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ACHIEVEMENT.

Despite the set-back which ringing received during the war years, there was never a period in the history of our art when so many noteworthy collective and individual performances were accomplished within a similar space as have been placed on record since this country emerged from the world conflict. Within the last seven or eight years many new record lengths have been set up, not only of longer peals on eight, ten and twelve bells, than ever before achieved, but records in advanced methods like Superlative Surprise Major and Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus. New advances have been made, Superlative Surprise Maximus has been rung (the best performance in point of intricacy done yet on twelve bells). Minor has been advanced to the extent of incorporating thirty-five methods in a peal of seven true extents; Spliced Surprise Major is an accomplished fact, and many new Surprise methods have been rung. Ringing cannot be in such a bad way if it can claim performances like this within so short a space of time. It is proof that there is still a leavening of initiative and enterprise within the lump which we call 'The Exercise.' What we hope to see in the near future is still further evidence of the working of this 'yeast' of progress. It is just as necessary to the future success of the art that there should be expansion at the bottom as at the top. We want the mass to 'rise' and not merely to see the leaven acting in isolated places.

A lot of quiet work is going on in many associations, and there is room for much more of the instructive type. There are bands who have been 'stuck' in their method ringing for years, until they have lost all desire to get on. There are companies who are anxious to progress and yet cannot get the right kind of assistance. It is the old story, with the old difficulties. How many of the associations have set themselves out to teach change ringing, except in a most perfunctory manner? There ought to be something far more systematic in the instruction that is given, and here we come back to one of the principal handicaps. Except that a teacher will begin by helping his pupils to ring Grandsire or Plain Bob, what further carefully prepared steps are there which the instructor himself has been trained to adopt for advancing his pupil's education? Could not a proper course of progressive study be drawn up which instructors could be recommended to follow, and which would include a syllabus of carefully graded steps? Many men who can ring Grandsire well are absolutely 'stumped' when an effort is made to get them on to Stedman—the jump is far too great. We would suggest that a small committee should be appointed by the Central Council to consider the

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feasibility of such a plan and to make some recommendations as to instructional methods generally. We believe a well-conceived scheme would be welcomed by the Exercise, and, by beginning at the bottom, lead in the future to many achievements which will raise the general standard of ringing, not merely in peal performances, but in that other side of the ringers' office, his service to the Church.

TEN BELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine'cen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT... ..Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
*GEORGE HAWLETT 2	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS 3	*GEORGE BAILEY... .. 8
WILLIAM DUNCAN 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... 9
JOHN MAY 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN THORPETreble	ALBERT NASH 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	*COLIN RYDER 7
*SIDNEY BRIGGS 3	COLIN HARRISON 8
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4	LEONARD LITTLEWOOD ... 9
SIDNEY F. PALMER 5	†ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The conductor has now rung each bell to a peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

*ERNEST CUTSPORTHTreble	*TOM WILDE 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	*PETER LAFLIN 8
EDWARD JENKINS 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY 9
JOHN WILKINSON 5	JAMES H. RIDINGTenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS (No. 1). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN LEETreble	†FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN... 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
*FRANK JENNINGS 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5	JOHN AVERYTenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Caters inside. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Believed to be the quickest ten-bell peal ever rung on tower bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Monday, January 2nd, 720 Bob Minor:
*P. Jaycock 1, W. E. Taylor 2, G. J. Berry 3, C. F. J. Bunce 4, *T. Newcombe 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Minor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER... ..	Treble	CECIL NICE	5
BERNARD WELLS... ..	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ...	3	WALTER CLAYDON	7
ALFRED J. BULL	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the 7th.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED HINDLE	Treble	WILLIAM HORAN	5
MISS ROSE A. BELL... ..	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
JOHN CRYER	3	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	7
*JAMES INGHAM	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ...	Treble	†JAMES SWINDLEY	5
WILLIAM BIBBY... ..	2	ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	SAM JONES, JUN... ..	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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.

SIDNEY T. HOLT	Treble	WILLIAM NIBLETT	5
*WILLIAM HALFORD	2	FREDERICK HAWKES	6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	WILLIAM RANFORD	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal away from the treble. The conductor's 200th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE	Treble	CHARLES E. NORRIS	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	7
CYRIL TANSELL	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	5
HERBERT C. ALBROW	2	ARTHUR MARTIN	6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. The first peal of Surprise Major upon the bells. The 'holiday thanks' of the visitors are due to the Vicar and Mr. F. Dentry for kind permission to ring. The latter, although away from home for Christmas, very thoughtfully secured an excellent 'trebleman' to complete the band.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER ...	Treble	PERCY J. SPICE	5
SAMUEL TAYLOR	2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
WILLIAM SPICE	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Double Norwich.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ..	Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5
CHARLES R. BELTON	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	THOMAS K. DEACON	7
GEORGE THOMPSON	4	FRED COTTON	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. R. Belton, of Barwell, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD... ..	5
JOHN C. NEWMAN	2	*GEORGE HAYWARD	6
WALTER ARNOLD... ..	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for London, Messrs. Newman and Hayward kindly standing in to make up the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Inspector Ridgwell, of Saffron Waldon, who was unable to stand in, and also on the eve of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, of Great Tey, the former being for many years a ringer at St. Peter ad Vincula's, Coggeshall. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained at the Bell Inn by a member of the company, who, it is hoped, will also during the present year celebrate his golden wedding.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... Treble	FRANK BECKETT ... 5
CHARLES COLES ... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6
HARRY TOLLEY ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 7
WILLIAM COLLETT ... 4	GEORGE HORWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by all except the ringers of the 7th and tenor, and the first in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Harris, who was foreman of the above tower for many years, and who passed peacefully away on December 26th.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
*MISS N. M. BIBBY ... 2	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 6
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. A compliment to Mr. Thomas Houghton on completing 61 years' service as a ringer at this church.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... 5
ALBERT W. COLES ... 2	CHARLES S. BIRD ... 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... 3	HORACE BELCHER ... 7
*ARTHUR H. FULWELL ... 4	†WILLIAM T. GODFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung for watchnight service.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS FREDA E. ORR ... Treble	RONALD BULLEN ... 5
F. E. COLLINS ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	E. G. GARRARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

