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#### THE 'EDUCATION' OF THE RINGER.

The subject of 'lectures' for ringers, which has been referred to once or twice recently in our columns, and to which another correspondent returns to-day, is a matter which is really worth serious consideration by those responsible for promoting the art of ringing. At present such teaching as is officially given by associations is limited almost entirely to the most elementary features of the art, and time and again we have pointed out the inadequacy of the system which is generally adopted. What usually happens when a band is placed under official tuition is that a competent ringer is sent to the tower to instil into a band of beginners the first principles of change ringing, which generally carries them to the length of ringing plain Doubles or Minor, and, in exceptional cases, perhaps, as far as, say, a peal of Grandsire. But when they have reached this fringe of the subject no more is done for the band 'officially.' Often, of course, the instructor will carry on, especially if he has a promising band not too difficult of access, but what we are now referring to is the 'official' attitude usually adopted. The point where most bands of beginners are left is about the equivalent to that of a child who has been taught how to spell simple words and is then told that, having been given a-start, he must now create his own enthusiasm and go on and learn by himself. For every band that goes on from the official instruction stage to become competent ringers in advanced methods there are a dozen who 'stick' just about where they are left.

What is wanted is a policy that will introduce 'continuation' classes, whereby beginners may be led on to greater things, and 'lectures' on various phases of ringing given at district meetings might well be one feature of this advanced education. There are many sides to our pursuit, among them the historical and the engineering, as well as the mathematical and the practical application of our art, and knowledge on all these could well be spread by means of papers read at meetings, and discussions upon the subjects dealt with. Such features could not but add to the general interest of meetings, as well as being of benefit to the individual. Something on these lines is being carried out successfully in the Exeter District of the Devon Guild—where, at the periodical 'fraternal' gatherings, there is always a discussion on some subject of mutual interest connected with ringing. The whole question, as we said at the beginning of this article, is well worth serious consideration by all associations, and doubtless there could be found connected with most, if not all, of our big societies men capable of preparing a paper on one of the many topics of interest to ringers.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 8
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 4	THOMAS MILLER ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11
ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT, M.A. 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

\* Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Recorder of Lincoln, and presiding Ringing Master of the Guild, which took place on January 8th, 1925.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

TREVERS PRICHARD ... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 6
* BASIL LATHAM ... .. 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 8
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 4	HARRY BARRETT ... .. 9
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5	* GEORGE LATHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Caters.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	* WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 3	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	* WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 9
* CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 5
JOHN CLARK ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4	JOHN HUSBANDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JNO. WILKINSON ... .. Treble	GEORGE WALKER ... .. 5
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 7
CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GEORGE M. HOBBS ... .. Treble	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 2	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. WAYMARK ... 3	EDWARD BRAY ... .. 7
ARTHUR K. GOWER ... .. 4	†CHARLES LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

\* First peal. † Re-elected member of Association. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Tom Lewis, father of tenorman, who has been a ringer for 66 years.

## NEWPORT, MON.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*ARTHUR GRIFFITHS ... .. Treble	REGINALD LEWIS ... .. 5
JOHN BULLEN ... .. 2	JOHN BUTLER ... .. 6
*FRED GREEDY ... .. 3	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7
FRED ATWELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled at the closing of the car. Arranged for Mr. John Butler, of Monkleigh, Torrington, North Devon, who is 74 years of age.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

SIDNEY BOORE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TYNDALL ... 5
ERNEST E. GOSLING ... .. 2	*FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
RONALD FRANKLIN ... .. 3	ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 7
ROBERT WOOD ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BERTON.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung on New Year's Eve, as a birthday peal for Mr. J. Guttridge, senr., and in honour of his daughter, Miss Lottie Guttridge's marriage to Mr. J. Rogers, which took place at the above church earlier in the day. \* First peal, and made a life member of the Guild before starting. First peal of Major by all except the ringers of 7th and tenor.

## WORSLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM JONES ... .. Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 5
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6
*JAMES HOWARTH ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
*JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 4	STANLEY HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*G. F. ALEXANDER, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE H. CORNER ... .. 5
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 2	MISS MARY STEPHENSON ... 6
*MISS DORIS BULMAN ... 3	WILLIAM H. BRECKON ... 7
ALBERT V. COATES ... .. 4	FREDERICK TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BRECKON.

\* First peal on tower bells. First peal on an inside bell by Miss M. Stephenson. The ringers of 4th, 5th and 7th are from Whitby.

## PRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, January 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

†FRED CHAMBERS ... .. Treble	TOM CHAMBERS ... .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 7
FRED HINDLE ... .. 4	*JAS. HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERS.

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

## EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOE HITCHMAN ... .. Treble	WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 5
JAMES BUTLER ... .. 2	ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 6
FREDERICK H. ABBOTT ... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7
H. KEITH WHITE ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. NAPPER.

\* First peal.

## FEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWIN WIFFEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEFLE ... .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
GEORGE MOSS ... .. 3	CYRIL PEASE ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEFLE

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble	JOHN YATES ... .. 5
WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2	ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4	*WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

William Leatherbarrow was proposed a member of the association before starting for the peal. \* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Also first peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. W. Whittenbury-Kaye, who has been Rector of Newchurch for nearly 27 years. He leaves shortly for Bridlington.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
JAMES BOLTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE ... Treble	ARTHUR TIMMINS ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2	EZRA HOMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... .. 4	HORACE DOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 71st birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, senr.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBORN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN P. FOULDS ... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 6
JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. 4	JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5
*WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... .. 2	JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. BASKILL ... .. 7
CHARLES L. ROULEDGE ... .. 4	RICHARD THOMPSON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung in honour of Mr. Keen's silver wedding. Rung on the 'Dixon' eight, and by all members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

J. G. GROVES' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICE ... .. Treble	HARRY ALLEN ... .. 5
JOHN WOOD ... .. 2	ALFRED RICHELL ... .. 6
ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
HARRY W. BUSH ... .. 4	*FRANK PAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The 'go' of the bells gave every satisfaction. Messrs. F. Payne and H. Allen were elected members before starting the peal. Six ringers belong to the local band, and Messrs. A. Head and J. Wood to Chelmsford.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JOHN ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 2	JOHN KEDFEARN BREARLEY ... 6
WILLIS WITHAM ... .. 3	OLIVER CANWOOD ... .. 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by G. HILL.

First peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RUSHWORTH ... 6
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 3	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	SAMUEL COLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD H. WITCHELL.

Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT W. WATTS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR JORDAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. 2	THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 6
GEORGE JORDAN ... .. 3	THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 7
WALTER PRIOR ... .. 4	†WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob inside.  
‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. It is 16 years since the last peal of Oxford was rung on these bells.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

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

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES S. GARD ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. WHITE ... .. 5
*FRANK ASHWORTH ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
JESSIE FRANCIS ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 7
*GEORGE E. WEBSTER ... .. 4	*EDWARD C. MARLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES PUMFREY ... .. Treble	†CHARLES ALLEN ... .. 5
*JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 6
*JOHN ROWLATT ... .. 3	*ARTHUR GRIFFIN ... .. 7
*FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4	*WILLIAM GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. All the above belong to the local band. First peal on the bells by a local band, and rung at the first attempt.

LEWES.—On Tuesday, December 30th, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Boyes 1, L. Boyes 2, D. White 3, W. Peeling 4, A. Scrivens 5, A. I. Turner 6, R. I. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. S. Steadman 8. Composed by W. Coombes, Cardiff.



## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	GEORGE HAWKINS ... 7
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 4	ERNEST NOY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

## GREAT MILTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	HARRY MILES ... 6
JACK JUDGE ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... 4	JOHN ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE  
WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

SAM GREENHALGH ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
HARRY CHAPMAN ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE POWNALL ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise in Wigan.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES BRIGGS ... Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
HARRY ARGYLE ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
Rev. R. P. FARROW ... 4	FRED H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the unveiling of the local war memorial. \* First peal of Surprise Major.

## MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

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

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

This is the first peal of Major in the method on the bells.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 7
* FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	HARRY COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

* ERNEST J. RUSHTON ... Treble	JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 5
GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... 3	ROLAND BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal (aged 14 years). First peal for all the band in three methods.

## KILNDOWN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

FRANK PATTENDEN ... Treble	* JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 3	* GEORGE WAGHORN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

\* First peal on an inside bell.

## FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. R. SMITH ... Treble	J. H. RAPER ... 4
A. E. BACON ... 2	† R. E. GREENACRE ... 5
* E. A. BULLOCK ... 3	W. N. USHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. E. GREENACRE.

\* First peal inside. † First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Marjorie Sporne to Mr. Frank Richardson, of London. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sporne for their hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

## THORNHAM MAGNA.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich, Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, and Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN ... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4
EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

## BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, December 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob, ten of Canterbury Pleasure, and thirty of Grandsire with sixteen different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. RUSHTON ... Treble	GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 5
* JOHN WORSEY ... 3	ROLAND BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, January 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Hornsey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: \*W. Blee 1, \*J. G. Nash 2, H. Blee 3, A. Howell 4, T. Langdon 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. \* First quarter of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss K. Ross, daughter of the conductor, which took place at the above church on this date.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD  
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph,

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

Being 12 six-scores each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS MAUD CLARKE... ..Treble	†MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 3
*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 2	DAVID SHATFORD ... .. 4
HARRY BAXTER ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by M. HOEBS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 100th peal.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

\* First peal.

SMARDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

*E. KING ... ..Treble	†G. W. GRANT ... .. 4
R. CORNES ... .. 2	W. BROWN ... .. 5
A. B. ALLCORN ... .. 3	*F. COOPER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. W. GRANT.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, two 720's of Woodbine, 720 of Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... ..Treble	FREDERICK WADE ... .. 4
ERNEST BAILEY ... .. 2	*ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung to welcome the new year, the peal coming into rounds punctually at midnight. \* 100th tower bell peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL ...Treble	HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Friday, Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung after meeting too late to attempt a peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street,

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

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. approx.

WALTER GLOVER... ..Treble	WALTER G. ASHBY ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JACK CARMAN ... .. 5
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM ROBINSON, JUN. Treble	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 4
CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. 2	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... .. 3
FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON, SEN. ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON, SEN.

\* First peal. Furness Woodend was elected a member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Tower of St. Mary,

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

Being 3 six-scores each of Old and Norfolk, 9 six-scores of Bob, and 27 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently.

E. LEONARD RISEBROW ...Treble	*FRANK N. GOLDEN ... .. 2—3
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 4—5	

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN. Witnessed by C. G. SILVER.

\* First peal as conductor.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At Malvern House, the Residence of Mr. T. Pilgrim,

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

Tenor, size 15 in A.

JACK PILGRIM ... .. 1—2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5—6
ROY PILGRIM ... .. 3—4	LEONARD W. BALE ... .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.  
Witness: MR. A. H. WESTON.

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LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Vicarage,

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

Being 720 each of London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 1—2	JOHN WOOLLEY ... .. 3—4
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At 61, New Park Street,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 10 in A.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7—8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9—10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.  
Umpire: R. F. ELKINGTON.

**THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at Cockermouth on Friday, January 2nd. Owing to the inclement weather it was impossible for the outlying towers to be represented, but there was a fair attendance from Keswick, Bridekirk and Cockermouth. The meeting was presided over by the president (the Rev. Canon Parker), supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Holmes, Cockermouth).

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 8s.

Mr. J. W. Brandwood (auditor) was elected a vice-president, and two performing members from Keswick were also elected.

