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From time to time some piece of information comes to hand which provides a striking example of what many bands up and down the country are doing, often out of the limelight which peal ringing brings. Serving the Church first, as all ringers should, and most do, it is a gratifying thought that in hundreds of churches the bells are rung for two services every Sunday throughout the year. It is this regular and conscientious discharge of duty which is the greatest factor in obtaining for ringers that recognition which they are now rapidly gaining for themselves from the Church authorities. There are some towers where the bells have never failed for years to play their part in connection with the Sunday services, the war period not excepted. A good deal of the future of ringing is, we believe, locked up with the fidelity of the ringers to their responsibilities on Sundays, for if ever the right to peal ringing is challenged from the outside, the weight of the Church's backing can only be invoked on behalf of this practice if ringers in their turn have been loyal in their service to the Church.

But beyond this, the desire of ringers to give of their best for service ringing is one of the greatest incentives not only to improved striking, but to advance in method ringing. A keen service ringer usually makes a reliable man for any other occasion, and, given the opportunity, will make headway in the art. Moreover, the man who is unpunctual or irregular in his service ringing is usually the unreliable one when peals are in question; he is the careless man at the rope end, or the missing individual when a band meets 'one short.' And this brings us to the records to which we specially wish to direct attention. A fortnight ago we gave details of the year's doings of the Leytonstone band, who rang during 1923 no fewer than 101 extents on six bells, in nearly forty methods. In this issue the records appear of two other six-bell bands, viz., the men at Norbury, Cheshire, whose prowess with spliced extents are too well known to need eulogy here, and the band at Anston, who, though less heard of, have to their credit a performance of which they may well be proud, having rung 60 720's during the year in no fewer than 54 different methods. That is a great achievement. In each case it has been the desire for good service ringing that has induced these bands to go forward as they have done, and a large proportion of these extents have been rung on Sundays. Of course, there are many other instances of bands who, in their respective ways, can show a record of consistent good work, but what we want to emphasise is that it is generally those who are keenest in their Sunday ringing who make the best progress, whether it is as individuals or as a band.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE PICKERING Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 7
*ARTHUR PAYNE 2	*WILLIAM BASKILL 8
*MATTHEW ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM STORY 9
JOSEPH ROWELL 4	RICHARD THOMPSON 10
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5	JOSEPH E. KEEN 11
WILLIAM H. BARBER 6	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of twelve bells. First peal of Erin Cinques by all the band, by the association, and on the bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. Newcombe, of Gosforth, whose death took place on Jan. 11th. William Lister Newcombe, F.R.I.B.A. Esq., and Mrs. Newcombe, were the donors of the two trebles to the above Cathedral to complete the peal of twelve, which were dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1914. The above band are all members of the Cathedral Guild, of which Mr. Newcombe is a vice-president.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Four Hours and Three Minutes.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*HARRY BROUGHTON 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9
ALBERT W. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
*HAROLD J. POOLE 5	REDHUN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERNS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	GEORGE TREW 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM C. HUNTER 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	FRANCIS T. JEWELL 8
GILBERT PEARCE 4	HENRY J. WAY 9
EDWIN J. BROWN 5	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

Rung as a compliment to F. T. Jewell on completion of 40 years' membership of the St. James' Society.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERNS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	*ROWLAND BARROW 6
ALFRED BALLARD 2	*ARTHUR CATTELL 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
GEORGE S. MORRIS 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by the late GEORGE CLEAL. Conducted by H. J. POOLK.

* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the composer. The composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	ROBERT W. GRIMWOOD ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIES ... 8
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

MELTON MOWBRAY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
JOHN OLDBAM ... 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 8
PERCY HARRISON ... 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 9
ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

Rung after the dedication of a peal tablet in the belfry, a gift to the ringers by Mrs. Blakeney, wife of the Rector.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5
GEORGE H. SHUKER ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
SAMUEL GREENBALGH ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
BENJAMIN THORPE ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. POTTER.

Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and Mr. H. Chapman's grandchild.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

GEO. W. BRAME ... Treble	C. JENNINGS ... 5
A. J. ORGILL ... 2	W. A. PARSONS ... 6
M. BARKER ... 3	W. H. BUXTON ... 7
F. STONE ... 4	A. SHERWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.

First peal as conductor, and first peal rung at this church by a full band of Sunday ringers since the bells were rehung.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	HENRY WOODHOUSE ... 5
GIBSON JACKSON ... 2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 6
MISS KATELEEN JACKSON ... 3	EDWARD J. CAWSE ... 7
REV. A. REYS JAMES ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 15 years of age, and is to be congratulated on his performance. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples, the ringer of the 5th kindly making the band up.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES BELBY ... Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER ... 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... 2	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 6
WILLIAM LOUD ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
SIDNEY HILLIER ... 4	FRED HAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

First peal on the new ring which has been put in by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The tone and 'go' of the bells are excellent. The conductor's 100th peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Treble	JOHN H. CARTSIDE ... 5
JOHN BOOTH ... 2	JOHN WATSON ... 6
JOHN BROWN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
FRED RIGBY ... 4	GEORGE HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 6
GEORGE HUGHES ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method, and also his 100th peal for this society.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

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

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Rung on the 4th anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5352 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
FRANK WARD ... 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 6
ALBERT NASH ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
THOMAS O'HARA ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 271). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: D. C. Williams (conductor) 1, T. Griffiths 2, *G. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, *J. John 5, *H. Jenkins 6, R. H. Jenkins 7, J. Williams 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor. * First quarter-peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALFRED S. BAYLEY Treble	LEONARD G. HEWITT 5
ROBERT EVANS 2	WALTER LAGO 6
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	BERT RIXON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

The above ringers are a section of Coalbrookdale local band. The peal was especially arranged for the coming-of-age of Miss Dorothy Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM A. BATTEN Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 5
† ERNEST J. KING 2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
* STANLEY C. MOYE 4	FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* SFR. R. B. HAMMOND, R.E. Treble	GILBERT BULL 5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE 7
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 4	Q.-M.-S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Winchester.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HARRY OVERTON 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

