its 24th annual meeting at Teignmouth on February 9th, members and friends coming from Exeter, Kenn, Okehampton, Tedburn St. Mary, Dawlish, Newton Abbot, Kingskerswell, Paignton, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth, as well as the local ringers. The ringing included touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. Phillips), who was assisted by the president of the Guild (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox), the Vicar giving an address.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, the president in the chair. Mention was made of the deaths of Mr. Harry Collyer, of Newton Abbot, Mr. Ernest W. Marsh, of Plymouth, and Mr. Charles T. Coles.

The election of two members was confirmed, two members were transferred to the list of honorary members, and one new member from Paignton and nine from St. James', Teignmouth, were elected. The secretary reported that five meetings and a number of practice meetings had been held during the year, and a number of new members had been elected. A donation has been paid into the instruction account.

The treasurer's report showed that there was £2 17s. 8d. in hand in the general fund and £4 1s. 4d. in the instruction fund.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Wakley; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker; and three members to serve on the General Committee, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wakley and Miss L. E. Clod.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in May at Kingsteignton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SYSTON.**

The first meeting of the Syston District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at Syston on January 26th, and nearly 60 ringers and friends were present from Anstey, Cossington, Birstall, Billesdon, Hoby, Syston and Thurmaston.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. H. J. Poole, president of the Guild, and the following officers were appointed: Chairman, Mr. G. T. H. Walker (Syston); secretary, Mr. H. Humphreys (Syston); committee, Messrs. W. Swan (Sileby) and G. Geary (Billesdon). Hoby was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on March 2nd.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT GUILDFORD.**

The most interesting feature of the Guildford District annual meeting on Saturday, apart from the renewal of friendships of many old friends, was the production by the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) of a phonograph record of the wax cylindrical type recording the voice of Mr. G. Gunner and the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, in 1904. Apparently two records were made of a bob course of Stedman Triples, the first being a failure through one ringer missing the bob.

Not being the possessor of a phonograph, the secretary was unable to pass an opinion on the record. Offers to produce instruments of sufficient antiquity came from Cranleigh and other villages. The meeting decided to leave the matter in the secretary's hands, and he was instructed to have a disc record made from the cylinder for retention in the Guild's library if it was suitable for reproduction. Two of the ringers participating in 1904 were present at the meeting—Mr. A. H. Pulling, who as vice-president presided, and Mr. H. Hutton.

The meeting gave approval to a suggestion by Mr. G. L. Grover that a sum of money should be voted from the £31 in hand for the sanctus bell of the new Guildford Cathedral, which is to be provided as a memorial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The sum of £5 was suggested: this will need the approval of the Guild Executive Committee. Other districts were asked to consider making contributions, and it was agreed that an estimate of the cost of the bell be submitted to the Guild annual meeting.

The report of the secretary gave an increase of about 25 per cent. in membership. Sympathy was expressed at the death of two old ringers—Mrs. Whittington and Mr. G. Tomsett. A strong urge for weekly practices in all towers was made, Mr. Hazelden expressing the opinion that no ringing band could maintain its efficiency without a weekly practice.

The Ringing Master (Mr. C. Ernest Smith) reported that 30 peals had been rung for the Guild in the district during the year. The Chairman mentioned in particular a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Albury, in which the treble was rung by Mr. T. Ansell, who was over 70 years of age and rang his first peal.

Officers elected were: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ernest Smith; auditor, Mr. Leslie Hunter; executive committee, Mr. F. Bowden. Nominations for Guild officers were: Master, Mr. A. Harman; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. auditor, Mr. R. A. Hasted. An encouraging list of new members for election included five from Worplesdon, four from Godalming, two S. Nicolas', Guildford, one each from Shere and Clandon. From Shere there were also elected one life hon. member and three hon. members.

Meetings were suggested for Pirbright, Shere, Ewhurst, Haslemere and Dunsfold. The meeting was attended by 85 ringers, about 50 per cent. more than notified the secretary for tea. This disorganised the secretary's admirable catering arrangements. Evensong was sung at S. Nicolas' Church and ringing took place in both Guildford towers.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Thirty-eight ringers from 21 towers attended the annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild, held at East Grinstead on February 9th. Various methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Major. The service in church was conducted by the president, Dr. Golding-Bird, and the address was given by the Rev. N. G. Kelly.

After tea, provided by the president, the business meeting was held in the belfry. The report stated that two peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung at Tunbridge Wells and Mayfield, both conducted by T. E. Sone. Meetings were held at East Grinstead (attendance 26), Hartfield (twice, 15 and 22), Lamberhurst (34), Fairwarp (22), Withyham (28), Turners Hill (17), Tunbridge Wells (34), Cowden (13), Rotherfield (35), Coleman's Hatch (11), and Mayfield (27). Two were joint with the Sussex County Association and one with the Kent County Association. There was a credit balance in the P.O. Savings Bank and in hand of £47 7s. 10d.

