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### BELFRY DANGERS.

The fatality which occurred at Thetford last week is an unpleasant reminder that danger lurks in the belfry. A clock repairer went among the bells to carry out some slight adjustment to a clock hammer while some of the bells were up. Exactly what happened will never be known, but it is surmised that while down under a bell he pushed against the slider and the bell turned over, crushing him to death and pinning his body against the bell frame. The injuries received were of a terrible nature, and death must have been practically instantaneous.

It is, happily, seldom that such a tragedy happens in a belfry, but it provides a lesson in the dangers of leaving bells up. In this instance it can be said that the unfortunate old gentleman was not ignorant of the peril which he ran, and it may have been a case of familiarity breeding contempt; but that only adds, in our opinion, to the importance of never leaving bells up when there is any possibility of anyone being able to get amongst them. As a matter of fact, there is seldom any need to leave up bells of average weight, and the argument that to do so saves time or trouble is a poor one. In the case of very heavy bells there may be some excuse for not lowering them after they have been used, but wherever bells are left up and for whatever reason, special precautions should always be taken. The belfry door should be locked, the ropes drawn up out of reach, and a large notice placed in a conspicuous position giving warning of the danger. But there is no question that the safe plan is to let the bells down after ringing. Whenever they are left up there is always the risk, as at Thetford, of some person going to the belfry for a special purpose, and meeting with an accident, when, so far as the ringers may have been aware, no one was likely to have access to the tower. The practice of leaving the bells up all the week prevails in a great many places, but it cannot be too strongly deprecated. There is no real harm done to bells or fittings by leaving them up, unless it be that a deep set bell may strain the stay or slider, but there is a real risk of harm in other directions.

And while on this question of belfry peril, may we once more refer to the danger to ringers who go up among the bells in the dark, perhaps to turn a clapper or some such thing? To do this is simply inviting trouble. However familiar a man may be with the particular bell frame, the operation is full of risks which it is folly to court, and yet it is constantly done. Wherever it is possible, church authorities should be induced to extend the lighting system to the bell chamber, and at very least

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a proper lantern should be provided. These two points—the danger of leaving bells up and the risks of going among them in the dark—might well be emphasised by associations at every opportunity, for it seems that 'education' in this department is still sadly needed.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS 5280 CHANGES:**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CYRIL C. PEASE ... ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFIN ... ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... ... 10
EDWIN F. PIKE ... ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... ... 11
FRANK I. HAIRS ... ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Next week, owing to Christmas, 'The Ringing World' will be sent to press much earlier than usual.

All communications intended for that issue must reach us by Monday next, the 22nd inst.

Conductors of peals rung to-morrow (Saturday), are particularly requested to dispatch their reports the same night.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ... Treble	SAM JONES, JUN. ... ... 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... ... 8
HARRY OVERTON ... ... 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... ... 9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... ... 5	* WILLIAM EDGE ... ... Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. Jones, senr., of Eccleston, Chester.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

ALFRED WINCH ... ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... ... 6
CHARLES HAZLEDEN ... ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7
JOHN BEAMS ... ... 3	JOHN WHITE ... ... 8
GEORGE MARRINER ... ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... ... 9
JOHN HOWES ... ... 5	ARTHUR DEAN ... ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal of Royal since the rehanging of the bells.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

† ALFRED G. CRANE ... .. Treble	† JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 6
† ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... .. 2	† JOHN E. MILLER ... .. 7
† NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 3	† HARRY MILLER ... .. 8
* DONALD H. PINK ... .. 4	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... .. 9
WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... .. 5	† GEORGE BESTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ARMSTRONG.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and tenor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924 in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

* ROBERT TURNER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
† HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. 6
* FREDERICK S. J. BOLT ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal. † First Surprise peal.

SHOREHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... .. Treble	FRANK J. TERRY ... .. 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 7
ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 317. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

First peal of Kent on the bells and first attempt for a peal of Kent by F. J. Terry.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. Treble	* ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 5
JAMES T. WARD ... .. 2	* GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 6
† JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 3	WALTER PERRINS ... .. 7
* HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Perkins and J. Ward. Ringers of 1 and 6 hail from Finedon, the rest from Irtlingborough.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL,  
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

* THOMAS W. DOBSON ... .. Treble	ROBERT WEBSTER ... .. 5
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... .. 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 6
GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 3	JOHN LOWERY ... .. 7
FRANK BARBER ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

\* First peal in the method.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN GOOCH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE FARNISH ... .. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

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

The ringers represent eight different parishes, viz., Coddenham, Thornham, Otley, Ashbocking, Debenham, Framsdon, Crettingham and Helmingham respectively. The peal was arranged as a birthday peal for J. Gooch, and the hand tender their thanks to him and Mrs. Gooch for their hospitality after the peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 7
* CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method ever rung. It was accomplished without previous practice.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

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

* GEORGE PETTER ... .. Treble	HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5
* CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	* WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
* JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first peal by the Holy Trinity Society. \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since they were recast. The company wish to associate with this peal Mr. H. Hutton, who was unavoidably absent, after standing in two previous attempts, and also to thank Mr. G. Petter for obliging at the last moment.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR PARSONS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 5
WILFRED G. COOK ... .. 2	GEORGE DORE ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... .. 7
* HORACE GASSOR ... .. 4	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

\* First peal and first attempt. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT Treble	* CECIL ROBINSON ... .. 5
* GEORGE WORTHY ... .. 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 6
* FRANK BARBER ... .. 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7
* WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 4	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on his 50th birthday.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 6
*JAMES BLAKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 4	*ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal on 8 bells. First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles by Mears and Stainbank in September. All the ringers are members of the local band. Rung at first attempt.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	ARTHUR NEWELL ... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS ... .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.  
\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 7th.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Treble	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
B. E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE ... .. 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... .. 7
WALTER FARROW ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	GEORGE CHAPLIN ... .. 5
GEORGE H. PEERS ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 6
CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. 3	JAMES PRATT ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. MARKS ... .. 4	CYRIL PRATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal in the method, and proposed a member before starting.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.  
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. BALMFORTH ... .. Treble	JOHN LOWERY ... .. 5
THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... .. 6
THOMAS W. DOBSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... .. 7
JOHN BALMFORTH ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. F. ALEXANDER. Conducted by T. METCALFE

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE LAW ... .. Treble	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 2	JOHN HOPE ... .. 6
WILFRED G. COOKE ... .. 3	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS ... .. 7
GEORGE J. WINTER ... .. 4	JOSEPH SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.  
200th peal on these bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Wilson.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This is the 50th peal by A. Hackett.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Treble	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	† J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
*CHARLES MASON ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method in the county.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DALE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ... .. 2	*CHARLES V. CADE ... .. 6
HARRY BARNES ... .. 3	ARNOLD HILL ... .. 7
GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Major, and hails from Scothorne, Lincs; treble ringer is from Grantham; 2nd, 4th and tenor from Lincoln; the 5th from Barkston; and 3rd and 7th from Tickhill, Yorks. A. Hill was proposed a life member of the Guild before commencing the peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

STONY STRATFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

† ALFRED CLARKE ... .. Treble	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... .. 5
HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... .. 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 6
EDWIN YATES ... .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 7
* W. M. J. PEDLEY ... .. 4	† WILLIAM G. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal by 4th ringer. † First peal on eight. All the above are service ringers at St. Giles' Church. Rung for the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Steer) by the Bishop of Buckingham.



BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;**

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.	
† HARRY W. MARTIN ... .. Treble		† KENNETH R. ELLIOTT ... .. 5	
* HARRY SMITH ... .. 2		ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 6	
JAMES POLE ... .. 3		† HORACE REEVE ... .. 7	
ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 4		* J. ARTHUR BISHOP ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROWLAND BARROW.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. This is the first peal by an entirely local band at this church. Ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th were made members of the association previous to starting the peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 5
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... .. 6
* ALBERT PARKER ... .. 3	HENRY B. BURT ... .. 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 4	GEORGE TREW ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES (adapted). Conducted by E. GUISE.

\* First peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss Norah Trew.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. JAMES ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 7
PERCY PIKE ... .. 4	ALFRED B. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BAILEY.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to W. A. James, who is leaving the district.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5
* BERNARD V. COLLISON ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, wife of theringer of the treble. \* First peal in the method.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CORDINGLEY ... Treble	PERCY WHEATLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	* EDWIN HUDSON ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
* WILFRED WHEATLEY ... .. 4	WILFRED LEE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor from Calverley; 3rd from Rothwell; treble, 2nd and 7th from Pudsey. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* JAMES UPTON ... .. Treble	* JOHN ISON ... .. 4
WILLIAM COPE ... .. 2	* JOSEPH BEALE ... .. 5
† PERCIVAL ALDHAM ... .. 3	FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

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

Being 720 each of Merchant's Return, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS BOWERS ... .. 4	RICHARD THOMAS ... .. Treble
E. WILLIAM TURNER ... .. 5	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2
GEORGE JORDON ... .. Tenor	DAVID HORNE ... .. 3

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON ... Treble	ALFRED ROBINSON ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

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

Seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* EDWIN R. POPE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	ALFRED BATEMAN ... .. 5
* THOMAS S. FARR ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. J. Wynne Davies, M.A., late of Great Chesterford, Essex), who kindly entertained the ringers after the peal. \* First peal of Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

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

* FREDERICK HINDS ... Treble	ERNEST BOSTOCK ... .. 4
† GEORGE VERNON ... .. 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3	LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

**A GOOD RECORD.**

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Gosforth on December 6th, for the 21st birthday of Richard A. Goffton, was his 60th peal. They were rung in six counties, as follows: Stedman Cinques, (on handbells), 5; Stedman Caters, 1; (handbells), 6; Stedman Triples, 3; Cambridge Royal, 4; Grandsire Caters, 1; London Surprise Major, 16; (handbells), 2; Bristol Surprise Major, 9; Premier Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge and Superlative Spliced, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; totals, 47; (handbells), 13.

## BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Catherine,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	*JAMES BOLTON ... .. 4
*ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 5
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal of Minor.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK LEWIN ... .. Treble	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 4
*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... .. 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 3	† ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal as conductor in seven methods. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory, after the peal, by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, president of the Kettering branch.

## FIVE BELL PEAL.

## WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SYDNEY BEVAN ... .. Treble	† MISS STELLA DISNEY ... .. 3
† HARRY BALAAM ... .. 2	*NORMAN SCOTT ... .. 4
*JESSE SCOTT ... .. 5	

Conducted by HARRY BALAAM.

\* First peal. † First peal inside, and first of Doubles. Conductor's first peal of Doubles, and first as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung at first attempt.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## FYLLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Stephen's,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

*G. F. ALEXANDER, JUN. ... .. 1—2	ALBERT COATES ... .. 3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

\* First peal and first attempt. Aged 15 years.

## STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-One Minutes,

At 3, HOLLY TERRACE.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire, 14 different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK G. SPARKES ... .. 1—2	WILLIAM H. CALES ... .. 3—4
PERCY H. SPARKES ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM H. COLES.

Umpire: MR. J. HUNT.

First peal of Doubles in two methods by all. First peal as conductor.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1—2	ALAN F. BAILEY ... .. 5—6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3—4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7—8

Composed by the late JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

## FYLLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Stephen's,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten variations.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... .. 1—2	ALBERT COATES ... .. 3—4
GEORGE CORNER ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

First peal on handbells by G. Corner, and first peal of Doubles by all.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

PERCY O. LARLIN ... .. 1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3—4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 9—10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

A complimentary peal to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, on the 26th anniversary of their wedding.

## SWANSEA &amp; BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Southern District of the Guild held a quarterly meeting at Neath on Saturday, December 6th, the towers represented being Llanelli, Breck, Brecon, Sketty, Neath, Morrison, Cadoxton, Aberavon, Llanstephan and Llandilo. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service in St. Thomas's Church was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Lewis. The company then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where tea was partaken of at the invitation of Mr. William Samuel (churchwarden) and Miss Samuel. The spread was a most generous one, and host and hostess must have had previous experience of ringers' appetites, for when speech time arrived some of them were too full for words.

At the business meeting which followed, it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on the first Saturday in March, 1925.

Twelve new ringing members were admitted, and two honorary members (Rev. A. J. Lewis and Mr. Wm. Samuel) elected.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells) mentioned that through the generosity of Dr. T. P. Thomas, Brecon, the Guild was in possession of a ringing shield, which would be put up for competition during the coming year.

The company present at tea numbered between 50 and 60. The Rev. A. J. Lewis made a very capable chairman, and his remarks were highly appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks to host and hostess was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Master of the Guild (Mr. S. T. Rackham).—Mr. Samuel, in responding, said it had been a real pleasure to him to have the opportunity of showing how pleased he was to be able to do anything to help the bellringers.—The company then adjourned to the tower, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent were rung, the bells being rung down at 9 p.m.

The Brecon ringers, leaving home at 8 a.m., had a day's tour of towers, ringing touches of Cadoxton, Baglan and Aberavon, returning to Neath in time for the service there, and their thanks are due to Mr. J. Hammond (district instructor) for having arranged the programme.

## REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Reverse Bob Major, rung at Crayford on November 24th last, I find in Bannister's book on change ringing that the College Youths rang a peal of Bob Major reversed in 1751 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 3 hours and 20 minutes. A peal in the same method was also rung by the society at Kensington in 1805. I expect the former peal was the first ever rung in the method.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

**THORNBURY BELL RESTORATION.**

On Saturday, December 13th, at St. Peter's Church, Thornbury, near Holsworthy, Devon, a most interesting service took place, to celebrate the opening of the recently restored bells. Despite the inclement weather, the church was well filled. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mylchreest) and the Rev. Powell (Halwell), while the address was given by the Rev. Donaldson (Rector of Pyworthy). Following the service, the opening peal was well struck by the Thornbury Guild, and afterwards, ringers from Halwell, Bridgerule, Bradford, Black Torrington, Langtree, and numerous other towers, testified to the excellence of the work carried out by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford. The tone, and especially the 'go' of the bells, were admired. The whole peal has been rehung in massive iron frames, with steel joists, oak floors, and modern fittings, including the firm's patent adjustable bearings, so well known in the West of England.

The fine peal of eight bells, at Lifton, recently damaged by lightning, and the clock, are now under restoration, and the work is to be completed by December 23rd, when the opening is to take place. The bells of Holsworthy (a peal of eight) are to be placed in order soon after Christmas; also the peals of six at Kingscington, Leudon and Widecombe in the New Year by the same firm.

