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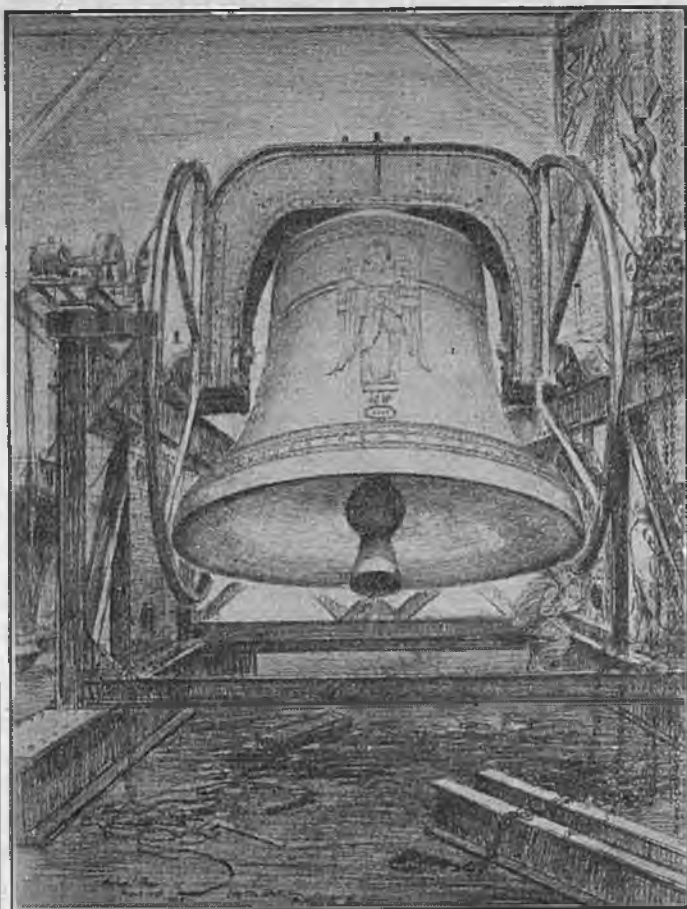
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With big black headlines, 'Bells that make our Sundays hideous and our nights intolerable,' 'Everybody's Weekly,' in its last issue, produced an article, by Francis E. Trotter, calculated to curdle the blood of all peace-loving people and rouse them to such a condition of active indignation that one might almost expect to hear that the population of these islands has risen as one man to fall upon the bells of our churches and smash them each into a thousand pieces. People who object to bells do sometimes write like that, and we sympathise with them—sympathise with them because they are usually the victims of unfortunate circumstances and a misplaced sense of discrimination and proportion. The trouble seems to be that Francis E. Trotter has made his habitation in a neighbourhood where church and other clocks—several, more or less, in number—strike the hours at varying times, and some of them the quarter-hours, through the night, while on Sundays solitary church bells clang out a rather monotonous call to worship. Consequently Francis E. Trotter—unlike the majority of people, who quickly get used to the striking of clocks at night and don't lose a wink of sleep about them, and who are generally within the hearing of only one church bell or one peal of bells which ring for service—lays about him with the big stick and belabours bells of every kind, and, by inference, the ringers of them. That is the fault with writers who have a bee in their bonnet: their condemnation is sweeping and they lose perspective.

But Francis E. Trotter disclaims any desire to speak irreverently or frivolously, and tells his readers that one of his loveliest memories of the war-time was when, in a train passing through North France, he heard the tiny bells of one village church and then another sound across the small rounded valleys. That is just the secret of it. It is the conditions that make all the difference. Probably those French bells were, as bells, as bad or worse than those English ones of his acquaintance, of which he now complains, and it is quite obvious that Francis E. Trotter has yet to hear a good modern peal of bells well rung. Nowhere in all France would he hear bells like them. It is unfortunate that he had not heard some of these glorious rings before he embarked upon his tirade, in an effort to influence public opinion.