It was decided to hold the annual ringing contest on Easter Monday at Crosthwaite Church (Keswick) for the 'Rawnsley' shield and medals.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells and room.

Afterwards there was some good practice on the tower bells of All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Woodbine Treble Bob being rung by mixed bands of the towers represented.

**LEYTONSTONE'S RECORD FOR 1924.**

The following is a list of eighty-two 720's rung at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, by the members of the St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone, and visiting friends, during 1924:—

Cambridge Surprise 7, Canterbury 5, Carlisle 5, Newcastle 5, Southwell 5, Beverley 4, Ipswich 4, London 4, Surfleet 4, York 4, Chester 3, Lincoln 2, Munden 2, Norfolk 2, Norwich 2, Primrose 2, Wearmouth 2, Wells 2, Alnwick 1, Berwick 1, Durham 1, Coldstream 1, Hexham 1, Lightfoot 1, Morpeth 1, Nethersale 1, Wooler 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 7.

The ringers were: W. Miller 78, E. D. Smith 66, W. Theobald 63, A. Prior 54, G. Dawson 53, P. H. Avey 48, J. Moule 41, G. L. Joyce 30, D. Vincent 11, W. Pyc 9, E. J. Butler 8, R. Molton 6, A. Reeve 5, C. T. Coles 4, E. Edwards 2, W. Arnold 2, G. A. Black 2, G. Hayden 2, W. Keeble 2, W. F. Sermons 2, W. Mansfield 2, J. Horwood 1, W. Brown 1.

The 720's were conducted by W. Miller 44, A. Prior 14, A. L. Joyce 12, G. Dawson 5, E. D. Smith 2, W. Keeble 2, J. Moule 1, C. T. Coles 1. One 720 of London was rung non-conducted. The total number of changes was 59,040.

**LADY RINGER'S WEDDING AT BUCKNALL**

On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, the wedding took place between Miss Alice Wheeldon, a member of the local company, and Scoutmaster William T. Clarkson, of the 1st Bucknall Brigade. Immediately after the ceremony the bells rang out merrily, short touches of Plain Bob and Firing and Cross changes being indulged in. After an interval of 45 minutes, while other weddings took place, 720 of Plain Bob was rung: R. Preston 1, C. Bowen 2, H. Billings 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston 6.

Tea was then partaken of by the ringers, as the guests of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeldon. A few short speeches were made, wishing the happy couple the best of luck in their married life.

Returning to the bellfry, 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced) was rung by R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, D. Preston 3, C. Preston 4, J. E. Wheeldon (Norton) 5, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 6. Later in the evening, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob was brought round: R. Preston 1, Alice Preston 2, C. Preston 3, C. Bowen 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, W. Wheeldon, senr., 6. The ringers then joined the wedding guests, and made merry until a late hour.

**CROYLAND ABBEY.**

Mr. J. R. Jerram, writes in reference to his recent article on the bells of Croyland Abbey, that Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, has forwarded to him the following particulars of the first and only peal rung on these bells:

'On Saturday, November 28th, 1894, was rung by members of the South Lincolnshire Association, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, 5,040 changes, viz., 4 six-scores of Canterbury, 4 six-scores of Bob Doubles, 24 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, by P. Cherrington 1, W. Ambrose 2, R. Wyche 3, Rev. H. Law James 4, C. R. Lilley 5. The first peal ever rung on these bells.'

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Cropwell Bishop, Notts, on December 27th, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to John Walker, one of the Cropwell band who was buried on that day, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles: W. Clarke 1, W. F. White (conductor) 2, T. Squires 3, W. White 4, L. Shelton 5. L. Shelton is one of the Cropwell band; the others are from Cotgrave.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recent references to Stonham Aspal bring from Mr. F. E. Dawe the intimation that he took part there, on Whitsun Monday, 1884, in a 5,000 Keat Treble Bob Royal, which was called by the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole. The brothers Motts were in the band, which was composed mainly of Ipswich men, and the tenor, which was not going well at the time, was rung by the oldest member of the party, Mr. Edward Reeve. At the time, it was said to be the first peal on the ten bells.

The College Youths rang the first peal of Cinques on the 19th January, 1724. The peal—Grandsire—was rung by a band which included Benjamin Annable, and Robert Catlin, the bell founder, and was 'ye first that was ever done.'

A peal of 'Garthings Trebles' was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, on January 20th, 1740.

On January 20th, 1777, the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 6,240 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch.

The first peal of Norwich Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on January 20th, 1817.

The Cambridge Youths rang a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great on January 21st, 1788.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1898. At that time it was believed to be the first, but a few years ago 'The Ringing World' was able to publish the record of a peal rung at Wakefield in 1822.

The anniversaries of the deaths of two noted ringers occur next week. Harry Bastable, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for eleven years, died on January 19th, 1899, aged 50; James Motts, of Ipswich, died on January 21st, 1923.

The 'Lynn Advertiser' of January 2nd, 1875, recorded the following: 'On Saturday, Robert Pamment, the chimier at St. Nicholas chapel, performed for two hours without intermission on the peal of eight bells, chiming a large number of changes in a very regular manner by pulling cords attached to the clappers of the bells.'

'According to custom,' said a Sittingbourne paragraph in a Kentish paper, 'our crack change ringers had a glorious time during the Christmas holidays. On Boxing Day the bells of St. Michael, Borden, and Tunstall, were pealing for hours. Darkness alone brought the ringing to a standstill.'

Now we know why Messrs. Cheesman and Co. did not ring all night. They cannot ring when darkness sets in.

In ringing the extra bell in the tower at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, January 3rd, in a peal of Stedman Triples, Mr. W. H. Barber has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower hung for ringing. This was the first peal of Triples on the light peal of eight, the only other peal rung on them having been one of Double Norwich at 'Peace' time.