**RINGERS' DINNER AT HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.**

The St. Mary's Guild held their annual dinner at the Old Crown Hotel on Saturday, Dec. 13th, when 37 members and friends were present. After dinner, in the absence of the Rector, who was unable to be present, through illness, the Rector's warden (Mr. P. Berley) filled the part of chairman for the musical evening, which included songs, handbell ringing and dancing, intermixed with the usual toasts of 'The King,' 'The Church,' 'The Guild,' and 'The Host and Hostess.' Mrs. W. A. Baker, the Rector's wife, at the piano, accompanied the singing and dancing.

**ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Monday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), 1,250 changes, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, A. Haynes 2, A. Allen 3, G. H. Edwards 4, T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. First-quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and rung by an entirely local band.

**MR. FRANK I. HAIRS' 300 PEALS.**

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ... ..	4	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal ... ..	7	—
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	24	—
Cambridge Surprise Minor ... ..	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	3	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	4	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ... ..	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	1	—
Bob Maximus ... ..	1	2
Bob Royal ... ..	1	17
Bob Major ... ..	—	27
Stedman Cinques ... ..	7	7
Stedman Caters ... ..	17	25
Stedman Triples ... ..	21	6
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	—	2
Grandsire Caters ... ..	1	9*
Grandsire Triples ... ..	5	8
Grandsire Doubles ... ..	1	—
Middlesex Surprise Royal ... ..	2	—
London Surprise Major ... ..	3	—
Bristol Surprise Major ... ..	9	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	5	—
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	25	1
Norfolk Surprise Major ... ..	8	—
Brighton Surprise Major ... ..	1	—
Double Norwich Major ... ..	35	1
Forward Major ... ..	1	—
Duffield Major ... ..	1	—
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major ... ..	1	—
Total ... ..	191	109

\* Including 8,099. Tower bell peals rung in 100 different towers.

**MR. FRANCIS J. LEWIS' 100 PEALS.**

Doubles, 5 (conducted 1); Minor, 3 (conducted 3); Grandsire Triples, 51 (conducted 39); Stedman Triples, 8 (conducted 1); Bob Major, 2 (conducted 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 14 (conducted 6); Stedman Caters, 5; Bob Royal, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Cinques (including 6,325 and 7,325), 5; Stedman Cinques, 1; total, 100 (conducted 51).

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Grandsire Caters, rung on December 4th at St Giles', Northampton, was 5,021 changes, not 5,039, as sent in. The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Woodston on December 5th was Herbert Hoare, and not Henry Hoare, as printed. Mr. F. A. G. Allen rang his first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 1920, and not at Rochester Cathedral on November 29th last, as indicated in the peal report.

To our friends everywhere: 'A Merry Christmas!'

The bells of Kingham, in the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The old six have been recast and two trebles added. The opening will take place to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

The first peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung on December 19th, 1853, and was performed, in the presence of nineteen members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, by John Cox, Thomas Powell, Henry W. Haley and Thomas Brittan.

On December 20th, 1806, a 6334 Stedman Cinques was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, now, unfortunately, only an eight-bell tower.

The first peal by the Lancashire Association was rung on December 22nd, 1877.

Holt's Original was rung at Saffron Walden on Christmas Day, 1753.

The bells of Clebury Mortimer are to be restored at a cost of about £350.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Willenhall on November 29th was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins., and not 2 hrs. 35 mins., as published. The peal of Doubles at Milton, Northants, was rung on Monday, November 24th, and not Saturday, November 22nd, as reported.

Our readers are requested to peruse the special notice which appears on page 802.

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am glad Mr. Smith has made the suggestion that Kidlington should be selected as the home of the Washbrook Memorial. As he says, what more fitting spot could there be than the village where he was born, and where he performed the greatest ringing feat of his life! Kidlington possesses a good peal of eight bells, easy to ring, easy to hear, with a good circle, and a band of ringers which has been kept together for 25 years, and has rung Stedman Triples nearly every Sunday throughout that period, except during the war. They are, moreover, good ringers and good churchmen, and their tower is always open for peals. Indeed, there cannot be a more accessible tower in the diocese. It is five miles from Oxford, and possesses both a main-line station and a good bus service to Oxford. Further, the church is at one end of the village, with houses on one side only.

I have nothing whatever against the Oxford Church of St. Ebbe's, except that the existing peal of six is very light, and that consequently the addition of two trebles there would be a less substantial memorial to the great ringer than two trebles to make a noble peal of ten in his native village.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD FREEBORN.

## THE LIGHTEST PEAL IN HAMPSHIRE.

A NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL.

The new ring of six bells of the Parish Church, Brockenhurst, Hants, were dedicated on Sunday, December 7th, by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, R.D. (Vice-President of the Winchester Guild). The church was crowded, and there was a gathering of about 25 ringers from Christchurch, Ringwood, Lymington, North Stoneham and the local band. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also present.

Just prior to the dedication, a marble tablet to the memory of the New Zealand soldiers, who died at the Brockenhurst War Hospital, and were buried in the churchyard, was unveiled. One of the new bells was given by their relatives and friends in New Zealand as a memorial of their self-sacrifice.

At the dedication 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by C. W. Tucker (Brockenhurst) 1, G. Williams (N. Stoneham) 2, F. Sparshott (Christchurch) 3, G. Stone (Christchurch) 4, A. Wooff (Christchurch) 5, G. Preston (Christchurch) 6. This band also rang 720 Bob Minor at the completion of the service.

The three old bells that formerly hung in the tower have been recast, and three new bells added, all tuned on the Simpson principle, with new frame, fittings, etc., the work having been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel.

The weight of the tenor is only 4 cwt. 12 lbs., and the bells are the lightest ring in Hampshire. All the ringers expressed their appreciation of the fine tone and 'go' of the bells, which are a credit to the founders.

Touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor.



**KILLED IN A BELFRY.****CLOCK REPAIRER CRUSHED BY A BELL.**

A distressing fatality occurred in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Thetford, Norfolk, on Tuesday of last week, when Mr. William H. Harris, a well-known watchmaker and jeweller of the town, was killed by one of the bells turning over on him and crushing him against the frame, while he was attending to one of the clock hammers. There are eight bells in this tower, and it seems to have been the practice to leave the bells up. Mr. Harris was responsible for the upkeep of the clock, and was in the habit of going to the belfry for this purpose. On this occasion he had some repairs to execute, and when he failed to return home his wife went to look for him, and found him in the bell frame, having been obviously crushed to death. It was only with difficulty that the body was released, and was found impossible to bring it through the bells and into the belfry. It was therefore carried to the top of the church tower, and supported by ropes under the armpits, lowered 80 feet to the ground on the exterior of the north side of the tower.

The late Mr. Harris was for many years a prominent tradesman in East Dereham, where he was captain of the Fire Brigade, and an active church worker. At Thetford he was for some years superintendent of one of the Church Sunday Schools. Despite his age (he was over 80), he was a skilled motor cyclist, and would also undertake the most dangerous jobs in connection with hall and church clocks. Only last year he painted a vane at Lynford Hall, which, on account of the dangerous nature of the task, few others would undertake.

The full story of the fatality was told at the inquest held on the following day.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Harris, the widow, said about eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning her husband left home to go to St. Peter's Church to put a new wire on the hammer striker. About 11.30 she heard the bell of the clock strike once, and she thought he had finished and was trying the striker. After about half an hour, as he did not return home, she went to the church to see if she could give him any help. On going into the clock chamber she saw his tools there, and the clock open. She, however, could not find deceased, and went into the bell chamber and called him, but got no reply. She then came down the tower and made inquiries, but could hear of no one having seen him, and she returned again to the belfry and climbed amongst the bells. There she saw the deceased pinned under one of the bells. She felt one of his hands, and found it cold. She attempted to extricate him, but was unsuccessful.

