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STOCKTAKING.

It is a customary task with the first issue of a journal in a new year to do a little stocktaking, and to hazard a guess as to the future. While the former may be of use, if it reveals our weaknesses, and may give us satisfaction, if it shows us any gains, the latter is generally a rather profitless speculation, albeit one which is difficult to resist. Looking back over the year which has just closed, we think it may safely be said that, on the whole, 1924 was a period of general progress in the ringing Exercise. In the practice of our art there were features which mark a general forward tendency. There has been an 'expansion,' if one may use the term of twelve-bell ringing, if not in the actual number of peals rung, at any rate, in the number of ringers who have been able to participate in twelve-bell ringing, which in the past used to be reserved for a much narrower circle than is now the case. Opportunities are still somewhat limited, but we believe an analysis of the twelve-bell peals rung this year would show that more individuals and more towers were included than in almost any past year. There has not, perhaps, been much expansion on other numbers, but a useful standard has been maintained, with a band at Willesden breaking new ground with plain Major methods—an example which many more might follow with advantage.

For the most part the meetings of the various associations have demonstrated a sustained interest on the part of members, but there have been instances in which a slacking off of enthusiasm has called forth comment. The apparent loss of interest by ringers in the doings of their own association is, of course, a matter for regret; but so long as those in office realise the position and take steps to revive the flagging zeal of the members, there is no cause for despair. At the same time facts should be looked in the face, and, as this is a time for good resolutions, it is an opportunity for special effort to pull things together. Without doubt there is room for increasing the attractiveness of the average meeting, and unless the arrangements are adequate there is always the risk that they may be a disappointment to many, from the sheer lack of opportunity for ringing which a large attendance may impose.

There is still much in front of our associations to be done. Although they may be counted successful from the point of numbers, they have not accomplished their mission by just adding to their membership, and we are not sure that they are all sufficiently well organised to carry on efficiently the work which should be theirs. There is spade work to be done everywhere, both in re-

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gard to ringers and bells, and associations might do more than is often done at present in getting dilapidated rings restored and preventing others from reaching the last stages of deterioration. It ought to be the business of each association to see that all the rings of bells in its area are maintained in good ringing order, but it must be admitted that the efforts made in this direction are not always as definite and determined as they might be. It is in this direction, particularly, that we should like to see more enthusiasm displayed in the coming year. Where the policy of 'drift' has been permitted to creep in let it be exchanged for a campaign attacking all those centres where neglect and indifference prevails in regard to the belfry. Energy in this direction would bring its reward in more ways than one. It would stir members to new effort, bring in more ringers, and awaken a wider interest in the association's doings. It is a policy that would pay good dividends, and we hope that some of the results of its more general adoption may be seen in the year 1925.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	*THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 7
HERBERT LUDKIN 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 8
*THOMAS HAMMOND 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 9
*WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	FREDERICK PAGE 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
*THOMAS C. LARKEY 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First 12-bell peal. First peal of Maximus as conductor. The conductor has now called peals on all numbers from five to twelve inclusive. Rung on the 30th anniversary of Mr. C. R. Lilley's first peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY LE BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt. in C.

ROBERT A. FARDON Treble	*JAMES E. COOPER 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	*DANIEL COOPER 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 9
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	GEORGE F. HOAD 10
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 11
*FRANK E. DARBY 6	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal on twelve bells by the above association. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band. * First peal on twelve bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

EDWIN J. RIDLER Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2	HENRY PRING 8
†ALFRED E. REEVES 3	*GEORGE TREW 9
*RICHARD C. TAYLOR 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 10
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	*FRANK J. DAVEY 11
EDWIN JOHN BROWN 6	*URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cinques. † 250th peal. Arranged for Mr. Davey, of Exeter Cathedral, who was elected a member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	HENRY G. MILES 8
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 4	JAMES BOLLOCK 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
EDWIN F. PIKE 6	WALTER PRIME Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Prime.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*HERBERT J. HARLOW Treble	*HORACE H. SMITH 6
HARRY TYSOE 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
*CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW 8
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	EDMUND J. HOBBS 9
JOSEPH CHURCH 5	*WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

* First peal on 10 bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringer of the 2nd. First as conductor on 10 bells.

EPSOM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E,

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 2	WILLIAM H. JOINER 7
DANIEL COOPER 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 8
FRANK E. DARBY 4	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 9
JAMES E. COOPER 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5175 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM J. TEYNG 6
ARTHUR CRAVEN 2	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
RALPH S. LONG 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOHN THORPE 9
ALBERT H. WARD 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. THORPE.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	*WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
*LIONEL H. PAGE 2	*HENRY T. WILSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
*CYRIL C. PEASE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells, and by the association.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

*MRS. W. H. THOMAS Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
EDWARD LANKESTER 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3	GEORGE M. KILEY 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by C. V. EBBERSON.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

SHOREHAM-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD C. MERRETT 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN GRAVE Treble	JAMES INGHAM 5
WILLIAM CARTER 2	ERNEST HELLOWELL 6
JOHN WILCOCK 3	ARTHUR BOTTONLEY 7
ARNOLD ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM H. MARSLAND Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by W. H. MARSLAND.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. V. Sellars, M.A.). Also on the first anniversary of the dedication of the recast and augmented bells. First peal for all except the ringer of fifth. All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY, SALFORD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
JAMES ADAMS 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	BEN THORPE Tenor

Conducted by BEN THORPE.