Rung for the watchnight service.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MISS HILDA COLLISHAW ... Treble	T. BRAUMONT ... 5
C. A. WINNER ... 2	†W. S. BRAUMONT ... 6
E. A. G. ALLEN ... 3	P. C. SPRINGHAM ... 7
†S. T. JERRETT ... 4	*W. COLLISHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by E. A. G. ALLEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at this church. W. Collishaw and Miss Collishaw are father and daughter.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	JOHN THOMPSON ... 6
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*LEONARD E. TOWERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, the ringer of the tenor kindly obliging at a minute's notice. Members of the band wish to thank Mrs. Ballard for the tea after the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edwin Cattell.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY ... Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... 5
BENJAMIN COUGH ... 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 3	†CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
*JOHN ROUND ... 4	ALBERT TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † 50th peal. The ringers extend their thanks to the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Cheverton) for his kind hospitality at the close of the peal.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
FRED STUBBS ... 2	HORACE COPPERWHEAT ... 6
GEORGE JEFFES, JUN. ... 3	LESLIE GROOM ... 7
CYRIL WILSON ... 4	FRANK KIRK ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

Arranged and rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL, H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD E. RYDER ... Treble	WILLIAM WONNACOTT ... 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... 2	*ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... 6
HARRY TIPPETT ... 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 4	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Bob Major. Quarterly peal of the branch.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
LOUIS ATTWATER ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE. This peal was produced by Rev. H. Law James, and Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... ..Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
*GEORGE CURSON 2	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETTTenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in the Kent variation.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN J. NASHTreble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCETreble	*CYRIL TANSELL 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMMTenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

STEPHEN H. HOARETreble	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 5
EDWARD P. ASHBY 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
THOMAS H. NORRIS 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7
GEORGE FOSTER 4	WALTER J. SIMONSTenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER MARSHALLTreble	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
GEORGE FULLER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	BERTRAM LUCKTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower in a peal, also his 50th for the above association, and 25th as conductor.

SHEFFIELD.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS C. RYDER (Rotherham)Treble	
MISS ELSIE SMITH (Norton)... .. 2	
MRS. H. JACQUES (Mansfield Woodhouse) 3	
MISS EVA HOPKINS (Handsworth) 4	
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT (Dore) 5	
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE (Handsworth) 6	
*MISS AMY TAYLOR (Worksop) 7	
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK (Duffield)... ..Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. 115).

Conducted by MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Major ever rung entirely by ladies.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

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

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSRTreble	*JOHN HOYLE 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	GEORGE COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEANTenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* Elected a member previous to starting. First eight-bell peal by the Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKETenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
†RONALD RUSSELL 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRISTenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Doubles on tower bells. † First of Doubles 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's extent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS HULLTreble	ALBERT HALSEY 4
*BERT HALSEY 2	*LEONARD TURNER 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	ERNEST HUNTTenor

Conducted by ERNEST HUNT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Double Court, Kent, Woodbine, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BERT A. SMITH Treble	*LEONARD E. WOOLLARD ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOODS 2	HENRY HAWES 5
*THOMAS C. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by G. W. ABLITT.

* First peal.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

ARCHIE HENMAN Treble	HARRY BAXTER 4
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*ALBERT THOMAS Treble	†CHARLES V. SANDLAND ... 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	JESSE BAYLEY 5
†HAROLD G. SMITH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
*MISS DORIS CLARK 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
WILFRED C. IBBETT 3	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first 'touch' in the method. The concluding 720 in this peal was the conductor's 398th 720 in the last three years. Rung in eight counties in 64 different towers.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(VALE OF WHITE HORSE DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

T. DIKE Treble	E. HUGHES 4
F. WHEELER 2	H. TAYLOR 5
C. J. PEARCE 3	T. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 15, RUGBY STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

ROBERT PICKERING 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5-6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3-4	JOHN PERRY 7-8
*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* 100th peal. First peal of Stedman Caters in hand for the society and by all except the ringer of 5-6.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

AT 29, VAUXHALL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 10 in A.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Witness: EDWIN CATTELL.

* First peal away from tenors. First peal of Minor in hand by the band, and in Leicester. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Belton, of Barwell.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	WALTER ARNOLD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

BELL OPENING AT WHADDON, BUCKS.

PERFECT 'HOME' FOR A NEW RING.

The new peal of six bells at Whaddon, near Bletchley, was dedicated on Monday, December 19th, by the Bishop of Buckingham, in the presence of a large congregation of residents and visiting ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Whaddon (the Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes, M.A.), and the Bishop, a dignified figure in cope and mitre, gave a most interesting address upon the origin and use of bells for religious purposes throughout the Christian era.

Great interest in their new bells has been taken by the residents of this once Royal Chase, now famous as the centre of the Whaddon Hunt. Only the oldest of inhabitants can remember the old bells, which had not been rung for nearly fifty years. The church, an ancient and beautiful edifice, containing some 12th century work, stands upon an eminence in the centre of Whaddon Chase, and commands from the tower top magnificent views of this wonderful hunting country for miles around. A better home for a good peal of bells could not be wished, and this new and beautiful ring will be heard to exceptional advantage over the countryside.

It was found possible, with minor replacements and certain strengthening measures, to retain the old oak frame, the massive timbers for which were cut many generations ago from the famous oaks of Whaddon Chase, from which were also built many of the 'wooden walls' which fought and won at Trafalgar. Some of the timbers of the bell frame are as large as 24in. x 12in. and 18in. x 14in. The bells have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the tenor weighing 14½ cwt.; and the result is a very musical peal, each bell having that clear, full tone which makes for good striking. The large number of visiting ringers were well satisfied with both the tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung on cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings. A new ringing room has been formed above the vestry, fronted by an oak balustrading of harmonious design, with the result that ringing conditions are excellent.

The opening touch after the service was a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor by J. E. Jones (Rickmansworth), H. Sear (Bletchley), S. Smith (Bletchley), W. Soar (Bletchley), F. W. Elliott (Rickmansworth), and J. H. R. Frechorn (Rickmansworth). Subsequently, the large company of visiting ringers kept the bells going till 9.30 p.m. in all the standard methods. Amongst the visitors were the Vicar of Edgemoor, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Mr. E. C. Lambert.