## LECTURES FOR RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the various letters on the subject of composition and construction, and though these are all very interesting, and are necessary for the benefit of the Exercise, they are far above the heads of the average ringers who fail to grasp their meaning. The most lucid I have as yet seen is Mr. Trollope's most recent contribution on Q-sets. It is really a masterpiece in its explanatory sense. The suggestion thrown out in your issue of December 26th is no idle jest. If your experts would give lectures at meetings on 'How to call or conduct' by position, instead of looking to see if the ropes fall in their places, and the theory of 'in and out of course,' and then the construction of methods, it would greatly benefit the young Exercise, and the lecturer would be sure of an audience.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

## PRESENTATION AT ACTON.

After ringing for evensong on Sunday, the St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Acton, showed their appreciation of the happy hours they had spent in the tower with their captain (Mr. Robert Holloway), who has held the position now for 14 years.—Mr. Fruin, the oldest member, in presenting, on behalf of the band, an umbrella with a heavy silver band with initials, said their captain was one of the very best, and they all appreciated to the full what he had done for them, and the jolly times they have all had together.

Mr. Holloway, who was taken completely by surprise, replied by thanking everyone for the kind spirit shown in the gift. He hoped it was a good omen, and that the weather would improve. It was a curious thing, but only on the previous day his wife complained of the 'whiskers' developing round his old umbrella (laughter). He thanked them very much indeed, and at the same time assured the band that what had been done was a real pleasure, and a labour of love.

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Mr. Fruin for making the presentation.



## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

### GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS.

Attended with success equal to that of any previous year, the fourth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds took place on Saturday at the Grand Hotel. There was again a large gathering of ringers, and in addition to the numerous representatives of bands in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, there were visitors from London, Newport, Loughborough, Bridgend, etc. The arrangements had been made by a committee, consisting of Messrs. F. G. Leaker (chairman), W. Knight (vice-chairman), P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), W. A. Cave, L. Gowing, H. T. Howell, J. G. G. Jefferies and Miss E. Smith (stewards), Messrs. S. Abraham, U. Braven, E. J. Brown, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, J. R. Jones, W. Stafford, G. Trow and W. S. Emery, with Mr. Edgar Guise, hon. secretary, who worked indefatigably to secure the success of the proceedings. The decorations of the dining hall were appropriate to the occasion, and prominently displayed was the old 'ringers' jug,' which was used in Bristol thirty or forty years ago by the Society of Union Youths.

Mr. F. G. Leaker presided over the gathering, at which the Bishop of Bristol was the principal guest. There were, in addition, many clergy present. An excellent dinner was served, and, after the loyal toast, the Chairman proposed 'The Church.' He said that at no time did the Church need help more than at the present. He also referred to the parochial roll, and expressed the hope that ringers would fulfil their responsibilities in connection with this. In a reference to the new University buildings, the speaker remarked upon the close alliance between the churches and the universities, and said that it was through the universities that they got the splendid sermons that they heard in church. In the magnificent tower that was growing to completion a mammoth bell would soon be erected. As soon as a bell entered a tower it immediately converted a dead tower into a live tower, and the message of the bells should be an inspiration to all. The speaker added that the Lord Bishop, who was the guest of the evening, was loved by all, no matter to what denomination they belonged.

### BISHOP AND RINGERS.

The Bishop, in replying to the toast, said he often felt there was a danger of ringers feeling that they, in the belfry were away from the centre of the church, that they were not part of the congregation, the church, or the worship. The ringers were really a very important part, and he was sure that they would make their place in the church all that was best, not only in the conduct of the bells and their ability to use them, but also in other phases of the life of the church. They as clergy, were open to criticism, he knew. They were not up to the standard that they ought to be, or as sympathetic as they might be. They knew the reason. There was only one quarter from which they could draw clergy, and that was the laity (laughter). The Bishop, whose eloquent response was touched with many passages of humour, in a reference to the sense of humour that he remarked, must exist in the lives of those like the ringers who were helping to bring the message of joy and harmony into the lives of others, recalled a conversation with an old Wiltshire farmer, who remarked, 'Yes, I've seen three Bishops of Bristol, your reverence, and I never want to see another' (laughter). His lordship went on to say that he felt he ought to say something about bells that evening. Certainly as he looked round the tables he saw many belles (laughter). There was nothing so inspiring on a beautiful summer's evening as the sound of a peal of bells across the fields, inviting the people to come into the church, sounding a message of encouragement and affection—the Christian message—into the ears and to the hearts of all those who were within hearing distance. Some of these bells had beautiful inscriptions, and it was quite as interesting to collect these as it was the curious epitaphs that they found over churchyard graves. Probably there were many wireless enthusiasts there that evening, remarked his lordship. He had heard handbell ringing on the wireless only a short while ago, and he thought that if some of their splendid experiments could be broadcast it would convey a great deal of pleasure to countless homes (applause). He wished the Guild every success.

### SILENT BELLS.

'The Bristol United Ringing Guilds' was proposed by Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, who remarked that they had some excellent Guilds in the city of Bristol, including St. Stephen's, which had created records of which they might be proud. The whole of the city was full of beautiful towers and bells. He felt sure that it would be good for the Guilds if the clergy and ringers became better acquainted. They did not often see them in the towers, but a gathering of that kind helped to do a great deal. He felt that Bristol ringers had a great deal they could do, not only in Bristol, but in the surrounding districts.

Mr. Edgar Guise, responding, said that if all the Guilds did as much for the bells as they did in Swindon he was sure that all the bells would be in excellent order. In Bristol and district they had 26 peals of bells. The Bristol Guilds were in their infancy, but during the past year they had put their work into excellent use. As years went on they would find the organisation more and more useful. Mr. Guise also made an allusion to the non-use of certain bells in the city.

