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### TWELVE-BELL PEALS.

Close upon the completion of the peal of twelve at Taunton, and even before the new bells to be placed in the Cathedral at Exeter to increase the ring to the highest number, have been opened, comes the announcement that Macclesfield is to have a peal of similar number. The rings of twelve thus continue steadily to mount up, and the latest addition will supply the first in the county of Cheshire. This year Leicester and Taunton have been completed, Exeter put in hand and Macclesfield decided upon, not a bad record for one twelvemonth, especially if the complete restorations at Sheffield and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields be added. This is an evidence of increasing interest in bells on the part of the public and of Church authorities, for it has to be remembered that the augmentation and restoration of rings of the lower numbers have been going on in equally encouraging manner.

But with this growth of rings of twelve, there is a noticeable absence of twelve-bell peals, when it is remembered that there are already forty twelve-bell towers in this country. A cursory glance through the pages of 'The Ringing World' shows that up to last Saturday 34 twelve-bell peals on tower bells had been rung since the beginning of this year, and of that number no fewer than 19 were rung in and around London, while, of the remainder, four were rung at Painswick and three at Birmingham, leaving only eight, spread over six towers, for all the rest of England! Is this, one may well ask, a really satisfactory record? The bulk of the peals in the London district was rung by three companies, with, of course, slight variations of personnel, and that, subject to the same qualification, leaves only nine other bands of twelve-bell ringers to score peals in practically a whole year. Yorkshire with five twelve-bell towers, rang one peal; Lancashire with three, rang none at all. Nor can the poor result throughout the country generally be attributed to the fact that in many places the bells are unpealable. Local conditions, over which ringers have no control, may have done something to prevent peals in some places; but there must be other causes, to be found among the ringers themselves, to account for the state of affairs which this brief survey reveals.

There is work for many Associations to do in the new year if they would bring twelve-bell peal ringing to the level it ought to be. Where the bells are at fault, every influence should be brought to bear to get them restored. Where it is the ringers who are the stumbling-block, tactful assistance, encouragement or advice could be offered. We realise the difficulties in these matters, but

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no association ought to rest until it is able to claim at least one peal a year on the bells of every twelve-bell tower in its area. In only fourteen towers (six of them in or near the Metropolis) have twelve-bell peals been rung this year. That in itself is proof that something should be done, and if the associations, who are more particularly interested, cannot move, who can?

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY ... .. Treble	RICHARD BEVAN... .. 7
*JOHN SPARROW ... .. 2	FRANK SMITH ... .. 8
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 4	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 10
*REGINALD BROUGH ... .. 5	*HARRY SEAR ... .. 11
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Treble Twelve.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt in D.

WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
ERNEST H. HUNT ... .. 2	†FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. 7
*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
FREDERICK G. VILES ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. R. Barker.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6077 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS H. REEVES... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 6
ALBERT E. SCRIVENS... .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 7
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3	†BERTRAM C. LEEDHAM ... .. 8
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 9
*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by B. W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. H. Reeves. It was also James George's 700th peal on tower bells. \* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

WARWICK.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;**

J. CARTER'S No. 3.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. Treble	*ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 6
EDWARD H. ADAMS ... .. 2	FRANK PERVIN ... .. 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	*WILLIAM COLLETT ... .. 8
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 9
WILLIAM T. COX... .. 5	*THOMAS HARRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells by a resident band of the Warwickshire Guild.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.****CHESTER.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Wall,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF 'THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 2	ARTHUR NEWELL ... .. 6
*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
*JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Stedman.

**BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BLACKBURN AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM CHAMBERS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 5
TOM STANCLIFFE ... .. 2	*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 6
*JOHN SANDERSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 4	JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. Ringers of the 5th and 6th hail from Todmorden, the rest from Blackburn.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

On Friday, Dec. 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN B. HESSEY ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
†HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. FISTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* 500th peal. † First peal in the method.

**BAGSHOT, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.

FREDERICK C. NYE ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
*HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Major on the bells. \* First peal in the method. This peal, and the one at Chertsey, were specially arranged for Mr. H. J. Chaffey, Ringing Master of the Yorktown District.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE****THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, SHREWSBURY.**

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CATHRALL ... .. 5
†JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS CATHRALL ... .. 6
*FREDERICK EVANS ... .. 3	WILLIAM JONES ... .. 7
†WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 4	SAMUEL MEADOWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Messrs. Evans, Jones, Meadows, W. Cathrall and T. Cathrall, who hail from Wrexham, were elected members of the St. Chad's Society previous to starting. The band desire to thank the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Langford Brown) and Mr. Griffith Whitfield for the use of the bells.

**POOLSTOCK, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 5
HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**LODDON, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 5
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
*ARTHUR WEBBER ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung. \* First peal 'inside.' The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, Rev. R. Dixon, for entertaining them at the conclusion of the peal.

**BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ADKINS ... .. Treble	SAMUEL QUINTON ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	EDWARD R. ROBEY ... .. 6
ALBERT W. J. BIRD ... .. 3	HENRY W. CURTIS ... .. 7
JAMES HAZELL ... .. 4	SIDNEY NAILOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. R. ROBEY.

First peal of Triples as conductor. The band wishes to thank Mr. G. Davis and Mrs. Davies for kindly providing tea after the peal.

**COGGESHALL, ESSEX.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
*GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 6
CYRIL PEASE ... .. 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 7
†PERCY TIMSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. The band were fortunate in ringing the peal as, when lowering the bells at the finish, the tenor rope broke.

**KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. 7
*ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Woodberry, son of the ringer of the 6th. First peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WINCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	OWEN H. GILES ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. WILSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

NEWHAY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes  
At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN NASH ... .. 5
MISS R. A. BELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 6
JOHN TITTON ... .. 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 7
GEORGE STAFF ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. BERRY. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal in the method as conductor, also first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ALMONDBURY, HUDDERSFIELD.  
On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

JOHN ROBERTSON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR GARNER ... .. 5
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 2	FRANK BLAKEBOROUGH ... .. 6
ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 3	JOHN WM. NUTTON ... .. 7
HARRY NUTTON ... .. 4	JAMES E. CARTER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. JENKINSON. Conducted by H. NUTTON.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast and hung in an iron frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, in 1919.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ASTLE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... .. 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS ... .. 7
JOHN ROBERTS ... .. 4	THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Thomas, who is the esteemed conductor at the above tower. Quickest peal on the bells.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 5
WILLIAM LATIER ... .. 2	HERBERT J. FORD ... .. 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	FREDERICK PAIGE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

These bells have recently been overhauled and rebung by Messrs. Groombridge and Palmer, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired. The above is the first peal that has been rung upon them since August, 1899. Six of the band were officers of the Association, there being the General Secretary, two District Secretaries and three District Representatives. The band were welcomed in the belfry by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Gilliatt.

