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A BICENTENARY.

A rare anniversary in ringing annals occurs to-morrow, when we reach the bicentenary of what was the first peal of Cinques ever rung, and probably the first peal on twelve bells. On January 19th, 1724, a band of College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at the church of St. Bride, in London City, and that peal stands out as a landmark in ringing history. Let us, if we can, go back in imagination to those days two hundred years ago, and try to realise the triumph of those twelve men, who set up a wider limit, by expanding the scope of ringing. In 1724 St. Bride's was not merely the only ring of twelve bells in London, but in the whole of England there were certainly not more than two other peals of similar number, York, and, possibly, Cirencester. A ring of twelve was, therefore, in itself something almost unique, whilst peal ringing, even on eight bells, had only just been introduced. It was less than ten years before that the very first peal of all was rung at Norwich, and we think it doubtful if a dozen peals in all had been accomplished by the time this first 5,000 on twelve was rung.

The application of method ringing to this number may, we think, be attributed to the initiative and genius of Benjamin Annable, and while, he may have been fortunate in having round him extraordinarily capable men for those early days, when we take all the circumstances into account the performance was a really great as well as a memorable one. These men must have been among the most skilled of their time to have adapted themselves to the previously unheard-of practice of Grandsire Cinques. Their success in a new field was no passing phase. It set a fashion, or, perhaps, more correctly a new standard. It seems to have led to a certain amount of rivalry among the London churches, for in 1726 a peal of twelve was cast for St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; in 1729 a similar number was installed at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and in 1735 came the still bigger peal, the ring of twelve at Southwark. And with the additional facilities came the increased rivalry between the ancient London Societies, all of which had its effect upon the progress of ringing through the years which have followed. Twelve-bell method ringing would, of course, have come sooner or later, even without Benjamin Annable, but whether he gave the lead or not, to-morrow is an anniversary of very special interest to ringers. Despite the limitations which modern industry puts upon peal ringing at St. Bride's, we could have hoped that a special opportunity might be given to celebrate the event; and if it cannot take place to-morrow—well, some time in this bicentenary year a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths at St. Bride's ought to be possible.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble | RICHARD BEVAN 7 |
| JOHN SPARROW 2 | GEORGE A. CARD 8 |
| JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3 | ALFRED H. WINCH 9 |
| ALBERT C. V. CASSON 4 | FRANK SMITH 10 |
| REGINALD BROUGH 5 | CECIL J. MATTHEWS... .. 11 |
| THOMAS NEWMAN 6 | * THOMAS BEVAN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on 12. First peal on the bells since their complete restoration.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | JAMES BROUGHTON 5 |
| WILLIAM STEGGALL 2 | * WILLIAM MUSK 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | CHARLES COTTING 7 |
| ERNEST WHITING 4 | FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor |

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| GEORGE CHARLES Treble | WILLIAM HARRIS... .. 5 |
| OLIVER THOMAS 2 | EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 6 |
| CHARLES GOULDING 3 | JOHN W. DAVIS 7 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 4 | JAMES HILL Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. C.E. Besant, on completing 50 years as Vicar of the parish.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

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| * JOHN PERRY Treble | WILLIAM FISHER... .. 5 |
| GEORGE HUGHES 2 | FRANK W. PERRENS 6 |
| EDGAR MARLOW... .. 3 | HERBERT KNIGHTS 7 |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4 | ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London rung in Wolverhampton.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours.

At the Church of ANNE, HIGGATE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. | Tenor 14½ cwt. |
| CHARLES PRYOR... .. Treble | FRANK SMITH 5 |
| ERNEST BONFIELD 2 | RICHARD BEVAN 6 |
| * THOMAS BEVAN 3 | ERNEST YOUNG 7 |
| * WILLIAM J. NORTON... .. 4 | ARTHUR HARWIN Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal in the method with inside bell. Rung as a last token of respect to Mr. Edward Chapman, for many years a ringer at the church, who died on December 18th.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| FRANK BELSEY Treble | CHARLES NORRIS 5 |
| THOMAS BEAUMONT 2 | WILLIAM J. WALKER 6 |
| CHARLES WINNER 3 | WILLIAM HAIGH 7 |
| JOHN HAIGH 4 | *ALFRED H. HAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| LESLIE G. BRETT Treble | ERNEST E. LANHAM 5 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2 | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6 |
| FRANK RUFFLES 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| WALTER RUFFLES 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JONATHAN PRESTON Treble | WILLIAM DAVIES 5 |
| GEORGE F. GARRISON 2 | WILLIAM J. MEERS 6 |
| THOMAS H. REEVES 3 | GEORGE F. SWANN 7 |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS 4 | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Preston, wife of the ringer of the treble.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOE HARDCASTLE Treble | JOHN MCKELL 5 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL 2 | ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6 |
| HARRY FOSTER 3 | JOSEPH BROADLEY 7 |
| FRED SEAGER 4 | JOHN JOYCE Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.
J. Broadley's 500th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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| FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | ERNEST WHITING 5 |
| ALFRED SMITH 2 | JAMES BOUGHTON 6 |
| CHARLES BAKER 3 | CHARLES ROOPE 7 |
| ROBERT WHITING 4 | FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. F. BORRETT.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble | W. H. J. HOOTON 5 |
| ERNEST BISHOP 2 | J. H. SHEPHERD 6 |
| JAMES BUTLER 3 | REV. C.W.O. JENKYN 7 |
| CHARLES J. GARDINER 4 | R. T. HIBBERT Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ARCHIBALD HUGHES Treble | JAMES SMITH 5 |
| WILLIAM DYER 2 | ALBERT BURCOMBE 6 |
| JAMES PARKER 3 | HENRY W. FUSSELL 7 |
| FREDERICK OAKHILL 4 | HENRY T. HOWELL Treble |

Conducted by HENRY T. HOWELL.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss A. M. Fussell (a ringing member of the above association, and daughter of the ringer of the 7th) and Mr. H. J. Emery; who were married at Dursley Church on December 27th.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble | THOMAS UPSHALL 5 |
| GEORGE UPSHALL 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 6 |
| *MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3 | ALFRED H. PULLING 7 |
| HENRY HUTTON 4 | QR.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman, and first attempt. Rung as a farewell peal to the retiring Bishop of Winchester.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *JAMES WYATT Treble | WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5 |
| JOHN WYATT 2 | JOHN HOYLE 6 |
| GEORGE SAYER 3 | GEORGE A. COOK 7 |
| WILLIAM COOK 4 | DAVID ANSCOMB Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells on December 31st, 1873. *Re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