The Coroner: He has had charge of this clock for many years?—He put it up 57 years ago.

And since that time he has had entire charge of it?—Yes.

Did he usually go alone to do these repairs?—I have gone with him lately.

Mr. James Goodman, watchmaker, of Thetford, said he had assisted the deceased with the repair of St. Peter's Church clock on many occasions. He heard of the accident, and went to the church about 12.45. About half an hour later he went up into the belfry and stopped the clock for the safety of those above. He then went up to the bells, and saw the hammer tail wire had been disconnected ready for putting in a new wire.

The Coroner: What does this wire do?—It works from the clock and goes along the roof of the clock chamber into the bells, where it is connected with the striking hammer.

Was anything being done to this?—It had been disconnected ready for repairs.

You saw the deceased there?—Yes, lying under the third bell.

The bell was upon him?—It was resting on the body. Witness was of opinion the deceased had gone under the bell to repair the striking apparatus instead of going by the side of it.

He knew there was a danger going amongst the bells when they were up?—Oh yes; there is a notice in the chamber facing you as you go in, warning you of the danger if the bells are up.

I suppose you had helped to repair this clock when the bells were up?—No, never when the bells were up.

But you had assisted to repair this clock several times?—Yes; but if the bells were up we always got them then let down.

Dr. Geoffrey Cowan, Thetford, said he found very serious damage to the right side of deceased's chest, which was smashed in. There was also a fracture of the spine and the jaw bone broken on the right side. There were other injuries. The injury to the chest was sufficient to cause death.

The Coroner: Death was practically instantaneous?—Yes. I should say so, as the injuries were very severe.

Mr. Alfred William Macro, of Thetford, said he was captain of St. Peter's Change Ringers. They rang the bells on Sunday evening, and at the finish left six bells up and two down. It was usual to leave the treble and tenor bells down—the treble to facilitate getting up the steeple and the tenor for the clock to strike on—and the other six up, except when they were being used for chiming; then they were all left down. He knew that the deceased had been in the habit of going into the church tower to repair the clock, and thought he was fully aware of the danger of touching the bells when they were up. The bells that caused deceased's death weighed 84

owt. Witness produced a diagram, and gave an explanation as to how he imagined the accident occurred. He thought, he said, perhaps deceased was stooping about under the bell which caused his death when he probably pushed his back against the slider attached to the bell and swung it over. He was of opinion deceased must have put some bit of weight against the slider to have released the bell. Sometimes when deceased had gone to the church and the bells were up he had let them down himself, so was aware of the danger of working amongst the bells when up.

Police-Constable Warren said on Tuesday Mrs. Harris said, 'My husband is dead: a bell has fallen on him.' Witness went up into the belfry, and examined the deceased, and found he was dead. He tried to remove the bell, but failed, and sent for help. He assisted to remove the body to the mortuary. When he went into the belfry five bells were up and three down.

The Coroner remarked that he thought the deceased had been up the tower so many times that he did not realise there was any danger.

A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

**BOSTON, U.S.A., GUILD.****STUDENT RINGERS AT GROTON SCHOOL.**

On Sunday, November 23rd, special ringing took place at the chapel of Groton School to celebrate the American Religious Festival, known as Thanksgiving Day (November 27th). Members of the Guild met at the School at 10.45 a.m., but, owing to wet weather, the attendance was small, only five being present.

The local band, recruited entirely from the students of the school, show marked proficiency at rounds and call changes. They ring regularly for the services of the Chapel, but, with two or three exceptions, have not mastered the more advanced method ringing.

Members of the Boston Guild arriving by train were too late to ring for service, but immediately afterwards they assembled in the belfry, where they were joined by the student ringers.

Before ringing on the tower bells, however, handbell practice was carried out for about twenty minutes. This was followed by a few short touches of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells. A move was then made to the dining hall, where the visitors were entertained to lunch, in company with the whole school.

On returning to the tower, Guild members rang several well-struck 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and when joined later by the student ringers, short touches of Triples were rung. The ringing went on till about 4 p.m., and closed with an attempt of 360 Grandsire Triples, which only came to brief in the last lead: George E. Hubbard 1, Frederick K. Trash (student) 2, G. Warren Sturgis (Master, conductor) 3, W. S. Roberts (student) 4, Joseph Goodhead 5, William Bashford 6, Richard Newton 7, C. McKim Norton (student) 8.

On leaving the tower the weather had sufficiently cleared to enable the visitors to appreciate the magnificent view of the foothills and ranges of the Adirondack Mountains obtainable from the school grounds.

Mr. S. W. Sturgis very kindly invited all the ringers to the Master's house for tea, after which the handbells were again brought out, and the time for departure came only too quickly.

The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Sturgis for putting his car at the convenience of members, and also to the Principal and staff of the school for their hospitality.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, December 13th, thirty-five members being present, from the following towers: Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter's), Chiddingfold Eastbourne; All Saints' and St. Saviour's, Hastings; Christ Church, Blacklands; Heathfield, Lewes, Pevensey, Rotherfield, St. Leonard's, Waldron and Westham. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and at 4.30 a short service was held in the memorial chapel, Christ Church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Fenning, M.A.). Following this, the members made their way to Leaf Hall, where a good tea was thoroughly enjoyed, and was presided over by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman), who also occupied the chair at the short business meeting which followed. The venue of the next meeting was discussed, and Bexhill was decided on.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and also to the Rev. Fenning for the use of the bells, and the address at the service. He also thanked the Rev. J. A. Brookes for presiding at the organ.—This was supported by Mr. Piper, put to the meeting, and carried.—Mr. Rickman having suitably replied, the meeting terminated.

The members then wended their way to South Street, where the bells of St. Saviour's had been placed at the disposal of the association, through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Wheelpton, M.A. Some excellent practice was had on these bells, in methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise, until close on 8.30 p.m.

**PRESENTATION TO DEVON GUILD'S EX-PRESIDENT.****REV. MAITLAND KELLY'S LONG SERVICES.**

In recognition of his long and devoted services to the Devon Guild the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who relinquished the office of President last Whitsun, has been presented by the members with a handsome address. It is in the form of an album (beautifully executed by Messrs. W. J. Southwood and Co., of Exeter), containing the address and views of churches having bands connected with the Guild. The volume is 15 inches by 12 inches, and bound in royal blue morocco. The front cover has a pierced monogram; the inscription and title page are illuminated in gold and colours; and there are 21 pages, containing about 50 photographs.

The presentation was made privately on December 5th by the new President (the Rev. E. S. Powell), who announced the fact on the following day at a meeting of the Exeter District at Exeter. Mr. Powell said the album had been presented to Mr. Kelly in recognition of his services from 1896 to 1924 as President, and to commemorate the jubilee of his election as a member, which took place on June 15th, 1874, and to express gratitude for his efforts to cultivate a high moral and spiritual tone among ringers, and to promote the art of change-ringing in church towers in the Diocese of Exeter. Mr. Powell read a letter from Mr. Kelly, in which he stated he could not sufficiently thank the members for the beautiful album, and that he should deeply value it, because it would ever remind him of the jubilee meeting of the Guild, and, through the photographs, of ringers with whom he had rung and towers he had visited, and for its intrinsic beauty, because it was quite a work of art and all the more precious from being the handiwork of members. During its existence, the Guild had greatly helped in a reform that was much needed in the belfries and bell chambers, and had also introduced the art of scientific change-ringing. There were still many fields to conquer, but, if the present zeal and work were continued, in course of time the majority of towers in the county would be affiliated.