NORTHAMPTON.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

MAURICE SMITH ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 5
THOMAS LAW ... .. 2	FRED WILFORD ... .. 6
WILLIAM PARKER ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM FAREY, JUN. ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* 50th peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ... .. <i>Treble</i>	* EDWARD SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
* ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 5
JOHN CAPP ... .. 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 7
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

* ALFRED MILLARD ... .. <i>Treble</i>	* ARTHUR R. THORNE ... .. 5
ALFRED WYATT ... .. 2	PERCY MERSON ... .. 6
* WILLIAM CORDING ... .. 3	JAMES HUNT ... .. 7
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Merson.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD WHITBREAD ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY LIGHTFOOT ... .. 5
THOMAS HULL ... .. 2	* HARRY HOLLOCK ... .. 6
JOHN MALYAN ... .. 3	* HORACE GOODENOUGH ... .. 7
† SYDNEY GARDNER ... .. 4	† ERNEST HUNT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS HULL.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal on 8 bells.

HEADCORN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. 5
PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	BENJAMIN BAKER ... .. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Lambert.



OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S ONE-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
ROBERT WOOD ... .. Treble	...	ERNEST E. GOSLING ... .. 5	...
FREDERICK TINDALL ... .. 2	...	ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 6	...
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE ... .. 3	...	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7	...
RONALD FRANKLIN ... .. 4	...	FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... Tenor	...

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

First attempt for a peal by all except ringers of the 3rd and 7th. The treble and 4th ringers are each 15 years old, 5th and 6th, 16, and tenor 17 years old. The peal was rung by the local Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. J. Guttridge on his 74th birthday. The band tender their best thanks to him for his kind hospitality after the peal.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.	
F. DUNKERLEY ... .. Treble	...
A. CLEGG ... .. 2	...
F. LAWTON ... .. 3	...
J. LEES ... .. 4	...
J. BUTTERWORTH ... .. 5	...
S. M. BUTTERWORTH ... .. 6	...
H. BARLOW ... .. 7	...
C. E. PLATT ... .. Tenor	...

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. E. PLATT.

Rung as a compliment to J. Hallas, one of the local band, for his 21st birthday. \* First peal in the method. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 7th and tenor belong to Moorside, 2nd to St. Mark's, 4th and 6th to St. Mary's, Oldham, 5th to East Crompton.

BUSLEY, HERTS.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
CHARLES H. HORTON ... .. Treble	...
FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 2	...
HUBERT EDEN ... .. 3	...
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	...
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5	...
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 6	...
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7	...
WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Tenor	...

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.  
Umpire: ARTHUR W. DIX.

The author's short course, seven-part peal; for calling see the 'Ringing World,' July 15th, 1921. The Umpire checked every call and six-end from manuscript. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis A. Smith.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.	
GEORGE A. PICKERING ... .. Treble	...
ARTHUR PAYNE ... .. 2	...
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 3	...
RICHARD THOMPSON ... .. 4	...
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5	...
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 6	...
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7	...
ARTHUR M. HALL ... .. Tenor	...

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Triples on the bells.

ROXBOROUGH, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Augustine,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
MISS P. UPSHER ... .. Treble	...
MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 2	...
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 3	...
WILLIAM SABAN ... .. 4	...
WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 5	...
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 6	...
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 7	...
JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. Tenor	...

Conducted by G. RADLEY.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
JOHN T. BROTHWELL ... .. Treble	...
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	...
CHARLES MASON ... .. 3	...
*GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 4	...
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5	...
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6	...
*WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 7	...
JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor	...

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the composer's 63rd birthday.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*HARRY SPRINGATE ... .. Treble	...
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... .. 2	...
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	...
*FRANK BELSEY ... .. 4	...
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 5	...
WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6	...
*CHARLES NORRIS ... .. 7	...
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor	...

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.	
JOHN COLEMAN ... .. Treble	...
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 2	...
FRED STUBBS ... .. 3	...
FRANK KIRK ... .. 4	...
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 5	...
DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 6	...
REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. 7	...
LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor	...

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

SAMLESBURY, PRESTON.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

T. BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
TOM STANCLIFFE ... .. Treble	...
FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 2	...
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	...
ALBC. MARTIN ... .. 4	...
*WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 5	...
JOHN WATSON ... .. 6	...
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7	...
*JOHN BROWN ... .. Tenor	...

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in method. Ringer of 3rd bells from Church Kirk, 4th from Preston, 5th from Penwortham, 8th from Houghton, rest from Blackburn.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.	
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	...
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	...
JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 3	...
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 4	...
WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 5	...
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 6	...
KEITH HART ... .. 7	...
PETER CHARMAN ... .. Tenor	...

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HASFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GEORGE ARNALD ... .. Treble	SAMUEL PRICE ... .. 4
*JOHN DEEN ... .. 2	*FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
CHARLES YOUNG ... .. 3	EDMUND CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by S. PRICE.

\* First peal. Fourth and tenor ringers hail from Tirby, 3rd from Castlemorton, Malvern, rest are local.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINGLEY DISTRICT)

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY REYNOLDS ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 4
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 2	HENRY WRIGHT ... .. 5
*JOHN W. REYNOLDS ... .. 3	FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to Mrs. Pocock, the much respected and beloved wife of the Rector of Peckleton, the Rev. S. R. Pocock.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, 1922, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Treble	IVOR E. PROBERT ... .. 4
ARCHIE D. PROBERT ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
EDGAR R. JONES ... .. 3	†JAMES RANDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. J. HYETT.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First attempt for a peal. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. Churchwarden Richards.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Cambridge and Norwich.

EDWARD YOUNGS ... .. Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 4
JAMES BRITTS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES R. J. MORSS ... Treble	*LEONARD R. HOFF ... .. 4
*GEORGE E. WIGHTMAN ... 2	†ERNEST PLUMMER ... .. 5
CHARLES R. MORSS ... .. 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor.

**ALFRED BOWELL**  
**CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,**  
**IPSWICH.**

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent, and one 720 each of College Exercise, Violet and Woodbine. Tenor 8 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... 4
THOMAS ADAMS ... .. 2	JAMES BOWELL ... .. 5
ALBERT FIEST ... .. 3	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DONALD FINDLAY ... .. Treble	*JOHN MEDHURST ... .. 4
†FRANK BALLARD ... .. 2	ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. 5
BERNARD COLLISON ... .. 3	ERNEST LINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

First peal of Doubles by all the band, and believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells. \* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First as conductor. The band wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

QUINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt in F sharp

THOMAS SHEPARD ... .. Treble	SIDNEY ARTHUR ... .. 4
HORACE TERRY ... .. 2	WALTER LARGE ... .. 4
ERNEST WITHERS ... .. 3	SAMUEL RUSSELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Upper Quinton, 2nd from Ilmington, 3rd from Chipping Campden, 4th from Tredington, 5th from Stretton-on-Avose, 6th from Admington.

LLANGATTOCK, BRECONSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHWG,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 17½ cwt.

SIDNEY D. EDWARDS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR POWELL ... .. 4
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE POPPELL ... .. 5
JOHN JONES ... .. 3	WILFRED L. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY D. EDWARDS.