GLOSSOP.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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| H. COOPER Treble | THOMAS POTTS 5 |
| T. HARROP 2 | J. PEMBERTON 6 |
| T. JACKSON 3 | J. BENTLEY 7 |
| E. MALKIN 4 | H. PEMBERTON Tenor |

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by J. BENTLEY.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and hung in ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers were unanimous in voting the bells a perfect peal, the 'go' being splendid. The composition contains all the 8-6's and 6-7-8's.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 5 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2 | *FRANK I. HAIRS 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | REUBEN SANDERS 7 |
| CECIL C. MAYNE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On New Year's morning, 720 of Plain Bob Doubles: E. Bail 1, J. Vincent 2, A. Lovelock 3, F. Dennis 4, W. Truman (conductor) 5, F. Portlock 6. Longest length by the ringer of the fourth.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK NAISH Treble | THOMAS SHORT 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2 | FRANK BARRETT 6 |
| JACK HONEY 3 | *GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 7 |
| ALBERT E. LOCK 4 | GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor |

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

* First peal in the method.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

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| *FRED BLACKLIDGE Treble | HARRY FRANCE 5 |
| ALFRED BLOGG 2 | JOHN BAILEY 6 |
| WILLIAM SHARPLES 3 | WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 7 |
| FREDERICK G. RIGBY 4 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a first token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 30, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

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| ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5 |
| FRANK RUFFLES 2 | WALTER RUFFLES 6 |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM 3 | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY.

First peal of Cambridge by the ringer of the 2nd bell. 100th peal by Leslie C. Wightman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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| *Q.-M.-S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble | RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5 |
| *JOHN T. SCOTT 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6 |
| †ERNEST WEATHERBY 3 | GEORGE W. STEERE 7 |
| HENRY HUTTON 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service. The peal was also a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson. * First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. This was the conductor's 300th peal on tower bells.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE CLEAL.

The Exercise will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Geo. Cleal, of the St. Martin's Company, Leicester, which occurred suddenly on Thursday, January 10th, at the age of 62 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

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| ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble | RICHARD P. HEALD 5 |
| FRED ABBOTT 2 | JOHN BOOTH 6 |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD 3 | PETER CROOK 7 |
| JAMES GROUNDS 4 | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

LLANDAFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

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| JESSE FITCHER Treble | ERNEST T. CARTER 5 |
| FRANK J. BAILEY 2 | JOHN H. ALDRIDGE 6 |
| WILLIAM B. BISS 3 | ALLAN ROWLEY 7 |
| *LEWIS WRIGHT 4 | †ERNEST COLES Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. BISS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal First peal by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Clutterbuck, late leader of the local band, now incapacitated from ringing.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN HOLLOWES Treble | SAMUEL HOLT 5 |
| WILLIAM BERRY 2 | FRANK BERRY 6 |
| JAS. JACQUES 3 | THOMAS K. DRIVER 7 |
| *JOHN SMITH 4 | WILLIAM HARDMAN Tenor |

Conducted by WM. BERRY.

* First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. All the ringers belong to the local band.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours & Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *JOHN BROWN Treble | TOM CHAMBERS 5 |
| FRED CHAMBERS 2 | JOHN SANDERSON 6 |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7 |
| TOM STANCLIFFE 4 | JOHN WATSON Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| HARRY WALKER Treble | HARRY WOOD 5 |
| ALFRED KING 2 | THOMAS KENDALL 6 |
| THOMAS BLACKBOURN 3 | FREDERICK HUNT 7 |
| CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 4 | LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

Rung for the watch-night service.

GET YOUR
RINGING
FRIENDS
TO SUPPORTTHE RINGING
WORLDBY
TAKING
A COPY
EVERY
WEEK

SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Prittlewell,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM G. BACON Treble | HENRY T. WILSON 5 |
| GORDON A. BACON 2 | WILLIAM DUDLEY 6 |
| ERNEST T. FURBANK 3 | WILLIAM H. JODD 7 |
| *JOSEPH BARRETT 4 | LIONEL H. PAGE Tenor |

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect for Canon Dormer Pierce, Vicar of St. Peter's, Brighton, sometime Vicar of Prittlewell. * First peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| ALFRED BLOGG Treble | WILLIAM SHARPLES 5 |
| HAROLD LUCAS 2 | WILLIAM TAYLOR 6 |
| WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 3 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7 |
| FREDERICK G. RIGBY 4 | EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY (No. 1). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First touch in the method by all except ringers of 3rd and 7th.
First in the method on the bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *STANLEY BURTON Treble | FRANK FOX 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | GEORGE R. JONES 6 |
| HARRY LEWIS 3 | ARTHUR NEWELL 7 |
| EDWARD HARRISON 4 | ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. * First peal.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| J. RANDS Treble | F. LEWIS 5 |
| C. URCH 2 | *A. ADAMS 6 |
| M. FOWLER 3 | R. SANSBY 7 |
| O. GREATHEAD 4 | *I. S. BOOTH Tenor |

Conducted by A. ADAMS.

First Grandsire peal on the bells, as well as by all the ringers.
* First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOSEPH HALL Treble | GEORGE PINCOY 5 |
| JOSEPH RIDYARD 2 | ARTHUR RIDYARD 6 |
| PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 3 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7 |
| DANIEL HOWARD 4 | WILLIAM JONES Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

Previous to the peal, a vote of deepest sympathy was passed to Mrs. Washbrook and family for the great loss they have sustained by death of one whose work and name will never be forgotten throughout the art of change ringing.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Cathedral,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| GEORGE PICKERING Treble | WILLIAM H. BARBER 5 |
| ALFRED F. HILLIER 2 | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6 |
| RICHARD THOMPSON 3 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7 |
| JOSEPH W. PARKER 4 | ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition has the 6th the extent at home in last 24 courses. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung a few months ago, and the tower repaired.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| ALFRED BLOGG Treble | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5 |
| HAROLD LUCAS 2 | EDWARD ARMSTRONG 6 |
| FREDERICK G. RIGBY 3 | JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7 |
| WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 4 | ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBY (No. 2). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First touch in the method.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ERNEST BIRCHALL Treble | JAMES MARSH 5 |
| *ALFRED MORGAN 2 | JAMES W. GROUNDS 6 |
| *JAMES TAYLOR 3 | JAMES PARK 7 |
| JOHN BOOTH 4 | WILLIAM AUSTIN Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES W. GROUNDS.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, WILTON ROAD,
PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... Treble | CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5 |
| MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 2 | HERBERT LANGDON 6 |
| MISS FREDA E. ORR 3 | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL 4 | THOMAS LANGDON Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| †GEORGE HAWKINS Treble | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 5 |
| COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 2 | ALFRED G. HILL 6 |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 4 | *DAVID YOUNG Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. It is also the first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and E. Barnett, junr.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On January 1st, 720 York Surprise: S. J. White 1, H. B. Gardner 2, A. C. Langford 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of York by all the band, and on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble | 1 | JACK E. HOBBS 5 |
| † FRANK BRADLEY 2 | | WILLIAM A. JAMES 6 |
| * TOM H. SNOOK 3 | | GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 7 |
| † WILLIAM H. LLOYDE ... 4 | | FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor |

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal in the method. The ringers of 4th and tenor were elected members of the above association previous to starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| EDWARD C. MERRITT ... Treble | 1 | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| OLIVER SIFFETTS 2 | | JOHN DEARLOVE 6 |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3 | | ALBERT D. STONE 7 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES 4 | | KEITH HART Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST, CITY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. KEMP ... Treble | 1 | WILLIAM PYE 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | | ALBERT W. COLES 6 |
| * FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 3 | | HAROLD W. CLARK 7 |
| FRANK I. HAIRS 4 | | REDDEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| ROBERT H. YOUNG ... Treble | 1 | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2 | | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6 |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3 | | ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7 |
| CHARLES W. COOK 4 | | A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

Rung on the back eight. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells (which have recently been rehung by a local firm) since February 22nd, 1830, when a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the old band of Soham Youths. The above peal was a birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| * R. HEAZEL ... Treble | 1 | WILLIAM LEGGETT 5 |
| ALBERT RAINBIRD 2 | | EDWIN D. BAKER 6 |
| ERNEST FURBANK 3 | | GEORGE MILES 7 |
| † HARRY TURNER 4 | | FRANK G. RINGE Tenor |

Conducted by G. MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The above is the first peal rung at the church by the service ringers.

CHARLBURY, OKON.—On Saturday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): S. Shayler 1, R. V. Hitchman 2, F. Widdowes 3, W. Busby 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, J. Lynes 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. This touch was rung to celebrate the marriage the same afternoon of Mr. F. Kitchen to Miss Griffin.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| FREDERICK ROWWELL ... Treble | 1 | WILLIAM HOWARD 4 |
| CHARLES HOWARD 2 | | WALTER C. NICHOLS 5 |
| HORACE PEPPER 3 | | WILLIAM C. NICHOLS ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. NICHOLS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| * AUBREY LIVERMORE ... Treble | 1 | JOHN BURLS 4 |
| † FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2 | | GEORGE MORRAD 5 |
| HARRY ARGENT 3 | | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' in seven methods, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled to 'ring out' the old year.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble | 1 | ARTHUR GILL 4 |
| HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2 | | ALBERT NASH 5 |
| JOSEPH E. SYKES 3 | | ARTHUR PANTHER Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung for the watch-night service, also on the 23rd anniversary of A. Panther's wedding day.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Treble | 1 | CHARLES GEARY 4 |
| * T. HENRY HALES 2 | | * ROBERT H. WHOLEY 5 |
| R. ALAN HICKTON 3 | | JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

* First peal by the ringers of 2nd and 5th.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' extents: (1) Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, (3) Poynton, Old Oxford Modernised (4) Bocking, Willesden, (5) Grove Delight, Neasden, (6) College Bob IV., Wragby, (7) Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| * ALFRED FROST ... Treble | 1 | JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 4 |
| † JOHN P. FIDLER 2 | | WILLIAM FERNLEY 5 |
| W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3 | | JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN P. FIDLER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—At the Church of St. Paul's, on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, G. C. Hes 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, W. Brook 8.

HANDBELL PEAL.LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

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

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY1-2 | ERNEST S. BAILEY5-6

CHARLES F. BAILEY3-4 | EDGAR H. BAILEY7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Witness: MR. SELF.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. Craven's reply, will you please allow me to trespass still further on your valuable space? Taking his last paragraph first, I think he has either misunderstood my question or misconstrued it. I will make it plainer, 'Why does he use 2nd's (an internal place) in Palatine and not 7th's?' Mr. Craven recently said that the treble's whole pull behind was a 'dead end.' If this is correct so must the 'whole pull' on the lead be dead. His question re London and Superlative is beside the point, and I was under the impression that the Double Norwich which he describes went by the name of Double Oxford. However, the information in regard to the Legitimate Methods Committee does away with the need for any further argument, and I thank for him it. If the majority of that committee decided as Mr. Craven states, then every one ought honourably to accept that decision.—Yours truly,

PLAIN RINGER.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL IN EIGHT COURSES.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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| 34625 | 2 | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| 65243 | 2 | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| 32546 | 2 | — | — | 1 | 1 |

Repeated. Calling 4th's, and In in first course instead of the bob B.

First rung at Ipswich on December 31st, 1923, conducted by George E. Symonds.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham and District Branch was held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, when, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Smith), the fine peal of ten at the Abbey were available, and were made good use of. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Pennington), giving an interesting address. A move was then made to the Parish Room, where the Vicar had provided a bounteous tea.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. J. F. Ballinger), and supported by the Rev. E. F. Smith, the Rev. A. D. Pennington, and about 50 members from Alderton, Ashchurch, Beckford, Leckhampton, Swindon, Dumbleton, Twining, Leigh, Prestbury, Tredington, Charlton Kings, London, and the local tower.

The Chairman gave a short resume of the year's work, and the Secretary read his report, stating that the past year had been a very successful one, thus proving the need for such an organisation in that the northern part of the diocese.

The statement of accounts was then passed, and it was decided to hold over a small balance. The following officers were unanimously elected: Chairman, Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton); representative, C. W. Dyson (Leigh); hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon).

Mr. Pennington extended an offer for the next meeting, to be held at his church, and this was gladly accepted, the date to be some time in May.—Twelve new members were elected, including one life member.—Several letters of apology were read.

A motion was passed, and will be brought up at the general annual meeting, that Rule III. be altered to read: 'The annual general meeting of the association be held either in the Diocese of Gloucester or Bristol.'