The Bishop, referring to this, said that if the bells were to be transferred to a new church they would have to ensure that there would be adequate accommodation. It would be extremely difficult at the present moment to raise the necessary sums for this purpose. Another difficulty was that these churches were under vestries, and there was no more reactionary body than a select vestry (laughter). It would be extremely difficult to persuade them to part with any portion of their property, and there were legal difficulties also. His lordship would be pleased to convey the remarks made to the members of the vestries.

Dr. Alexander, churchwarden of St. Mary-le-Port Church, Bristol, asked that he might be allowed to say a few words as a 'select vestryman' (laughter). He quite appreciated the suggestion made, that with suburbs rapidly growing the need for churches should be considered. Why not send these bells to give their message if they had no further message to give in their present position?

### CATHEDRAL WITHOUT BELLS.

'We are bound together in one great object of promoting change ringing and the fellowship and good conduct of the belfry,' said Mr. William Knight, in proposing 'Kindred Guilds and Associations.' Bristol was supposed to be the city of churches and bells, said the speaker, but the Mother Church was without a peal of bells. He would rather see a peal of bells at the Cathedral than a new bell at Bristol University.

Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough (who represented the Midland Counties Association), said that as he travelled about the country he saw an enormous number of young fellows who had taken up ringing and were sticking to it. These gatherings were of great assistance. The speaker referred to the great bell, weighing ten tons, that had been cast for Bristol University tower, mentioning that it was already cast and tuned and ready for dispatch. With Great Peter of York it as the third heaviest in England. He added that several names had been suggested for the new bell, such as 'Yellow Peril' and 'Gold Flake' (laughter), but he did not know what name it would eventually receive. It had a Latin inscription, but, amid humorous retorts, he said he would not divulge its translation; he would leave that for Bristol ringers to do when they read it.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, who also responded, remarked that ringers' gatherings did a wonderful amount to consolidate the Guilds' position. They created links that were not easily broken between Bristol and London and the various districts.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford, in proposing the toast of 'The Press,' made reference to the amount of usefulness which journals dealing with special subjects could be put to.

Mr. J. W. Jones, in submitting 'The Artists,' paid a great tribute to Mr. H. V. Spiller, saying that he singled him out because he (Mr. Jones) being a Welshman knew what a baritone was. He would be going into the Rhondda Valley in the next few days, and he would tell them that they would have to go to Bristol United Ringing Guild's banquets to hear better baritone singing than they had in Wales.

He (Mr. Jones) added: 'We have all heard a lot about Bristol Surprise, but everyone in that room had had Bristol Surprise that night. He had attended all four dinners of the Guilds, and it was his emphatic opinion that that one was the best.'

Mr. C. Read, in responding, said that it gave them all real pleasure to come to the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' dinner, and that they all hoped to be associated with it for many years to come. He was surprised at the number of diners that evening, there being 131 present. He had a lot to do with dinners, and knew what a struggle there usually was to get 80. It showed, he said, the enthusiasm of the ringers.

During the evening handbell selections were given by Messrs. Brown and Misses Jordan, songs were contributed by Mr. Lloyd Williams, Miss Edith Hill, Mr. E. H. Cooke, Mr. H. Spiller and Mr. Val Davies; Messrs. Spiller and Williams sang a duet; Miss Dorothy Hill and Mr. A. Stowell gave recitations, and Miss Read played some delightful 'cello solos. The programme, which was a most enjoyable one, and of high musical merit, was arranged by Messrs. W. S. Emery and E. Guise, and the accompanists were Mrs. W. Sowden and Mr. C. Read, I.S.M.

During the afternoon ringing had been indulged in at various Bristol Churches, a peal attempt at St. James' being unfortunately lost about half-way.

### BULWELL RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with regret we announce the death of an old ringer, in the person of Mr. Enoch Foster, of Bulwell, who died on Tuesday, Jan. 6th, at the age of 63 years. He was interred in Bulwell Churchyard on Saturday, January 10th.

The deceased, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bulwell, for over 40 years, will be greatly missed. Four of his brother ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside, and a touch of 546 Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells for morning service on Sunday, January 11th, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect.

## THE ITINERANT BELL FOUNDER AND THE BEER ACCOUNT.

An interesting little article headed 'The Thirsty Bell Founder,' written by Jean L. Durrant, appeared in last Friday's issue of 'The Daily News.' The information it contains is largely based upon the records of that itinerant founder, John Waylett (who was in business from 1714 to 1727), which appear in Dr. A. D. Tyssen's 'Church Bells of Sussex.' We are not so sure, however, that the inference that the beer provided on various occasions was all for the founder. In all probability the ringers had their full share of it—and, perhaps, parson and churchwardens, too, for the official expenditure on the beverage was apparently only on 'ceremonious occasions.' Be that as it may, the writer, we think, is a little wide of the mark in saying that Waylett was probably of the gipsy type. She has not realised the fact that in those days—two centuries ago—the lack of means of transport made it imperative in many cases for the oell founder to go to the bells instead of the bells going to the founder. But the article is none the less interesting reading. She says:—

All over Sussex from the little village churches come the climes of the bells cast by old John Waylett, the tinkering bell founder of the 18th century. Sussex possesses forty of his bells, and during his wanderings he repaired the peals throughout the county.

Probably he was of the gipsy type, loving the open road, making friends as he tramped from place to place, and choosing to make his fires in the open and work in the fields instead of in a foundry. His bells still chime from every quarter, and the old parish records prove that he drank beer as he worked, plenty of it.

His method was simple. He would call on the Vicar of the Parish, and inquire if new bells were wanted, or if the old ones needed repairing; when he received an order he would dig a mould in a field near the church, make his fire, collect the metal he needed, and cast his bell or repair the cracked one on the spot.