There was a good gathering of ringers for the meeting, and during the afternoon and evening ringing took place on the bells at St. David's, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock's, St. Thomas's and the Cathedral. Service was conducted in St. Thomas's Parish Church by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Chalk), and an address given by the Rev. E. S. Powell. The choir boys led the singing, and Mr. Western deputised at the organ. Tea was provided in the Buller Hall. Messrs. Hunt and Son catered, and Mesdames J. C. Oke, T. G. Bartlett, T. J. Stokes and A. H. Goad and Miss A. Goad assisted at the tables.

A business meeting followed, when sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary of the district) in his absence through illness.

Crediton, on February 21st, was chosen for the next meeting, and votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted at the service and tea. The district officers—Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman), W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary and treasurer), and J. C. Oke (assistant hon. secretary)—were re-elected.

**THE NORTH-EAST BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the N.-E. Branch was held at Tiverton on Saturday. About 60 ringers were present, including the Rev. E. S. Powell (President of the Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (general secretary), and representatives from Huntsham, Holcombe Rogus, Bampton, Upwotton, Calverleigh, Stoodleigh, Washfield, Bickleigh, Tiverton, Exeter, Silvertown, Chipstable, Thorverton, Wiveliscombe, Christow and London. Ringing commenced at 1.30, the methods practised being Stedman Triples and Grandsire.

The service, conducted by the Rector, was held at St. Peter's Church, the lesson being read and the address given by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Tea was provided in the Church House, the excellent arrangements being made by Mrs. C. Knowles, helped by the wives of the local band.

A business meeting followed the tea, the Rev. E. J. Barton in the chair.—A letter from the Rev. Maitland Kelly was read regretting his enforced absence from the meeting, and heartily thanking all members of the Guild who had contributed in any way towards the album presented to him on his resignation of the post of president of the Guild, after fifty years' service.

Six new members were elected, and six certificates awarded.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Powell, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Mrs. Knowles, the local band of ringers and their wives, and the organist (Mr. Dyer) for helping to make the meeting such a success.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held on April 11th (Saturday), at Bickleigh.

The members then returned to the tower, and rang with zeal till about 8.30.

**BICTON, SALOP.**—On Saturday, Sept. 27th, on the eve of the harvest festival, 720 Boh Minor: W. T. Goodfellow (first 720) 1, J. Bain 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Liller 4, J. Evans 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.—360 Stedman Doubles and 240 Grandsire.

**LOSTWITHIEL BELLS' RESTORATION.****UNITED GATHERING FOR THE DEDICATION.**

The five bells which had hung for many years in the Church of Lostwithiel, Cornwall, have been recast and increased to six, and hung with all modern fittings in a new steel and iron frame, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon firm, and on Wednesday, December 10th, the borough was en fete in connection with the reopening. The dedication service was attended by the Mayor, the Corporation officials, and members of the Town Council; the procession to the church being headed by the Lostwithiel Town Band.

The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the act of dedication being performed by the Rev. Stanley Windsor, the Rural Dean of Bodmin. A few rounds having been rung upon the bells by the Lostwithiel ringers, the service proceeded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' followed by an address from the Rev. R. D. Purves, at one time Vicar of Lostwithiel. Basing his remarks on the words, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,' he pointed out that the bells had come to that tower because God had given to the minds of men the power to search into the earth for the metal which was there long years before, to refine it, purify it, build it and place it in the belfry. We were inclined to say 'Our Bells'; they were God's bells because of the metal which came from God's earth. The ringers became fellow workers with God. They would feel they were doing a great work. They were God's messengers, and when the sound of those bells went out Sunday by Sunday it would go to the ears of the rich man as well as the poor, calling men and women of the parish to the service and worship of God. Every time the bells pealed forth they taught a tremendous lesson; that those who worked for God should use the word 'we.' Their work had to be done in peace and in harmony. If every ringer considered that he was going to set the time and each ringer had a different idea of time, there would be no harmony, but discord and clashing, and that taught them they must work in harmony, which was never more necessary than it was to-day.

Luncheon was afterwards partaken of in the Drill Hall, and after the loyal toast had been proposed by the Mayor, Alderman J. A. Beswarick proposed 'Ministers of Religion.' After referring to the high place ministers of religion took in everyday functions, the speaker said they heard a good deal in these days about the union of the churches. Possibly there were some people who had reversed the telescope, and they saw that union afar off. Whether Church Union or organic union were far off or not, he knew that the spirit of union was in their midst, as was evidenced by the united and helpful service they had had that morning, and demonstrated by the assembly that afternoon, showing that there had been a unity of spirit prevailing throughout the whole of the proceedings.

Responding, the Vicar remarked that certainly not only those who governed State affairs, but those who governed ecclesiastical affairs, found the difficulties tenfold more than they were thirty years ago. As he thought that the laity were shaped by the ministers so also he thought it was true that the ministers were shaped by the laity. In having a warm-hearted laity they created atmosphere which made the work of ministers possible. Remembering that they all belonged to the common Lord, they got unity and warmth, and out of that they got what they saw in the parish to-day. He concluded his remarks with a reference to the splendid way in which everyone in the borough, and some out of it, had worked well to make what they had that day possible.

Also responding, the Rev. J. Highley Coles (United Methodist circuit minister) referred to the splendid spirit of the Vicar of Lostwithiel. It took most of them a lifetime to distinguish between their prejudices and their convictions, and he was perfectly sure that there was no lowering of their convictions in meeting at that genial and Christian table. He was sure they all wished the church in Lostwithiel great prosperity, and congratulated them on their most impressive service that morning.

During luncheon and throughout the day, the bells were rung by bands of ringers from all parts of Cornwall, the ringers expressing their complete satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells. The purity of the tone of the bells was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the borough, and the visitors from the surrounding district.

**COLCHESTER RECORD UNVEILED.**

On Sunday evening, Dec. 14th, the unveiling of a peal record took place at St. Peter's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Cardo), who, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the donor, Mr. W. J. Nevard, for his kind gift, in recording the first peal of Superlative rung on the bells.

A vote of thanks was passed by Mr. Nevard, and to the Vicar, for kindly unveiling the record, and for his interest in attending in the belfry.

Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob, were then rung for the evening service by Messrs. W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, H. Evers, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield and R. W. Stannard (local members), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), G. W. Dixon (Sudbury), D. Elliott (Assington), and F. Butler (Romford).

## METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the popular argument which I used to disprove the legitimacy of the extension from London Minor to London Major is of doubtful validity. The case which has been suggested as a parallel to that of the 2nd, in the first lead of London is not quite on all fours with it, but there is sufficient resemblance for me to prefer to withdraw that particular argument rather than cause any misunderstanding. There are other perfectly good reasons for denying the truth of that extension.

My lapse, if it is one, is an illustration of the insidious danger that lies in introducing a popular practical argument into the consideration of a theoretical abstract proposition.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

## 'SHUNTING.'

Dear Sir,—With all due respect to the Rev. H. Drake, allow me to point out that although I was not the first individual to make use of the term 'shunt,' I do not think we can find a better word for our purpose, e.g., when we make a bob Middle in the plain course of most methods, we shunt from the MAIN line of

12345678 to the side line of 14365278.