A resolution conveying the best thanks of the branch was passed to Mr. Len Harrison for his great assistance given to the Alderton band.—On the proposition of Mr. W. Devereux, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. F. Smith for conducting the service in the Abbey, for the use of the bells, and for the splendid tea.—The Vicar, in responding, said how very glad he was to welcome the branch to the Abbey, and trusted that they would pay another visit at no distant date.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Rev. A. D. Pennington for his every-ready support, the lady helpers, and also to the retiring chairman (Mr. J. F. Ballinger).—This concluded the business meeting, and the tower was again visited, the bells being kept going until 9 o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill has very kindly examined the College Youths ancient peal book, and informs us that the first peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1724, thus settling definitely the fact that to-morrow (Saturday) is the two hundredth anniversary. Mr. W. H. Fussell, in an article on another page, adds some interesting information on this subject.

A peal of 'Garthing's Trebles' was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, on January 20th, 1740. On January 20th, 1777, the Cumberland Youths scored a 6,240 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch.

One of the first peals of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' which, we believe, William Cooter claimed to be the first true peal, was rung on January 20th, 1854.

The first peal of Norwich Maximus was rung on Jan. 20th, 1817.

On January 21st, 1788, a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus was rung on the bells of Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge.

A peal described as 'Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Triples' was rung at Shifnal on January 23rd, 1844.

In the handbell peal of Doubles at Leicester on December 24th, there were six six-scores of Stedman, 16 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

The peals at Gaywood and Dersingham were rung on Boxing Day, and not on December 27th, as recorded.

With reference to the inquiry as to the greatest number of peals rung by a lady within the first fifteen months of her first peal, the peals by Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, were all on church bells. Has any lady done better than this in the tower?

A fitting compliment was paid to a veteran ringer at Carshalton, Surrey, last week, when a peal was rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. C. W. Gordon, who learned to ring in this tower over fifty years ago, and is the only survivor of the band which rang at the opening of the bells in the neighbouring tower of Beddington in 1869. He has been a member of the Beddington band ever since. A birthday peal of Stedman Caters at this tower on January 5th was unfortunately lost after 1½ hours' ringing.

Members of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association are asked to note that the annual meeting, announced for to-morrow (January 19th) is unavoidably postponed until the 26th.

A correspondent desires to know the date of the last peal rung at Shrawley Church, Worcestershire. Perhaps one of the ringers can supply the information.

FIRST PEAL BY THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' in your last issue you mention that Thursday, Jan. 17th, is the 40th anniversary of the first peal by the Winchester Guild, and which was rung at Soberton, Hants. The first peal by members of the Winchester Guild was rung at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on December 27th, 1881, two years before the one you mention. It may be interesting at this date to recall the names of those taking part in the peal, copied from the peal board in St. Nicolas' belfry. The peal was Holt's six-part of Union Triples (5,040 changes), and was rung in three hours and twelve minutes: J. Haseman 1, H. Boxall, senr., 2, G. Sayer 3, H. Boxall, junr., 4, W. Marks 5, C. Boxall 6, S. Brooker 7, C. Dudley 8. Conducted by S. Brooker.—Faithfully yours,

EDWARD RADDON,

Hon. Secretary, Guildford District of the Winchester Guild.

[Our 'Belfry Gossip' paragraph last week should have added the words, 'in Hampshire,' to the record—a slight omission which makes all the difference. Mr. George Williams has also called attention to this slip, and points out the contrast between the peal ringing of those days and the present, as illustrated by the fact that over two years elapsed between the first and second peals of the Winchester Guild.—Ed. 'R.W.']

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal of Cambridge Maximus, published in your issue of December 28th, is false, as the second and fourth courses repeat. I should have written before, but the error is so visible I thought the author would have discovered it and corrected it himself.—Yours, etc., W. PYE.

A FALSE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

Sir,—In the Kent County Association report for 1923, page 87, the figures of a peal of Grandsire Triples appear, described as a 'Variation of J. W. Moorhouse's five-part, rung at Wye on May 6th last.' This competition is false. The third bob in the second part and the four following leads repeating with the last course of the peal, which comes home with two Holt's Singles.

We, unfortunately, rang the same composition at Erith on January 7th, conducted by F. J. Cullum, junr., during the ringing of which its falseness was discovered. E. BARNETT, Senr.

Bristol United Guilds' Annual Dinner.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN THE 'CITY OF BELLS.'

An extremely pleasant evening was spent by the company, numbering about 130, who attended the third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds, at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on Saturday evening. These gatherings arose out of a suggestion that there should be in other corners of England some counterpart to the annual dinners held in London and Birmingham, and, so well have the ringers in the western city entered into the spirit of the undertaking, that the gathering already ranks among the principal social events of the Exercise. The Bristol ringers have united most whole-heartedly in carrying the project to a successful issue, and the visitors who were present last Saturday were impressed with the warmth of their reception and the cordiality displayed. Bristol is a veritable city of bells, and within a very limited radius has one peal of twelve, and three of ten, something like ten rings of eight and about half a dozen of six. A number of those peals were employed on Saturday afternoon, and touches in a variety of methods were enjoyed.

The gathering at the Grand Hotel sat down under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. T. C. Fowler, who is chairman of the United Guilds for the year. The guest of the evening was the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon, others supporting the chairman being Mrs. and Miss Fowler, the Rev. M. Paterson (Vicar of St. Stephen's), Mr. C. Spurrier (churchwarden of St. Thomas's) and Mrs. Spurrier, the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), the Rev. E. J. Phillips (Vicar of Coal-pit Heath), Mr. D. A. Cameron (Oban), Mr. H. H. Wynn (Bristol), and Mr. H. T. Howell. Mr. F. G. Leaker was the vice-chairman, and the Bristol Societies represented were St. George's, St. Philip's, Clifton, St. James's, St. Thomas's, St. Michael's, St. Luke's, St. Stephen's, etc., many of the ringers being accompanied by their wives. Among those also present were the Rev. R. H. Whitford, the Rev. F. D. N. Wynne, the Rev. Percival Gay, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (President of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. J. Thomas (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London), Mr. S. R. Roper (Craydon Foundry), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. J. B. Tyler (London), Mr. A. E. Norman (Birmingham), Mr. J. W. Pemberton (Erdington), Mr. C. J. Gardiner (Swindon), Messrs. A. Prince and T. F. King (Bath), and other ringers from Chew Magna, Mangotsfield, Doultling, Leigh-on-Mendip, Henbury, Olveston, Thornbury, Evercreech, Portishead, Brislington, Keynsham, etc. The excellent arrangements had been made by an enthusiastic committee, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary), Miss E. Smith, and Messrs. W. A. Cave, L. Gowing, H. T. Howell and J. G. Jeffries (stewards), W. Braven, E. J. Brown, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, J. R. Jones, W. Stafford and H. Way. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. M. E. Thorold (vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master) and Mr. E. E. Burgess (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Messrs. J. Hunt (Taunton), W. A. Lewis (Berkeley), W. Yeend (Cheltenham), G. Stacey (Minehead), L. Gowing and W. Knight (Bristol), and A. Wright (Painswick).