In 1724 he was at Lewes, where he built his furnace, and mended the peals for all the outlying villages. It was in that year he cast the Steyning peal, made a new treble bell for Mayfield, and recast the old one. Three of his bells are now in old Withyham Church, the little village associated with the Sackville family, who have owned Buckhurst Park since the reign of Henry II. The church was partially destroyed by lightning, but the vaults where the Sackvilles were buried escaped injury. A large window gives their genealogy, now represented by Earl De La Warr. The Latin inscription reads: 'The noble family of Sackville here awaits the Resurrection.'

John Waylett's work on the bells evidently made him thirsty, and the old parish records show the amount spent on beer during his visits. When he was at Withyham the churchwardens paid 3/6 for his beer, and the price per gallon was less than for a pint now. At Mayfield, according to the old parish accounts, the expenditure on beer in connection with his visit was as follows:—

Beer to the ringers when the bell founder was here .....	2/6
When the bell was weighed .....	3/8
When the bell was loaded .....	2/0
When the bell was carried to Lewes and back .....	1/10/0
When the bell was weighed and hung .....	3/0
Beer for the officers and others hanging the bell .....	18/0
Beer for the ringers when the bell was hung .....	6/6

The ringers of the little village of Burwash on one occasion refused to ring the bells when George IV. passed through on his journey back to Brighton after a visit to Etchingham. They had rung him in to the village on his way there, but solidly refused to ring him out on his return.

No persuasion would move the Sussex men, so the bells were silent, because the First Gentleman in Europe had not mentioned beer.

## PRESENTATIONS AT SHROPHAM.

On Saturday evening a farewell half-peal was rung by members of the Norfolk Guild, consisting of seven six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Before lowering the bells, Mr. C. Hewitt, on behalf of the Shropham company, presented their conductor with an inkstand, and Mr. W. Allen, conductor of Rockland All Saints' company, presented him with a fountain pen. They remarked that Mr. Mason deserved some recognition of his unsparing efforts for the 18 years (except during the war) during which he had spent many hours in teaching young ringers, and making the ringing of much higher standard. They felt sure that the ringers of Martham would be the gainers by what would be lost in that belfry.—Mr. Mason, in reply, thanked both companies for their unexpected gifts. He should look at them and remember the happy hours he had spent in practice, and also in ringing for service. He had always thought how nice it was for anyone to be able to return to his native village, but he had suddenly realised that was not so entirely pleasant as one might think.

Members taking part in the ringing were J. Peck 1, W. Allen (Rockland) 2, E. Hunt (Freshingfield) 3, Fred Shingfield (Rockland) 4, Herbert Mason (conductor) 5.

## RINGERS' SUPPER AND PRESENTATION AT STANMORE.

A pleasant evening was spent at Zion House, Stanmore, on Thursday, January 8th, when the Stanmore ringers held their annual supper. The Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewitt) presided, and was supported by Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association), Mr. F. A. Edwards (Bushey), Mr. J. Milner (Isleworth), and 10 members of the local band. A letter of apology was received from the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays (Rector of Finchley, and late of Stanmore), explaining his inability to be present.

After supper had been disposed of, and the loyal toast honoured, Mr. G. Hughes (Master) proposed the toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens.'—Mr. Hughes expressed the pleasure of the ringers at having the Rector with them, and regretted the unavoidable absence of the churchwardens. He also mentioned that as a society they had made good progress during the last twelve months, which was due to the great help given to them by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Milner, and he assured the Rector that the society was stronger now than it had ever been. — The toast was then drunk with musical honours.

The Rev. W. A. Hewitt, in reply thanked the members for inviting him to their annual supper. He was glad to meet them, and also to hear the bells rung, and he especially thanked them for the peal rung on the eve of his induction in December.

Mr. F. Hill (secretary) proposed the toast of the visitors. He thanked the hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association for being present with them, at which they felt honoured. To Messrs. Edwards and Milner he expressed heartfelt gratitude for the immense amount of trouble they had taken to help them at Stanmore.

This toast having been honoured, the Rector presented Mr. Edwards with a fountain pen as a small token of the regard felt for him by the local ringers. It was the intention to present Mr. Milner with a suitably engraved bell, but the jeweller having failed them, this part of the proceedings had to be postponed.

Mr. Edwards briefly thanked the Stanmore ringers for their gift to him, and said it was a pleasure to help them. They had themselves given him every encouragement by attending the practices regularly, and he was glad that some of them had achieved their ambition of ringing in a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Coles expressed his thanks at being invited, and said he was very pleased at the progress made by the Stanmore ringers during 1924. He hoped they would go on until they were able to ring a peal with an entirely local band. On behalf of the Middlesex Association he thanked Messrs. Edwards and Milner for the help they had so freely given to the Stanmore ringers.

Mr. Milner also expressed his thanks, and said it was a pleasure to help such a fine lot of fellows as he met at Stanmore.

Songs by Messrs. G. Hughes, F. Edwards, F. Hill, W. Lancelley and H. Moxom were interspersed between the various toasts, and a pleasant evening came to an end all too soon.

## OLD CUSTOM AT SALEHURST.

Following the usual custom, the Salehurst (Sussex) ringers met at the tower at 11.30 p.m. on Old Year's Day, and rang out the old year. On the stroke of 12, the bells were fired, and then started off into a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples to usher in the new year. The ringers met again at 10.30 a.m., and at intervals throughout the day rang several touches of well-struck Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. At six o'clock they adjourned to the 'Old Eight Bells,' where an excellent dinner was provided for them by Host and Hostess W. Foreman.

In the absence of the Vicar and churchwardens, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Hoad, of Glottenham. After the usual loyal toast had been given, and a verse of the National Anthem sung, Mr. Hoad proposed 'The Health of the Bell Ringers.'—This was responded to by Mr. T. Booth, the captain, who thanked the ringers for their support, and hoped they would attend in future as well as they had done in the past. He also hoped they would attend the practices as well as on Sunday.