And yet, for all his fuming, thoughtful readers will appreciate the exaggeration with which the article is filled, from this characteristic statement, that 'all the inability of the churches to agree with one another in a Christian way is symbolised in the clanging, arguing,

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bickering, contradicting, quarrelsome exhibition of bells jostling and pushing and shouting one another down.' Anyone acquainted with the facts knows that, with very few exceptions, bells are used only in the Established Church; that in extraordinarily few instances are churches so closely situated that their bells can be heard in annoying conflict; and that therefore this fulmination against church bells in general is nothing but a bit of empty 'flapdoodle.' If the clocks at night disturb him, he must be a sufferer from insomnia and should consult a doctor; if the bells on Sunday upset him, he should consult a parson—it may be that conscience is pricking him for a long-neglected summons. But the pity of it is that so many of the readers of his article will not realise this.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

LESLIE J. CLARK Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5	JAMES BENNETT 11
*RICHARD C. CLARK 6	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 8
*FRANK JENNINGS 4	FRANK E. DAREY 9
JOHN SPARROW 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	HENRY PRING 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	WILLIAM STOWELL 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. W. H. Thomas, a highly respected member and regular Sunday service ringer of St. Stephen's Guild, who died on November 19th.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BELOVED VIRGIN MARY,
SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..Treble	* WILLIAM HORAN 6
TOM WILDE 2	† LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN POTTER 8
JAMES W. GROUNDS 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
JOHN BOOTH 5	FREDERICK PAGE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Sidwell's Branch, Exeter.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* DAVID BETTS ... ..Treble	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6
† EDWARD BIFFEN 2	WILLIAM HOWE 7
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	GEORGE BETTS 8
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4	† ARTHUR TRUMAN 9
TOM BARTLETT 5	ARTHUR GOAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PILLAR ... ..Treble	* EDWARD CLENNETT ROBSON 5
* HAROLD ROBSON 2	THOMAS H. CHAMPION ... 6
* JOHN CLODSTON 3	SIDNEY BREEZE 7
FREDERICK ROBSON 4	ERNEST BURNETT ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

* First peal of Major.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT SWIFT ... ..Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
* GEORGE OLLIVER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

In this competition the method is changed 18 times, and at least once in every course. First spliced peal of Treble Bob Major for the association and all the band.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes

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

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* MAURICE SWINFIELD... ..Treble	CHARLES DRAFER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	* RICHARD C. BELTON... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	* JAMES S. HUTCHEY 7
* E. HARRY STONELEY 4	* EPHRAIM W. RANDES ...Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by M. SWINFIELD

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the extent with the sixth at home.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

ROYDEN DAVIES ... ..Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	GEORGE H. MARTIN 6
JOHN DARCH 3	WILLIAM HEATH 7
PERCY JONES 4	* BATEMAN FRANCIS ...Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY

* First peal. The ringer of 2nd is from Bedwelty, 3rd from Pontypridd, 4th and 6th from Caerphilly, 7th from Cardiff, 5th from Bridgend, treble and tenor local. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS... ..Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
* ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 1,200th peal and his 100th on these bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the day of the funeral of the late Miss Mary Robinson.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN YERROLD ... ..Treble	ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON 5
* GEORGE BRADBURY 2	* ARTHUR WILLIAMS 6
* FRANK BATE 3	JOHN PERRY 7
WILLIAM BENTON 4	* HARRY BAILEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal and, together with the ringer of the fourth, belong to the local band. The remainder belong to Brewood.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

* NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	DAVID WHITING 6
RAY GRANT... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 75th peal. Rung as compliments to the daughter of Mr. C. J. More and to Mr. A. G. Harrison, whose birthdays occurred on that day.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
ARTHUR J. SMITH ... 2	GEORGE COOK ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	JOHN HOYLE ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Non-Conducted.

Umpires: J. WHEADON and H. HOVERD.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. CASE ... Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5
LEONARD A. SMITH ... 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 6
*HARRY CASHMORE ... 3	THOMAS E. READ ... 7
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4	†WALTER B. JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	JAMES HARRISON ... 5
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY ... 6
JOHN BROWN ... 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 7
MISS MAY CLAYTON ... 4	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN T. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 2	JOHN CURRY ... 6
GEORGE LADD ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLS.