First peal by all except ringers of the 3rd and 5th. Ringer of the 2nd hails from Llanelly, Brecon, 5th and tenor from Bedwellty, Mon., 1st, 3rd and 4th are local ringers. First peal to be conducted by a local ringer. Rung for evening service on the back six bells.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Dec. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROLAND LEWIS ... .. Treble	CHRIS, BOWERS ... .. 4
DAVID HORNE ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late J. Howells, who was a ringer at the above church for upwards of 40 years.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples had to be brought round after ringing two hours, owing to the bad going of the tenor: A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 1, G. Luff 2, E. Gale 3, W. Money 4, M. Smither 5, C. Bish 6, T. Attwell 7, A. Hockley (1st attempt) 8.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

A. CHADWICK ... .. Treble	J. MARSH ... .. 4
A. INGHAM ... .. 2	L. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
W. AARON ... .. 3	*W. ASPINALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

BRATTON, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK CARTER ... .. Treble	JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 4
WILLIAM BAXTER ... .. 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 5
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN ... .. 3	*BENJAMIN COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CLAPHAM, SURREY.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT 63A, OLD TOWN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7-8
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM HEWETT ... .. 9-10
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 11-12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. and Miss POLLING.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band and first by the  
above Association.

**'INJUSTICE TO FIVE AND SIX BELL RINGERS'**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I quite expected Mr. Willson to get out his battle-axes and slay me, but not in the way he attempted. There is no need for 'cap-fitting' to answer his letter on page 795. The personality I meant in my previous letter was that of 'W. W.' himself, for the first part of his letter on page 765 simply iterates what he has rung; where he has walked; what he is now doing; and this is quite outside the diploma scheme. You, sir, very wisely cut out one paragraph from my letter which showed my meaning perhaps too plainly.

Regarding the word 'bete-noire,' two private writers have pointed out my error in taking the literal meaning of the word, but also tell me such words are merely the stock-in-trade of the cheap journalist and hack writer.

I am quite able to uphold and state my own views without a prompter such as 'W. W.' insinuates, but to answer a ridiculous letter such as his on page 795, is impossible. There is no sense or argument in it. As far as self-advertisement is concerned, I think he knows more about that than I do.

I simply pointed out (without flowery language) his injustice to our less fortunate brethren with only five and six bells to practise on, and my 'hysterical' letter was the result of being so surprised at his attitude, when I possess documents he himself wrote supporting my views in the past. They make very bad reading against his present attitude.

I have received during the present week many letters of protest against such injustice to the five and six bell ringers, from which, did space and time permit, I would give extracts, but Mr. Willson or any other ringer can see them if they care to. It may be said why don't they write to the 'Ringing World' 'direct,' but it must be understood that most are ringers in country villages who feel themselves not up to such a standard of education as Mr. Willson's, to carry their letters through the Press.—Yours sincerely, ERNEST MORRIS.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Hayes, Kent, on December 13th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack (conductor) 3, G. Harwood 4, O. Gilbey 5, J. Brown 6. Also, in 1 hr. 5 mins., a date touch (1,922 changes), comprising 482 Bob Minor. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, F. Keech 3, G. Harwood 4, O. Gilbey 5, J. Hack (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Brown, daughter of Mr. H. Brown, a ringer at the above church for upwards of 30 years.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A right merrie Christmas' to all our readers.

When we referred the other day to the anniversary of the first peal at St. Paul's we said Mr. Ted Horrex was the only survivor. We are glad to be able to say that there is still another member of the band who is alive and meeting the society: Mr. W. Tanner, who rang the eighth.

Mr. Tanner is living at East Ham. He is the one remaining member of the band that rang the first peal in Scotland, Grandsire Triples, at Dundee in 1873.

Forty-five years ago to-day the first peal by the Lancashire Association was rung.

The Christmas holidays have always been a favourite time for long peal attempts and several records, some of them afterwards broken, have been made during the Yuletide festival. Here are a number of noteworthy performances:

December 26th, 1831, 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Elland, Yorks, in 8 hrs. 43 mins.; 1885, 8,064 Double Norwich Major at Leiston in 5 hrs. 4 mins.; 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley, Sussex, in 5 hrs. 20 mins.; 1910, 9,728 Superlative Surprise at Clent, Worcestershire, in 5 hrs. 52 mins.; 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques, St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 8 hrs. 2 mins.

December 27th, 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston, Leicestershire, in 10 hrs. 35 mins.; 1909, 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 5 hrs. 55 mins.

One of the earliest peals of Treble Bob on record, of which the composition has been preserved, was rung on December 27th, 1718, by the Society of Union Scholars, at St. Dunstan's Church. It was described as Union Bob, and was what we now know as Oxford Treble Bob.

Thirty years ago, on Boxing Day, 1892, the first peal of Double Norwich was rung in Hampshire. This was rung on the back eight at Christchurch Priory Church, and later in the same day the same band rang another peal in the same method at St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

Youth honouring age was the underlying feature of the peal at Old Windsor on December 13th. Five boys (two of 15, two of 16 and one of 17) took part in a peal by the Sunday Service band to honour the 74th birthday of another member, Mr. J. Guttridge. And there were six first peals!

It is seldom that the services of an umpire are requisitioned for a tower bell peal, but in ringing the Rev. H. Law James' short-course seven-part peal of Stedman Triples at Bushey, which, after many attempts, was successfully brought round on Saturday, the band had a competent ringer to check the calls and the course ends.

Reference to the figures will show that an unscrupulous conductor could 'wangle' his part in the business, and the Bushey men, and particularly the conductor, were determined there should be no opportunity given to anyone to reflect upon their performance—wherein they are to be congratulated.

About ten attempts were made before the peal was rung, the last failure, about a fortnight ago, being in the last course, when the conductor, who admits that he 'got the wind up,' made a miss call.

'All ringers are welcome, and their efforts will be appreciated by the villagers,' is a note appended to the information that applications for permission to ring at Almondbury, Huddersfield, should be addressed to the Vicar (Dr. Longford). The bells are one of the best peals in the district, having been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1919. The first peal has just been rung upon them.

Two of the foundation members of the Lancashire Association, Messrs. J. H. Garlside and J. Marsden, were present at a social gathering of the Preston Branch on Saturday week at Chorley, where, nearly fifty years ago, the formation of the association took place.

Ringers visiting Brighton will be welcome at St. Nicholas' Church, where the recast peal of the ten bells have just been reopened. There is ringing every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

## ST. BUDEAUX CHURCH BELLS.

The peal of six bells at the Parish Church of St. Budeaux, Plymouth, have during the last few weeks been under expert restoration. Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons have put them in perfect ringing order, and hung them on their patent adjustable bearings. The work was tested by ringers from various Plymouth Churches on Wednesday of last week, and all were highly pleased with the easy 'go' of the bells and their improved tone, the bells having been quarter turned.

Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons are commencing the peal of six bells at Isington, Devon, within the next few weeks, and are carrying out work at many other towers in the West of England.



**RUISLIP BELLS.****A MIDDLESEX RESTORATION.**

The re-dedication of the bells at Ruislip Parish Church, Middlesex, 'to the glory of God and in honoured memory of 34 men of the parish who gave their lives for God, King and country, in the great war,' took place on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. The dedication was performed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, and before the address, the ringers' hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' was sung.