* FRANK W. BUCKLAND Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
* HARRY WINGROVE 2	† CECIL C. MAYNE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
JAMES BLACKMORE 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

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

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On January 1st, to ring in the New Year, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, T. Cann 4, H. Fellows 5, J. Wells 6. Also on Friday, January 4th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, T. Cann 5, G. Gatward 6.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, January 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

* JAMES R. JONES Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
* EDGAR GUISE 2	HENRY PRING 6
* EDWIN J. BROWN 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

* HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES Treble	* FRANK E. DARBY 5
REGINALD G. MARSHALL 2	JAMES E. COOPER 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 4	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Arranged and rung in honour of the 73rd birthday of Mr. Chas. W. Gordon, which took place the day before. * First peal of Grandsire.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, January 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S 20-PART. No. 2.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. HILLIER Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5
WILLIAM STORY 2	JOHN FOREMAN 6
JOSEPH ROWELL 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 4	ALBERT M. HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the composer.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	F. STEDMAN WHITE 5
OUTHERBERT G. WHITE 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* CHARLES BRIGGS Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
† G. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Bristol with inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the unveiling of the local war memorial; also as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. George Cleal, of St. Martin's, Leicester, who died suddenly on January 10th. First peal in the method on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ALFRED L. BROWN Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
THOMAS MILES 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
THOMAS SELF 4	LEONARD BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, after the funeral of the Rev. Bainbridge Bell, Vicar of the parish. * First peal.

HASLINGDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ED. BARNES Treble	JOHN KAY 5
THOMAS COLLINGE 2	RICHARD WILSON 6
JOHN H. RISHTON 3	THOMAS ROLLERSON 7
JOSEPH GREENWOOD 4	JOHN WM. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by T. COLLINGE.

* First peal. Ringers of 2nd and 7th are from St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, the rest belong to the local band. First peal in the tower since the rehanging of the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SOUTHWOOD ... Treble	ROBERT G. C. MANLEY ... 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	ALFRED E. POOK 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
FRED DIMOND 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd from Exeter: the rest local men.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	WILLIAM R. MEVILLE ... 6
RICHARD HAYES 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN RAY Treble	HERBERT SHEPHERD 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	GILBERT GUEST 6
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM GOODMAN 4	WILLIAM MEEK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, senr.

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EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST V. BEADLE Treble	CHARLES J. TRICKER 5
MISS NORA SHORTER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
JOHN HOWES 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. SPENCER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	JOHN F. SHARP 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. Mr. J. F. Sharp was made a life member before starting.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	ROWLAND BARROW 5
WALTER WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM THORLEY 7
ALBAN DISNEY 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal away from the tenor, and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDWARD E. DODD Treble	ALFRED H. WINGH 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	ARTHUR DEAN 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ALWYN CHARMAN 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. James Brett, one of the local ringers, on the occasion of his wedding, which took place at Kensington earlier in the day. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Brett for his hospitality after the peal.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SIDNEY SADLER 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	ERNEST R. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, A. Woodrow 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Palmore 8.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BATTEN ... Treble	HARRY WRIGHT... .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	WILLIAM ESSERY 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 5
EDWARD WALLAGE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Samuel E. Joyce, who was, when a youth, a chorister, and learnt to ring at this church.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt, 2 qr. 23 lb.

R. HOLDEN Treble	E. CUTSFORTH 5
A. HOLDEN 2	*H. JOHNSON 6
*S. SHUTTLEWORTH 3	W. PENNINGTON 7
J. E. MARKLAND 4	*J. W. KAY Tenor

Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

* First peal. The ringer of 5th comes from Holy Trinity, and of 7th from Bolton Parish Church, the rest being the home company. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

FRESSINGFIELD.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WM. RICHES... .. Treble	*E. ETHERIDGE 5
ROBT. RICHES 2	J. RICHES 6
A. RICHES 3	W. RICHES... .. 7
J. ETHERIDGE 4	WM. STEGGALL ... Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY.

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal. For calling see Hubbard, 3rd edition, page 73.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRANCIS MILES... .. Treble	*FREDERICK HARRIS ... 4
*JAMES ATTWOOD 2	ROBERT HARRIS... .. 5
*THOMAS HARRIS... .. 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. W. Webb (curate-in-charge of Bredons Norton) on his being ordained to the priesthood.

BOLTON-ON-SWALE, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

A COATES Treble	†W. COOKE 4
*F COOKE 2	A. HUNTER 5
†F. W. JOHNSON 3	R. B. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor; also first peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

ASHCHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWARD COLE Treble	THOMAS HARRIS 4
JAMES ATTWOOD... .. 2	ROBERT HARRIS 5
FREDERICK HARRIS 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. G. Wakeford, the genial conductor of the tower. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. H. Bishop.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT G. FULCHER ... Treble	EDWARD LUBBOCK 4
*EDWIN BAILEY 2	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 3	RUSSELL RICHES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores each of Old Doubles, Canterbury, New Doubles, Chase, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 18 six-scores of Grandsire, each six-score called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*FRED REYNOLDS Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3
†BASIL BUTLER 2	†FRANK FOX 4
†THOMAS BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in 7 methods. First peal in 7 methods on the bells.

SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD A. E. COOK ... Treble	HUBERT WEBB 3
HARRY VOICE 2	ALFRED H. COOK 4

WALTER YEEND Tenor

Conducted by W. YEEND.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band. All are regular Sunday Service ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BULLOCK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	THOMAS LANGDON 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	JAMES BULLOCK 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires: MR. AND MRS. DEAL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Bullock.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT 68, WHITE HORSE HILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 1-2	FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. GROOMBRIDGE.

Umpire: P. BRETT-SMITH.