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD A. ARNOLD ... Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
ALFRED TURBAN, JUN. ... 2	†EDWARD A. KEMP ... 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... 3	GEORGE GREEN ... 7
†PERCY GREEN ... 4	GEORGE COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. First peal as conductor.
A. Turban was elected a member in the tower before starting the peal.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS ... Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
THOMAS HURD ... 2	WILLIAM P. DRANE ... 6
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ERTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
*HARRY HOVERD ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the ringer of tenor, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wheadon, wife of the ringer of the treble.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK JEAL ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 6
HARRY HOOPER ... 3	†JOHN HUMPHREY ... 7
GEORGE F. HOAD ... 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major away from treble. First peal of Major as conductor. Quarter-peal for the Surrey Association (Southern Branch). Rung on the 77th birthday of Mr. T. Bassett, who has been in the Godstone Parish Church Choir for fifty years.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 2	JESSE SCREEN ... 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... 3	*HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	BENJAMIN FOLLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* 25th peal. 50th peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar of Sedgley, Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell, who passed away on November 16th, and was laid to rest on Wednesday, the 20th. For over 41 years he was Vicar of the above parish.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
REES EVANS ... ..	...Treble	HENRY E. COX	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	EDWIN H. FOSTER	6
ALFRED T. POULTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	ROBERT SUMMERS	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Stedman by all the band, and the first on the bells.
Rung at the 9th attempt.

HUGHENDEN, RUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	...Treble	JOHN EVANS	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. Herbert Jones, M.A., of the
diocese of Hereford, who was inducted Vicar during the week.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

The ringers of the 3rd and 7th were elected members of the asso-
ciation previous to starting.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 2 lb. in F.

WALTER IDLE ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM H. SENIOR	5
PERCY BYROM	2	FRED HODGSON	6
ERNEST B. BETTS	3	HARRY MARSDEN	7
HAROLD SENIOR	4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY.

Conducted by W. H. SENIOR.

First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of
Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, an esteemed member of the local band.
The ringers and friends wish to thank him for his kind hospitality
after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TEVERSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 changes of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HORACE PORTER ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON	3
HUBERT BAILEY	2	*BERNARD PORTER	4
FRED W. KNOWLES ... ..	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

* First peal. These ringers entertained the band to supper after
the peal. The bells were rung half-muffled in remembrance of the
men of Teversall who fell in the war.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, viz., one each of Double Oxford,
Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

RAY GRANT ... ..	...Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT	4
FRANK S. CLARKE	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Major. It is believed to be the
first peal of Minor on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F.

EDWIN BOTTTreble	RONALD RUSSELL	3
ERNEST A. MARSH	2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	4

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Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK PRICE ... ..	...Treble	† CLEMENT H. VOWLES	4
* WILFRED P. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
† DOUGLAS E. CLOTHIER	3	W. HARRY POPE	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal away from treble. † First attempt for a peal. All
are members of the Sherborne Abbey band with the exception of the
conductor. First peal on the bells.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 18 callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* CHARLES LEITH ... ..	...Treble	JAMES P. HYETT	4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
REGINALD MORRIS	3	WILLIAM E. KINSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar for his kindness
in always placing the bells at the ringers' disposal. Also rung on
the birthday of, and as a compliment to, the tenor man.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one of Kent, two of Oxford and four of Plain Bob, each
called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	DAVID WHITING	5
RAY GRANT	3	ERIC G. BENNETT	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Stedman, three of Plain Bob and 35 of Grand-
sire. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

* MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	Treble	GEORGE E. FOSTER	3
* MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First five-bell peal. The second peal on the bells.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman Doubles, 720 St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,200 Boh Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST MALLENDER	Treble	HOBERT BAILEY	3
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	BERNARD BAILEY	4

FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the following: The conductor, the Vicar, Rev. T. S. Hudson, the mother of the treble ringer, and the mother of the 3rd and 4th ringers. The latter entertained the ringers to tea afterwards.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent and 720 of Woodbine. Tenor 18 cwt in F.