Rung as a farewell peal for Mr. James Adams, who, after an extended holiday of several months, sails for Sydney, New South Wales, on January 3rd. Also as a compliment to Mr. Edward Clegg, one of the local ringers, on his attaining his 21st birthday. The ringers of the 2nd, 6th and 7th hail from Worsley; 3rd, 4th and tenor from Ashton-under-Lyne; 5th from Middleton; the treble is a local man.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JAMES BOLTON 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	PETER CROOK 6
JOHN POTTER 3	GEORGE PINGOTT 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by J. POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the 6th ringer.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5504 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	ALFRED E. BACON 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	WALTER N. ASHEY 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, No. 354.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The composition contains the extent of 3-4-5 and 6 in 6th's place without the 2nd there, and is now rung for the first time.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
HARRY KILBY 2	ROBERT FARDON 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
EDWARD LANKESTER 4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Rung on the eve of Christmas for the midnight service. * First peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 2	CHARLES WALTHMAN 6
WILLIAM STRINGER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles Walthman.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

*PERCY SPARKES Treble	WILLIAM COLES 5
†SIDNEY WYATT, JUN. 2	JAMES HUNT 6
SIDNEY WYATT, SEN. 3	PERCY MERSON 7
ALFRED WYATT 4	HENRY NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the bells since having new bearings put in by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The 'go' of the bells gave every satisfaction. The band wish, through this medium, to give their hearty thanks to the Vicar for permission to ring, and to the local conductor for having everything in readiness.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY BAKER Treble	†REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
THOMAS BEAUMONT 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ 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 CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* 50th peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CYRIL J. JENNINGS Treble	WILLIAM FOYSEY 5
*ALFRED MOULD 2	WILFRED H. BUXTON 6
JOHN W. GLEW 3	HENRY FLETCHER 7
*JACK BAILEY 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN WIFFEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5
CYRIL PEASE 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
HARRY ROPER 3	FREDERIC J. TILLET 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (12-Part). Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

This is the quickest peal ever rung on these bells.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AND
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, SEN. ... Treble	WALTER THOMAS... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major by Mr. Geo. Williams, the esteemed tower-keeper of this church, who is 75 years of age. The band wish to thank him for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD J. HAZELL Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS 6
*MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4	HERBERT FIELDS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is only the third peal rung on the bells, which were opened on May 6th, 1795, with a peal by a band of Cambridge and Soham Youths. A centenary peal was rung in 1895 by a band of Royal Cumberland Youths. * First peal of Bob Major.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in a Surprise method by the treble man, to whom the thanks of the band are due for taking a rope at short notice. First peal of New Cambridge by ringers of 3rd, 6th and 8th. The above is the 50th peal this year by George H. Cross.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS M. STEPHENSON ... Treble	GEORGE H. CORNER... .. 5
ALFRED E. OXLEY 2	†JOHN W. WATERS, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
ALBERT V. COATES 4	FREDERICK TOWNSEND ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. OXLEY.

First peal as a conductor. * First peal, and first lady to ring a peal on the above bells. † First peal away from the tenor.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE PETTER Treble	HARRY BURDOCK 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
GEORGE W. STEERE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss I. Charman (daughter of Mr. W. Charman, conductor of the local company) and Mr. P. Cooper.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	*WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
*JOSEPH BARRETT 3	ALFRED PYE 7
*ERNEST FORBANK 4	HENRY T. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HARRY OVERTON... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method, and first peal since 1912. First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the tower, and Mr. Mercer for his attention to the bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
*FRED BOWDEN 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE PULLINGER 4	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. Rung after unavoidably meeting short for London Surprise.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE. — On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,312 London Surprise Major: O. H. Giles 1, R. Brown 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, T. R. Taylor 5, F. W. Rogers 6, D. C. Williams 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	JOHN EXCELL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY,

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	THOMAS JULL 6
EDWARD H. SPICE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	GEORGE H. SPICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This was Thomas Jull's 50th peal in this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITMINSTER GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON Treble	JESSE GILLET 4
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 2	ALFRED HANNIS 5
JOHN AUSTIN 3	HERBERT BECKETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

These bells have just been rebung and the tenor recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the 'go' of the bells is all that could be desired.

TIMSBURY, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 30 of Grandsire Doubles.

W. A. YOUNG Treble	WM. YOUNG 4
F. J. L. BROWN 2	R. T. CLARK 5
J. FEAR 3	G. M. HASELL Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. C. R. Meade-King, M.A.), on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN WORMAN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

FULBECK, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTH Treble	HARRY BARNES 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
GEORGE SCOTT 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY Treble	*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	*GEORGE ADDISON 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

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

BURSLEM, STAFFS.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Duke of York, Violet and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

HAROLD WHITFIELD Treble	*HARRY BOX 4
ERNEST GATER 2	THOMAS HILDITCH 5
THOMAS HURD 3	*PHILIP KELSALL Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung at this church by an entirely local band. * First peal with a bob bell.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. B. Cartwright 1, G. E. Large 2, B. W. Witchell 3, L. S. Griffiths 4, A. T. Scrivens 5, W. C. Dowling 6, James George (composer and conductor) 7, S. Coley 8. Rung specially in honour of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger's actual birthday.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

TOM TEBBUTT	...	...	Treble	CYRIL MALBY	...	...	3
THOMAS WISE	...	...	2	HORACE G. JOHNSON	...	...	4
			†RAYMOND MALBY	...	Tenor		

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER	...	...	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	...	...	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	...	...	3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON	...	...	7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on December 20th. The attendance was very poor, the towers represented being Rawmarsh, Killamarsh, Handsworth, Doncaster, Conisboro', Headingley, Arksey and Rotherham Parish Church. A short meeting was held in the ringing chamber, at which Messrs. A. Stamp and J. Adams, of Rotherham, and P. Gledson, of Conisboro', were elected members of the association, and an invitation to hold the annual meeting of the division was received from All Saints', Sheffield. This was accepted, the date being fixed for March 21st.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT WEST WYCOMBE.

CEREMONY PERFORMED BY THE MAYOR.