The bells have been in a very bad state for the past ten years, and practically unringable, and the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now put them into first-rate order. The work done includes a new steel girder foundation below the old oak frame, the recasting of 4th, 5th and tenor, tuning the whole peal and rehanging on new gudgeons and ball bearings, and new clappers with buffers. The tenor is 12½ cwt. in F sharp, and from the volume of sound and mellow tone might easily be taken for a much heavier bell. No comment need be made on the 'go' of them, except that when they were rung everyone wanted to pull harder than required.

Before the service the local band rang the bells to call changes, and immediately after the service, by the kindness of the Vicar and ringers who placed the bells at the disposal of a band of change ringers, a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by G. H. Gutteridge 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 3, E. Hancox 4, P. Jones 5, W. Henley 6, H. H. Chandler 7, W. Honor 8, followed by three courses of Stedman Triples (E. Hancox, conductor), and in which Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. R. Macdonald took part. With Kent Major and more Grandsire, the bells were kept going till 9.50 p.m. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor, and open to the church, and the ringing attracted a lot of attention, the opening to the belfry being crowded both before and after the service.

At the conclusion of the ringing a move was made to the reading room, where a plentiful supply of sandwiches, cakes, coffee and other drinks, were provided for the ringers, through the kindness of the churchwardens, who extended to the visitors a hearty welcome, and thanked them for the help they had afforded; also for the opportunity they had given them of hearing the bells in change ringing, and expressing the hope that their own band would take it up.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Luton district took place on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Dunstable, members being present from Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Tring, Houghton Regis, Husbome Crawley, Harpenden, with a good muster of the local band. The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening in a number of methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, the president (Canon W. W. C. Baker) having the satisfaction of ringing a first class course of Superlative Surprise at his first attempt.

The business meeting took place after tea, Mr. A. King (vice-president) being in the chair, owing to the president having to take even-song.

The officers were re-elected.—A proposition of Mr. E. J. Hobbs: 'That a quarterly peal should be attempted by the branch,' lead to an interesting discussion. Various members expressed their views, and it was decided to attempt Grandsire Caters at Leighton Buzzard, some time before Lent.

The next meeting is to take place at Leighton on January 13th so that members will have good opportunity for ten bell practice.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the tower again visited.

**A 'STRIKE' OF 25 YEARS AGO.**

Under the heading of a 'Quarter of a Century Ago,' the 'Ere-sham Standard' gives the following extract from its issue of Dec. 18th, 1897:—

'The threatened railway strike fades into insignificance in face of the tidings from Ilmington. The bell ringers have struck. And although up to the time of writing the military have not been called out, the circumstances of the strike have caused considerable excitement. On Friday there was a temperance lecture in the school-room, and the noise of the bells upset the nerves of the lecturer. A messenger was sent to the belfry with a request that the ringers should cease their labours. Ringers, maybe, are thirsty men, but I should not like to suggest that it was owing to any lack of sympathy with the subject of the lecture that they considered the action of the lecturer intemperate. That they resented the interference was apparent on Sunday when the ringers declined to perform their usual functions and a solitary bell, tolled by the sexton, chimed for service.'

'Strikes,' caused through the interference of outside people, often occurred at Ilmington years ago, we are informed.

**TWO PEALS TO BE REOPENED.**

The five bells at North Farnborough, which have been rehung with new fittings in a metal frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be opened on Sunday next at 11 a.m. by the Bishop of Winchester.

**ANOTHER PEAL OF TWELVE.****MACCLESFIELD BELLS TO BE RECAST AND AUGMENTED.**

Another peal is to be augmented to twelve. We are informed that it has been decided that the ten old bells at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, Cheshire, shall be recast and two trebles added, the tenor to be about 28 cwt. in D. It is expected that the bells will be ready by Easter.

**WHAT DOES DIOCESAN MEAN?****To the Editor.**

Sir,—Besides the local and personal interest aroused by the Norfolk claims, there are some points which are of general interest. Such are the claims made by the Norwich Association to:—

- (1) Annex new territory.
- (2) Maintain a monopoly.
- (3) Create a Diocesan Association.

The position is this: none of the ringers in West Suffolk wish to belong to the Norwich Association. All the ringers in East Suffolk wish to remain members. As East Suffolk is very much larger than West, it follows that the great majority of Suffolk ringers belong to the Norwich Association. No one has taken any steps to withdraw them from that association; nor has anyone even suggested it, except Mr. Coleman in the extraordinary scheme he drew up and published in your columns.

A Diocesan Association has been started by the West Suffolk men, under the auspices of the Bishop, and all the Diocesan Authorities; and some of us in East Suffolk wish to belong to it as well as to the old association. This action has been resented, and we are told that the old association has always had a monopoly in East Suffolk; and that, as they have the majority of Suffolk ringers, the minority ought not to belong to any other association in the county. In support of this they have added the words 'St. Edmundsbury' and 'Diocesan' to their name.

When these matters have been discussed, the Norfolk ringers have always given as their reason, that the Norwich Association is at the top of the analysis of peals, and that they ought to make their position there secure. Is this cricket? It seems to me that it is a matter which other associations ought to decide, and not the interested competitor; and most of all the Central Council, as long as it is responsible for the analysis.

If the old association is right in annexing St. Edmundsbury by the scratch vote of a tiny committee meeting, without any notice, it could equally casually annex Ely and Chelmsford, and, perhaps, with better reason. Does the Exercise generally think that an association should add to its title the name of a town where it has no members, and has never held a meeting, and never will? What is the difference between this and false pretences, or fraudulently enrolling members or recording peals?

A society which takes the title of Diocesan tells everyone that it is the society which the Bishop, and other Diocesan Authorities support; and people join that society solely because it is guaranteed by their Bishop. Our Bishop has plainly told the Norwich Association that there cannot be two 'Diocesan' Associations in one Diocese; that he has his own association in this diocese; and as the old association have not withdrawn their false step in assuming the name of his diocese, he has resigned his membership.

Usually a diocese is considered to be a number of churches under the rule of a Bishop. It is hardly a geographical area ruled by a few laymen in a neighbouring city. Yet the Norwich Association claim to set aside our Bishop when they do not agree with him. Three or four of them actually expelled me from their Committee because I fell in with the Bishop's wishes about the time for holding a meeting.

A diocesan society further means that it is a society of church workers doing their work under the clergy. In what way has the Norwich Association altered its procedure in this direction since its assumption of diocesan obligations? Not only is this self-styled Diocesan Association unable to find a secretary, but at its last meeting at Ipswich the single clergyman from Suffolk had not any of his brother clergy to associate themselves with him; while the dignitaries who were brought in from Norfolk were given the uncomfortable impression that they were not wanted in this diocese.

The position has been rendered very difficult, but so far no harm has been irretrievably done to the old association. If it will resume its old position of a lay society for change ringing, I am sure it will meet with as much support as of old. At present it is very difficult to us clergy to sanction our ringers belonging to a society our Bishop has left: which acts under what looks very like a fraudulent title, and which records peals under an appearance of false pretences—in a church of all places.

H. DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

This (Friday) evening the peal of eight at Otley, Yorkshire, are to be reopened. The bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

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**HANDSWORTH RINGERS AT DINNER.****HAPPY GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.**

The second anniversary of the St. Mary's Guild of Ringers was held in the Church Schoolroom, Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday week. The admirable arrangements made by the Guild, coupled with the excellent catering of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of the Old Crown Inn, made the gathering extremely enjoyable.—The President of the Guild (the Rev. W. A. Baker, Rector) presided over a party of 46, exactly half of the company being members of the Guild. Among the visitors were the Rev. J. F. Amies (Chesterfield), Miss Butcher (Richmond), Miss I. Barker (Retford), and Miss Allan (Derby), etc. Immediately after dinner the toast of 'The King' was honoured, followed by an excellent course of Grandsire Caters, on handbells, by Master J. Taylor (age 13) 1-2, Mr. W. Taylor 3-4, Mr. H. Wilson 5-6, Mr. W. Godden 7-8, Mr. F. Cardwell 9-10.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. F. Cardwell, who spoke of the work of the Church, pointing to the magnificent Cathedrals and parish churches which were, he said, a tangible sign of what the Church had done in the past. Concerning the present, he went on to say, that if it were not for the work of the Church, England would soon be in the same chaotic state as that in which Russia found herself to-day (applause).—The Rev. W. A. Baker responded.

Mr. A. T. Baker submitted 'Success to St. Mary's Guild.' It was, he said, a great honour to be entrusted with the toast of the evening, and he went on to compliment Mr. F. Watkinson and the Guilds on their success in the past, which was unprecedented at all events in that district. Unquestionably, further successes would follow, from the very fact that Mr. Watkinson had planted what he (the speaker) considered 'the ideal standard' in the tower at Handsworth, for the ringers were elected with the consent of the incumbent, and were recruited from the east end of the church, and not from the street corners (applause). Success, continued the speaker, was bound to follow a Guild who rang for what they could put into the ringing, and not for what they could get out of it (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Mr. W. Taylor, who was cordially received, responded. He remarked that although the Guild had made rapid progress, he considered it was entirely due to the unflinching efforts of Mr. Watkinson (applause).—Mr. J. Garth, hon. secretary to the Guild, proposed 'The Visitors,' in very felicitous terms, and this was acknowledged by the Rev. J. F. Amies, who, in a very racy speech, thanked the Guild for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they had been entertained (applause).

During the evening a large Christmas cake, surmounted with a silver bell, was drawn for. Miss Muriel A. Baker had the good fortune to obtain the highest score, and, as the Rector (who is the very heart and soul of geniality) humorously remarked, Miss Baker took the cake.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items, Mrs. W. A. Baker, wife of the Rector, acting as accompanist at the piano. The Rector contributed a song, 'No. 1'; Messrs. J. and W. Taylor effectively rendered 'Convent Bell'; the Rev. J. F. Amies contributed two songs, 'Sally and I in the daylight,' and 'Simon the Cellarer'; the Misses Irene Liddgett, E. Lakin and Dixon also rendered some delightful songs. Miss Maria Liddgett gave a pianoforte solo, 'Rock of Ages,' and Miss Muriel A. Baker rendered violin solos, 'Dreams' and 'Andante.' Mr. H. Buckler contributed a monologue very effectively, and Miss Allan, of Derby, recited 'Death or Glory,' both being received with loud applause. 'The Alpine Waltz' and 'Callers' Herring' were rung on handbells by Mr. W. Taylor, Miss Eva Hopkins and Master J. Taylor, and the performance reflected great credit on the contributors. Touches of Grandsire, Bob and Forward Major were also rung upon handbells by four of the Guild. These exhibitions were enthusiastically received, and showed what progress the Guild is making all round. Quite a feature of the evening's entertainment was the fact that, with the exception of the Rev. J. F. Amies, Mr. J. Taylor and the Misses Allan and Dixon, the artistes are all members of the Handsworth Guild.

Later in the evening the youngsters indulged in games, while the older folk did a little 'tripping,' which brought to an end a very enjoyable gathering, the proceedings concluding with the National Anthem.

**RECORD PRACTICE GATHERING AT ACTON**

On Thursday, Dec. 7th, thirty ringing friends turned up to the usual practice at St. Mary's Church—a record number for an ordinary weekly gathering at this belfry. The towers represented were Bath, Watford, Willesden, Stanmore, Tottenham, St. Clement Danes, and Ealing. After 1½ hours spent in ringing touches in various methods, the opportunity was taken of piloting three friends through their first quarter-peal of Double Norwich in 42 minutes: #H. Wincote 1, F. Goodfellow 2, \*Miss Norah Williams 3, G. R. Fardon 4, H. Kilby 5, G. Kilby 6, \*E. W. Coulson 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

**DEVON GUILD.****SPLENDID PROGRESS BY EXETER BRANCH.**

The third annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. The proceedings opened with a service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Burkitt), who gave an impressive address. Tea was subsequently provided in the Parish Institute, and among those present being the President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly), the chairman of the branch (Mr. E. Shepherd), the secretary and treasurer (Mr. N. J. Southwood), the assistant secretary (Mr. J. C. Oke), the Archdeacon of Exeter (the Ven. F. A. Sanders), and the Revs. J. B. Ball (Littleham), E. B. Cox (Bampton), K. A. Lake (Heavitree), B. C. Bennett (Alphington), C. E. Burkitt (St. David's), E. S. Powell (general secretary of the Guild), F. H. G. Knight (Upton Pyne), H. B. Clark (Honiton Clist). Letters of apology for absence were read from the Lord Bishop of Crediton, Canon McLaren, Canon Boles, the Revs. T. Bell Salter, S. G. Bassett Pike, E. G. B. Weber, S. D. Dewey, E. C. Grimaldi, F. Robson, Miss Sanders and Mr. S. Hull. A letter was also read from the Dean and Chapter granting the use of the Cathedral bells, the use of which is always much appreciated.

Mr. E. Shepherd expressed great satisfaction at the large gathering, which was a record for the branch, and especially at the presence of the Archdeacon of Exeter, and so many other clergy.—The Rev. Maitland Kelly congratulated the branch upon the instructional work accomplished during the last twelve months in the surrounding district.

On the motion of the chairman, the Rev. C. E. Burkitt was thanked for conducting the service, and Mr. F. G. Bradford for presiding at the organ.

The treasurer's report showed that there are 37 hon. members against 23 last year; 16 bands, numbering 150 members, against 12 bands, numbering 97 members. The subscriptions were £12 7s., an advance of over £4.

Mr. J. C. Oke, in the secretary's report, said it was very gratifying to find that excellent progress had been made during the year, the growth being largely due to the splendid efforts of Messrs. Shepherd and Southwood, both of whom had spent a great deal of time in going to the various towers throughout the district, enlisting the sympathy and help of the clergy and ringers. He also drew the attention of those present to the fact that their thanks ought to be given to the men who had given their time to instructing the different bands. Successful quarterly meetings had been held at Thorverton, Otterton and Honiton Clist, and all were well attended. He expressed indebtedness to the Press, naming the 'Devon and Exeter Gazette,' the 'Express and Echo' and 'The Ringing World,' for their kindness in publishing reports of the meetings, and mentioning what valuable help the publicity of the Press was to change ringing.

All the officers were re-elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Alphington on February 10th.