* First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 12th, and was fairly well attended by ringers from Stow, Brigg, Messingham, Bigby and Ordsall, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the methods of Grandsire, St. Clement's, and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's Double Norwich, Duffield and Superlative Surprise Major. Even-song was said at 4 p.m., and an excellent tea was afterwards provided in the Parish Church Institute. This was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. C. A. Greensmith presided in the place of the Vicar (Canon Standon), who was unavoidably absent. An apology of absence was received from Canon Hicks, of Messingham, also from Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop.

The following new members were elected: Miss Hiley, Miss F. Mathews, Miss C. Howitt, Miss P. Baker and Miss D. Sutton, all of Gainsborough. One honorary member (Mr. W. E. Morris), of Gainsborough, was elected, and the election of Mr. C. A. Smythe, of Stow, was confirmed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Canon Standon; secretary, Mr. H. Morgan; representative on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. E. Dawber; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Morgan.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. C. A. Greensmith for presiding at the meeting, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Wheipon and family for the able way in which they had attended to the wants of those at the tea-table, were unanimously passed.

The Rev. C. A. Greensmith replied, and also asked the secretary to convey the goodwill and greeting of the meeting to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, secretary of the Northern Branch, who was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

A letter was read regarding a proposal made at the Kirton Lindsey meeting last year, with reference to the annual report of the Guild. It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the members of the Northern Branch Committee.

The following were the places selected for the district meetings during the ensuing year: Blyton, April 12th; Stow, May; Broughton, June; Haxey, July; Redbourne, August; Corringham, September; Brigg, October. The dates of all, with the exception of the first, were left to the discretion of the district secretary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those readers who do not receive their copy of 'The Ringing World' at the accustomed time this week must 'blame the strike.' The Doncaster and District Society has now 205 members, 20 new members having been elected during the year 1923, and four having died.

The centenary peal at Wrentham, Suffolk, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the 7,030 of Doubles rung on January 3rd, 1824, was unfortunately lost. A peal in ten Minor methods was attempted, but came to grief first through the conductor's error, and a second time through one of the ringers starting on the wrong method, in a change from one to another. However, a peal in seven methods was rung on January 12th.

At Elmore, Gloucestershire, the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have installed a new iron frame. The bells now run on roller bearings, and the tenor has been recast, with about two cwt. of metal added. Mr. Churchwarden Meek defrayed the cost of the tenor in remembrance of his parents.

The Ladies' Guild has the honour of being the first with the subscriptions now due to the Central Council.

Mr. John Carter has now sufficiently recovered to be able to get about and perform small journeys with the aid of a stick. He is busy working on an improvement connected with the bells rung by his machine.

On February 25th, 1842, two long peals were rung. At Painswick 8,105 Stedman Caters was brought round, and at Stroud 8,081 Grandsire Caters. By a coincidence both turned out to be false.

A peal of 10,080 Double Norwich Major was rung in 5 hrs. 58 minutes at Appleton on January 28th, 1888, by the Oxford Guild. This was the prelude of a struggle for Double Norwich records, which culminated in the 17,104 at South Wigston in 1904.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London was rung by the College Youths at Cornhill on January 28th, 1911.

Henry Haley died at Bethnal Green on January 29th, 1886, aged 66 years.

We are asked to state that the meeting of the Western District of the Hereford County Association at King's Langley has been postponed to February 2nd, and the meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association to February 9th.

An attempt for a muffled peal in memory of the late Mr. G. Cleal was made at St. Martin's, Leicester, on Thursday last. It came to grief after two hours' excellent ringing.

DEATH OF MR. S. E. JOYCE.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' YOUNGEST MASTER.

After a long period of ill-health and suffering, patiently borne, Mr. Samuel E. Joyce, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company, passed to his rest on January 9th, and the College Youths lose another of its most esteemed members, and St. Paul's band a valued and respected colleague.

Mr. Joyce, who was born on March 21st, 1868, learned to handle a bell at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, under the tuition of Mr. E. Wallace, who introduced him to some of the leading members of the Exercise at Bethnal Green. He became an apt pupil to Mr. James Pettit, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on Feb. 10th, 1885, at St. Mary's, Stratford, E. On his 17th birthday he rang a peal of Stedman at the same church. In 1886 he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate, in which the late Sir Arthur Heywood also took part. Although a complete list of his peals is not available, Mr. Joyce rang in many fine performances at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, All Hallows', Barking; St. George's-in-the-East, St. Paul's, Shadwell; St. Dunstan's, Stepney and Cinques and Maximus at various city churches. In all he proved himself to be one of the greatest adepts at excellent striking. At St. Paul's Cathedral he took part in Treble Bob Maximus on Nov. 28th, 1896, and Stedman Cinques on Nov. 23rd, 1918. He also rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells with Messrs. Winney, Barkus and Wise.

In 1898 he migrated to South Africa, and shortly after his return, in 1900, he was elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, and so continued up to the time of his illness.

At the age of 19, Mr. Joyce was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the youngest member to be elected to that office.

Like his tutor, Mr. James Pettit, Mr. Joyce was one of nature's gentlemen.

At the interment on January 12th. at Woodgrange Cemetery, Forest Gate, a course of Stedman Triples, preceded and followed by three threes of slow rounds, was rung by Messrs. H. Langdon, C. F. Winney, T. Langdon and E. G. Fenn. Messrs. Rushton and Grimwood were also present at the funeral. On January 15th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, and on the 19th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung to his memory by his sorrowing colleagues of the Cathedral band.

GEORGE CLEAL, OF LEICESTER. AN APPRECIATION.