At West Wycombe Church, on Sunday, December 21st a board was unveiled and dedicated, commemorating the first eight-bell peal rung in the tower—Stedman Triples on December 16th, 1923. The ceremony was performed by the Mayor of High Wycombe, in the presence of a large congregation which gathered to honour the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Martin, who devoted a long life to public work in the parish. The board was presented by his son in memory of his father, and is a handsome piece of work carved out of fine old English oak. It is surmounted by eight bells, and the inscription in gold letters is as follows:—

'Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. This tablet commemorates the first eight-bell peal rung in this tower, 16 December, 1923. 5,040 Stedman Triples, Thurstan's Four-Part: Fred Hayes Treble; G. Twitchen, 2; Ralph Coles, 3; Arthur J. Hoing, 4; Edward Markham, 5; Sidney T. Goodchild, 6; John Evans, 7; Wm. Coles, tenor. Conducted by John Evans. Presented November, 1924, by Thomas G. Martin, in memory of his father, Thomas Martin, of Downley. Ob.: August 30th, 1919. Rev. H. Pickles (Vicar), Sir John Dashwood, Bart., W. A. Day (churchwardens).'

The Mayor eulogised the work done for West Wycombe by the late Mr. Martin, who, he said, spent a good and profitable life devoted to the service of doing his best for his fellow men.

The Vicar (the Rev. Harold Pickles) also referred to the great esteem in which Mr. Martin was held, and remarked that it was a coincidence that the last two bells added to their tower were dedicated to the memory of the Mayor's ancestor, and now the peal tablet to the memory of Thomas Martin. They would notice that at the top of the peal board there were carved eight bells, representing the number which they had in their tower, and he had no hesitation in saying that the whole was a splendid piece of workmanship, and the gift, unselfishly made, would be a credit to their belfry. He saw there that day members of the High Wycombe belfry, and many others would have been present had it been possible. But the presence of that great congregation showed that the memory of Thomas Martin still lived amongst them. They had been privileged to take part that afternoon in the dedication of a memorial not only to their Parish Church, but above all to do honour to the memory and unselfish spirit of Thomas Martin.

The Vicar then recited the dedicatory prayers, and after the service many of the congregation inspected the tablet as it stood in the chancel.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The old Union Youths' jug which played a conspicuous part of the old Bristol Union Youths Society will be on view at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Dinner on January 10th by kind permission of the owner. Those who desire to attend this dinner should make immediate application, as there are only a few tickets left.

At the advanced age of 75 years, Mr. George Williams, senr., the towerkeeper at Gresford, Denbighshire, has rung his first peal of Major. In ringing, it is never too late to begin, and it would be interesting to know if anyone else has rung his first peal of Major at this age.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Sheffield Cathedral on Boxing Day was rung after short for Treble Bob Maximus. The band, through some oversight, also had the novel experience of ringing the peal by candlelight, as all the other lights had been switched off in the Cathedral, which was locked up.

A peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hours 24 minutes on January 4th, 1784.

St. Martin's Youths rang a round 8,000 of Grandsire Major, at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, on January 4th, 1794.

January 4th is the anniversary of the death of James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, who died in 1818 at the age of 93 years.

The first 'John' peal was rung on January 2nd, 1904. It was a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, London.

On January 6th, 1851, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques, then the longest length, was rung at Cripplegate, London.

What was claimed to be the first true peal of Norwich Court Bob in London was rung at Bethnal Green on January 7th, 1788.

The first peal on the bells (Grandsire Cinques) at Cirencester was rung by the College Youths on January 7th, 1767. Cirencester's bells were the second ring of twelve in the country.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your 'Leader' of this week's issue on the above subject you state, 'The further alternative of Kidlington has been put forward.' I would like to point out that Kidlington was the original suggestion by Mr. W. Brown on February 22nd.

With reference to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's letter: Had the decision of the committee met with anything like the unanimous approval of the large number of fingers interested, 'no good purpose could have been served' by my previous letter.

Banbury.

MAURICE SMITH.

SHUNTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At last the murder is out. And it is neither caused by loss of blood, nor, I hope, by a 'cut.'

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies says that from the days of his boyhood he has 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.

But this is not a shunt at all, the right name for it is 'switching.' A 'switch' is a piece of parallel rails hinged at one end, and with points at the other. As these points are 'switched' or moved on their hinges, from one pair of lines to the other, so the train running over them is switched over, or left to run straight on. If the new pair of rails is another line, there is no shunt at all. If, however, they lead only to a siding, then a train, diverted by the switch, is shunted, in order to let something else pass.

It will be seen that there are three essential parts to the idea of a shunt. (1) That which is shunted must have its course broken, but not altered or transferred to another line; (2) something else must be allowed to pass; (3) that which is shunted must resume its former course, after the shunt, exactly as it would have done had there been no shunt.

No explanation of a shunt that has yet appeared in your columns fulfils any of these requirements. It is clear that Mr. Davies is thinking of something quite different. Mr. Powell says the shunted train is ready as a whole to start off 'on another set of rails.' And Mr. Baker says, 'We are doing the same thing all the time.' How can a train be shunting 'all the time'?

I do not think Mr. Davies can be really blamed, as he modestly calls it his 'private name,' showing some doubt as to its correctness. And I think he would be the first to agree, that if he really meant a 'switching Bob' when he wrote a 'Shunting Bob,' on page 196 of 'Grandsire,' he describes actually a different operation from that which he intended to explain.

HERBERT DRAKE.

TEN BELL TOWERS. STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

[By J. R. JERRAM.]

The tower contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 24 cwt., note E. They were given by Theodore Eccleston, of Crowfield Hall, in 1742, but several of the bells have been since recast. Their history is fully set forth in the inscription on the ninth bell. These bells bear the following inscriptions at the present time:

- Treble, Second and Fourth.* T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.
Third. DANL. WADE. AGED 80 YEARS. WM. LAST, TWO OF THE PARISH RINGERS. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.
Fifth. WM. BANYARD & SAML. DAVIE. CH: WARDENS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1770.
Sixth. JOB ROPER, JOHN BLONFIELD. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.