A young and enthusiastic band of ringers has been formed by the Vicar, who has secured the able services as instructors of the brothers Sear, of Bletchley, who will be conveyed the six miles from Bletchley and back once a week by the Vicar in his car—an example which might be followed where there are struggling bands badly needing instruction.

FESTIVITIES IN NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Nortonians, in the spirit of the past traditions of the company at St. James' Church, and by the kind invitation and generosity of Mr. Fletcher, of the Grange, held one of its famous Christmas Eves amid pleasant fare and festivity, with handbells, music and dancing.

After a dozen tunes on the 32 new handbells by the company, for the entertainment of the guests in the hall, the younger members managed to scrape through a short touch of 'Grandsire,' which was much appreciated.

After the programme, the company retired to enjoy the splendid Christmas fare provided for them by their host.

Mirth and merriment continued until a late hour, several more items being given on the bells, and finally, after 'John Peel,' all joined hands for the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH ACTIVITY.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday last, and was largely attended.

Ringling commenced about 2.45 p.m., at St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Churches. The Guild service was held at St. John's, and was conducted by the Rector of Devizes (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke), who gave an instructive address on the text, 'They brought unto Him gifts.' The lesson was read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and Mr. H. Baker was the organist.

Tea followed in St. John's Parish Room, over 60 being present, including Mrs. C. D. Heginbotham and Mrs. F. Green (Devizes), Mr. West (Melksham), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Beechingstoke), Rev. J. A. Sturton (Market Lavington), Rev. A. T. H. Clarke (Rector of Devizes), and the curate-in-charge of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who, in his review of the work of the branch during the past year, said the wave of enthusiasm which came over the ringing world after the war seemed to have died down, but there was nothing to be alarmed about, as things seemed to be settled down to real hard work, and progress was being made in the more advanced methods. With regard to their own branch, some notable peals had been rung, especially the peal of Double Norwich and the long peal of Major, both at Bradford-on-Avon.

He would also like to congratulate Messrs. S. J. Hector and C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, on scoring their first peal of Cambridge, although this was not rung for the Salisbury Guild. He also congratulated the members of St. John's, Devizes, who had scored their first peal. He was sorry he had been unable to visit all the towers of the branch, as in the previous year, but if there was any band in the branch which wanted help in any matter he would be pleased to give his assistance.

With regard to restorations, the bells at Market Lavington had been put in excellent order by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Money was still coming in (although slowly) for All Cannings. Rowde had collected sufficient for their bells to be put in order. A second floor was to be put in at St. John's, Devizes, which would make ringing more pleasant there. With regard to South Wraxall bells, nothing yet had been done, but he hoped it was not too late. He thanked the officers of the branch for their support during the past year.

Mr. F. Green, secretary of the branch, presented the financial statement, which was very satisfactory, and showed a balance in hand. In his report for the year, he said there had been a slight falling off in the number of members. Netheravon tower had ceased to be affiliated

to the branch. He would like to thank the tower correspondents and others for their kind assistance during the past year, and Mr. H. Brownlee-West, of Devizes (who, to the regret of everyone was absent on account of advanced years) for auditing the accounts.—On the proposition of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, the report was adopted.

On the motion of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, seconded by Mr. W. Bolwell, the officers were re-elected en bloc.

The Chairman, in thanking the members, said he had intended to resign, but influence had been brought to bear on him from outside, and with the continued help of the other officers he would do his best to carry on.

Mr. B. Cook, vice-chairman, also returned thanks for re-election, and hoped that all the members would try and make the branch a success.

Mr. F. Green, secretary, Mr. S. Hillier and Mr. Jesse Francis, Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master respectively, also returned thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. W. C. West, seconded by Mr. B. Cook, an honorarium was voted to the secretary.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, a collection was made for 'The Ringing World' appeal on behalf of 'Irenæus Pistor,' which realised £1 7s., which sum has since been forwarded by the secretary.

The Chairman thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and also Mr. Baker, the organist.—The Rector made a humorous reply, and this terminated the business.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Bratton, Beechingstoke, Bromham, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Chippenham, All Cannings, Market Lavington, Chirton, Rowde, Melksham, Trowbridge and Westbury.

Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and other methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Hillier, it was decided, if arrangements can be made, to hold a half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge in future, the same to be a fixed meeting.

MR. C. WALLATER'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 18 (conducted 5), Caters 10, Cinques 3; Stedman Doubles 1, Triples 76 (conducted 29), Caters 24 (conducted 2), Cinques 7; Bob Major 18 (conducted 4), Royal 6, Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Royal 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Erin Triples 1, Caters 1; Double Norwich Major 10; Cambridge Surprise Major 11; London Surprise (on treble) 1; total, 200.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. W. A. Hudson, conductor of the Parish Church company, Hemingbrough, Yorks, and 'Uncle Joe's' Treble Bob pal, has had the misfortune to break a leg, but, although 'out of the hunt,' he is progressing as well as can be expected.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, Yorks, has recovered from his recent motor accident, and Mr. Horace Morley, of the Selby Abbey band, is now back at work, after suffering from appendicitis.

Momentarily blinded by approaching car lights, when motor-cycling near Woking, a few weeks ago, Mr. W. M. Stone, an 18-year-old member of Holy Trinity Cathedral band, Guildford, came into collision with a horse-drawn vehicle. He is lying in Woking Victoria Hospital suffering from severe head injuries, including a fractured skull (front), nose, cheek, and jaw. He passed the danger point a week ago, and his full recovery is now hoped for.

The reports of two peals rung by the Southern Branch of the Worcester Association, conducted by Mr. O. Attwood, have been sent in without the names of the places where they were rung.

An interesting anniversary occurs next week. On January 19th, 1724, the first peal of Grandsire Cinques ever rung and, presumably, the first twelve-bell peal, was performed at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where seven or eight years before the first peal of Grandsire Caters had been rung.

On the 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society of Redenhall, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Samuel Thurston, was rung on January 13th, 1838.

A peal of 6,048 Imperial the Third Treble Bob was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on January 13th, 1772.