A man's history is written in his deeds. He is not a plaything of Fate, although Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Hamlet: 'There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will.' Such a dictum is at best a philosophical survey when the tale of life is told. To some at times, it does seem more than co-incidental when, in the crises of nations, the hour and the man arrive simultaneously. Nevertheless, history records proof to the contrary. Witness the fall of great men, and the decadent Rome and the Empires of the East. Napoleon, as he viewed the horizon of Europe exclaimed: 'I go to my destiny.' He did, but not to the one he envisaged. Of a truth a man carves his own destiny, and his footprints are imperishable. Omar, the Persian, believed it:—

The moving finger writes, and having writ
Moves on. Not all your piety or wit
Can lure it back or cancel half a line,
Or all your tears wash out one word of it.

No. A man carves out the path he chooses to his destiny. He may use or misuse the talents with which he is endowed. He may turn to the right hand or to the left. Given the ability—and the opportunity—if he but endure to the end, he can rise and shine like a star in the firmament of his choice, and in so doing win a place in the hearts of his fellows and his memory will not fade. He is not the puppet of an inexorable predestination. If he were, it follows that whatever, is, is best, and thus no man need fear his fate at the hands of the Judge on the Day of the Great Assize.

In the world of ringing there are those who use their small talent to the best advantage. They are satisfied to play their part on the stage of life, and the lack of larger talent entails to them a greater perseverance. They pass on, and their name is Legion. There are others, who from the outset rise in the ranks, and find no difficulty in the solution of the hardest problems. Such a one we call a genius. To him, change ringing is an open book, and he turns from page to page, until 'Fini' puts an end to a brilliant life story. Such a one was George Cleal, who as was briefly announced last week, passed away on January 10th.

Born at Tewkesbury in 1861, we find him at the age of fifteen ringing the treble to his first peal at the famous Abbey. In that band was Mr. C. D. P. Davies—afterwards 'Reverend'—the wizard of Grandsire Triples. In the early eighties, ringing was at a low ebb in the Worcester district, and here the subject of our pen-picture found his opportunity. He got a few kindred spirits around him, and rang and called the first handbell peal in the county. Later, joining the College Youths in London, he rang in the company of the 'old timers,' most of whom have preceded him to the land of shadows. Stedman Triples was rung at Tottenham under the guidance of the grand old man of St. Paul's, the late James Pettit.

In 1888 George Cleal settled in Leicester, and from that date can be ascribed a large proportion of the ringing success in the city. Handbell ringing was his forte, and as we turn back the pages methinks we see him seated in the magic circle, attempting to call Holt's Original from an inside pair. His pale determined face comes up before me as in answer to a query, he says: 'Aye, I can call it—if we can ring it.' And call it he did in December, 1891, after many failures. Of that band, only his bosom friend, S. Cotton, remains.

From that time onward, many peals were rung 'in hand' and on tower bells, and in 1894 Stedman Triples on handbells was achieved. About that period there was a discussion in the 'Bell News' regarding the silent peal of Stedman rung in London in the fifties, and the idea grew that it was possible to add to that solitary, though supreme, achievement. February 13th, 1896, saw the consummation of those hopes before three umpires, while still another was added in 1898. The following year a peal of Stedman Caters (conducted) was rung. At that time no silent peal on ten bells had ever been accomplished, but the same band secured 5,010 in 2 hrs. 49 minutes on October 8th, 1900.

The way was now clear for the piece-de-resistance, viz., silent Stedman Cinques, which it may be said, still stands the only performance of its kind on record. Many half-peals were rung for practice, which extended over three years, but the hour arrived for the attempt in due course. On that occasion the peal should have been rung at the first attempt, but the ringer of the tenors (11, 12) now deceased, forgot himself at the last bob.

For three hours and twenty minutes each man had sat like a statue. Not by a look or the holding up of a blow would anyone give the slightest hint that we were in the homing course. Umpires had laid down their figures as a foregone conclusion, when Clink! Clink! and every man put down his pair of bells in consternation. No words were wasted in anger. George Cleal was not built that way. His face grew a shade paler, his lips more compressed as he pulled out his old pipe and coolly said, 'It's time I had a smoke.'

The peal was rung the following week, and stands to-day—a monument.

We turn another page. Leicester has possessed two rings of ten bells for a century and a half. That of St. Martin's, now the Pro-Cathedral, was for years held up by the church authorities as regards

peal ringing. No peal of 5,000 changes was rung during Queen Victoria's long reign. In the nineties George Cleal became attached to the tower, and speedily made his influence felt by gathering around him all the available material. In January, 1901, he took his colts out for their first peal to Stanford, where he called a peal of Grandsire Triples, one of his own compositions. Of that band, Mr. F. H. Dexter is the outstanding feature. The company grew and practised at St. Martin's, where on August 9th, 1902, at the delayed Coronation of Edward VII., the deceased called the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells, and this was followed on the centenary of Trafalgar with 5,010 Stedman Caters.

What the St. Martin's company has since achieved is common knowledge. To George Cleal belongs the credit of the pioneer—the one who 'blazed the trail' and made progress possible. He was the 'Father' of the band, and his progeny do him honour. To such men, numbers of peals count as nothing and self-advertisement finds no place. He would at all times obliterate himself for another's advancement, would either ring or stand out as best to him would seem. We would give his advice willingly to any who desired it, and the writer can bear witness.

Not for him the limelight or fulsome flattery—poor substitutes for ability. He believed that merit would always win through sooner or later. As a conductor he invariably chose a composition—when not his own—with something out of the ordinary. On one occasion, an odd-bob multiple bob and single peal of Stedman Triples was called at the first attempt, though the figures only left the composer's hands a few hours before the peal, and drew public admiration from Mr. John Carter by its intricacy.

In argument, his cold and logical reasoning was never disturbed, but he was never dogmatic. Next to ringing he loved a discussion that led to a conclusion.

Of late, when the 'knocking on the door' of his heart warned him that all was not well, he would sit quietly during the ringing, satisfied that his mantle had fallen on worthy shoulders. The end came with dramatic suddenness. Brought home from his employment, he passed away within a few hours.