A PRESENTATION.

As soon as the loyal toast had been honoured, an interesting presentation was made. Mr. J. Gould had very generously provided a silver bell pendant for the chairman's chain of office, and a bell, which, he said, might be used 'to keep the meetings in order.' He had felt that the chain looked rather bare, and being impressed with the energetic way in which the committee set about making that gathering an annual affair, he had decided to present them with a pendant for the chain, which he asked the secretary to accept, together with the bell, for the use of the United Guilds (applause).

Both pendant and bell were inscribed with the words, 'Chairman, Bristol United Guilds of Change Ringers, founded 1921,' and were supplied by Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead.

Mr. E. Guise accepted the gifts from Mr. Gould, and handed them on to the chairman, to hold as long as he held office.

The Chairman said he greatly appreciated Mr. Gould's kind thought, and desired to thank him on behalf of Bristol United Guilds. Proceeding, the Chairman said bells played a very great part in the life of the Christian, and he went on to enumerate the occasions upon which bells were employed to mark the events of human life. 'The bells,' he said, 'rejoiced with Christians when they rejoiced, and they sobbed with them in sorrow. He was very proud indeed to belong to Bristol United Guilds of Bell Ringers (applause).

Mr. W. A. Cave proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which, he said, they as ringers, loved. No one, he thought, could speak to this toast at the present time without referring to the bombshell recently

sprung upon them by the Archbishop of Canterbury in connection with the subject of reunion with Rome. Mr. Cave quoted at length from the sermon of a Bath clergyman, with whom he said he was in total agreement, in which the secret conference which had been going on was condemned as having for its avowed aim the undoing of the work of the Reformation. It would not be reunion with Rome, it would be the extinction of the Church of England by absorption. Proceeding, Mr. Cave said that during the last few years, the Church had made great strides with regard to organisation. Church Councils had been instituted, and it was to these they must look for the future strengthening of the church. He urged that the duties now discharged by the Vestry should be incorporated in those of the Parochial Councils.

The Archdeacon of Swindon, who replied to the toast, said that while it would be improper for him to pretend to stand champion for the Archbishop, he thought, perhaps, he ought not to be quite silent with regard to the criticism which had been launched by Mr. Cave. Once the idea had possessed people's minds that it would be well if all Christians were of one united body, it was obvious that anybody, who had the responsibility of carrying that idea to some conclusion, should explore every possible avenue, and it would be quite impossible to explore all the avenues if they left out of consideration and denied the right or propriety of the exploration of unity with the Latin Church. It was quite possible when these explorations had been made that they would find that the time of reunion was not yet, but he did not think they ought, as Churchmen, to assume that the Archbishop, or anyone else, had acted dishonestly or out of harmony with the necessities of the situation in saying that when all Christian bodies were being approached, that any particular one, for the purposes of inquiry and exploration, should be left out.

RINGERS AS CO-OPERATORS.

Continuing, the Archdeacon thanked the United Guilds for the honour they had done him in inviting him as the guest of the evening, and went on to speak of the ringer as a co-operator in the work of the Church, and as a contributor to the romance of life. Ringers, he said, made the Church heard as no one else could. From ancient times they had been the broadcasters of the invitation of the Church to the worship of Almighty God. The voice of the Church, as it was magnified by the ringer, made itself heard far beyond the range of the voice of the most stentorian clergyman, or the reach of the vocal skill of the choir. They (the clergy) regarded the ringers as splendid co-operators in the work of the Church, who acted as heralds of that great institution, which had no more loyal servants and no more faithful upholders than the ringers who occupied the English belfries. Turning to the position of ringers as contributors to the romance of English life, he said the sound of bells, stirred the imagination of the people in town and country, as probably nothing else did. Having passed in rapid review the place taken by bells in poetry, the Archdeacon said, so far as the clergy were concerned, they recognised how greatly the ringers helped them. He prayed that God's richest blessing would wait upon them and upon their work: might they each one: 'Ring out the false, ring in the true,' and for everyone of them 'Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be' (applause).

A CONTRAST.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, in an interesting speech, submitted 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' Having referred to historical and other associations between Bristol and his own town of Devizes, the speaker contrasted the position of ringers and ringing when he first became connected with it thirty years ago, and the present day. In 1893, he said, the various Guilds were in existence, but were not so much subdivided as they were to-day into smaller and more workable branches. He hoped this sub-division would go on until it was possible to hold a meeting once a year in every tower covered by a branch area. In 1893 secondary education was in its infancy: to-day, as one result of it, they had a wider field to choose from when selecting young fellows likely to make good change ringers. In 1893 one often came across bells, the 'go' of which was very bad, and belfries which were very dirty and untidy. To-day so much had been done in the way of reknanging and renewing bells that it was the exception rather than the rule to come across a bad ring. He could only recollect one among the many towers in which he rang last year. In 1893 they experienced one difficulty which they experienced to-day, when trying to progress in campanology, and that was the difficulty of the elder men without sufficient ambition or energy to study new methods, or even method ringing. That was a serious problem, because these old men were often of sterling character, although they acted as a drag on the wheel of progress. In 1893 he could remem-

ber a great stir being made by the appearance on the scene of a lady-ringer, Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke. To-day they had hundreds of lady ringers up and down the country. It was the ladies, very largely, they had to thank for beautifying and purifying the belfries and the improved manners and increased chivalry among the male ringers (applause). In 1893 the squire and the parsons, at least in the county parishes, still ruled local affairs. To-day the squire was not, the parson still is, but they found him often with two or three churches to look after instead of one, and in some instances with about the same numerical congregation in all three, that he formerly had in one. One sometimes wondered who would occupy the belfries thirty years hence, when many of them there that night had 'passed on.' What, for instance, would be the ladies' opinion of bell ringers at a time when, perhaps, they (the ladies) might be in a majority in the belfries? Would it be anything like the opinion of the school girl who wrote in an essay: 'Man is what woman has to marry. He smokes, drinks, swears and never goes to church. Both sprang from apes, but woman sprang farthest' (laughter). In conclusion, Mr. Heginbotham expressed his gratitude to those ringers in the city of Bristol and in Somerset, Wiltshire, and the Isle of Wight, who made his tour of inquiry into ringing conditions last year such a thoroughly enjoyable one.