One hundred and ten years ago to-morrow died that great Kentish ringer, James Barham, of Leeds. He was 93 years of age, and had to his credit many wonderful performances, both as ringer and conductor.

The first peal of Double Bob Major was rung on January 14th, 1726, at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, by a company of College Youths.

On January 15th, 1774, a peal of 7,940 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 5 hrs. 1 min. at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

The first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hants, and, incidentally, the first peal by its present Master, Mr. George Williams, was rung at Soberton 44 years ago next Tuesday.

On Sunday, January 17th, 1866, a peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on handbells by the Union Society, Liverpool, at the house of Mr. Robert Halts, in Old Parter Butt, Whitechapel, Liverpool. This, with a peal of Kent Major rung later in the year, were, it is believed, the first peals of Treble Bob on handbells in Liverpool.

LADIES RING A PEAL OF MAJOR.

A performance of outstanding interest, recorded this week, is the first peal of Major rung by a band composed wholly of the gentler sex. This was a peal of Plain Bob rung on Saturday at Handsworth, Sheffield, where the tenor is 12 cwt. The Exercise will congratulate them upon their performance. The conductor was Miss Molly Davenport, the hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild, whose forthcoming marriage to one of the most popular 'ringing parsons,' the Rev. Everard S. Powell, of Helbeton, Plymouth, has been announced.

Miss E. Fowlke, of Duffield, turned the tenor in, and admirably, we are told, did she perform the task. The local band at Handsworth have asked us publicly to convey their congratulations to the ladies.

After the peal, the ringers were hospitably entertained at the Rectory by the Rev. and Mrs. Baker.

MEMORIAL TO MR. GEORGE HENRY PHILLOTT.

ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE REACHED.

The 50th anniversary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association's foundation was reached on Sunday, January 8th.

To mark the occasion it was decided to unveil a memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, who, with Rev. C. D. P. Davies (present Master of the association), founded the organisation in Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House. Ringers present at Cheltenham for the unveiling came from Bristol, Gloucester, Painswick and the surrounding districts.

In the presence of a company numbering about 45, the Rector of St. Mary's Church dedicated the tablet to the glory of God.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in a brief speech, spoke of the valued friendship of the late Mr. Phillott, and said he had been reading in 'The Ringing World' only the day before of the foundation of the Guildford Diocesan Association. This made him think of that day 50 years ago, and of the task that had then been undertaken. What a difference then to the position of to-day. They never thought that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association would reach the size it had now attained. He hoped that the association would continue to grow.

Mr. W. T. Pates gave a welcome to all the visitors, and the Hon. Secretary said how pleased they were to have Mr. Pates and Rev. C. D. P. Davies with them. Mr. E. Guise also said how much Mr. Phillott had helped the association, and he treasured that memory.

Miss Phillott (daughter) was present at the ceremony. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters were rung.

BEGINNERS' THEORY. BY 'MINORMANIA.' PROGRESSION.

If we have two cars which travel 55 miles in 43 minutes and 43 miles in 37½ minutes respectively, we cannot be sure which is travelling faster, but when both are reduced to standard terms of miles per hour, we shall find that both cars approximate the same speed of 69 miles per hour.

The ringing parallel is a standard relating to rounds. For instance, our Bob Major lead-ends are each related to the one next following by the transposition of 13527486, as we know, but this is not very apparent when viewed thus:—

If 15738264 becomes 17856342,

Then 18674523 becomes 16482735.

But when both examples are reduced to 'standard terms' relating to rounds, we can see the similarity immediately. Read the pairs downwards, as before:—

If 15738264 becomes 17856342, If 18674523 becomes 16482735
Then 12345678 becomes 13527486, and Then 12345678 becomes 13527486

It is now very evident that both are one and the same transposition. The literal meaning of 'progression' is forward movement. Mathematically, 'progression' is a series portraying movement of a given set relationship throughout. 0-1-2-3-4, or 0-2-4-6-8, or 0-3-6-9-12, are expressions of arithmetical progression. The old story of the smith who contracted to shoe the squire's horse at a cost of one farthing for the first nail and doubling the price of each successive nail, would indicate that the smith knew all about geometrical progression.

As applied to methods, one sense of the term (with which this article particularly deals) might be described as the order, expressed in standard terms, in which bells move from place to place in given rows. Bells which appear in the same positions in these given rows have made no 'progression,' and therefore are deleted from the 'standard order.' For instance, the treble makes no progress in the lead-end rows, always appearing in first's place therein.

Now examine the 'quarter-lead-end' and half-lead-end' in our Superlative analysis. The bells which have not progressed are in brackets, and the remainder are carried out to one side:—

The lead-head of principle (1)2345(678) (or) 2345

Becomes, at first quarter (1)4523(678) (or) 4523

and:—

The first quarter (1)4(52)3678 (or) 43678

Becomes, at second quarter (1)3(52)7486 (or) 37486

Express the above in standard terms, by reading the pairs downwards as before:—

If 2345 becomes 4523, and If 43678 becomes 37486

Then 1234 becomes 3412, and Then 12345 becomes 24153

Then a 'quarter-lead progression' of Superlative is equal to 3412, and the 'half-lead' to 24153. In other words, the first causes four bells to progress in the standard order of 3412, and the second causes five bells to progress in the standard order of 24153.

The 'progressions' of the third and fourth quarters in the summary will be found to be identical with those given above, bearing in mind that the third quarter commences from 13527486 (instead of rounds as in the first quarter). The progression produced by the alternative division of the 'd' places, as before mentioned, will also be found to be identical.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding 'A Beginner's Theory,' I should like to emphasise a significant remark in the Editorial of September 8th, where there was half promised some instructive matter when these articles were finished, 'if there is any desire for it,' and also to recall to mind some 'Hints to conductors' by J. A. T., which were published some time back, with a promise of more, (again) 'if there is any desire for them.' I do not remember having seen any since, and I wonder why?

The bald statement that a technical journal cannot afford space for certain features is rather misleading. Properly qualified, it is thus: 'That a journal such as 'The Ringing World' cannot afford to allot space to matter which does not appeal to a requisite number of readers.'