And now the last scene of all. A bleak cemetery on a wintry day. The coffin covered with its floral emblems is borne to its resting-place in the lap of mother earth. The final prayers are uttered, and as the mourners stand aside, brother ringers take their stand around the grave and the sound of Grandsire Caters on handbells is heard, the last honours to one whose hands will hold them no more. Then the actors leave the stage, the curtain is rung down, and—'the rest is silence.'

I hold it truth with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That one may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.

W. W.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Please allow me a small space of your valuable paper to reply to Mr. Craven on Edinburgh Surprise.

We wish to thank him for his congratulations. He states, however, that the method is not new, as we used Peterborough Surprise front work, and Bristol Surprise back work. We should like to know if Peterborough has been rung with a whole turn in it, also if Bristol Surprise has been rung with a triple snap in 7-8, and a three pull dodge in 5-6. Perhaps Mr. Craven will be kind enough to reply to these two questions and satisfy us on the subject.—Yours truly,

C. T. BAILEY,

on behalf of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston.

'EDINBURGH' ENTITLED TO ITS OWN NAME.

Dear Sir,—Does Mr. Craven intend people to take him seriously when he refers to 'Edinburgh'? If he does, why publish method No. 2?

I would remind him that it has equal right with Superlative to have a name of its own.

I would also remind him that the peals of Royal (14 courses) with 6th extent belong to me, they were all rung about thirty years ago for the first time. I note one was rung for the first Yorkshire Royal, another as Princess Mary, another (I presume) published this week, New Cambridge. I would also be obliged if he would cease claiming my 7,616 two-part Treble Bob.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday, January 8th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. F. William Tillett; Deputy Master, Mr. E. Hobart Smith; treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; steward and steeplekeeper, Mr. Frederick J. Tillett; auditors, Messrs. R. H. Brundle and W. P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds, 23, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' ANNUAL DINNER.

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A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ORGANISATION WANTED.

Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary, responded to the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' proposed by Mr. Heginbotham. They had reached, he said, what might be called the second stage of their existence, when they wanted a different type of organisation to that which sufficed when the association was founded in 1887. The war stopped their efforts with regard to organisation, and they were compelled to carry on in haphazard way. Over three hundred members served in the war, and 20 per cent. of them lost their lives. This, of course, seriously depleted their ranks, but although their membership was now approximately 850, he did not think the welfare of the association was what it should be. He put this down to three things. The first was that they should get better support from the clergy than they did. They had some very kind honorary members, some associates and a few performing members among the clergy, but when they considered they had approximately 200 towers with peals of bells in the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, he did not think the numbers were sufficient. Moreover, when they made an appeal for an affiliation fee of 2s. 6d., the highest income they received from that source was 24 10s., which represented less than forty towers. Their subscription fee had been 1s. 6d. per member from the inauguration of the association, and the committee had done all they could by way of economising in order that this subscription should not be increased. Another point was, he would like to see more members attending the annual meeting. The third point was that he thought they would make more progress from the ringing point of view if they dispensed with some of the branch meetings and held monthly meetings for combined practice, and thus got down to the spadework which was one of the objects of the association. He believed further sub-division of some of their districts was necessary. At any rate, the Bristol Branch, as at present constituted, was almost unworkable, and he thought they would benefit to a considerable extent by the division of that branch. In conclusion, Mr. Guise said he found the ringers in the Gloucester and Bristol Association were jolly good fellows; they had that reputation all over the country, and he hoped would always have it (applause).

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford proposed 'Kindred Guilds,' and welcomed among them, members of the College Youths, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Salisbury Guild, Bath and Wells Association, Surrey Association, Llandaff and Monmouth Association, the Ladies' Guild, and others. This idea of their ringing guilds, he said, spoke to them of a sort of great fraternity among men who were interested in the work of the Church. He had never worked in a parish where there were bells, but whenever he went into any tower he had always been most cordially welcomed. In a belfry, ringers spoke quite freely, and one often heard a perfectly frank opinion of what others thought of them (laughter). He hoped the power of the Guilds would continue to go out far and wide. There was a great deal to be done in regard to campanology in the West of England, and west of a line drawn from Bristol through Taunton to Exeter there was scope for great work.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards first responded, and referred to the days when the Rev. R. H. Whitford and he were at Cambridge together, and to the handbell peals in which they took part. Mr. Edwards dwelt upon the fraternal spirit which existed among change ringers throughout the kingdom, and to the way in which ringers in advanced methods were always ready to give up some of their time to ringing easier methods when they had among them visitors less advanced than themselves. It was a great pleasure and a great experience, especially to those who lived in rural districts, to be able to meet ringers in such centres as Bristol, both in the belfry and round the festive board.

Mr. J. W. Jones, who also replied, said he was only voicing the feelings of his own society and the other societies throughout the length and breadth of the land, when he said they looked up with pride and respect to the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He considered they were second to none. Only a short time ago they were delighted to read of a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Stephen's, non-conducted. An association that had eight members that could do that was in a very proud and high position, and when they remembered that they were not drawing men from the whole area of the association, but that everyone of the band belonged to the city of Bristol it added to the merit of the performance (applause). The county of Gloucester had long held a high position, and had a great reputation in ringing, for many of the great performances of the past had been accomplished at Painswick, in the days of William Estcourt. Whether it was in Painswick, or Gloucester or Bristol, there were no ringers who were more anxious to get a man on than the ringers of that association, or who would do more to enable a ringer to get his first peal or 'touch.' He knew many men who had come to Bristol or Gloucester for their first peal in a method, and he knew

of no body of men who offered better hospitality to ringers than the members of that association (applause).

The Rev. E. J. Phillips proposed 'The Press' in a facetious speech, the toast being acknowledged by the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' The concluding toast was that of 'The Artists,' which was submitted by Mr. Gould, who thanked the performers for their splendid entertainment.