(To be continued.)

THE FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ST. BRIDE'S BELLS AND BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

The true date of the first Grandsire Cinques is Tuesday, January 19th, 1724; no time was given by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 20 of the first 21 peals booked up in Volume No. 1 of their Records, as it was not the custom to do so in those early days of peal ringing.

It is most interesting to note that Annable, who rang the second in this performance, conducted 17 of the first 21 peals referred to.

The ten bells were cast in 1710, and the trebles in 1719 by Rudhall, of Gloucester. Annable was born near this church in 1702 (died 1756), and it is very probable that he saw the ring of ten bells (as a boy eight years old) when they were landed from the Thames and hauled to the steeple of St. Bride's Church, thus becoming interested, at an early age, in an art in which he was so soon to become a Master.

Joining the College Youths in 1721, when only 19 years of age, he composed and conducted the second performance by the society, Grandsire Caters, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr only a month after the Cinques; and within a year following composed and conducted Bob Major, Royal and Maximus in succession at St. Bride's.

The trebles were given to the parish by the efforts of the College Youths and the London Scholars, who erected tablets in the belfry recording some of their achievements.

The latter society recorded a peal on St. Bride's bells in the year 1717, but the board was lost or destroyed during repairs in 1796.

W. H. FUSSELL.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year for the South and West District was held with success at Chiswick on Saturday last. Several touches were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Sangster, with Miss Dora G. Feltham, a lady ringer from Hillingdon, at the organ.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by Mr. Thurley (churchwarden), with the Rev. C. H. Sangster in the chair, supported by Mr. T. Beadle (vice-president), the Ringing Master, and the hon. secretary, a muster of 37 sitting down to a substantial repast.

At the business which followed, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Isleworth in February, and Feltham was selected for the March meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells and Parish Hall; to the Rev. C. H. Sangster for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting; to the organist, and all who helped to make the meeting a success. Handbell ringing was indulged in by several members afterwards.

Messrs. W. Welling, F. Middleton, A. Cross and R. Wood, four great enthusiasts, faced the boisterous winds and cycled from Old Windsor. They 'came in at the death,' although out of breath, and enjoyed a good tea. The tower was again visited, and methods up to Superlative and Cambridge were practised. Among the visitors were Mr. J. W. Moorhouse from Leeds, and Mr. W. Hart, of Brighton. Five lady ringers took part, viz., the Misses P. Moss, D. Feltham, G. Baker (Hillingdon), M. Chamberlain and C. Santen (Chiswick). Before the close the number of ringers present increased to 48, and a pleasant and enjoyable time was spent.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £15 17s.: Worcestershire Association: Collection at Southern Branch meeting, Elmley Castle, per Mr. J. Hemming, 15s. Further funds are needed, and contributions may be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Elma, Beauty Bank, Old Hill.

FINE-TONED PEAL OF 8 FOR BIRMINGHAM.

DEDICATION OF NEW RING AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

For some time past the peal of eight bells at Bishop Ryder's Church have been silent owing to their unsafe condition. The parish is a poor one, and it seemed almost a hopeless task to collect sufficient money to get the bells rehung, but through the munificence of an old parishioner, Councillor R. R. Gelling, the peal which were not a very musical octave have not only been rehung, but have also been recast. This highly gratifying result has really been brought about at the instigation of Mr. James George, the Ringing Master, who must be very proud of the outcome of his efforts to get a good peal of bells at this church.

The new peal was dedicated at the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 30th, by the Ven. Archdeacon Hopton, of Birmingham. The bells were rung round a few times during the service by James George 1, Albert T. Scrivens 2, Albert E. Norman 3, Thomas Russam 4, Percy O. Ladin 5, Oliver G. Norman 6, Albert Walker 7, Samuel Coley 8; and after the service, a well-struck 504 Stedman Triples was rung on them by the following band: Albert E. Norman 1, Thomas Russam 2, Albert T. Scrivens 3, James George (conductor) 4, John Neal 5, Oliver G. Norman 6, Albert Walker 7, Samuel Coley 8.

On Saturday, January 5th, the tower was open to visitors, and a goodly number of ringers attended from neighbouring places within a radius of 20 miles. The bells were kept going from 2.30 till 4.30, their tone and 'go' being greatly admired. Tea was kindly provided by the church authorities in the Schoolroom, when a party of 60 sat down. Afterwards, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger) remarked how happy he was that the bells were now put in order, and that they had such a fine peal. He could hardly find words in which to thank Councillor Gelling for his magnificent gift to the church, and he felt sure they would be a great blessing to the parish.

Councillor Gelling, who was received with applause, on rising to reply, said that for some time past he had had it in mind to put up a memorial in memory of his uncle and aunt. The bells certainly had not entered his mind, but when Mr. George approached him and suggested that this would be an excellent memorial, and at the same time supply a great need in the parish, he decided to do it. He first agreed to have the bells rehung, but after they had been taken to the foundry at Loughborough and their defects in tone pointed out to him, he decided to do the job thoroughly, and have them melted up and recast (applause). In conclusion, he remarked how happy he was to be of service in this way, and hoped that his gift would prove a blessing to the church and parish (applause).

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, in a few well-chosen remarks, said how happy he was to be with them that afternoon. It took his mind back a long time, for by a strange coincidence it was just 50 years since he rang his first peal at Bishop Ryder's Church, and he wondered if he would have an opportunity of ringing another this year to celebrate it.

Mr. Thomas Russam also said that he had very happy recollections of Bishop Ryder's, he having attended the schools over fifty years ago, and rung his first peal on the bells 48 years ago.

Mr. James George, who has been Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's Church for some years, said he had long wished for a good peal of bells at this church, and now that this wish was fulfilled he was very happy about it, and felt sure that in time a good band of ringers would be attached there (applause). He knew he could rely on the St. Martin's Guild giving him all the assistance possible (hear, hear).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Councillor Gelling, and to all those responsible for the arrangements, was proposed by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and was carried with applause. This concluded the proceedings. After a course of Stedman Cinques and some tunes had been rung on the handbells, a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

Great praise is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the splendid 'go' and 'tone' of the bells. The tenor, which is 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp, bears the following inscription:—

'To the Glory of God and in memory of George and Mary Stephens. These bells were recast and rehung by their nephew, Robert Raisbeck Gelling, 1923. Canon G. E. Badger, Vicar; James George, Ringing Master.'

THE PEAL AT ST. JAMES', BERMONDSEY.