A bob Before shunts into side line of 13526478.

A bob Wrong shunts into side line of 15243678.

A bob Home shunts into side line of 14235678.

In method construction we are doing the same thing all the time, every single place made shunts into a fresh row.

Coursing order by double shunts is but an arbitrary definition, because there are thousands of methods which do not possess a 'Double Shunt' in their make up, and yet they bring up coursing order at the lead-head equally with the methods that, like Double Dublin Court Bob, are constructed with double shunts only.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—Thanks very much for the way in which you set up the tables in my letter last week, it could not have been better. I find, however, there is one little error in the table of places. The error was mine, not yours; the last two places before the Extreme should have been Slow 3rd's, not 4th's.

G. B.

## THE ORIGIN OF 'SHUNT.'

Sir,—As there seems to be a difference of opinion with regard to the meaning of 'shunt,' which, I take it, is derived from the term 'shunting bob,' originally and first used by myself in connection with ringing, it may be well if I explain what it was intended to mean. The first occasion of its use will be found in the reprint of my article, at the top of page 196 of 'Grandsire.'

To begin with, from the days of my boyhood I have always understood by the railway 'shunt,' the operation of causing a vehicle or train to run from the pair of rails along which it was going on to another pair. A careful perusal of the last paragraph on page 195 of 'Grandsire' and the first four lines on page 196, will, I think, make quite plain and obvious what my meaning was, and will show that the bob which I called, and still call, the 'shunting bob' is truly such, without need of further disquisition.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

13th December, 1924.

## APPLYING THE ARGUMENT.

Dear Sir,—The answer to Mr. G. Baker's argument can be put in very few words. If the actual shunts of London Minor and Major are as he suggests, and if the two are one method, it follows that the Royal will be produced automatically from the Major exactly as the Major is got from the Minor.

It is, however, notorious that Mr. Baker has himself produced two different Royal methods which he has successively proclaimed aloud to be the one and only London Royal.

I apologise to the N.U.R., but take leave to point out that the explanation of the Woodbridge stationmaster suits my argument equally. The whole object of my comparison, as I should have supposed was clear to the meanest intelligence, was to show that in a shunt the whole of the bells have to be taken into account. The shunted train is ready as a whole to start off on another set of rails. It is not a chopped up train. Indeed Mr. Drake's intervention has strengthened my analogy.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

## AGREED!

Dear Sir,—Mr. Baker writes that he is wasting his time arguing with people of the calibre of Mr. Powell and myself. I hope he will not be offended if I say that I thoroughly agree with him. Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## COALBROOKDALE BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

PROVISION FOR AUGMENTATION TO TEN.

A scheme has been set on foot for the complete restoration of the bells at Coalbrookdale, Salop, and it is felt that many ringers who have had the pleasure of ringing on these bells and have experienced the hospitality of the tower may like to contribute to the fund, towards the completion of which another £400 is required.

Seventy years ago Holy Trinity Church was built and endowed by the late Abraham Darby, and the bells were given by his brother, the late Alfred Darby. The bells, eight in number constitute a very good ring in the key of E (tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.), and, apart from some repairs to the gudgeons and framework in 1895, the bells have had no attention from the founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) or any other firm of bell founders. They have been attended to, rung and cared for all the years they have been in use by the ringers, and for the past 28 years Mr. William Saunders and his band have done all in their power to keep them in a satisfactory condition. Now the time has arrived, when, in the opinion of experts, the bells require immediate attention. It is therefore necessary, say the committee in a circular, to appeal for funds to place the bells in a modern iron and steel frame, and carry out many necessary renovations and repairs, which will safeguard the tower and bells, as the two main foundation beams, supporting the whole weight of the bells, are badly worm-eaten and rotten. Also the whole of the present timber frame is worn out and condemned. The committee feel the money can be easily raised, if all who hear the bells, all who enjoy their sound, and all who have rung them, will undertake to give all they can, and to solicit all they can, for the Bell Restoration Fund. 'He gives twice,' it is said, 'who gives quickly.' All subscriptions will be immediately invested in War Saving Certificates, and so will increase in value before the work is completed, but, on the other hand, they will be very grateful to anyone who will accept a collecting book, and undertake to raise the cost of one or more War Saving Certificates within the next few months.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Vicar, the churchwardens (Messrs. H. Hughes and E. Johnson), Messrs. W. Saunders, Richard Jones (hon. treasurer), Alfred Bayley (hon. secretary), any member of the Bell Restoration Committee, or 'Coalbrookdale Bell Fund, Lloyds Bank, Iron Bridge, Shropshire.'

The scheme proposes the complete restoration of the present eight, also the addition of two trebles, the old bells to be rehung in complete new metal frame, etc., on one level. £470 is required for the restoration of the old eight, and to put in pits for the trebles. It is hoped, however, that sufficient money will be forthcoming to allow the trebles to be added at the same time.

The fund up to date is well over £100. This includes £25 from the patron (Mr. A. E. Darby), whose father gave the bells, also £5 Ss. from Mr. John Carter. The other has been given by the ringers and friends.

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council and Bell Restoration Committee on December 9th, when the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar and Rural Dean) presided, and was supported by the churchwardens and most of the influential church people, the Chairman reported that the sub-committee had been very busy. A letter by Miss Sarah Barker had been published in the 'Wellington Journal,' and 1,000 illustrated circulars were to hand for distribution.—Mr. Greenhalgh explained that he hoped to get the £250 worth of ls. stamp books in a few days.—After a report by Mr. W. J. Fletcher (foreman pattern maker for the Coalbrookdale Co.) had been heard as to the dangerous condition of the main foundation beams and the worn-out frame, it was decided that after the Christmas and last night of the old year ringing the bells should not be rung again till they were completely restored.

It was proposed to ask the editor of 'The Ringing World' kindly to help the scheme by publishing the appeal and other information, so that all ringers who know Coalbrookdale, its nice bells and their loyal friends and ringers, will do all they can to get the job going with the brighter days.

The work will be entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the founders of the present eight.

## HARBORNE OLD CHURCH BELLS.

After having been silent for five months, the bells at Harborne, which are among the oldest in the county of Staffs, were reopened on Sunday, December 7th. During the interval the tower has been repaired (inside), and the bells rehung on ball bearings by Mr. James E. Groves, of Handsworth. Several ringers from neighbouring towers were present at the opening, and all expressed their satisfaction with the 'go' and tone. It may be of interest to give the dates of the bells: Treble, 1877, by J. Warner and Son; 2nd, 1877, by J. Warner and Son; 3rd, 1691, by William Bagley; 4th, 1799, by Thomas Mears; 5th, 1691, by William Bagley; 6th, 1691, by William Bagley; 7th, 1691, by William Bagley; tenor, 1691, by William Bagley.

The local band at present are only able to ring Grandsire Doubles, but under the able tuition of Mr. S. Grove, who has kindly undertaken the office of Ringing Master, they hope soon to be able to accomplish Triples.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**EGHAM.**—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Worsfold 1, F. Nye 2, E. Butler 3, A. Hiscock 4, H. J. Chaffey 5, S. G. Armstrong 6, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 7, H. Nix 8. First quarter-peal. Also a birthday compliment to Miss M. Nye, of Bagshot.