'A Beginner's Theory' is the result of a suggestion that a beginner might better be able to approach his fellows than the expert who usually compiles the text books, with what success, only the individual may judge. No doubt, its reception has been very mixed, varying from appreciation to open hostility, but, in the opinion of the writer, the Editor has backed a very 'sporting proposition' to the tune of some thirty-odd columns of valuable space, and the point I wish to stress is this, that some indication should be forthcoming as to what the 'beginner' would appreciate, if the 'Instruction page' is to become a practical proposition.

The subject matter of an established journal obviously is the outcome of the experience of years, and it is only reasonable to assume that a departure should have promise of an adequate backing. It is futile for isolated writers in the correspondence columns to advocate elementary or advanced instruction; the demand must be general.

In short, to the 'beginner' (advanced or otherwise) I would say, do not let our interests be neglected for the want of a three-halfpenny stamp. If enough of us ask for an 'Instruction page' it will be forthcoming in the journal's own interests; if not enough, it is absurd to lay blame upon the Editor for that which is the result of our own lethargy.

Do not overlook that phrase, 'IF THERE IS ANY DESIRE FOR IT.'

Finally, I would make acknowledgement to those gentlemen whose kindly help from time to time has made possible these articles from the pen of a 'theory beginner.'

FINIS.

May I draw attention to an omission in the article of December 30th, page 326, first column? The division of the 'd' places in the first quarter should read:—

Row	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8	. . d . . . d
9	. . d . . . d

MINORMANIA.

A QUERY COLUMN SUGGESTED.

Dear Sir,—I am sure you welcome any suggestion from your readers which may help in the instruction of young ringers. May I suggest that you institute a Query column in 'The Ringing World,' whereby a learner, requiring information on a ringing subject, may send his problem up, the question and answer appearing later in the page allocated to the purpose? Perhaps other readers of your valuable paper will voice their opinion on this matter.—Yours faithfully,

F. NEALE.

TREBLE BOB.

STRUCTURE AND EXTENSION.

The whole of the Treble Bob methods are derived from the plain hunting course in different ways. Let us begin with the examination of Oxford and Kent.

Look at this course on four bells.

The treble is the bell in the hunt, and she never goes above 2nd's place. Add two bells in the work and we get:

1234	above 2nd's place. Add two bells in the	123456
2143	work and we get:	214365
2134	This is a perfect plain course, and a large	213456
1243	number of Treble Bob methods are obtained	213456
1423	from it by alteration of the hunt. Make an	124365
4132	alteration from the 2nd to the 3rd row by	412635
4123	letting 1-2 change and 3-4 make places.	etc.
1432	This puts 2 in the hunt and the treble in the	
1342	work; we now ring a plain course with 2 in	
etc.	the hunt, and the working bells in course	
	order, 3, 6, 5, 4, 1. This plain course is the	123456
	same length as the plain course with the	214365
	treble in the hunt; its first row is 124356,	124356
	and its last row 123465. 1-2 then change places, and 3-4	213465
	make places. The treble is now in the hunt, and we get	
	to the next row of our original course, 213456.	

Each other lead of the plain course being treated in this way produces Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the plain course of (b) ford Treble Bob Minor really consists of six plain courses. One of these has the treble in the hunt, and it comes up four rows at a time in five separate pieces. Each of the others comes up complete with a different bell in the hunt, as follows:—

2 in the hunt: coursing order	3.6.5.4.1
4 " " " "	2.5.3.6.1
6 " " " "	4.3.2.5.1
5 " " " "	6.2.4.3.1
3 " " " "	5.4.6.2.1

The cross sections of a Treble Bob method are lead-heads and lead-ends of these secondary plain courses.

Kent differs from Oxford in that we make places twice over. Bob the plain course with the treble in the hunt of ten of its rows, and substitute ten other rows for them, and cause the other five courses to have their working bells in the coursing order of the plain hunting course with the treble and the bell in the hunt transposed.

In the collection of Minor methods are twenty-four Treble Bob methods, and anyone who wishes to understand the real nature of Treble Bob methods cannot do better than find the bell in the hunt in each of these methods, remembering that it is liable to change again when the treble is up in 5-6, and that it is never above second's place.

The extension of Oxford and Kent is very simple; each of the six courses consisting of 20 rows each becomes a course of 28 rows, and two more courses of the same length appear because there are two more bells to take their turn in the hunt.

H. L. JAMES.

NEXT WEEK.

The ringers of Wath-on-Deane rang 187 Minor extents in 194 methods in 1927, and details of this remarkable performance will appear in our next issue, together with a further contribution by Mr. J. A. Trollope on method extension, and an interesting article by Mr. Harold Walker on Hatfield (Yorks) Church and its bells.

BELL TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The tuning of bells is a discussion that will always keep cropping up amongst ringers, and the recent article by Mr. Young is very interesting, but not at all convincing. We are given to understand that Grimthorpe and Simpson were men who had the courage of their convictions, and who evidently considered themselves experts on bells and their tuning. Taylor appears to have taken both these men seriously, and to-day we can see the result. Doncaster and Burton are both recast, and the good news has come through that Worcester will soon be on the way (no tears, please!). St. Paul's are left, and what can be said of them? From a musical point of view they are most disappointing, and when their weight is taken into consideration they, like the rest of Grimthorpe's, are a failure. I am judging them now from the outside. I am not unmindful of how uniform they are when ringing them, thanks to the splendid flooring under them. Had this peal been in any other tower than St. Paul's they would have been in the 'pot' years ago.

Mr. Young speaks of Bow bells as famous. What for, Sir? Certainly not their musical qualities, for they have none. So it must be from an historical point of view only. Some years ago I went purposely to hear this renowned peal, and had the opportunity of hearing them criticised by ringers from Bristol, Sheffield and Birmingham. The trebles are the wildest and most unmusical monstrosities that were ever hung on stocks, and the famous tenor hadn't sufficient 'body' in her to smother the explosions immediately in front of her. As one well-known ringing friend remarked, when taking refreshment in the Gog and Magog, 'Even the glasses found exception to them,' for they had the St. Vitus' dance whilst the ringing was in progress.