All the officers were re-elected and the following new members elected: Messrs. D. Vaughan (Withyman), M. Corby (Buxted), R. Rivers (Groombridge) and Mrs. B. Pankhurst (Leigh).

Two new rules were made: (1) That when the cost of tea at any meeting was more than 1s. 6d. per head, the excess of this amount shall be paid from the guild funds. (2) That the annual subscription be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d. In answer to enquiries, it was explained that the second was necessary to meet the expenses of representatives at Central Council meetings.

Meetings were arranged at Sneldhurst in March, with Chiddingstone as an alternative, and Balcombe in April.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR SAXBY.

Mr. A. Saxby, captain of the Margate band for upwards of 40 years, died on January 3rd at the age of 69. At the interment in Margate Cemetery a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon handbells.

He began ringing at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, about 1890, and had rung 15 peals of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30. Usual arrangements.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual, Hersham (8) (not Walton), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Nominations for several officers.—F. E. Hawthorne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. and SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Sutton-on-Trent, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Maximum attendance essential. Tea 5 p.m.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Burnham, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at White Lion 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Codicote (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Service 4.30.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Quorn (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Cups of tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Myatt.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Practice, Northfleet, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6 to 8.30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, Saturday, March 2nd, 6 p.m. Tickets to fully-paid-up ringing members, 3s.; to other members and friends, 7s. 6d. Early application with remittance is necessary as number is strictly limited. St. Martin's (12), St. Philip's (10), and St. Chad's R.C. (8), from 3.30 to 5 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Broadclyst, March 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division. — Annual, Crawley (8), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. O. Sippetts, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District. — Cadoxton, near Neath (6), Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Numbers to E. Stith, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam, by Feb. 26th.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Annual, Ranmoor (10), Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield, by Feb. 27th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District. — Milton Ernest, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual, Spalding, Mar. 2nd. Service 3.15. Tea at British Restaurant 4. Business, Church Day School, 4.45. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh and Lavenham Joint. —Monks Leigh (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. Names to H. Whymark, The Hall Cottage, Church Hill, Monks Leigh, near Ipswich.—J. T. Corder.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Staverton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Names for tea to Mrs. E. S. Powell, Staverton Vicarage, Daventry.—Mrs. H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice, Easthampstead (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern District.—St. John's, Newcastle, Mar. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. Names by Feb. 27th to Miss Margaret Fidell, 6, Shaftesbury Avenue, Monkseaton, Northumberland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Romsey Abbey, Mar. 2nd, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Feb. 27th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge Branch.—Whittlesford (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Cheadle P.C. (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. R.C. bells after tea. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. —East Haddon (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Tea provided.—C. Green, Murcott, Long Buckby, Rugby.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Welton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Names for tea (1s. 6d. each) by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—K. W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Poolstock, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea in School (free). Names by Wednesday, Feb. 27th, to S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — East Carlton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Names for tea to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice at the Lytchetts, Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Ringing at Lytchett Matravers from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5. Ringing at Lytchett Minster from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Syston District.—Hoby, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Humphreys, Wyndale, Barkby Lane, Syston, by Feb. 27th.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Emberton, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 25th to R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Luke's, Brislington (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Croft (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Mar. 7th to W. A. Wood, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, Mar. 9th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 3 p.m. Business 5.45. Ringing 6.30 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. (HOU 3921.)

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Llandilo (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business to follow. Number for tea Mar. 2nd to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanely, Carm.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 o'clock, to all who notify by the 6th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

BIRTH.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 11th, to Freda Gertrude, wife of William Birmingham, of 6, Cranbourne Road, Slough, Bucks, a son (William).

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD.

The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Leatherhead on February 9th, was attended by over 50 ringers from 17 different towers. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. Page, assisted by the Rev. A. Maby, of All Saints', Leatherhead, and the Rev. Noel George, who gave the address.

At the business meeting the Rev. F. Page was chairman. Mr. H. F. Pullen was elected an honorary member, and the Rev. J. Anido (Cobham), M. Skipp, J. Hill (Ewell), L. G. Leach (Dorking) and Alan Smith (Leatherhead) ringing members. Alan, aged nine, is the youngest member to date. The report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. A. Harman relinquished the office of District Ringing Master after serving since the formation of the district 18 years ago, and the thanks of the district were given him. Mr. A. J. Adams was elected in his stead. Meetings in 1946 are to be held at Newdigate, Leatherhead, Epsom and Dorking. The methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Royal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEETING AT MEASHAM.