STONHAM ASPAL CHURCH.

- Seventh.* REVD. THOS. METHOLD. RECTOR, WM. TAYLOR & SAML. FORD, CHURCHWARDENS. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.
Eight. THOMAS LESTER MADE ME, 1746.
Ninth. IN THIS TOWER HUNG 5 BELLS, THE TENOR WEIGHING 10 HUN. 2 QRS. 0 LB. IN THE YEAR 1742 THEY WERE TAKEN DOWN & WITH YE ADDITION OF 3 TONS 10 HUN. OF METTLE WERE RECAST INTO TEN AT YE EXPENCE OF THEODORE ECCLESTON, ESQRE., OF CROWFIELD HALL, AGED 27 YEARS. HE GAVE ALSO A NEW FRAME ATT YE SAME TIME, 1742. THOMAS LESTER MADE US ALL.
Tenor. THEODORE ECCLESTON, ESQRE., GAVE ME, 1742. THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME, 1745. JOHN WILLIAMS HANGED ME. THE END CROWNS THE WORK.

Theodore Eccleston also gave several, if not all, the bells at Coddenham; also two bells to Fulham, and two to Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson published a short sketch of his life in 'The Ringing World' in August, 1912, from which it appears that he was born September 11th, 1715. He was married at Mortlake to Catherine Jacomb, on April 24th, 1746. They had only one child, who died in infancy.

He was a member of the Society of Eastern Scholars, and rang the tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters on November 28th, 1735; just after the new peal of twelve, cast by Samuel Knight, had been hung there. He was elected a member of the College Youths in 1744, and served the office of Master in 1750.

His name appears on an old peal board at Coddenham in a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, November 9th, 1742. He died in 1753, and was buried at Mortlake on January 14th in that year.

It may be added that he also gave a treble and second to Mortlake Parish Church in 1746, thereby augmenting the peal to eight. The treble was afterwards recast by Robert Catlin in 1784.

I have no record of any peal boards at Stonham Aspal. If there are any it would be interesting if some correspondent would furnish copies of them.

DEATH OF MR. W. CRANE, Jun., OF BANGOR.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Crane, junr., which took place on Sunday, December 7th, at 2, Lanygraig Glanadda, Bangor, North Wales, at the early age of 40 years. Deceased was the son of Mr. W. Crane, an esteemed member of St. David's Society. In his early days he was a member of the Cathedral

choir, and was 'top boy' for many years. From his early days he was interested in bells, and was a regular member in the belfry. His peals, numbering 41, comprised Grandsire Doubles, 1; Minor in 4 methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 16; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 7; Treble Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 2. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, and will be sadly missed in the belfry.

He leaves a widow and two sons, with whom much sympathy has been shown.

The funeral took place on December 11th, at Ginnadda Cemetery. His fellow workmen were the bearers from the house to St. David's Church, while the ringers carried the coffin from the church to the cemetery. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. W. M. Morgan Jones, officiated at the impressive choral service, at which the Nunc Dimittis was sung to a chant composed by the Vicar. The organist played the Dead March in 'Saul' at the conclusion of the service; at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by W. T. Pegler 1-2, J. H. Midwinter 3-4, A. J. Hughes 5-6, A. E. Pegler 7-8. Afterwards, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells failed, after one hour's ringing, owing to a miss call. The whole 'pull and stand' was afterwards rung. The bells were also rung muffled for the services on the following Sunday, and reference was made to the deceased by the Rev. W. M. Morgan Jones in his sermon at the English service at 7 o'clock.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Cardiff on Boxing Day, when the bells of St. John's were available for ringing from mid-day, full advantage being taken of the opportunity thus afforded. The committee meeting took place in the vestry prior to the service at 4 o'clock, the latter being conducted by the curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

The business meeting followed in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. D. McGregor (curate). After the minutes had been read, he mentioned that he regretted having to leave to keep an appointment. Mr. Evan Davies, the first Master of the Association, who was on a visit from Carmarthen, was, therefore, unanimously voted to the chair.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Mr. W. Phillips, of Newport, Master; Mr. J. W. Jones re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Atwell and Greedy, auditors; Mr. F. Atwell, Mr. W. Bolton, Mr. G. Cooke, Mr. R. Cooke, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. S. Rackham and Mr. Taylor, were elected on the management committee.

Meetings were arranged as follows: The annual to be at St. Woolos, Newport; the Llandaff Archdeaconry quarterly meeting to be held at Gantwit Major; the Monmouth Archdeaconry quarterly meeting to be held at Trevechin, Pontypool.

Instructors' reports were dealt with, good progress being reported from Machen, where Mr. A. Slatter is the instructor.

It was reported that the necessary renovation had been carried out at Merthyr, and all was now in first-class order.

Quite a number of new members were elected. The visitors included Mr. Geo. W. Stokes, of Eastbourne.

The Hon. Secretary then introduced the question of the proposed memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook, and after a few remarks touching on the extraordinary abilities of Mr. Washbrook, read out the circular letter sent out by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It was unanimously carried that the sum of five guineas be subscribed to the fund.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A BOXING DAY MEETING.**

The ringing meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks branch on Boxing Day was favoured by the weather, the sun being very much on the scene. Old Windsor, Clewer, Braywood, Bray, White Waltham and Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, were visited, and the following methods were rung and well struck: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced Minor, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major.

That great explorer and tenor historian from 'somewhere in Wilts' was present, and his infectious chuckle was greatly in evidence, after his first touch of Spliced Minor.

An exceptionally well-laid table awaited the party at Boyne Hill, and tea was served by Mr. L. W. Copsey, ably assisted by his youngest daughter.