During the tea, Mr. W. Weeks delighted the company (of about 100) with a Devonshire dialect recitation, 'How Jan Stewer filled up his census paper.'

The bells of the Cathedral and various parish churches were rung during the afternoon and evening, and the members were pleased to have with them visitors from Swindon and Ilminster.

**RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.**

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9th, as already recorded, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, in which both took part. In the evening the Holy Trinity Society were invited, with their wives, families and friends, to further celebrate the event at Brett's Restaurant.

As a silver wedding occurs only once in the lives of most people, it was decided to make the most of this event. About forty persons sat down to tea, at which the Rector of Holy Trinity (the Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan) presided. After the meal, the Rector made an appropriate speech, and handed to Mr. and Mrs. Melville an engraved silver teapot. He then proposed the toast of the evening, 'The health of the Bride and Bridegroom'—of twenty-five years ago. This was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mrs. and Mr. Melville suitably replied, thanking the company for their handsome present.

Handbells were then brought into use, after which the evening was given up to enjoyment, songs being contributed by members of the party.

Mr. Weatherby, on behalf of the company, then thanked Mr. and Mrs. Melville for their hospitality, and said that he hoped all those present would be able to attend the golden wedding celebrations 25 years hence. Hands were linked, and with 'Auld Lang Syne' a most enjoyable evening was brought to its conclusion.

On Monday evening, Dec. 11th, the actual anniversary of the wedding day, a handbell peal was rung at Mr. Melville's residence, as a finale to the celebrations.



# Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, on Sunday, Dec. 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: R. Philpot (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, W. E. Jelley 2, F. Clarke 3, A. H. Pulling 4, H. Hutton 5, E. Weatherby 6, G. W. Steere (first quarter in method as conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evensong, in 43 mins.: 1,218 Erin Triples: C. Cotterell 1, G. F. Swann (conductor) 2, W. J. Meers 3, H. C. Spencer 4, G. F. Garrison 5, J. W. Pemberton 6, J. Preston 7, C. H. Vitler 8.

**BANBURY.**—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for evensong, 168 Grandsire Triples: L. Lewis 1, F. Baldwin 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, R. W. Burrows 5, J. Simons 6, F. Selwyn 7, T. Impey 8. First 168 of Triples by a local band for service.

**HATFIELD, DONCASTER.**—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor: B. England 1, H. Marshall 2, E. Purdy 3, R. Thompson 4, H. Rodwell 5, D. England (conductor) 6, R. Rodwell 7 (covering). The first 720 by the ringer of the treble. Great credit is due to him, as he has never had a practice night, and only started to pull a bell this year. Also for evensong, 720 in the same method: B. England 1, H. Crowe (conductor) 2, H. Marshall 3, D. England 4, H. Rodwell 5, R. Thompson 6, R. Rodwell 7 (covering).

**WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Bob: C. Moore 1, Miss K. Moore 2, R. F. Lawrence 3, R. G. Black 4, D. Shatford 5, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 6. First in the method by a local band, and by all except the ringer of 4.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, City, 1,193 Stedman Cinques, in 56 mins.: J. R. Gammon 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, T. W. Taffender, junr., 4, A. Harris 5, F. W. Rogers 6, G. A. Card 7, I. J. Attwater 8, A. G. Rivers 9, A. D. Barker 10, J. Bullock 11, W. J. Hewson 12. Longest touch on 12 by 4th, 5th, 6th, and of Stedman Cinques by the 9th, who is from Dry Drayton, Cambridge. The 5th and 6th are from Portsmouth.

**CHURCHKIRK, LANCs.**—On Nov. 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Chadwick 1, A. Ingham 2, W. Aaron 3, J. Marsh 4, W. Aspinall 5, L. Williams (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie L. Williams, son of the conductor.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 12th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, being Armistice Sunday, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins.: H. Greenough 1, R. F. Prior 2, W. J. Grace 3, C. E. Gregory 4, F. G. James (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, A. H. Webb 7, A. T. Busby 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from 'riots' Original'), in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, L. H. Page 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8. Conducted by A. M. Stacey at first attempt.

**GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. James's, Whitfield, for Divine service, on Sunday evening, Nov. 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: J. Buckley (conductor) 1, T. Jackson 2, B. Bradley (first 720) 3, J. Marsden 4, H. Bradley 5, J. Lawton 6.

**GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—In connection with the Patronal Festival of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in seven methods, being 144 Double Court, 120 Double Oxford, 288 Woodbine Treble Bob, 144 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford and 180 Plain Bob Minor, was rung on All Saints' Day: J. Ball 1, A. Ball (first quarter in seven methods) 2, W. Hayo 3, G. Blaxley 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, for early celebration, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Ball 1, A. Ball 2, W. Hayo 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, G. Blaxley 6.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: J. Ball 1, A. Ball 2, W. Hayo 3, G. Blaxley 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball 6. F. Ball called the bobs in each.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss W. King 1, H. Prior 2, E. J. Le Clercq 3, G. Upshall 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted senr. (conductor), 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Knott 1, Miss W. King 2, H. Prior 3, E. J. Le Clercq 4, E. Clapshaw 5, G. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, senr. (conductor), 7, A. E. King 8.

**FALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, J. H. Hunnisett 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, A. M. Stacey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page 7, C. Cooper 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Nov. 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, J. Crowder 2, H. James (Lee) 3, E. J. Pannett 4, E. B. Crowder 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

**PAIGNTON, DEVON.**—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 mins.: F. Allwood 1, H. W. Wilkis (conductor) 2, J. S. Collings 3, F. Norrish 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. T. Grover 6, H. J. Hole 7, F. L. Parnill 8. Arranged for the conductor, who is chairman of Mid-Devon branch.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for evening service, at St. Helen's, 1,259 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: W. H. Holifield 1, F. Barrett 2, J. Honey 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, H. Holifield 5, A. E. Lock 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, J. Short 8, G. Caudwell 9, P. Dyke 10. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band, and first attempt.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Mabel Attwell 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, T. Luff 3, G. Luff 4, T. Attwell 5, M. Smither 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, G. Wheatley 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Attwell, and a farewell to G. Wheatley, who was leaving the place.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Goodenough 1, W. V. Webb 2, A. H. Webb 3, K. White 4, R. G. Rice 5, T. Jakeman 6, T. F. East (conductor) 7, W. Warwick 8.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at the Church of Holy Trinity, for evensong, 578 London Surprise Minor: C. S. Burden 1, F. Atkinson 2, G. W. Park (conductor) 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, Chas. Todd 6.

**BURSELEM, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at the Parish Church, a 720 of Woodbine was rung for evening service: H. Box 1, P. Kelsall 2, A. Lees 3, J. Hurd 4, T. Hurd 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6.

**HYDE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Shaw 1, J. Shaw 2, J. Brierley 3, H. Norgrove 4, A. Houghton 5, A. Howley (conductor) 6, T. Wilde 7, J. Howcroft 8. Arranged for the conductor who hails from Tipton, Staffordshire.