Over fifty ringers attended the meeting of the Burton and District of the Midland Counties Guild, held at Measham on February 16th. They came from Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Lullington, Ashby, Overseal, Netherseale, Renton, Newhall, Ticknall, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Wolverhampton and the local company.

At the business meeting Mr. B. G. Key took the chair and seven new members and one life member were elected. Discussion took place as to the possibility of holding a missionary meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, but finally it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Newhall in March. The election of a representative for the Central Council was left over until next meeting when a ballot will be taken.

The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

QUARTER PEALS.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Tuesday, January 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples half-muffled: R. Dunn 1, A. Grove 2, Hazel Bloomer 3, A. Wyre 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. J. Shuck (conductor) 7, J. Grimth 8.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Thursday, January 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Clements 1, T. Groombridge, sen. 2, Staff-Sergt. Chandler 3, P. Ball 4, H. Pailing 5, K. Ward 6, J. A. Barratt (conductor) 7, W. Perkins 8.

WEEKLY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): J. Shatford 1, Miss M. J. Lawrence 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, A. F. Kirkman 4, G. W. Clarke (conductor) 5, H. Cooper 6. Half-muffled.

DITCHEAT.—On Tuesday, January 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Arthur White 1, Percy Hull 2, Miss Vera Look 3, Miss Beryl Look 4, Joseph T. Dyke 5, Herbert Lintern 6, Henry J. Sanger (conductor) 7, Albert Lintern 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On January 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. J. Hammond 1, Miss M. Fuller 2, Miss P. Fullbrook 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, A. Marshall 5, J. Bassett 6.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On February 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Whitlock 1, Archie Lathall 2, Edward Whitlock (conductor) 3, Thomas Walters 4, Jack Morris 5, Frank Watson 6.

LLANGIBBY, MON.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Heath 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. W. Jones 3, W. J. Powell 4, G. Large 5, Rev. I. Richards 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

STREATHAM COMMON.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Miller 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Weibourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Sparkes 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. John's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, R. Abbott 2, C. Parks 3, R. Davies 4, T. Bulgin 5, H. G. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, F. E. Collins 8.

READING.—On February 3rd, at St. Laurence's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens (conductor) 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, N. J. Diserens 3, Miss P. Hart 4, T. N. Lanaghan 5, A. Sweetzer 6, R. W. Rex 7, C. Pullen 8, E. Humfrey 9, E. G. Foster 10.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, E. Eade 2, F. Hart 3, F. Weller 4, J. Hart 5, A. Hart 6, J. A. Hart 7, W. Burrell 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Minor, 360 Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: A. L. Ford 1, M. Stephens 2, A. Waller 3, G. Hutchings 4, P. Inskip 5, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, half-muffled, 1,260 Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, M. Ginn 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. Nicholls 5, J. Perkins 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Clarke 1, A. F. Cull 2, A. R. Burgess 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, A. White 5, D. C. Price 6, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 7, A. Lawrence 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Grant 1, Joy Davis 2, W. A. Swift 3, J. S. Weeks 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frank Mills 1, Charles Denyer (conductor) 2, Kenneth Williamson 3, William Denyer 4, Peter Wenham 5, Ray Clist 6, Will H. Viggers 7, George K. Williamson 8.

PONTEFRAC.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Lenton 1, H. C. Walters (conductor) 2, B. Moody 3, H. Walker 4, W. Swallow 5, W. R. Tate 6, C. Brown 7, A. Heckingbottom 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stephenson 1, M. Chilcott 2, H. Ellis 3, C. Hunt 4, W. Paice 5, J. Chilcott (conductor) 6, H. Belcher 7, L. Heath 8.

LLANDUDNO.—On February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Oliver 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, R. Fairlie 3, Miss K. Ruffell 4, J. Flood 5, Miss M. Jones 6, L. Barry (conductor) 7, H. Geeson 8.

EBBW VALE.—On February 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsop 1, B. D. Price 2, R. Alsop 3, G. Large 4, R. Stephens 5, T. Stephens 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, J. Jeynes 8.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On February 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Newton 1, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 2, H. Knights 3, F. Deacon 4, T. Pickering 5, C. R. Belton 6, T. K. Deacon 7, G. Needham 8.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On Wednesday, February 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Ashcroft 1, S. Flint 2, J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Lunham 4, W. Rimmer 5, R. Lurkey 6. Half-muffled for John Gardner, many years a ringer in the parish, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.—On February 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. J. Hannington 2, F. J. Bailey 3, A. W. Heath 4, C. Glenn (conductor) 5, A. Rowley 6, E. Coombes 7, L. Herbert 8. Rung half-muffled.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, February 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, H. Franks 4, R. H. Begrie 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, E. Pratchett 8.

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