A great feature of the evening was the musical programme, which, thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. W. S. Emery, provided a most lightful entertainment, the majority of those taking part being professional artistes. The songs of Miss Audrey Stinchcombe (medallist) and Miss Connie Morgan (triple gold medallist), and of Mr. Lloyd Williams and Mr. Herbert V. Spiller, were given in the most talented style, and, as with the splendid monologues and recitations contributed by Miss Dorothy Hill and Mr. W. D. Moncrieff, were loudly encored. 'Cello solos by the Rev. P. Gay were exquisitely played, and Mr. Marriott Edgar, a comedian from the Prince's Theatre, delighted the company with song and story; Mr. C. D. Heginbotham sang a topical song on the progress of the ringer, entitled 'Go on,' and a selection on handbells was given by Mr. E. J. Brown and four ladies. A course of Stedman Caters was also rung on handbells by Messrs. A. E. Norman, J. Thomas, A. Walker, E. J. Brown and W. A. Cave, but unfortunately time prevented the completion of the musical programme, and a song by Mrs. Frank Howell had to be omitted. The enjoyable proceedings came to an end at eleven o'clock, with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday last. Sixty members were present, and the towers represented were: Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Barnsley, Gainsborough, Conisborough, Sprotborough, Thorne, Hatfield, Tickhill, Pontefract, Rawmarsh, Fishlake, Doncaster and Wortley. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble-Rob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung. A short service was held in the Forman Chapel, the ringers' special form of service being used. An address was given by the President of the Society (the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A., Vicar of Doncaster). Taking as his text, 'Work your work betimes, and in His time He will give you your reward' (Ecclesiasticus ii. 30), the reverend gentleman preached an eloquent sermon. He welcomed the Society to St. George's, and said how pleased he was to be able to speak to the visitors. He spoke at length about the work of the ringers, and how the call of the bells went out, with a louder voice than anything else, to the whole of the 50,000 people who lived within hearing distance of the bells. Continuing, he referred to the difficulties of the art of change ringing, and said that although he had been a ringing member of the Yorkshire Association for the last forty years, he had never mastered the art, and had, therefore, a great admiration for all those who had. Just as education tended to bring out and develop that which is already in the mind, so the practice of the art of change ringing brought out and developed faculties and qualities which would otherwise remain undeveloped and dormant.

After the service, an excellent 'knife and fork' tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall. The business meeting followed. Mr. G. Halksworth, vice-president, took the chair, and he was supported by Mr. H. Woodhouse (hon. treasurer), Mr. Harold Walker (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society).

The secretary's annual report and balance sheet were passed as very satisfactory.—The hon. secretary was re-elected to serve another three years, and was heartily thanked for his past services.—Adwick-le-Street was selected as the next place of meeting in February.

The business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the proceedings concluded with an entertainment given by 'The Keynotes.' This party of talented artistes added further to their fine reputation as Doncaster's premier concert party. Their programme was packed with good things, in the way of music, mirth, melody, and burlesque. Solos were sung by Grace Bowerman (soprano) and Lawrie Harrison (baritone), and instrumental solos were given by Mabel Dewhirst (violinist) and Anne Harrison (pianist). The humour was supplied by Kathleen Jackson (comedian), who is also well known among the towers of South Yorkshire as an expert campanologist, Billy Scofield (humorist), and Chris. Thornton (comedian).

The party was very well received, and encores were frequently demanded. The more serious items of the programme showed that the party has a taste for really good music, and the way in which the items were interpreted reflects great credit upon the performers.

Mr. H. Woodhouse proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes for their splendid entertainment, and said that to attempt to pick out any one item from the programme for special mention was impossible, because they were all excellent, and left nothing to be desired.—Mr. Lawrie Harrison replied on behalf of 'The Keynotes' Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem—brought to a close a very pleasant meeting and social gathering, enjoyed alike by ringers and their wives.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**HENRY JOHNSON'S RINGING PAPERS.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, January 15th, the Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.) being in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's were available, and were made good use of for an hour and a half before the meeting, many members from outlying towers taking the opportunity of a pull on the twelve.

The Chairman mentioned that the Guild had lost an excellent member, and everyone a good comrade, by the death, at a comparatively early age, of Mr. James L. Wells. Mr. Wells had won and deserved the respect of every ringer with whom he came in contact. He was a splendid type of man, and no one ever had an ill-word to say of him. He had for many years been a member of the Sunday Service band at St. Martin's Church, and would be greatly missed. His wife pre-deceased him a few years ago, and it was greatly to his credit, the Chairman added, that he had made provision for his two children, and had left them so that with the kindness of his relatives they would be well looked after in the future.—All present stood up a few moments in silence as a last tribute of respect to his memory.

The election of officers then took place, and the President (the Lord Bishop of Birmingham) and Vice-Presidents having been re-elected en bloc, the Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) proposed the re-election of Mr. Alderman Pritchett as Presiding Ringing Master. He said it was unnecessary to eulogise the services of their chairman, they were well known to everyone, and he was certain they would not dream of proposing anyone else for that office so long as Mr. Pritchett would allow himself to be re-elected.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker, and carried with acclamation.

On rising to reply, the chairman received quite an ovation. He thanked the members for his re-election, but said that he must warn them that he was 69 years of age on January 8th last, and in addition to the weight of years, he still felt the effects of a recent accident which he had sustained during the frosty weather. However, his will to serve remained, and if they would accept him with all his shortcomings he would be proud to occupy the office for another year at any rate.

Mr. Albert Walker was unanimously re-elected as Deputy Ringing Master, and in thanking the members, took the opportunity of giving a short report of the Guild's activities during the past twelve months.

Messrs. Thomas Russam and Charles Dickens were re-elected trustees, and Mr. Jonathan Preston was elected as an auditor in place of the late Mr. J. L. Wells; the senior auditor, Mr. T. H. Reeves; and the honorary secretary being also re-elected.

The balance sheet for the year 1923 was duly adopted, and the Secretary reported that the dinner committee had been able to secure the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the Henry Johnson Dinner, which would be held on Saturday, March 1st next.