I am surprised to note that Mr. Young was once a Simpsonian, and that Southampton bells were so bad as to make him revert to the Old Standard again. No doubt our old friends Ted Horrex and John Carter convinced him, as he appears to have consulted them on the matter. A long chat with Mr. Horrex, when he was in Birmingham, gave me to understand that he did not like Simpson-tuned bells, and he had had but very little experience on them. John Carter I knew well and was intimately acquainted with for several years, and his opinion on bells or any sounds must not be taken seriously. To us who knew him so well, it is really laughable. All the years I was ringing with John Carter I only once recollect him ringing on one Simpson-tuned peal (Erdington), and he always considered these the best in the district. I should be surprised if he ever gave tuning a thought, for I can never once remember him ever discussing it with myself or any other ringer.

Mr. Young speaks of the challenge to Simpson tuning by the Central Council at Coventry. If those concerned had any satisfaction out of Coventry they are welcome to it. Personally, I trust the day is a long way off before I shall make such an ass of myself.

I take it that Mr. Young is in earnest when he appeals to Taylor's to scrap Simpson tuning and revert to the Old Standard again. If so, let me appeal to those firms who have not yet accepted Simpson tuning, to take it up seriously, and, if possible, improve upon it, and so enjoy the orders and prosperity that Simpson tuning have brought Taylor's and Johnson's.—Yours faithfully,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

MORE KNOWLEDGE WANTED.

Dear Sir,—The thanks of the Exercise are due to Mr. E. A. Young for his two lucid, instructive and interesting articles on 'Bells and bell tones.'

May I entreat Mr. Young to give us further measure of his store of knowledge, musically, in defining the five notes which constitute a perfectly-tuned Simpson bell on a C natural basis.

I believe there are very many ringers who have had an elementary musical education who would be glad to know this.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. PARSONS.

Old Hill, Staffs.

APPRECIATED ARTICLES.

Dear Sir,—The series of articles on 'Bells, their tones and tuning,' by Mr. E. A. Young, are, I can assure you, very keenly appreciated up here in the North, and I trust we are not hoping too much in wishing to see more from that exceptionally able pen.

We are also being enlightened as to the extension of methods, and I think that much light will be thrown on the different methods by which the various experts arrive at the same goal. It is to be hoped that the writers will avoid being dogmatic, and will bear in mind the truth of that ancient Arab proverb, which says, 'Every man knoweth something which some other man knoweth not.'—Yours faithfully,

E. JENKINS.

A DATE TOUCH—1928.

At Barlborough, Derbyshire, on Sunday afternoon, January 1st, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a date touch of 1,928 changes, being 720 Kent, 720 Oxford, 360 Duke of York, and 128 of Killamarsh; Ernest Starman (longest length) 1, William Starman 2, Percy Morris (conductor) 3, Horace Hibbard 4, Richard Rance 5, Philip Hibbard 6. All are regular service ringers at the above church.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope has only his ambiguity to blame if he has been misinterpreted. If Mr. Trollope was only using a piece of bad argument by way of illustration, as he now says he was, I will not dispute it with him, but I am quite certain that I am not alone in the construction which I put on his remarks.

If third's place is made in Royal, there are only two other interior positions in which a place can be made, viz., sixth's or eighth's (unless it be the adjoining position of 4th's). Shipway, in his Royal, uses 6th's, as in the Major, and, therefore, as Mr. Trollope said, his method is condemned by a school of thought which holds that 8th's ought to be made, because that is 3rd's from the back, like the 6th's in Major. Mr. Trollope proceeded to apply the test of Oxford Treble Bob, and said, 'If this theory be sound, the Major (Oxford Treble Bob) should have third's and sixth's made, which any practical ringer can see is absurd.' As there was a choice of only two theories, and one is condemned as absurd, I hope your readers will forgive me if I, and others, took it that he meant the other was right.

Mr. Trollope's gentle chiding as to the distinction between a 'change' and a 'row,' and his judgment that those who do not realise this difference are not likely to understand the problem of extension of methods, will doubtless have amused your readers, as it did me. But is it not just these little things by which the experts succeed in befogging the average man? It was not so many years ago that we were content with the term 'lead-end'; now we have to have 'lead-head' as well; and the ridiculous part of it is that the lead-head of the theorists is the lead-end of the practical ringer in the belfry. So this difference between a 'change' and a 'row.' Where, except, perhaps, in the writings of modern theorists like Mr. Trollope, has the word 'change' received the definition which is given to it in your last issue? In any case, I disagree with Mr. Trollope in that I do not think the absence of appreciation of the differentiation which he sets up is likely to blunt an intelligent ringer's understanding of the problem of extension. But in the belfry everyone knows what is meant by the use of the word 'change.' It is the sequence of the bells at any given half-pull. Getting down to 'brass tacks,' what is there between two consecutive half-pulls on the bells? Nothing! Nothing, that is, except what proceeds from the imaginations of the theorists, but which cuts no ice with practical ringers. To show how little there is in this fanciful definition, let me refer to a familiar use of the word 'change.' Large numbers of peals of Stedman Caters come round at the first change after the course-end 214365879. The expression commonly used is 'Rounds next change.' Now, does the rounds occur in 'the work' which connects the two 'rows' as Mr. Trollope defines 'change', or in the actual striking of 123456789?—Yours, etc.,

A PLAIN RINGER.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER BRANCH.

The Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at the cathedral on Saturday, January 7th. There was a good attendance, and the members attended evensong in the cathedral, when special prayers were said for the Guild. Tea was served in the ancient refectory, and the business meeting was held in the cathedral parlour. The Dean (the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett), who is chairman of the Chester Branch, presided, supported by Mr. E. W. Elwell (the general secretary), Mr. J. W. Clarke (branch secretary), and Mr. A. E. Richards (branch treasurer).

The accounts for 1927 were presented by the treasurer, showing that the financial position was very sound.

Several new members were elected, and arrangements made for meetings during the coming year.

On behalf of the parishioners of Christleton, Mr. R. Gregory thanked the Guild members for the wholehearted support they had given to the restoration fund for Christleton bells. This ring is at present at the Loughborough Foundry, where it will be recast, and when hung again in the tower in modern fittings should be one of the most pleasing rings of eight in the district.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean for the warm welcome he had again extended to the branch, and for presiding at the meeting. The Dean suitably replied.