After ringing, the company returned to the hall, where the remainder of the provisions were disposed of, and an impromptu concert was kept going for about two hours. The excellent singing of the Cookham band was a great feature, whilst the handbell ringing of the Stoke Poges party 'passed with a push.'

Those members who were unable to be present missed a most enjoyable day.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th, about 40 members attending from the following towers: Prittlewell, Romford, Efield, Bentley, Braintree, Maldon, Leytonstone, and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Lees), who also took the chair at the tea and meeting which followed at the Church Hall. Two ringing members were elected and one honorary life member.—The election of three non-resident members previous to a peal was confirmed.—The Vicar was elected an hon. member.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at West Ham.

Mr. A. Prior was re-elected Master, and Mr. E. J. Butler was elected secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting. He also thanked the retiring officers for their services during the past year.

The retiring Secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. C. Ringe for arranging the meeting, and to Miss M. Crow for the excellent tea which was provided.

The tower was again visited, and various touches were brought round, including a course each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

**THE TASK OF THE INSTRUCTOR.
HELPING YOUNG BANDS.**

The monthly 'fraternal' and smoking concert of Devon ringers took place on Saturday, December 13th, at Franklin Hall, Exeter, after the Cathedral Guild practice. This was the third of the series, which Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary of the Exeter district, has organised, and these gatherings have met with great success. The Rev. K. A. Luke (Vicar of Heavitree) presided, and an enjoyable programme of music was provided, Mr. H. E. Kingdon contributing some Devonshire yarns and ditties. Mr. T. Laver opened an interesting discussion on 'How best can we instruct our young bands?' and some most helpful suggestions were put forward out of the experiences of the speakers. The chairman ably summed up the discussion from his own standpoint, adding some useful advice.

The debate was opened by Mr. T. Laver, honorary secretary of the Exeter Cathedral company, who dealt with the difficulties of teaching change ringing to the two classes of beginners; the existing round ringers with their prejudice against scientific change ringing; and the young hand who come fresh to the belfry without any such prejudice. He urged the necessity for breaking the 'round ringers' of their hurdy-gurdy style, which gave no open leads, the advantage of black-board illustration on the methods of producing changes and of handbell practice, although, he added, that if one had to start from the beginning with the handbell ringing it would probably not be worth doing, for round ringers did not take readily, as a rule, to handbells. Lads of 14 to 16 gave an instructor a better chance of turning out a good band, as they had nothing to unlearn, and were generally more tractable and willing to be taught than older men. Handbells could be made a great help in the instruction of lads.

With round ringers, a good deal of persuasion and coaxing would be necessary on the part of the instructor, but with youngsters a more peremptory manner was possible, although with all it was necessary to have tact, and make a careful study of the temperament and ability of the pupils. Practice should be made as attractive as possible, because nothing hindered progress so much as irregular attendance, and at certain stages one absentee could spoil a night's practice for all the others. Mr. Laver went on to emphasise the importance of impressing pupils with the necessity of regular attendance in the belfry, and the steady of change ringing at home. The instructor's task would not always be an easy one but if he carried on his work impartially and considerably many of his difficulties would smooth themselves out. He would need to be endowed with much patience and discernment, and should not too hastily form an opinion as to the ability of an apparently backward pupil. Seemingly dull-witted ones have been known to blossom out all at once into quite brilliant ringers, as if a sudden revelation had come to them, like a dream or the opening up of a dormant brain cell. Therefore, the instructor should not be too ready to reject a dullard as a useless adjunct to his band, without giving him a fair trial. There were, however, some who could never make ringers, although they did not generally realise their disability themselves, and it would only be wasting time to go on trying to teach them. The instructor must use his discrimination, and if he could afford to do so, give such a one a hint to drop out of the band. The instructor would meet with disappointments and set-backs, but should not be discouraged. If he kept steadily on he might have the satisfaction of turning out a band who were a credit to his Guild, and when the day came that he could hear his pupils striking a touch faultlessly, then he might well be proud of the result of his efforts—something akin to the pride a gardener might feel when he got a good crop from his own efforts at cultivation. Even if the band never reach fruition, but only got so far and then became dispersed, he might have been the means of turning out one or two ringers who might go away and be a help in some other tower.

LADIES' GUILD.

The Midland district of the Ladies' Guild had a very good meeting at Coseley on Saturday, December 13th. Members were present from Smethwick, Solihull, Netherton, Old Hill and Handsworth. The local ringers had the bells going when the visitors arrived, and helped the ladies to keep them moving throughout the afternoon. Mr. E. T. Allaway and Mr. J. E. Groves also helped to give the ladies some practice.—The Vicar (the Rev. Jones) gave a very helpful address at the service, at which the Guild's form was used. Afterwards a rush was made to the Schoolroom, where a splendid tea was waiting, and to which ample justice was done by the company of 35 who sat down.

A new life member was elected, in Mrs. J. Price, of Coseley.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Law for her service at the organ to Mr. and Mrs. Gough, and the other ladies, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Monday December 8th, on the occasion of a wedding at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. J. Symons 1. T. R. Taylor 2. C. Graves 3. J. Topp 4. W. Tate 5. R. J. Stone 6. F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7. E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. S. Powell is wrong once again. If he will look up what I have written of London Surprise Royal and Maximus he will find I have stated that London Royal is a seven-part touch, London Maximus a five-part touch, and I can prove the truth of these facts just as easily as I have proved that the Minor and Major are one and the same method.

Some methods will extend with coursing order lead heads, some will not, and the most that I have ever claimed is, to have discovered the nearest possible to what London Royal and Maximus should be, and I have still another method that more nearly approximates to the real method, than anything discovered previously.

I am pleased that Mr. Trollope agrees I am wasting my time in arguing with people of the calibre of the great little We. This being mutually understood, I shall now have leisure to give the Exercise some results of my discoveries during the past thirty years, and these will be practical results, not theoretical.