**FINCHAMSTEAD, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for harvest festival, evensong, 720 Bob Minor: J. White 1, E. Milam 2, J. Mason 3, W. Goddard 4, J. Nash 5, W. J. Paice (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, for evensong, 720 in same method: J. White 1, J. Mason 2, E. Milam 3, W. J. Paice 4, J. Nash 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Helen's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,259 changes), in 52 mins.: W. H. Holifield 1, F. Barrett 2, J. Honey 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, H. Holifield 5, E. Lock 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, T. Short 8, G. Caudwell 9, P. Dyke 10. The first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

**LINCOLN.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Peter-at-Arches, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Consans (first quarter-peal) 1, C. McGuinness 2, L. Snell (conductor) 3, Rev. R. Bond 4, H. Marson 5, G. Almonds 6, L. Pask 7, A. Marson 8.

**WASHFIELD, DEVON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Snell 1, R. Stuart 2, T. Arscott 3, F. Taylor 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balment 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss G. Snell 1, R. Stuart 2, T. Arscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Taylor 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Sodor, who preached at both services.

**PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for morning service, 896 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Whiting 1, C. Baker 2, J. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, A. Smith 5, C. Roops 6, F. Borrett 7, C. Brice 8.—For evening service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: E. Whiting 1, C. Baker 2, A. Smith 3, R. Whiting 4, C. Cutting 5, J. Snelling 6, F. Borrett 7, J. Boughton 8.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, for morning service, a 560 Bob Major by R. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, B. Foskett 4, W. G. Mathews 5, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 6, T. Newman 7, H. Kilby 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by P. Norton 1, G. V. Ebberson 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. Lankester 4, W. G. Mathews 5, H. Kilby 6, F. H. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Kilby 8.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples: W. Jones 1, C. Pollard 2, W. Breckon 3, W. Ellerington 4, S. Tunnell 5, T. Lancaster 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, G. Worthy 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Jones 1, S. Lancaster 2, S. Tunnell 3, T. Metcalfe 4, W. Ellerington 5, W. Breckon 6, C. Pollard (conductor) 7, G. Worthy 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Jones 1, T. Metcalfe 2, J. W. Passman 3, W. Ellerington 4, S. Tunnell 5, T. Lancaster 6, C. Pollard (conductor) 7, G. Worthy 8.



## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION AT ROTHERHAM.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rotherham on Saturday, December 9th, upwards of 40 members and friends being present, the towers represented being Sheffield Cathedral; All Saints' Sheffield; Ranmoor, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Ecclesfield, Barnsley, Tickhill, Wortley, Wath, Badsworth. Owing to a Consistory Court being held in the church no ringing could be done at the Parish Church, but arrangements had been made whereby the peal of eight at Eastwood were kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors, and various touches in the standard methods were rung. For the same reason the service which had been arranged had to be cancelled.

An excellent tea was provided by the local company, and was very much enjoyed by those present. At the meeting which followed, the Rev. Canon Allen (the Vicar of Rotherham) took the chair. He said how very pleased he was to welcome the association to Rotherham, and was very sorry they could not have the service as arranged. He was used to being among ringers, as he had been an hon. member and vice-president of the Sussex Association for many years. He was at Eastbourne for 17 years, and during that time the ringers at his church only once failed to ring on Sundays, and that was owing to the bell-ringer key being lost. He also remembered eight members of the Sussex Association meeting 32 times for a peal. At the 33rd they were successful, and one man walked five miles for each attempt, which showed that ringers were at least persevering. He hoped he would be able to say the same of the ringers at Rotherham. He would take great interest in them, and try and be worthy of the honour done to him.

The Canon was later in the meeting elected an hon. member of the association.

Owing to a meeting of the general committee of the association at Leeds, the secretary was unable to be present, his place kindly being taken by Mr. G. Clark, a member of the committee. Mr. J. Dronfield, of Wortley, and Master G. Jackson, of Doncaster, were elected members of the association.

The next meeting was fixed for March 17th, 1923, the place to be arranged by the secretary, as no invitation had been sent in.

A committee, consisting of Mr. G. Lewis (chairman), Mr. S. F. Palmer (secretary), Mr. P. Willey (treasurer), and Messrs. C. Harrison, C. Haynes, G. Holmes, W. Bugar and J. Thorpe was elected to make arrangements for the Commemoration Dinner of the Association, to be held in Sheffield in September next.

Votes of thanks of the local company for their splendid tea and hearty welcome, also to Canon Allen for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

Ringings in a variety of methods was enjoyed during the evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, and the four standard methods being rung.

## SIDMOUTH BELLS RESTORED.

### DEVON PEAL REHUNG.

On St. Nicholas' Day, December 6th, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Sidmouth, Devon, were first rung, after being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the famous Whitechapel bell founders. The bells were first condemned twenty-five years ago, but no action was taken until April of this year, when a report that the bells were in a very dangerous condition aroused the Church Council to the fact that something must be done at once. In the meantime the bells had got into very bad condition; the clappers were loose, and the heads of most of them were worn quite flat, and some were split, while one of the bells was cracked. The peal sounded quite out of tune, and most unmusical. It was at first decided to have the bells rehung in the old-fashioned way, with wooden headstocks and gun metal bearings, but the advantages of modern bell hanging having been explained to the committee, it was decided to have the peal restored in the most up-to-date manner. The old oak frame, which was found to be in an excellent state of preservation, has been utilised and the bells rehung with iron headstocks, ball bearings, new clappers fitted with clapper buffers, and new fittings throughout. The fifth has been recast with excellent results. The work has been ably carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in their usual efficient manner, the 'go' of the bells being as near perfect as it possibly can be. The improvement in the tone is most marked, and has been the talk of the town.

An invitation was sent to all the members of the East Devon Guild to try the bells, and about 50 availed themselves of the opportunity, among them being some of the ablest ringers in the county. They were unanimous in their praise of the work done.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Church House by the Vicar and churchwardens, the Vicar expressing a wish that the next association meeting might be held at Sidmouth.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Vicar, on Sunday morning, December 10th, in the presence of a large congregation, and special services were held throughout the day.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### STOCKPORT BRANCH DISCUSS PEAL BOOKING FEES.

The last meeting of the year of the Stockport branch was held at Cheadle on Saturday, and in spite of the murky weather, was very well attended. The service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a hearty welcome, and a most inspiring and interesting address.

After doing justice to a splendid repast, provided by the local company, the business meeting proceeded, with Mr. A. Barnes in the chair, the branch chairman being unavoidably absent. Reference was made to the efforts of the Nantwich ringers to raise the cost of one of the new bells to be placed in their tower, and it was decided to open a subscription list in the branch in aid of this effort, contributions to be sent to the hon. secretary, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, New Mills. All tower secretaries will receive an appeal to collect from members of their own company.

Amongst other matters brought up for discussion was the question of a small booking fee for peals. This was left over for consideration, and is to be brought up at the annual meeting to be held at Reddish early in the New Year.

After the usual votes of thanks had been accorded, further use was made of the tower bells, and handbells were also requisitioned.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A very pleasant meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Brislington on Saturday, December 16th. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung. Service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. R. Worters), who gave a very interesting address on the golden bells adorning the high priest's robes. After service, some 32 members, representing 12 towers, were entertained to an excellent tea served in the new Parish Hall.