'W. G.' writes: 'In your "Belfry Gossip" column you speak about trying to get the bells at St. James', Bermondsey, restored to proper ringing condition. I beg to inform you that the financial state of the parish is so bad that they cannot even supply us with a new set of ropes which we have been trying to get for the last year. The peal was rung on our own ropes. The ages of the tenor men were 18 and 21 respectively.'

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Buxton 1, E. Roberts 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, T. Elliot 5, J. Richardson 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. G. Lewis 8. Arranged for J. Richardson, who was on a visit from London.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Dafters 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 4, J. Croder 5, H. James 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: B. J. Harding, senr., 1, F. A. Cluett 2, C. Groves 3, R. J. Stone 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, January 13th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Collins 1, C. Bunting 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. Rodwell, junr., 4, J. Rodwell, senr., 5, C. Cousins (conductor) 6.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, a non-conducted quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten variations): A. Turner (Milton) 1, F. Hopper (Northampton) 2, J. Wilfred Sharp (Towcester) 3, J. Townsend (Milton) 4, T. Tebbutt (Northampton) 5. First 'silent' quarter-peal by all.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Werburgh's Church, for evening service, in 26 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. F. Humphreys 1, B. T. Watts 2, R. C. Seager 3, R. Pike 4, A. G. Adams (conductor) 5, H. J. Watts 6. First 720 Kent by all.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday evening, on January 13th, for evensong, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, G. Street 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Hendly 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

RETENDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 6th, for morning service, 216 Plain Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the late Rector, the Rev. Evans-Gwynne. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Jay 1, F. May 2, W. May 3, R. Whetton 4, C. Jay 5, F. Jay (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins.: C. Edwards 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. Folkard 3, W. H. Hollier 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. Harris 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. St. Palmer 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on the Festival of the Epiphany, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott 2, H. Jennings 3, H. Phillips 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. Chambers 8. For evensong, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Chambers 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Scott 3, W. Upton 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, H. Jennings 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—At the Church of St. John, on Sunday evening, January 6th, a quarter-peal (1,260) of Grandsire in 48 mins.: R. McMillan 1, H. Roberts 2, F. J. Williams 3, J. V. Humphreys (1st as conductor) 4, Pierce Roberts 5, John Owen 6, H. Wakefield 7, E. Brown 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. T. Croft 6, L. Fidler 7, W. J. Croft (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—The St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. — On Sunday, Dec. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. J. Harman 1, C. Choct 2, John Lee 3, R. J. Green 4, H. G. Gowllett 5, E. C. Russell 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8.

HEREFORD.—On Sunday, December 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 54 mins.: C. Powell 1, R. Trehearne 2, G. Giblin 3, W. H. Symonds 4, W. H. Williams (conductor) 5, C. Sparkes 6, A. E. Hurcombe 7, R. Powell 8. All the above members are regular service ringers at the Cathedral.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. W. Warrilow 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. H. Taylor (first quarter-peal inside) 3, G. Booth 4, W. H. Jones 5, F. V. Haggis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. E. Garbett 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal 1,280 changes of Superlative Surprise Major: Canon W. W. C. Baker 1, G. Holey 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, C. E. King 5, F. Rawsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local band.

A MIXED DATE TOUCH

At Earls Colne, Essex, on Saturday, a date touch of 1,924 changes was rung in 1 hour and 8 mins., in seven methods, viz.: 224 Superlative, 224 Cambridge, 304 Double Norwich, 560 Bob Major, 96 Oxford Treble Bob, 96 Kent Treble Bob, and 420 Grandsire Triples. This was rung without interval between the methods, rounds occurring only once between each. The ringers are all local and regular Sunday Service ringers at this church. Mr. A. Saunders was present, and afterwards took part in 448 Superlative.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE NEW BELLS AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**

The first monthly meeting for 1924 of the Devises branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, January 5th, in order to welcome into the branch area the new peal of eight bells presented to the parish by General and Mrs. G. L. Palmer, the bells having been dedicated by the Dean of Salisbury on December 27th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wyndham Noel). A complimentary tea was provided in the Christ Church Schools, to which 83 sat down. Among those present were General Palmer and his two grandsons, the Vicar (the Rev. Wyndham Noel) and the two churchwardens, the Rev. W. H. M. Clarke (Vicar of Holy Trinity), the Rev. J. F. Alexander (Vicar of South Wrexall), Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the firm that cast and hung the bells), and ringing representatives from 14 towers in the branch area, as well as from a considerable number of places outside the branch, including Midsomer Norton, Bath, Bristol, Newport (Mon.), Wyke Regis, Salisbury, Swindon, Frome, Twerton-on-Avon, Batheaston, and Swainswick.

After tea, the Vicar and churchwardens gave a very hearty welcome to all present.—The Branch Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) said if that meeting might be taken as an omen, from the branch point of view, the year certainly looked like being a prosperous one.—Mr. S. J. Hector (Branch Ringing Master) spoke a few words on the bells. He considered the Christ Church parish had a beautiful peal of bells, perfect in every way, thanks to General and Mrs. Palmer, and to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them two days before, in which he (Mr. Hector) took part, and he had no fault whatever to find with anything.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch, and Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, also said a few words.

Mr. Johnston was heartily thanked for so kindly giving the tea, and in replying, expressed gratification at the remarks made concerning the work of his firm.

Twelve new members were elected (nine being from Christ Church), also several hon. members, including General Palmer. This concluded the meeting. The bells, which are of beautiful tone, were soon sending forth their music again. Some good touches of Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**SPECIAL MEETING AT COLESHILL.**

Saturday, January 5th, was a red-letter day in the history of ringing at Colehill, when upwards of 30 members of the Warwickshire Guild assembled at the invitation of the local society (and in the words of the Vicar) 'to give the new Trebles, in conjunction with the old six, a good shaking up.' The new bells had been dedicated on New Year's Eve at the midnight service, and on the augmented peal the entry of the New Year was welcomed by the local band. For the special meeting members were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Chitlocks Coton, Coventry, Derby, Erdington, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Solihull, Sutton Coldfield, Stoke, together with the local band, the party including several ladies.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with their usual skill, have made an excellent splice of the bells, and have hung the new trebles in ball bearings. The bells having been raised in peal, the opening touch was one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the district secretary, Mr. Bernard Wittchell. The band stood as follows: B. W. Wittchell 1, Miss Gladys Dodds 2, J. Oldham 3, T. W. Chapman 4, H. Argyle 5, A. Wilkerson 6, F. W. Clayton 7, J. F. Clarke 8. A large company assembled in the tower during this touch, and, shortly after, a disappointing incident occurred. The ringer of the 2nd in some Kent Treble Bob unfortunately missed the sally, with the result the stay broke, and the accident caused some delay in the ringing.