Owing to a case of serious illness in the vicinity of the cathedral, the bells were not rung, but ringing was enjoyed at Handbridge during the evening.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE RECTOR OF CRADLEY.

The Rev. Janvrin, Rector of St. James', Cradley, died suddenly in the vestry whilst preparing to take early Communion service on Monday, December 26th. The funeral took place on Thursday, December 29th.

The Rector looked upon the ringers as church workers, and his friendly advice respecting the fulfilment of that duty led to the fellowship and progress of the band. His life amongst the people of Cradley will be held in esteemed memory by all his parishioners.

As a last token of respect the bells were deeply muffled on the following Sunday for both services, and in the evening a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the local band: E. Prosser 1, H. Pritchard 2, J. Holder 3, G. Fincher 4, C. Horne 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please excuse the liberty I take in writing to you, but I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere appreciation of your 'Leaders,' which never fail to appear week by week on the front page of 'The Ringing World.' I have had the pleasure of being a subscriber to the various weekly journals devoted to the art of change ringing for the last thirty-five years, such as the 'Bell News,' etc., which are now defunct, but I have never read such useful leaders as emanate from the pen of the present Editor of 'The Ringing World.' And I may tell the Exercise that this appreciation is not 'cooked,' but is absolutely spontaneous, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' is a complete stranger to me. I have been waiting a long time in the hope that someone more glib in their expression than myself would show their mark of appreciation of the really wonderful work of our Editor, who deserves the goodwill and encouragement of every member of the Exercise. I can assure you, Sir, that I, personally, am satisfied with the expenditure of my threepence by the reading of your leader alone each week. Many a time have I been filled with admiration by the tactful way in which you have handled some very awkward situations, which inevitably will arise so long as men of quite different temperaments do congregate together.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year,—Yours campanologically,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

[We thank our correspondent for the above kindly compliment, although we blush to publish it.—Ed. 'R.W.']

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MIDNIGHT QUARTER-PEAL.

The Leatherhead District has the credit of the first two peals for the new Guildford Diocesan Guild—a peal of Minor (recorded last week) on the first day of the new year, and a peal of Double Norwich at Ashted last Saturday.

The little village of Seale, nestling under the 'Hog's Back,' can, however, claim the first quarter-peal for the Guild. Immediately midnight struck, ushering in the new year, the bells were pulled off in Bob Minor and a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), rung by: E. Gardner 1, A. Court 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Bedgley 4, C. Robinson 5, H. Tinsey (conductor) 6. The bells were also rung for an hour in the afternoon to celebrate the inauguration of the Guild.

'LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Regarding the above title for these figures, I think the Rev. H. L. James has no right to introduce it. If that gentleman and your readers will turn up their 'Ringing World' for October 26th, 1923, and December 28th, 1923, they will find published under my name 'Rutland Surprise,' with full extensions to Royal and Maximus, and on the latter date they will find a Method No. 1 which was published because of its being absolutely without adjoining places. These two methods are the true samples of that plan. There are two others—one which Mr. James now published, and one which Mr. Tipler published some 18 months ago as 'Wycliffe.' Both I consigned to the scrapheap on account of the superabundance of false places when the treble is in 7-8 up. I append the figures of all four for examination:—

	No. 1.	Mr. James'.	Mr. Tipler's.
74268153	74268153	74268153	74268153
47286513	47628513	47628513	47628513
74925631	45725831	74265831	46782531
47826513	64278513	47256813	64875213
74285631	62475831	74528631	63472531
72458361	26457381	47256831	88745231
Lead-end	Lead-end		
14628375	16847253	15372846	15372846
14263857	18874523	15738264	15738264

Clear proof. 4 false courses. 7 false courses.

Now sir, I think you and your readers will understand why I selected the two former examples. I would not have dared to place before the Exercise the two latter with my name. If Mr. James wishes to claim the authorship of those three false changes he is welcome.—Yours truly,

Sheffield.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

COMMEMORATIVE PEAL BOARD.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by Mr. William Hyde Inglesant, conducted by Ernest Morris), rung on February 19th, 1927, at Earl Shilton, to commemorate the hallowing of the diocese of Leicester, has been recorded in the belfry on a slate tablet executed by Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, Leicester. This was dedicated at a recent service by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley). The tablet is a fine piece of work, and in addition to the usual particulars of the peal bears the new coat of arms of the diocese, and records the fact that the diocese was founded in A.D. 680, and restored in 1826.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR'

The warm-hearted response to our appeal for help for Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of Sheffield ('Irenæus Pistor') is extremely gratifying, and we acknowledge below with sincere thanks the further contributions to the fund, which we hope to see raised to a sum worthy of the Exercise in such a deserving case.

No one blessed with sight can fully appreciate the feelings of despair which must come to a man who, with the permanent loss of vision, has family responsibilities, and wholly inadequate means of subsistence. We can, however, help to relieve his burden, and we appeal to all our readers, individually or through their bands, to support this appeal.

In sending a contribution from 'A few Hydonians,' a correspondent says: 'I think the response to your appeal has been splendid so far, and hope the fund will continue to grow. I am sure all readers of "The Ringing World" will try to help one who has done so much in the past to cheer us and brighten us up by his witty remarks on the topics of the day.'

Then Mr. James George adds his voice to the appeal: 'I am delighted,' he writes, 'to see the help given in this very deserving case, and beg that every ringer and association will not fail to support the fund, however small the contribution may be. Try next week to make a record of two pages of subscriptions, large or small, according to each person's circumstance.'