News was conveyed to the meeting by Mr. Walter Bryant that the oldest member of the Guild (in membership), Mr. John Buffery, was lying seriously ill, and the secretary was requested to write him a letter of sympathy on behalf of the members. Mr. John Carter is also still on the sick list, and the members wished their sympathy and best wishes conveyed to him.

The thanks of the Guild were expressed to Mr. Tom Russam for his efforts in obtaining certain old ringing books and papers from Mr. Henry Johnson, who had very kindly consented to these documents, many of which had been compiled and collected by his illustrious father, being handed over to the Guild, and to remain their property.

In addition to these books, etc., Mr. Russam had also been fortunate enough to secure a unique and valuable record of the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus ever rung, this being a 7,200 rung at St. Martin's in 1820. The unique wording of this record was noted in the 'Ringing World' of December 28th last.

As the Guild has now a very interesting and valuable collection of books and other property, it was considered advisable that a librarian should be appointed, to make a list or catalogue of the various items, and a willing and enthusiastic recruit to the ranks, in the person of Mr. W. T. Froggatt, was elected, and kindly consented to undertake this work.

The next business meeting will be held at Aston in April.

REV. MAITLAND KELLY STILL RINGING.

Although past the age of fourscore years, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who has done so much for ringing in Devon, is still keenly interested, and able to take his place at the rope end. On Thursday of last week at St. Mary's Church, Kelly, he took part in a 720 Bob Minor. This performance is one which was achieved only after much patient endeavour, and it was the first 720 by all except Mr. Kelly and the conductor. It was rung by John Boucher 1, Rev. Maitland Kelly 2, George Fitze 3, Henry Boucher 4, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 5, Abel Johns 6. All are members of the South-Western Branch of the Devon Guild.

RESTORATION OF HALWILL BELLS.**TRANSFORMATION IN A DEVON BELFRY.**

For four or five years the bells of Halwill Church, Devon, have lain neglected on the floor. Now, as the result of several efforts, realising between £400 and £500, they have been rehung.

The restoration entailed unhooking the bells, removing the old cage, floors, and the roof of the tower, and rebuilding of the tower walls in the bell chamber, which had been very badly cut away to get the bells in on one level. New oak floors have been put in, and a new lead flat roof placed on the tower. A new combination cage for six bells has been fixed in two tiers. The bottom one is for the two tenors, and is supported by three steel girders and an oak floor. The top tier, which is built for four bells, rests on the offsets of the tower walls, and is supported in the centre by a steel girder. The bells have been rehung with entirely new fittings of the newest type. The erection of the bell cage and the rehanging of the five bells have been carried out by Messrs. T. Doble and Son, of Taunton, to the satisfaction of the restoration committee. At the rededication service on January 3rd, at which many ringers were present, the 'go' of the bells was said to be excellent.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Plymouth (the Ven. E. F. Newman), who traced the use of bells in England for the purpose of calling people to worship from early times to the present day. He expressed regret at the falling into disuse of the passing bell, and pleaded for its reintroduction. 'I should like to feel that when I pass away the prayers of the village are being offered on my behalf,' he said.

Following the service, at which one of the hymns sung was that composed by the Rev. G. D. Melhuish, Rector of Ashwater, 'Ring the bells with gladness,' there was a luncheon, the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Powell) presiding.

The Rev. K. A. Lake, Vicar of Heavitree, a former Rector of Halwill, referred to the fact that it was 22 years ago that day that he first came to the parish. At that time the tower was full of rubbish, of which he had three cartloads removed. They had not, however, then contemplated any enterprise on such a scale as that which had been accomplished.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Devon Guild of Ringers, said the addition of a sixth bell to the existing peal of five was badly needed. He had seen many five-bell towers converted into six-bell towers during the past few years.

During the afternoon six scores of Grandsire were rung by members of the Devon Guild, and other ringers were present from Okehampton, Black Torrington, Germansweck, North Tamerton, Broadwoodwiger, Hatherleigh, Pyworthy, Thornbury, and Bratton Clovelly.

Prior to a festive evensong, at which the Rev. K. A. Lake officiated, there was a public tea.

Still further funds are needed to complete the restoration of the exterior of the tower.

DEATH OF A GLOUCESTERSHIRE OCTOGENARIAN.

The death of Mr. Mark Owen, of Stonehouse, one of Gloucestershire's oldest campanologists, took place at Sanfield House, Ebbey, the residence of his daughter, on Old Year's night. The deceased was 84 years of age, and was greatly respected by the ringers of a wide district around Stonehouse. He had been associated with Stonehouse for the past 66 years, and until quite recently was able to take his stand in the belfry, although having to walk two miles to do so. During his long life he had rung in many of the county towers, and on his 80th birthday took part in a peal of 5,040 changes of Woodchester.

The writer of these lines, having known the deceased for a great number of years, can pay tribute to his uprightness of character and his love of ringing, as well as his encouragement of young ringers.

The funeral took place at Stonehouse Parish Church on Saturday, January 5th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Dawson). The deceased's favourite hymn, 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul,' was sung in the church. The interment took place in a grave only a few yards from the tower, the deceased being laid to rest with his wife, who died twenty years ago. Messrs. T. and W. Price, E. T. Freedy and F. Smith, four of his fellow-ringers, acted as bearers, and ringers were present from the following towers: Stonehouse, Painswick, Stroud, Woodchester, Horsley, Minchinhampton, Leonard Stanley and Haresfield. At the graveside, Messrs. T. Wright, W. Rylan, A. Wright and F. Cole rang a touch of 86 Grandsire Triples, this being one change for each year of deceased's life. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung on the tower bells. With the assistance of another ringer, the five men who rang with deceased in his last 5,040, rang the first 120 changes immediately after the whole pull and stand had been completed. On Sunday the bells were again rung muffled.

DATE TOUCH.