Tea was provided in the Assembly Room at the Swan Hotel, presided over by the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Aston), supported by Mr. Fifield, the donor of the bells, to whom the members are grateful for his kind hospitality.

The Vicar said how pleased he was to see so many present, and although he thought they had done all that was required in completing the octave, he learned from the secretary that the old six required rehanging.

Mr. Fifield endorsed the Vicar's remarks, and said he was pleased to do what he had done in giving the two trebles. He was an old ringer himself, and his son was now a ringer at the old church, which was always first in his thoughts. He was thankful God had prospered him, and he knew of no better way of showing his thankfulness, than giving something back in the form of the bells, to call the parishioners to His worship.

Mr. A. Roberts, Ringing Master, and Mr. A. Wilkerson, hon. general secretary, congratulated the village of Colehill on having a peal of eight, and hoped the day was not far distant when the parishioners generally would follow the example of Mr. Fifield and put the old six in peal ringing order worthy of the grand old church.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Will members and friends please endeavour to attend?—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each, at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. The District Committee will meet in the Vestry at 4.15 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wood Green, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Stokes. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Service 4.45. Meeting and tea at Angel Hotel 5.30. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome.—Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Branch Sec., Calne, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5. Meeting and tea at 6. The Bishop of Liverpool will give the address. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. All ringers will be welcomed.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Radcliffe Parish Church on January 19th. An invitation is given to members to ring on the rehung and recast peal (by Taylor and Co.). Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—Wm. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea, with business meeting to follow, at the Parish House, Borough High Street, at 5.30 p.m., further ringing after. Will members make a special effort to attend this meeting? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 9, Dorset Road, Ealing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th, at St. Chad's. 2.30, Committee meeting in Vestry. 3.30, ringing in St. Chad's Tower, in the hands of the Tower Master. 5.0, Services in St. Aidan's Chapel, address by the Rev. A. C. Lawson,

M.A. 5.45, tea in St. Chad's Institute, followed by meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The first meeting under the new Guild will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if possible, 5 o'clock. Important business, to elect branch officers. Will all members make a special effort to attend?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting of this branch for election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland (6 bells), on Saturday, 19th January. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 until 7. Business meeting at Black Boy Hotel Club Room.—H. C. Norman, Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chudleigh, Jan. 19th. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. (Subscriptions now due.) The Exeter branch are also combining on this occasion for a 'fraternal,' and this ringers' festival will celebrate the opening of the peal of 8. Bells available noon. Bands outside the Guild in the Chudleigh district are invited.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th January, at Stokesay. Bells (6), available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. Dist. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe (recast ring of eight bells), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready early. Reports now ready. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

COLCHESTER.—The annual meeting of the North Essex Association will be held on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Peter's (8 bells) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., and by the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. E. Cardo, tea will be provided at 5 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Harborne Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Guild's service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow, at which a motion to alter the date of the annual meeting will be moved. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 61, Norman Avenue, Nuncaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Wingham (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. — Gaussen). The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, after hanging 40 years without being rung.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Jan., 1924:—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; Annual meeting February 9th.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem. 56, Hallford Street, Essex Road.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at All Hallows, Lombard Street, on Jan. 22nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 31st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A New Year's meeting will be held at Honiton on Thursday, Jan. 24th. Service, St. Paul's Church, 3.30. Tea, Church Room, 4 p.m., 1s. per head. Bells available 1 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday, Jan. 24th. Parish Church bells (13) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at Parish Church. Tea 5 p.m., Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Monday, the 21st? Watermoor bells open after meeting.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. A tea will be provided 1/- per head for those who notify me, not later than January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Owing to its importance, when report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of branch officers will take place, it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Evelyn Steel, Hon. Dis. Sec. pro tem.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Collins, High Street, 6 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Jan. 22nd.—A. Talbot, Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea in North Street Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hull on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The peals at Holy Trinity (10), All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. Morton, 83, Blenheim Street, Hull, not later than first post Wednesday, Jan. 23rd. The annual report will be on sale at this meeting, price 1s., and all members are urged to purchase copies. For further details see circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, January 26th. Meet at Christ Church at 2.30. The bells of Christ Church (8), St. Peter's (6), and the Presbyterian Church, Hebburn (6)

will be available. Tea at the Ben Lomond Hotel at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. Brewis, 61, Howard Street, Jarrow, before the 23rd?—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers, fixing quarterly meetings, etc. Please notify me by Jan. 22nd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Guilborough on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow to elect branch officers for the ensuing year. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 22nd?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Jan. 26th, when all ringers will be welcome. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers of St. John and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea at Plum's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea write by January 21st, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 3, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by Canon Elsee. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those desiring tea must notify me not later than January 19th. All ringers and friends most cordially invited. Annual reports now ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Address by Archdeacon Conybeare, of Southwell Cathedral. Meeting in the Tower after service. Nominations for district officers to be sent in at once. Unveiling of peal board at St. Peter's at 5.30 by Ald. R. B. Chambers, President Midland Counties Association

(recording first peal of London Surprise Major in Nottingham). To be followed by W. D. Croft memorial dinner at Albert Hotel, Derby Road, at 6.45 p.m.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, at 6.45 p.m. A first-class musical programme will be given. All ringers and ringers' friends heartily welcome. All applications for tickets (3/9 each) to be made not later than Tuesday, January 22nd, to W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Lewisham District at Dartford is postponed to Saturday, Feb. 9th. Further particulars later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who advise me of attending not later than Feb. 6th. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, Jan. 20th and 27th, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Annual general meeting Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at 8 p.m. sharp.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—By kind permission of the Hon. Chaplain, a memorial tablet will be erected in St. Clement Danes for the members who fell in the Great War. Donations, which will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' may be sent to the Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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PRESTBURY, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. The bells were half-muffled, as is the custom on Holy Innocents' Day: T. Compton 1, W. Hale 2, H. Newman 3, H. Halford 4, G. Walters 5, C. Tovey 6, J. J. Causon (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

ABBOT'S LEIGH.—On December 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennet 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman (first of Oxford) 4, L. Moore (conductor) 5, E. Frampton 6. — On December 24th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Bennet 1, S. Bennet (first 720) 2, L. Moore (conductor) 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, G. Chamberlain 6.

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