**SHIREOAKS.**—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: W. Russon 1, H. Haigh (conductor) 2, H. Hall 3, J. H. Brothwell 4, B. Hall 5, F. Hargreaves 6. Also 240 of Sandal.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 53 mins.: H. Else 1, W. J. Croft 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hall 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fiddles 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and by a local band on these bells.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—At St. Bartholomew's Church, for evensong, December 7th, 720 Milton Surprise: J. F. Ryles 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Waleley 6. This is the first time this method, composed by C. Severn, has ever been rung. Advanced Minor ringers will find it very interesting, and the figures can be had on application to J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Staffs.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Bedwell 1, L. Page 2, J. Barrett 3, L. Baybut 4, S. Baybut 5, H. T. Wilson 6, E. Furbank 7, W. Dudley 8, S. W. Cordon 9, W. H. Judd (conductor) 10.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: C. Mounsey 1, G. Hughes 2, T. J. Palfreyman 3, H. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, S. H. Burkitt 5, A. Mincher 6, T. Hughes 7, A. J. Hubble 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): I. Bennett 1, H. Marlow (first quarter in the method) 2, F. Rollings 3, B. Soden 4, F. Wilford 5, J. Metherell 6, F. Hopper 7, T. Tebount (conductor) 8.

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, H. Smith 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, K. R. Elliott 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, H. Reeve 7, A. Pulborough.

**PULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, 728 Grandsire Triples: W. Harwood 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, A. V. Corden 4, C. A. Greenfield 5, H. C. Greenfield 6, Alfred Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Longest touch by ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Burdock 1, Mrs. W. R. Melville 2, H. Hutton 3, H. Smale (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, G. W. Steere 5, H. Burdock 6, A. Pulling (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8.

**BUCKLEBURY.**—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Wignmore 1, Miss E. Franklin 2, Miss D. Futter 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, G. Davis 5, W. Mathews (conductor) 6, J. Hazell 7, Miss S. Davis 8. First quarter of Grandsire by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th away from treble.

**BROOKFIELD, GORTON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Turner 1, E. Mawby 2, F. Page 3, F. Knott 4, H. Jones 5, H. Gaskell (conductor) 6, E. Seddon 7, G. P. Ingram 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, W. C. Cuss 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, G. Dore 8.

**FENNY STRATFORD.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 30th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor: F. Vickers 1, W. Matthews (first 720) 2, A. B. Corden 3, F. Rowe 4, G. Grove 5, J. Searcy (conductor) 6.—For evening Confirmation service, 720 Treble Bob, 360 each of Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, S. Smith 3, A. B. Corden 4, F. A. Gilby 5, J. Searcy (conductor) 6; and after service, 360 of Bob Minor and Double Court.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 mins., for evening service: A. Markwell, senr., 1, A. Markwell, junr. (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, L. Palmer 3, Sam Smedley, junr., 4, H. Stow 5, Fred Parsons 6, Sam Smedley, senr., 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. Beer 1, J. H. Tippet (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, Sergt. W. Snell, R.M., 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Hiscott 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, J. P. Beer (first quarter-peal) 8.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Jenner (first of Major) 1, R. Jenner 2, J. Heasman (conductor) 3, W. Leigh 4, H. Leigh 5, E. Collison 6, E. Leigh 7, G. Malyan 8. First in method by the hand.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Sandover 1, J. Arbury 2, J. Oke 3, T. Laver 4, W. Lethbridge 5, C. Glass 6, F. Davey (conductor) 7, H. Rogers 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. D. Harris 1, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 2, A. T. Lovejoy (Reading), first in the method, 3, H. Jennings (Ryde) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, A. D. Stone (Brighton) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

**WEST GRINSTEAD.**—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: F. Turrell 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, W. Weaver 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Warnham Court: W. Weaver 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor) 6.—720 Woodbine: \*V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, \*G. Warnett 3, \*V. Goucher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor) 6. \* First 720. Also touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. Norton 1, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 2, H. Kilby 3, W. Matthews 4, E. Lankester 5, T. Newman 6, F. H. Crook 7, R. Kilby 8. Composed by I. G. Shade, Greenwich.

**LONDON.**—St. Clement Danes.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 51 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. D. Marshall 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, H. Dyas 4, Miss R. G. Hawksworth 5, C. F. Winney 6, Miss F. Orr 7, C. W. Roberts 8, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: E. C. Martin 1, F. A. Burnett 2, P. Giles 3, J. Tansom 4, W. L. Ayles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, T. Clemens 8. Rung in honour of the annual official visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the church.

**WREXHAM, N. WALES.**—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for men's service, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: E. Barber 1, J. Capper 2, P. Cross 3, A. Lea, junr. (conductor) 4, F. Evans 5, J. Clutton 6, W. Jones 7, S. Meadows 8.

**OSWESLRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Edwards 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung on the jubilee anniversary of the restoration of the church.

**BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Webb 1, H. Voyce 2, C. W. Martin 3, W. Yeud 4, G. Walters 5, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Yeand; and 240 Stedman Doubles, conducted by G. Walters. Tenor 14 cwt.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for harvest festival, on Sunday morning, October 12th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Pudwell 1, G. J. Winter 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, P. Kirby 4, A. J. King 5, E. Telling 6.

**PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for morning service, 1,056 Superlative Surprise: F. Barrett 1, W. Barrett 2, J. Allen 3, C. Baker 4, E. Whiting 5, A. Smith 6, F. Roope 7, G. Cross 8.

**CHELSEA.**—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Dean 1, C. Mitchell 2, A. Newman 3, J. Carman 4, E. Reeve 5, H. H. Mance 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, W. Essery 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurston's, in 44 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, J. Eagles 2, F. W. Elliott 3, C. R. Waller (conductor) 4, W. Wenban 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Millway 7, L. Sibley 8. Mr. W. Wenban is from Sandwich, Kent.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, Miss G. Baker 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, H. Chandler 6, J. Bacon 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, J. H. Lucas 10.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, for dedication and harvest festival services, the following: At 8 a.m., Choral Eucharist, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; 11 a.m., 720 Cambridge Surprise and 240 Oxford Treble Bob; 6.30 p.m., 240 Plain Bob, 720 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Bob.—After service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were: L. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington, F. Wright, J. Rice, A. Bradley (conductor), E. Stith, G. Camp.

**ROTHERHITHE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: F. Chapman (conductor) 1, W. Glover 3, S. Kelly (first quarter) 4, J. Trimmer 5, A. Chapman 6, C. Chapman 7, A. Barret (first quarter) 8; 6-8 covering.



## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, in beautiful weather, and a fair muster of members attended from the various towers affiliated with the Guild. The bells were kept merrily going from 3 p.m. until the service, for which the Guild form was used. The Vicar of Old Hill (the Rev. C. Fisher) officiated, and also gave a very appropriate and interesting address. The Vicar extended a cordial and warm welcome to the members, and said how pleased he was to welcome them to his church. The lesson was read by the Vicar of Rowley Regis, Lieut.-Col. (retired) the Rev. F. J. Cheverton. After the service an adjournment was made to the Church Institute, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, to which, it is needless to say, full justice was done.