When your readers have scanned what follows, I think they will realise, if my opponents do not, that the poor ignorant 'Mr. —', who has just brains enough to write down figures, and no eyes to see anything further, is not quite as ignorant as he has been made out to be.

The great little We, the clever men with logical minds, they make mystery where there is no mystery, they formulate arbitrary definitions, and then talk and write of mathematical truth and progression, of the cyclical path of the treble among the working bells, of coursing order, of constructional shunts, etc., etc., they have studied double shunts to the exclusion of single shunts, and they have but a very vague idea of how the double shunts are produced.

The following 6 shunts can be made in the Quick Principle or in the Treble Bob Principle, either as single shunts or in pairs:—

Lead head.

Quick 4th's over the Treble going up produces 12547386
Quick 3rd's under the Treble going up produces 16325478
Slow 5th's over the Treble going up produces 12547683
Slow 4th's under the Treble going up produces 18325476
Quick 6th's over the Treble going up produces 12547638
Quick 5th's under the Treble going up produces 17325486

If we want to find the result of pairing the single shunts all we have to do is to transpose the first by the second, the third by the fourth, the fifth by the sixth.

12547386 transposed by 16325478 produces 13527486
12547683 transposed by 18325476 produces 13527486
12547638 transposed by 17325486 produces 13527486

The above double shunts are those that produce the first half-lead of Double Dublin Court Bob.

When the great little We reach this far they come to a full stop, and they think and say they have discovered all there is to be discovered in the matter of method construction; in some curious fashion of their own they want to treat every method as though it were produced by double shunts, whether there are any double shunts in it or not.

Have they discovered all? We shall see. We will take the first two shunts again.

12547386 transposed by 16325478 produces 13527486
12547386 transposed by 13567284 produces 15738264
12547386 transposed by 15738642 produces 17856342
12547386 transposed by 17854326 produces 18674523
12547386 transposed by 18472563 produces 16482735
12547386 transposed by 14286735 produces 14263857
12547386 transposed by 12643857 produces 12345678

If the first transposition 13527486 is a constructional shunt, perhaps the great little We will explain to the Exercise the category the remaining five coursing rows come under?

The two following rows 15327486 and 12537486 are the 10th and 12th shunts of first variation of London that I gave, they are also the 10th and 12th shunts of London Surprise Major and London Thorpe.

15327486 transposed by 12537486 produces 15738264, so we only require two shunts out of twenty-two to bring up the lead head of the first Variation of London given, but 15738264 is not the only coursing row that can be got by transposing 15327486.

15327486 transposed by 13245678 produces 13527486
15327486 transposed by 12537486 produces 15738264
15327486 transposed by 15728364 produces 17856342
15327486 transposed by 17856243 produces 18674523
15327486 transposed by 18674532 produces 16482735
15327486 transposed by 16483725 produces 14263857
15327486 transposed by 14362857 produces 12345678

Again, I have no doubt the Exercise would like it explained, if the first row is a constructional shunt, what category do the remaining five coursing rows come under?

Here is something for the great little We to ponder over: there is not a single shunt that can be made in the Primary Principles or the Treble Bob Principle that cannot be transposed similarly. —

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Christmas morning, at 6.30, 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, A. Woolston 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas morning, for the 8 a.m. service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: L. Lammond 1, W. Pierce 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Barber 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.—For the 11 a.m. service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples.—For the carol service, on Sunday evening, December 28th, 252 Stedman Triples and 168 Grandsire Triples.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, after morning service, several six-scores of Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. Also for afternoon service, on December 28th, 960 April Day, Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, T. Crane 3, F. Peck 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Jolly 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Christmas morning, for service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): V. W. Rigg 1, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 2, G. A. Martineau 3, Stan. Bragg 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Brass 7, S. Bragg 8, R. Bragg 9, A. Bragg 10.

BROSELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Christmas Day (in the afternoon), in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (being ten and a half 120's each called differently): J. Smith 1, W. Garbett 2, A. J. Garbett 3, W. Saunders (conductor) 4, B. Meredith 5, J. Hartshorn 6. Also 120 with B. Garbett and W. D. Wase taking part. Also two 120's on handbells: W. Wase 1—2, Wm. Saunders 3—4, Bert Meredith (conductor) 5—6; and a plain course of Grandsire Triples.

ISLEWORTH.—On Christmas morning, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, W. H. Lidbetter 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brook 8.

STAFFORD.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. A. J. Yeates 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, J. Warrilow 3, A. H. Taylor 4, W. H. Jones 5, W. G. Curtis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, R. B. Siberry 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Christmas Day, for 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, G. Large 3, W. Richards 4, E. Slitch 5, E. Coombes (conductor) 6, A. Parnell 7, John Bovey (first quarter-peal) 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: W. A. Hunnisett 1, J. H. Hunnisett 2, H. A. Harding 3, A. J. Moore 4, A. M. Stacey 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. This was the 100th quarter-peal rung in the tower since the present band was formed.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's Church, for early Communion service, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, A. J. Le Clercq 4, E. Clapham 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Allwood 1, S. H. Ward 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, L. Payne 8.

OLD CUSTOM AT DARLINGTON.

On Christmas Eve a very old custom of ringing the bells of the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert (which is situated in the market-place) while the townspeople are marketing and shopping, was kept up. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, and also 840 Stedman Triples. The following ringers took part: T. Clark and L. Venus (St. Cuthbert's), W. Oliver, W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, W. N. Park and R. Park (Holy Trinity), W. D. Lister, A. Hunter and H. Taylor (St. John's), and E. Titt. The touches were conducted by T. Clark (Grandsire), W. N. Park (Bob Major), and W. H. Porter (Stedman).

REDENHALL BELLS RE-OPENED.