At Mirfield Parish Church, on New Year's Day, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,324 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 20 mins.: B. Robinson 1, W. Catton 2, T. Crawshaw 3, A. North 4, J. P. Laphs 5, H. Poppleton 6, F. Hainshaw 7, A. Robinson 8. Arranged and conducted by Albert North.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 2, W. J. Jeffries 3, E. J. Pannett 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: L. Hoare 1, E. M. Elliott 2, G. Scaman 3, Rev. C. F. Ayerst 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, C. H. Horton 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. E. Oakley 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. F. Ayerst, who is leaving Watford for Hull.

RICKMANSWORTH. — For evensong, on Sunday, January 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. E. Jones 1, C. Lord 2, F. Protherough 3, G. Foster 4, A. Sheldrick 5, E. Hookham 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, J. Good 8. Longest touch by a local band.

KIDLINGTON. — For midnight ringing, on Christmas morning, 12—1 a.m., 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. R. Payne 1, F. Webb 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, W. F. Judge 4, L. Tuffrey 5, W. Judge 6, J. Judge (first as conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8. All the ringers were born in Kidlington except F. Webb, who has lived over 40 years in the parish.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — At St. Nicholas' Church, after morning service, on Sunday, January 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Bainbridge Bell and Mr. John Wratten, at one time Vicar and sidesman respectively of the above church, who died during the preceding week: Miss Clara Trapmore 1, W. Massey 2, G. F. Adley 3, F. Hawthorne 4, G. Higgs 5, W. Tilley 6. G. Higgs conducted the first five 120's, and G. Adley the remainder.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Meadows 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Knott 1, S. Meadows 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna) 1, Mrs. E. J. Wilkins 2, J. B. Tyler (London) 3, A. Walker (Birmingham, conductor) 4, J. Thomas (London) 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 6, J. Brown 7, W. Thomas 8, J. A. Burford 9, A. Norman (Birmingham) 10.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for baptism service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,300 changes), in 47 mins.: — Drinkwater 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, E. Withers 3, L. Hawcutt 4, H. Baker 5, F. Emms 6.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday evening, January 6th, at the Church of St. Margaret, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Burt 1, F. J. Lambert, junr., 2, F. J. Lambert, senr., 3, Reginald E. Lambert 4, Robert T. Lambert (conductor) 5, H. Parkes 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Double Oxford Minor: A. Livermore 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First in the method by 1st and 2nd.—On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Oxford Bob: C. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, J. Burles 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First attempt in the method by 1st and 2nd.—On Tuesday, January 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Mitchell 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, H. Argent 3, L. Beckett 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. The ringer of the treble had never previously struck a blow in Treble Bob.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 6th, in 49 mins., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. W. Bailey 1, F. Johnson 2, W. H. Lloyd 3, G. West 4, R. Cobbin 5, F. Bradley 6, L. Chadburn 7, E. A. Salter 8, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 9, A. R. Leader 10.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 6th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 and 240 Bob Minor: L. Othington 1, W. Lee 2, C. Smith 3, J. King 4, W. Stiff 5, C. Bower 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7.—For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. King 1, A. Saunders 2, F. Clayden 3, T. Read 4, W. Burgess 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 6th, 540 Stedman Triples: H. Carter 1, A. Pacey 2, A. Roe 3, W. Brewin 4, W. Humberstone 5, G. Deacon (longest length as conductor) 6, J. Carter 7, A. Ward 8.

BATH. — On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael, Twerton-on-Avon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original: A. Hudd 1, G. H. Harding (conductor) 2, Miss N. Williams 3, G. Temple 4, A. Prince 5, H. W. Brown 6, T. F. King 7, P. Young 8.

PULHAM.—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, J. W. Driver 3, F. Norris 4, H. A. Folkard 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. F. Edwards 8. This was the 50th quarter-peal rung for Sunday Service in 1923 by W. H. Hollier, and his 143rd in three years.

NOTICES.

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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. 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. — 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. 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.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 9th. 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 Godmauchester (8). Service at St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea at Plum's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting.—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. 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Tarring on Saturday, Jan. 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

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.

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 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, when all ringers will be welcome. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 (1s. 6d. each), to those who notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 54, Peashill Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, not later than Thursday, Jan. 31st.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells at the Parish Church and the peal of 10 at the Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. The business meeting will be held at the Foundry at 5.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapstone Branch.—The first meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business: Election of branch officers. This being important, it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service and tea after. Those who require tea notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 30th.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Secretary, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly advise me by Jan. 30th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Bridgnorth. Bells of St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 2 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Jones' Restaurant 4.45 prompt, followed by business meeting. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting?—W. Hayward, Dist. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth, Salop.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available at St. Paul's, 3 p.m. Meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Sanders, Local Hon. Secretary, 154, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tyneside District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, February 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify the under-mentioned not later than Thursday, January 31st.—J. E. Gofton, Dist. Sec., 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MYTHOLMROYD PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—On February 9th, the bells recently recast and augmented to 8 (tenor 14 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co., will be open to all ringers from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome. Will those requiring tea at a nominal charge notify before Thursday, February 7th?—A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel. Will members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 6th?—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service with address by the Vicar (Canon Savill), at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Hall, Lowfield Street. The Vicar is kindly providing tea, for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, February 5th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (provided by Canon Corfield) at St. Mary's Church Room, and meeting following. Will all those coming to tea let me know by the previous Tuesday? Wilton bells available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. only.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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.

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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STOKE POGES.—On Wednesday, January 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, *T. G. Hawkins 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, *E. C. Hartley 4, W. Bateman 5, *W. L. Gutteridge 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: *E. C. Hartley 1, *W. L. Gutteridge 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, A. D. Barker (conductor) 4, *T. G. Hawkins 5, W. Bateman 6. * First 720 in the method and longest length.

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MR. BENJAMIN ANNABLE.*To the Editor.*

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