Owing to a previous important engagement the Vicar was unable to stay for the business meeting, and the Vicar of Rowley kindly took the chair. Apologies for absence were read from Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. W. A. Pugh. Before reading the minutes, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) said he would like to mention that since their last meeting death had robbed them of two of their most staunch supporters, in the persons of Mr. John Poole Bills (a vice-president) and Mr. James Bayliss, who, for some years, was a member of the Dudley Parish Church band.—Upon the proposition of the Chairman, it was resolved that the Secretary send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the families, also to Mr. Hugh Watson (Vice-President) upon the death of his sister, Mrs. H. P. Bagott, of Kingswinford.—The resolution was received by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar of Rowley) was elected an honorary member, and the Rev. W. J. Lamb (Curate of Old Hill Parish Church) as a performing member, and the meeting also ratified the election of Mr. Fred Molineux, of Hagley, who was elected in the belfry some time ago previous to starting for a peal.

The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Old Hill, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

On the suggestion of Mr. S. J. Hughes a collection was taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis bell restoration fund, and realised the sum of 14s. 3d.

Mr. D. Wright (clerk to the Rowley Regis Urban District Council) afterwards gave a very interesting historical survey of Rowley Regis Church and bells, which was greatly appreciated by those present.—Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed that the best thanks be given to the Vicar of Old Hill for giving permission to the Guild to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, and for his eloquent address, and for the use of the tower and bells and Church Institute; also to the Vicar of Rowley for presiding at the meeting; to the organist for the musical part of the service; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who prepared and served it, and to the ladies who presided at the tables. Thanks were also accorded to Messrs. John Price and W. Green for their kindness in having all things in readiness, and to all who in any way had assisted in making the meeting a most successful and happy one.

## RAYNER TOMB RESTORATION FUND.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged by the secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: Total previously acknowledged, £9 8s. 7½d.; N. Stoneham band, 7s.; Havant band, 5s.; Oakley band, 3s.; Farnham band, 5s.; Guildford (St. Nicolas) band, 5s.; Whitwell band, 8s.; Carisbrooke band, 8s.; Milford-on-Sea band, 10s.; Southampton band, 3s. 6d.; Ringwood band, 7s.; Winchester Cathedral band, 13s.; Portsea band, 6s.; Andover band, 5s.; Yorktown band, 6s.; Ryde band, 12s. 6d.; Curdridge band, 5s. 6d.; Basingstoke band, 5s.; Worplesdon band, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. B. Hessey, 2s. 6d.; Mr. S. Armstrong, 1s.; Mr. F. Bennett, 1s.; Mr. H. J. Shepherd, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Brown, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Blizard, 5s.; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 2s. 6d.; Bramley (Hants) band, 9s.; Alton band, 4s.; Yateley band, 12s. 6d.; Aldershot band, 5s.; Bagshot band, 5s.; Wickham band, 4s.; Bishopstoke band, 2s.; College Youths, 12s. 6d.; total, £18 17s. 1½d.

The fund will be closed on December 31st, 1924, and the committee ask that outstanding subscriptions be sent in prior to that date to Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary, Upham, Southampton.

The work will now be put in hand, and a balance sheet published in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches was held at Warrington on Saturday, December 13th. Members attended from Northampton, Peterborough, Surfleet, Oundle, and the local band. The Guild service, with an address, was conducted by the Vicar. A splendid tea was prepared, at which about 30 sat down. This was followed by a business meeting.

It was decided to hold another joint meeting at Alwalton on Feb. 14th.—The bells were rung during the afternoon, and methods ranged from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob.

## WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR.

Another of the group of methods published in 'The Ringing World' of April 18th last was rung at Willesden on Tuesday, December 9th. This method, a lead of which is given below, is shown on Page 246 of that issue as A plus C. It is a very musical method, and quite easy to ring.

## THE METHOD.

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87516342

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71856342

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Bob 15786342

Single 17586342

## 5008 BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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32546	—	x	—	—	65234	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—	36254	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—	25364	—	—	—
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64235	—	—	—	—	53264	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—	26534	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	52634	—	—	—
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35264	—	—	—	—	24635	—	—	—
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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## APPEAL TO NORTH BUCKS TOWERS.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 6th, and was well attended, the following towers being represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Chicheley, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Linslade and Newport Pagnell, about 50 members being present. The bells were set going from 2.30 p.m., and service was attended by all. The address was given by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), whose text was: 'So that I might finish my course with joy.' The members afterwards adjourned to the Schoolroom, where tea was served, thanks to the ladies, who had everything ready.

After tea, the secretary reported that he had no special business to bring forward in connection with the branch, but was sorry to say that several of the towers were in arrears with payments. He appealed to them to remain in union with the branch.

The Master said a few words, touching on the business in hand by the Guild, also giving details of the 'Washbrook Memorial.'

Mr. Wright, the Guild treasurer, also addressed the meeting on various financial points. He said the North Bucks branch was the premier branch of the Guild, and he was sorry to hear from the secretary that towers were dropping out rather than increasing. He hoped, however, that efforts would be made to hold the position of premier branch; to quote the Master's words, their motto must be 'Service, not self.' The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the ladies for making arrangements for tea.

The Bedfordshire Association was represented by Mr. C. W. Clarke; Northants by Mr. W. Rogers; Towcester and district by Mr. Green. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. — E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the belfry.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**REDENHALL.**—Rehung bells open for ringing on Boxing Day. Dinner, 3s. 6d., at Swan Hotel, Harleston, at 1 p.m. Names by 22nd to Fred R. Borrett, Pulham Market, Diss.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday, Dec. 20th) at Broxbourne. Bells during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at The Welcome after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The opening of Kingham bells will take place on Saturday next (Dec. 20th). Service 3.30 p.m. The old peal of six have been recast and two new trebles added, and all have been rehung, the work having been carried out by Taylors, of Loughborough. — J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District meeting on Saturday (Dec. 20th), which members of both districts are earnestly asked to support. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Eastcheap, from 2.30 to 5, and St. Mary's, Whitechapel, from 4.30 to 6. Short service at 6 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in Vestry.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The bells of Ordsall (6) will be available on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th) from 9 a.m., and East Retford (10) from 1.30 p.m. for all concerned, and a good attendance is desired. Hearty good wishes to all 'Brother Strings' in the British Isles and beyond the seas for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—Yours fraternally, H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The following towers will be open for ringing on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th): Old Windsor (8), 9 a.m.; Clewer (6), 10.45 a.m.; Braywood (5), 12 noon; Bray (6) and White Waltham (6), if possible; Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8). Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Social at 7 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Dec. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Committee meeting at 3.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells available from mid-day and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Jan. 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available from 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Newton, 19, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, by the 29th December?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Little Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m., at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Road, Lavenham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The following arrangements have been made for the next quarterly meeting at Long Eaton on Jan. 17th: Tower (8 bells) open for ringing 2.30 to 4.45, and after general meeting until 9 o'clock. Sawley tower (8 bells) open from 6 to 9. The committee meet at 4.15 at the Co-operative Cafe Committee Room. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Cafe, 2s. per head. General meeting to follow after tea, in the same room. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Geary, 25, Park Street, Long Eaton, Notts, by Jan. 15th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbys.

**LONG MELFORD.**—Holy Trinity Church. — Bells available for visitors every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Also from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. first Sunday in each month. Intending visiting companies to inform me not later than first post Saturdays.—H. S. Richold, Westgate Street, Long Melford.

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.**

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Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary to the Central Council, met with an accident on Friday last, when he fell and dislocated his ankle. He is now in the Connaught Ward of Lewisham Hospital, and is likely to be there for some time.

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