On Boxing Day, the eight bells of Redenhall Church were open for ringing, after rehanging by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. About 50 ringers were present from Alburgh, Bungay, Cratfield, Chediston, Dickleburgh, Diss, Eye, Framlingham, Fressingfield, Finborough, Halesworth, Mendham, Pulham, Norwich, Stowmarket, Thornham, Tibenham, South Cross, Westminster, Wingfield and Wissett, and touches were rung in various methods. The visitors were all pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and the tone of the recast third and fourth.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, December 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Prior 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Kemp ringing the 6th; the rest standing as above.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Sibley 1, W. H. Austin 2, F. Hopper 3, W. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. First quarter of Stedman by the ringer of the treble.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning, December 28th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, T. Beadle 2, A. Harding 3, E. F. Cole 4, A. Beckensale 5, W. H. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, W. H. Hollier 7, H. Brooks 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: J. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmor 3, H. G. Owen 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Folkard 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Page 10.

KELVEDON.—On Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: F. Dale, senr., 1, F. Dale, junr., 2, W. Keeble 3, J. Elliott 4, L. Clarke 5, W. Elliott (conductor) 6.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Original Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings: J. Townsend (conductor) 1, W. Stackford 2, A. Turner 3, C. Yates 4, T. Tebbutt 5. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, December 21st, at the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, 1,299 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. E. Reeves 1, W. A. Cave (conductor) 2, E. J. Riddler 3, G. Gilbert 4, C. H. Gordon 5, C. H. Jennings 6, W. Knight 7, F. J. Davey 8, J. A. Burford 9, U. Braven 10. Also two courses, with H. Bennett 1, C. H. Tomkins 2, A. E. Reeves 10, the rest as before. Arranged for Mr. Davey, of Exeter Cathedral.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday evening, Dec. 21st (St. Thomas's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Avis 1, Miss D. Tall 2, R. J. Tall 3, P. Graves 4, R. Smith 5, W. J. Beer 6, R. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge (Rector), who on St. Thomas's Day, 1884, was ordained priest at Rochester Cathedral.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Vale 1, H. Kemp 2, T. Napper 3, W. Colwell 4, H. Taylor 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6, A. Bushnell 7, J. Bushnell 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Small 1, D. Booth 2, E. Mills 3, F. Morgan 4, C. Creasey 5, G. Mills 6, T. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on December 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Richards 1, R. McMillan 2, J. V. Humphreys (conductor) 3, H. Roberts 4, J. Owen 5, F. J. Williams 6, H. McMillan 7, P. Roberts 8. Also 168, conducted by J. Owen.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service, rung in 46 mins.: H. Sargeant 1, S. Sargeant 2, P. A. Dale 3, F. E. Fardley 4, H. Allcock 5, J. Prohett 6, S. Cardell (conductor) 7, W. H. Degg 8.

PRESTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: G. Hewitt 1, R. Clayton 2, T. Lucas 3, J. H. Gartside 4, F. Rigby (conductor) 5, W. Blackledge 6, H. Southworth 8. This is the first 720 in the method, for service, by the local band.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent, on Sunday, Dec. 14th, 435 Stedman Caters and 324 Grandsire Caters: H. Sargeant 1, H. Allcock 2, S. Sargeant 3, E. Eardley 4, P. Dale 5, H. Cordall 6, G. Jones 7, J. Prohett 8, S. Cardell (conductor) 9, W. Degg 10.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—For Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday, on Monday, December 1st, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,284 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. A. Poulson 3, L. Poulson 4, E. F. Mortlock 5, F. A. Turner 6, A. Symonds 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Monday, December 23rd at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, E. Jeffery (first quarter in method) 3, G. Cook 4, G. Wiggins 5, H. Egby 6, E. Humphrey 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt, who was Vicar of St. Giles for eight and a half years, and whose death took place at Tiddington, near Oxford.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Wednesday, Dec. 17th, in 49 mins., at St. Botolph's Church, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: J. M. Rylatt (conductor) 1, C. Wright 2, F. Dewey 3, J. Norton 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Battle 6, R. Howard 7, F. Blanchard 8. Longest touch by all except ringers of 1 and 2 on these bells.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—For evening service, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Belcham (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Dudley 2, L. Baybut 3, S. Baybut 4, J. Barrett 5, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 6, E. Furbank 7, L. H. Page 8. First in the method by ringers of 3rd 4th and 5th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On December 10th, for confirmation, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): E. Heath 1, F. Radford 2, E. Etheridge 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, E. Radford 5, G. J. Nichols 6, G. Tomsett 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticnap 10.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Lucas 1, H. H. Chandler 2, Miss P. Moss 3, F. Corke 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphries 8.

GREAT TEW BELLS RE-OPENED.

RETUNED AND REHUNG.

An impressive service took place at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Great Tew, on Sunday, December 21st, when the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, rededicated the bells.

The beautiful peal of eight has been retuned and rehung in a double tier of cast-iron and steel frames by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, under the able superintendence of Mr. Jesse B. Tyler. The work has been carried out according to the most approved and up-to-date principles, the ball bearings, which have been fitted, making the ringing of the bells much easier.

It is interesting to note that the greater number of the bells were cast in 1709 (in the reign of Queen Anne), a time noted in church history as being full of promise for the spiritual life of the church until the deadening effects of the Whig administrations under the early Georges cast its blighting effects on the Church of England, suppressing her vocations and paralysing her efforts.

The dedication of the bells took place after the second lesson, which was read by Canon Carrol, of Barton, the service being intoned by the Vicar, and prayers read by him. The Bishop, preceded by the two churchwardens (Mr. Singleton and Mr. Legge), then proceeded to the base of the tower, where the bell ropes were hanging. Mr. Tyler, representing the firm of Mears and Stainbank, then handed the ropes to the churchwardens, who, in their turn, handed them to the Bishop with a request to dedicate the bells to God's service. The Bishop, after the prayers of dedication, placed the ropes in the hands of the incumbent, giving the bells into his charge.