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	64	5	0
Belfry collections:			
St. Mark's, Swindon, Wilts		9	0
Gainsborough Parish Church bellringers		10	0
Ringers of St. James', Trowbridge		12	0
Rotherham Parish Church ringers	2	0	0
St. James' company, Norton, Derbyshire		5	0
Evesham bell tower ringers		11	0
St. Thomas' Guild, Rhyl		10	0
St. Peter's company, Colchester		5	0
Ringers of Woolton Hill, near Newbury		8	0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst		12	6
Bellringers of St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey		14	0
St. Thomas' ringers, Stourbridge, per A.J.S.		8	0
Christ Church, Southport		8	0
Killamarsh company		15	0

Other contributions:

Collection at annual meeting of Devises Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild, per Mr. F. Green, hon. sec.	1	7	0
'Cascable'	1	0	0
W. H. Fussell, Slough		2	6
'W. G.'		2	6
W. Smith, Banbury		2	6
G. Freebrey and P. H. Tate, Derby		2	0
'E. S. A.'		2	6
J. Hunt, Taunton		3	0
W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley		2	6
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S. G. Moss, jun., Mauntings		2	0
A few Hydonians		10	6
R. Sanders, Stepney		2	6
Miss E. E. Chapman, Balham		2	6
R. K. Knight, Mrs. Knight and Miss Knight, Leytonstone		7	0
J. Holman, Sheffield		5	0
A. E. Richards, Farndon, Cheshire		2	6
H. Haigh, Worksop		5	0
W. T. Pates, Cheltenham		5	0
W. A. W.		10	0
James George, Birmingham		5	0
W. Bastable, Swanage		2	6
S. D. James, Swinton, Manchester		2	6
E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet, Salop		3	0

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DEATH OF CASTLE BROMWICH RINGER.

Castle Bromwich has lost a much respected ringer by the death, on December 29th last, after a brief illness, of Mr. Geo. Branston, who was 70 years of age. He had been a regular Sunday service ringer at the village church for the past 40 years.

The funeral took place on the 3rd inst., after which muffled touches and the 'whole pull and stand' were rung by his fellow-ringers.

NOTICE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly Meeting at Rainham, Saturday, January 28th. Notification for tea by first post January 25th.—Further particulars next week.—F. M. Mitchell, Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

NOTICES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading is at the rate of 8d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

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ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be rung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Inaugural meetings of the proposed New Districts of Southampton, Winchester and Alton.—The Winchester District meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th, and the Alton District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock in each case. Ringing arrangements as usual.—W. T. Tucker, Sec. pro tem., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Jan. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea arranged as usual. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 14th. Service at 4.20 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3.45. Tea at 6 p.m., meeting at 7.—J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Horne) on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who advise me not later than Thursday, Jan. 12th. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Black Boy Hotel at 7 p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their best to be present at this meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Wigan branch members especially invited. Reports ready.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Andrew's (8 bells), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will also be available. All visitors are welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., with sermon by Rev. H. Craven, M.A., Rector of Sandhurst. Tea in Church House 4.45, followed by business meeting. Towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's open for ringing before service and after meeting. Tea 6d. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel California, Wokingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready early. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Chapel 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. D. Potter, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth, and St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Ringing: St. John's, 3-5 p.m. Tea at Voyseys (107, Poole Road) 5.15. Ringing at St. James', Poole, from about 6.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech Branches, will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Jan. 14th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron and H. W. Giddings, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 14th (Hinckley bells not being available). Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. A good representative meeting is hoped for. Business includes election of district officers, etc. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Will all district members please endeavour to attend? All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Road, Burton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Particulars later. All ringers welcome at both meetings.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., East Grinstead.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. Edwards, Madley, Hereford.

DEVON GUILD.—There will be a Cinques practice at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 6.30 p.m.—T. Layer, Gen. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.30 p.m., at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD (Central and Southern Districts combined).—A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, W.C., will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this meeting. All requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Elsie L. Hairs, Dis. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 6 p.m., Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Malmesbury will be present. Reception St. Thomas' Church Room 4.15.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West District Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special bus service from Plymouth. All requiring seats please communicate with E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service at St. Nicolas' Church 5 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Sir John Herschel). Tea at Prince of Wales Hotel, Woodbridge Road, 5.45. Meeting at 6.30. Bells of St. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as some important business has to be discussed. It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by first post Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Hodgson). Tea provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Syston. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by general meeting. Those intending to take tea (reasonable charge) must notify Mr. E. F. Payne, 30, Upper Church Street, Syston, not later than the 18th inst. A good attendance is requested, as matters of vital importance will be discussed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing at St. James' from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by the Bishop of Taunton. Tea and meeting after service at St. Mary's Church Room. Visitors welcome. Will those who require tea please advise me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Jan. 18th.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m., tea and meeting at Denbigh Arms 5 p.m. It was intended to hold this meeting at Leamington, but the Parish Church bells are under repair.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, from 4 to 5, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Cosy Corner Café, opposite Putney Church. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 18th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East 3-4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's, Whitechapel, 5-5.30 p.m. Service in church, followed by tea, kindly provided by the Rector. Business meeting after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—James A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 19th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me before the 19th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Swan Hotel, to be followed by social. All ringers and friends welcome.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner.—The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6

p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, will be provided only for those who notify me before last post on Monday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Please notify by Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Potato pie supper at 5 o'clock for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th, to William Ashworth, 15, Wardle Street, Stacksteads. Meeting after supper. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service will be held and a peal tablet recording the record of Superlative Surprise Major dedicated by the Vicar of Bolton (Canon Carpenter, M.A., B.D.). In the evening a social will be held at the Bolton Police Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises, please forward names to the Hon. Sec., Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Vicar. Those requiring tea (price 1s.) please notify Miss Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, by Jan. 25th. The secretary is particularly anxious for a good attendance at this meeting, at which important business is to be discussed.—Molly Davenport, Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12). Service in St. Chad's 5 p.m., address by Rev. B. S. Lombard, O.B.E. (Vicar). Tea 5.45 in St. Chad's Institute, 1s. each. Meeting at 6.30. Please send number requiring tea before Jan. 24th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, who will also give the address. Tea and meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of Rev. Canon Solloway, and the churchwardens of Selby, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Divine service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available from 12 noon onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Annual reports will be issued at this meeting, and subscriptions received.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Monday nights at 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the Sunday service ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Learners invited. The next opportunity for a peal attempt, Cambridge Surprise Royal, at the Cathedral, will be Easter Monday. Mid-week peal attempt (any Wednesday). Stedman Caters can be arranged. If you wish to take part, please write James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

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