A letter was read from Mr. L. J. Hodson, churchwarden, regretting he was unable to be present, but thanking the ringers for their services, on behalf of himself and the worshippers, who, he was sure, appreciated very much what the ringers did.

Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, thanked the Salehurst ringers for their kind invitation to him, and said he was pleased with the way the band had stuck to ringing. The way they struck their peals did them great credit.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. W. Franks, T. Hoad, J. Goodsell, W. Foreman, and F. Ballard, Mr. W. Stevens presiding at the piano.

The evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Foreman for an enjoyable evening.

**TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.** — On Saturday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: G. Oliver 1, E. Stoner 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, C. J. E. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells, which were opened on October 18th, 1924. The ringers belong to the Balcombe band.

## RINGERS AND CHURCH COUNCILS.

## WHAT TO DO AND WHEN TO DO IT.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article, and in Mr. Young's letter, it is stated that the 'time for action is between the New Year and Easter.'

In our Diocese, I do not know what happens in others, we are advised to hold the annual Parochial Church meeting (at which members of the Church Council for the ensuing year are elected), as early as possible in the New Year, now that the financial year ends with the civil year. This being so, ringers should, at once, see that their names are on the roll. If there is any doubt about it, and the roll is not posted at the church, procure a form from the incumbent—if they are not placed somewhere in the church—and fill it up, or ringers may suddenly wake up to the fact that the annual meeting is announced, and there is no time to get their names on 'a fortnight before the annual meeting.'

Having got this far, the next duty is to attend the meeting in force and plump for their representative by giving him the three votes allowed to any one candidate. The regulations provide that any voter may give three votes to one or more candidates provided that they do not give more votes in all than they are entitled to. The number of votes each elector has is the same as the number of members to be elected. Supposing that 18 members are required, each voter will have 18 votes, and may give up to three each to the candidates he wishes to vote for, but not more than 18 in all. Of course, if the number of members to be elected is other than 18, the number would be different.

It may be thought unnecessary to go into this here, but at the meeting this point may be overlooked, so it is just as well to know about it beforehand.

If a band of ringers, with their wives and relations, who have votes will attend the meeting and each give the ringers' candidate three votes his election is in most cases assured. I do not suggest that they should not vote for any others, but do not plump for more than the ringers who are up for election.

D. G. TAYLOR.

Under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, the following rules are laid down:—

Section III.—Electoral Roll . . . . 1 (1) It shall be annually revised not less than twenty-eight days before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Notice of such revision shall be affixed at the place or places hereinafter prescribed with respect to notice convening the said Parochial Church Meeting (i.e., at or near the principal door of the church) fourteen days at least before such revision takes place.

(2) The roll shall be published by being affixed at or near to the principal door of the church in such manner as the Parochial Church Council shall appoint, and the roll shall be open for the enrolment of new voters continuously up to fourteen days before the day of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

## 'RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.'

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, for the Watch-night service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. Simpson (longest touch and first attempt as conductor) 1, A. Woosnam 2, J. Hughes 3, F. Woosnam 4, D. Hughes 5, W. Woosnam 6, H. Williams 7, F. Winstanley 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Thursday, Jan. 1st, after the conclusion of the Watch-night service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Martin 1, H. L. Smith 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, R. Barrow (conductor) 5, K. R. Elliott 6, E. Reeve 7, A. Skinner (longest length of Triples) 8.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year, 360 Double Court: J. P. Hayes 1, W. E. White 2, W. Hickling 3, D. Burton 4, T. Squires 5, W. White (conductor) 6; and with the bells open to welcome in the new year, 360 Double Court: G. Foolitt 1, W. White (conductor) 2, W. Hickling 3, W. E. White 4, T. Squires 5, D. Burton 6.

BRAINTREE. — For midnight service, on New Year's Eve, with bells half-muffled, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major; and to welcome the new year, 480 in the same method, with bells open: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, F. Ely 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, E. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8. The conductor has now rung for the early celebration on Christmas Day and the old year out for 40 consecutive years, with one exception, when the Defence of the Realm Act prevented ringing after sunset, and before sunrise.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at St. Peter's Church, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Gammon 1, W. Bulpitt 2, F. Larby 3, T. Bloxham 4, T. G. Bannister (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. Dean 6, E. C. Denham 7, G. Burt 8.

## MR. HARRY CHAPMAN'S 500 PEALS.

## A LIST WHICH INCLUDES SOME RECORDS.

Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, is the latest among ringers to score his five hundredth peal.

Harry Chapman, than whom there is no better known or more popular ringer in the Exercise, was born at Bythorn, in Huntingdon, on Nov. 12th, 1863, and commenced to pull a bell at the age of nine years, his father being at that time parish clerk. It was, however, not until he was 19 years old that he took up change-ringing, and visited Raunds, Northants, for the purpose. Later he came in contact with Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, and on August 14th, 1886, he rang his first peal. This was at Cardington. In 1888, Mr. Chapman went to reside at Manchester, where his first peal was Treble Ten at the Cathedral. He took part in the first peal of Stedman by the Lancashire Association (at Eccles on December 28th, 1891), and conducted the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise in Lancashire. He was the first to ring Manchester Town Hall tenor single-handed to a peal, and a month after ringing it he helped to Grandsire Caters, turned in this bell (52 cwt.) to Treble Ten.

Among other memorable performances, Mr. Chapman took part in the record 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, and the record 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton.