This part of the service was immediately followed by the ringing of the bells for two or three minutes, in the presence of the congregation.

The Bishop took for his text, 'Rejoice in the Lord always,' from Philip. iv. 4, being part of the epistle for the day. The Bishop said it was not only at Christmas and other great festivals they were told to rejoice, but always. The work of the Redeemer should always give us cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing. They especially rejoiced that day because of the restoration of the tower and the rehanging and retuning of their splendid peal of bells. They possessed a beautiful church in a picturesque village. The ringing of those bells reminded them of their duty as Christians to assemble together and rejoice in their public worship. The bells awoke pleasant memories, and though they were also used on sad occasions, yet their prevailing notes were those of joy and gladness. The work they had undertaken to bring about such a happy result had, he said, been a considerable effort for a small place; £1,100 had been required, and there yet remained £180 to complete that sum. They fortunately had been greatly assisted by kind benefactors living outside the parish.

After the service, some change ringing was carried out by visiting ringers, including members of the Chipping Norton band.

BLACKPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to report the death, at Blackpool, on December 15th, of Mr. J. R. ('Joe') Winter, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. Winter had been a ringer at St. John's Church, Blackpool, for 53 years, and will be well remembered by a large number of the ringers who have visited Blackpool. He always rang the tenor bell, and so recently as August, 1923, he rang his first peal. He continued to take an active part in ringing until about a month before his death. Mr. Winter was not a noted peal ringer, but nevertheless, his heart was in the pursuit. He will be much missed by his brother ringers at St. John's Church.

A wreath in the form of a bell was sent by the wardens, sidesmen, and ringers of St. John's. The ringers also attended the funeral, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

Dear Editor,—I trust you will not be 'exceeding wroth' with ye graceless one, and I venture again to trespass on your space to publish my best wishes for '25, and my hopes that for the whole Exercise it will prove a glorious vintage. I did discuss ye vintage '24 with ye Beste of Spouses, and ye battles fought and won in its course, and did hope for more progress in '25. But ye goode Dame did but opine—Yes, Peppery, you have walked many distances after your bent, but an ye get some of your friends, one at least, to show you how to call Sledman Cinques for Miles it would save your legs an aching. Ye have done some trifling things no doubt, so just get someone to show you how to Peck big lumps off Twelve Bell records, and indeed 'twould be to your benefit if someone will Nudge your ability to ring light bells through long peals without getting the Umph! And let ye year of grace '25 bring its own reward to those who remember that years only make men older. 'Tis great doers that make years memorable, so this coming year—

Here's twall on us;
May we niver want nowt,
Noan on us,
Nor me noalther.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

BELL RESTORATION AT HORBURY, YORKS.

On Saturday, December 13th, the bells of SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, Horbury, were again set in motion, after a silence of about six months. They have been thoroughly overhauled, put on latest type of ball bearings, and all modern improvements installed. In the carrying out of this work, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have upheld their reputation.

A service of thanksgiving was held in church, when the Vicar (Canon Hill) gave a most interesting address, showing how a modern peal of bells could well be the ideal of all mankind, that is each being strictly in tune and true to itself, and also just as strictly in tune and true to its neighbours.

This was preceded by some excellent ringing by the Batley company. Tea followed in the Parish Hall, of which about 70 partook. Ringing in various Major and Minor methods was the order until half-past nine, ringers from Sandal, Kirkthorne, Huddersfield, Crofton, Wath, Pontefract, Wortley, Rawmarsh, Osselt, Mirfield, and the local company, all of whom expressed their approval of the excellent 'go' of the bells.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees to-day, Jan. 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available from 1.30 p.m. —A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—The new bells will be available for ringing, at 3.30, on Saturday, January 3rd. All ringers welcome.—J. Withers, Church Road, Northfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at Holy Trinity 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. —F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Service after meeting. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. —G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Tower open from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at the County Tavern, High Pavement, Nottingham, at 7.30 p.m., for the election of officers, etc., for 1925. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4.30 to 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for January:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday the 4th, at 10 a.m.; and Mondays the 5th, at 6.30, followed by Quarterly business meeting at 8 p.m., and the 19th at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday the 12th at 7.30. Annual General meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Please reserve date now.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

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: Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 6th; St. Magnus on the 8th and 22nd; *St. Mary le Bow on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, kindly provided

by the Vicar (Rev. J. Baghot de la Bere). Business meeting afterwards. Will all those who intend coming please notify me not later than the 6th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Browndge, R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 7 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, January 10th, 1925. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me by January 3rd.—F. Dentry, Hon. Secretary, Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Long 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. Meeting to follow tea.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at the Mitre Hotel at 5.30. Please send word not later than Jan. 6th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 10th, bells being available 3 p.m. Service. Tea, free to those notifying not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The fourth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. F. G. Leaker, Vice-chairman: Mr. W. Knight. Ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas (10 bells) 4 to 5.30 p.m. Stedman Caters and Double Norwich peals arranged (2.30 p.m.) for all who notify me early. There are only a few tickets left (6s.), and these can only be obtained from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Cross Keys Cafe. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual, but please let me know by the 7th those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Rector of Mereworth, after service. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Jan. 6th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Foundry bells open from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing year and general business, 4.30 p.m.; also other important business. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Graunds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on 17th January. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend coming please notify me by 15th January?—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Iron Room. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Jan. 16th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me? All members and friends are earnestly asked to attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who notify me of attending not later than Jan. 14th. The business meeting will commence at 7 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Expecting a good muster of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Cradley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know? Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

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.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1925, at 7.45. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. Tickets (3s. 9d. each) can now be obtained from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The Annual dinner will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Jan. 12th. Applications for tickets (3/-) should be made before January 8th to A. Gwynne, Hon. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

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