The Rev. S. R. Worters gave the association a very hearty welcome to Brislington.—Mr. H. T. Howell (Master) thanked the Vicar for the kind invitation extended to the association, and for the very interesting address at the service. He also thanked the choir and organist, and last but not least, the ladies for preparing such an excellent tea (applause).

The tower was again visited, Plain and Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge being rung, and terminating a very successful meeting.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Linslade on Saturday, Dec. 9th, when a goodly number of members attended, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Great Brickhill, Newport Pagnell, and the local tower, with a few visiting members of the Beds Association. The address at the service was given by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and, needless to say, was appreciated.

After service the members adjourned for tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Vickers, of Linslade, and about 36 sat down, with Miss A. Robinson in the chair, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn having unavoidably to return home directly after service.

After tea, the secretary reported that no special business had to be transacted, but votes of thanks were passed to the Master for his attendance; the Rev. Lydekker for so kindly having the meeting at Linslade, and to Miss Robinson for taking the chair. The ringers then indulged in further ringing, some going to Leighton, others to Linslade. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Members attended from Bournemouth, Milford, Ringwood, Lymington and Poole, and the local band was well represented. The bells were kept going from 3 to 9 p.m., at intervals, in Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major. The annual service was held in the choir of the glorious old Priory Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Gay) said the Guild office, and the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) gave an address on Romans iii. 8.

A capital tea was served after service at the Corner Cafe, at which 51 sat down, and the annual business meeting followed.

All the district officers were re-elected, and it was decided during 1923 to attempt the following peals: Grandsire Caters at Christchurch; Treble Bob Major at Ringwood; Stedman Triples at Lymington, and Grandsire Triples at Fordingbridge.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Guild, was present, and the vice-president was in the chair at the meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and churchwardens, and to Mr. George Preston, district secretary, for his excellent arrangements.

## NOTICES.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Tuesday, Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. St. John's bells, Cardiff, available from about mid-day until 3 o'clock, and after the meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held on Boxing Day at Newport. Bells available 2 p.m., at St. Thomas', Newport, and St. Mary's, Carisbrooke. Service at 4 p.m., addressed by Canon Thompson, M.A., Vicar of Newport. Tea at 4.45. Business meeting after. All intending to be present at tea please notify Secretary by 22nd inst.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of East Retford (10) will be open for ringing on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with brief stoppages for marriages, etc. Open to all concerned, and I shall be glad to see a good attendance of ringers. A happy Christmas and a bright New Year to all ringers in the British Isles and beyond the seas.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, 30th Dec. Bells available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 204, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Dec. 30th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at the Cathedral at 4. Tea at Cowley's Restaurant at 5. All those intending to be present kindly advise not later than Dec. 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 30th. Bells at All Saints' and Bell Foundry will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock. Business: election of officers for the year. All ringers invited to attend.—W. Pervin, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Ratcliffe Road, Loughborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Dec. 30th. The tower will be open early for ringing. A short service will be held at 5 o'clock, at which the President (the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford) will give an address. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5.30. Will all those who intend being present notify me, without fail, before Dec. 27th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, Dec. 30th. Meet at Christ Church, at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise the District Sec. (G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland) not later than Dec. 28th.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—The number of printed Reports for 1922 will be strictly limited to the number of subscriptions paid for the current year. Members desirous of receiving a copy of that report, are kindly requested to remit their outstanding subscriptions on or before Dec. 30th, 1922, to the General Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk. ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY.—Tower will be open for practice every Thursday evening, commencing Jan. 4th, 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcome.—A. Riley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1923. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. Hurwood (curate-in-charge). Tea in the Church Schools at cost price per head; business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 3rd? All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be at Mansfield on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1923. Tower open 2 o'clock. There will be a meeting of the sub-committee at 4 o'clock, and of the general committee at 4.15. Tea will be ready at 5 o'clock and will be followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Church House, Mansfield, by Thursday, Jan. 4th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Devizes, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells—St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James', Southbroom (6)—available 3 o'clock. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5. Business meeting 5.30.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly General meeting, Monday, Jan. 8th, 1923, St. Clement Danes, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Jan. 15th; St. Clement Danes, Jan. 22nd; Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 1923, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's, 6 o'clock to 7.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Barling, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Cross House at 5.45, provided by the Rector. All those intending to be at the tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 7.30 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting in Smoke Room, Talbot Inn, 9 p.m. Subscriptions for 1923 become due at this meeting.—H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—Preliminary Notice.—A dinner will be held at the Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham, on Jan. 27th, 1923, to honour the memory of William Doubleday Crofts (1737—1809), practically the founder of change ringing in Nottingham. Further particulars later.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

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### DEATH.

**SLATER.**—On Dec. 18th, 1922, at Norton, Arthur, the beloved husband of Florence J. Slater, Cricket Balls Hotel, Saville Street, Sheffield.

### AN APPEAL.

Readers of the 'Ringing World' are earnestly asked for their assistance on behalf of the widow and four children of the late Mr. W. J. Allen, All Saints', Northampton. All contributions will be thankfully received by F. Wilford, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY.

**CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Peck 1, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 2, A. H. Took 3, T. Crane 4, J. Howard 5, C. Moss 6. Also 180 Grandsire, J. Jolly 6.

**TWYFORD, BEKES.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled, after Remembrance Service, in the evening: B. Bradley 1, J. White 2, Miss Osmond (1st quarter inside bell) 3, J. Rance 4, R. Darvill 5, W. J. Fuller 6, F. Wignore (1st quarter as conductor) 7, W. Bradley 8.

**BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Armistice Day, at the Church of St. James, a dato touch (1,922 changes) was rung in 1 hour 5 minutes, consisting of 482 Killamarsh Treble Bob, 720 Kent and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, rung with the bells half-muffled, in remembrance of those from the village who fell in the great war: \*H. Hibbard 1, R. F. Reece 2, \*P. Morris 3, G. Ashby 4, Wm. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard (conductor) 6 \* Longest length.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—On Armistice Day, a half-muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted, but failed after 2 hours' ringing: H. Lewin 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dicken 5, F. S. Price 6, W. A. Jones 7, P. Price 8.

**WRAGBY.**—On Nov. 11th, for the 4th anniversary of the Armistice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 120 College Pleasure, with the bells half-muffled: F. Marsden 1, G. Harrison 2, J. Brewin 3, J. Adams 4, F. Atkinson 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6.

**HEENE, SUSSEX.**—With the bells half-muffled, 1,008 Stedman Triples, in 35 mins.: H. Tullet 1, A. Arnell 2, W. Hillman 3, E. H. Lindup 4, J. E. Farmer 5, G. Norris 6, A. W. Grove (conductor) 7, F. Lindup 8.

### THE DEAN OF CANTERBURY.

To celebrate the 86th birthday of Dean Wace, of Canterbury, a touch of 1,289 Stedman Caters was rung in 48 minutes on the Cathedral bells, after evening service on Sunday: W. Andrews 1, J. W. Unwin 2, F. G. Brett 3, P. J. Paine 4, C. W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor) 6, H. G. Fairburn 7, A. A. Andrews 8, E. G. Buesden 9, G. G. Jenkins 10.

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