For many years, Mr. Chapman has been a member of the committee of the Lancashire Association, which he has represented on the Central Council, which latter body honoured him, during a period when he was not an elected representative, by making him an honorary member. Of his peals, considerably over 300 have been rung for the Lancashire Association. The following is his list of 500:—

	Rung.	Conducted.	Longest Length.	On Handbells.
3 Minor methods	2			
7 Minor methods	7			
Bob Triples	1			
Bob Major	16			
Bob Royal	2			
Bob Maximus	1			
Grandsire Triples	13	1		
Grandsire Caters	20	1	6,011	1
Grandsire Cinques	11			
Stedman Triples	89			2
Stedman Caters	30		6,591	2
Stedman Cinques	17			
Double Norwich Major	29			
Duffield Major	1			
Forward Major	1			
Reddish Court Major	1			
Little Albion Major	1			
Little Albion Royal	1			
Darlaston Bob Triples	1			
Kent Treble Bob Major	103	30	6,368	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	23	4	*14,000	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	32	2	*12,240	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	4	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	4			
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	56	22	*9,312	
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2			
Bristol Surprise Major	1			
London Surprise Major	12		*14,112	
Totals	495	63		5

\* Records when rung.

## SHUNT v. SWITCH.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I observe that the Revs. Davies and Drake are likely to join the list of those who are at variance in your columns. If they elaborate upon the above words, our knowledge will be enlarged, and it will be of interest to see with what polite deference they will agree to differ. They will thus give a lead to many who appear to see in a difference the rarely missed chance to abuse the opposite party.

As regards the two words, it will be found that like 'Railway' and 'Railroad,' 'Points' and 'Switches,' 'Station' and 'Depot,' etc., the first are English and the latter American. If we are adopting them, it is probably due to the capture of the film trade by America; which indeed boasts that it will Americanise the world thereby.—Yours faithfully,

'TEMPLE BAR.'



**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**CHELSEA.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Royal: H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkin 3, H. H. Mance 4, W. J. Dean 5, W. G. Matthews 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, A. J. Newman 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10.

**READING.**—For evening service, at St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, January 4th, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Goodship, the vergier, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, G. R. Goodship 2, A. W. Osborne 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8.

**BANBURY, OXON.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for evensong, 336 Stedman Triples: H. Impey 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, F. Baldwin 5, R. W. Burrows 6, J. Simons 7, T. Impey 8. First 336 in the method for Sunday Service by an entirely local band.

**SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday evening, January 4th, at St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, Norfolk Row, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. Lake 2, T. Savel 3, T. O'Hara 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, C. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hirst 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to the Rev. Father Watkin, priest at the above church, whose father passed away during the previous week, at the advanced age of 80 years.

**EDGBASTON.**—On Sunday, January 4th, at the Old Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: G. Pigott 1, H. Withers (conductor) 2, G. Large 3, V. Hearn 4, R. Russell 5, E. Rose 6.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Knopp 2, the rest as before.

**PULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: S. Picton 1, P. H. Doick 2, V. A. Corden 3, G. Carter 4, A. B. Corden 5, H. C. Greenfield 6, Cecil A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, W. Harwood 8. First quarter-peal of ringers by treble, 4th and 6th, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

**NOTICES.**

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Will conductors of peals in 1924 send by Jan. 31st references or figures, if new, to C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich?

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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. Magnus on the 22nd; \*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.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and others welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**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.—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.—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. 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.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.



**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.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbys.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The suggested revision of the rules will be presented to the meeting.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuncaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. It is important that intending visitors should inform me, in order that satisfactory tea arrangements may be made.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Luke's, Derby, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the year and discussion of various matters affecting the association. A good attendance is requested.—G. C. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30.

Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this branch for the election of officers for 1925 will be held at Barwell, instead of Earl Shilton, the bells not being available at Shilton. Bells available at Barwell from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries on or before Jan. 21st.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6 p.m. All requiring tea notify by Jan. 21st.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Frodsham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Spelsbury. 3.30, service and dedication of the bells, which have all been rehung and quarter turned.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Watermoor bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at Watermoor. Tea 5.15, Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Parish Church bells after meeting. Those intending to be present please inform me by the 19th.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Colne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 'Manchester Hall' 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend coming to tea please inform me by Jan. 21st. Subscriptions now due.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. James', City, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers, etc. The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will be held at the close of the branch meeting. Please notify me by Jan. 19th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at Everatt's Cafe, Market Street, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head (for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous). Business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 20, Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells will be available at 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A branch committee meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Cookham. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Musical service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing afterwards until 8.30 p.m. Names of those requiring tea should reach me by Jan. 19th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leominster-Presteign District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service at 5. Tea 5.30, free to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 20th. Business meeting afterwards. Rearrangement of district to be settled.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Steam Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available early in the afternoon. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea can only be provided for those who notify me before the 22nd. A good attendance is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. The address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. Tea and meeting to follow, at which report and balance sheet will be presented. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**PENISTONE, YORKS.**—The new peal of eight bells will be available for ringing all day on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each, and ringing arranged in companies on the time limit to those only who notify me by Jan. 21st. Will companies please let me know how many they are bringing and the time of their expected arrival, so that those coming short can be made up with odd ringers?—George Hill, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The dedication of two new trebles at Cheriton will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m. All members are cordially invited. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. to members who advise me by the 21st inst. of their requiring same. Members failing to notify will be charged 1s. 6d.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sunday mornings, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except first Sunday in each month. Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at 8 p.m. sharp, for the election of officers and other business.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in large Vestry at 4.45 p.m. Business: Election of officers for 1925. Nominations to be sent in at once. Also matters of importance affecting the association to discuss. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me before Jan. 28th. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at or before this meeting. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Business meeting in Church Institute. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. Further particulars next week. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Chew Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th. — Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary. — W. Latter, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Arrangements for the annual general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th: Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, City, from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at St. Clement's at 4.30, followed by tea at Express Dairy opposite at 5.30, by ticket only, which must be applied for in advance. Business meeting at 6.30 in the Parish Room, Clare Market. Other meetings for February: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd and 16th, at 7.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 9th, at 7.30. More support is needed at these meetings. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

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