WILLIAM BUTLER	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE	4
*WILLIAM S. BUTLER	2	ANDREW EVERS	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Evers. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*BENJAMIN DOUGLAS	Treble	ALFRED EILBECK	4
WILLIAM H. COOK	2	J. H. ROTHERY	5
GEORGE H. TEMBY	3	WILLIAM NORMAN	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NORMAN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the war. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 7 cwt.

BERTRAM PILGRIM	Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	FRANK HARPER	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WALTER LAYZELL	Treble	HERBERT SHEMMING	4
*ALBERT V. MIDDLEDITCH	2	WILLIAM PRIME	5
VICTOR E. WATERS	3	FREDERICK J. LONG	Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung on the 9th anniversary of the reopening of the bells. All are Sunday service ringers.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Tuesday, October 15th, at Christ Church, for practice, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. A. Wilson 1, G. W. Townsend 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, S. Palmer 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, H. A. Hearl 8, E. Bishop 9, J. H. Shepherd 10.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS	Treble	CHARLES CAMM	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on six bells.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON	4
JIM TEBAY	2	THOMAS JEFFERSON	5
WILLIAM T. TROUGHTON	3	FRANK WILSON	Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor and first attempt. They are members of the newly-formed band at the Windermere Parish Church, Bowness.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CLARKE	Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD	3
CHARLES CATTELL	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	4
ARTHUR CATTELL	Tenor		

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung as a token of respect to the late John Henry Tarratt, in memory of whom a stained glass window was unveiled the following day, by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EIGHT MEETINGS FOR ELY ARCHDEACONRY.

A district meeting for the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Trumpington on Saturday last. Although poorly attended, some good ringing took place. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Moule), Mr. E. Haynes being the organist. Tea and business meeting followed at the Green Man, arranged by Miss K. Willers.

The secretary (Mr. F. Warrington) read the minutes of the last meeting, arising out of which it was decided the district committee meet, if possible, at the room of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (president of Cambridge University Guild), to arrange a programme for ensuing year. Mr. F. Hurry (Sawston) proposed, and Mr. A. E. Austin (Stapleford) seconded, there be eight meetings next year, and this was carried.

Three new members were enrolled: Eric Chapman (Trumpington), Cecil Austin (Stapleford), and Mansfield Ginn (Over). Mr. A. G. Rivers (Dry Drayton), supported by Mr. B. Buttress (Fulbourn) welcomed the new members, stating they were pleased to see the young blood enlisted in the association.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, seconded by Mr. E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge), votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, to Mr. E. Haynes as organist, and Miss Willers for making arrangements. The Vicar replied, welcoming the association to Trumpington. He said he wished it to be known that Miss Willers, by her untiring efforts, had a good Sunday service ringing band. He also expressed thanks to Mr. A. Wilson on his help.

Mr. Hibbins congratulated Mr. Haynes on conducting the first peal on the bells, which was also his (Mr. Haynes') first peal.

Business over, the tower was again visited, methods rung being from Plain Bob to London Surprise, the meeting ending with a 720 of London Surprise (rung non-conducted) by: E. Haynes 1, Miss K. Willers 2, A. E. Austin 3, F. Warrington 4, C. W. Cook 5, E. G. Hibbins 6. Witness, A. J. Ginn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH GRANTS FOR RESTORATIONS.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 16th, when, despite a very wet day, the attendance was good.

The Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) dedicated two peal boards commemorating peals rung in November, 1922, and August, 1929, after which a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the members present, whose names appear on the boards, augmented by Miss V. Robinson, of Wokingham, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, conducted by Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain of the tower).

Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Browning (Rector of Peasemore), the address being given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who preached from the text, 'Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend' (Proverbs xxvii. 17). The Rev. L. R. Majendie presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, and 58 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided, supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Rev. Hugh Bonsey, Rev. A. Browning, and the hon. branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The Secretary reported a very successful year; the balance in 1928 was £13 12s. This year £13 3s. had been voted to three towers for restoration, leaving an actual balance in hand of £4 17s. 4d.

The sum of £2 was voted from the branch fund to the Berkshire Twelve-bell Fund.

The foremen of towers gave satisfactory reports.

The Master congratulated the Newbury Branch on its meeting and its officers. He was glad to hear reports from nearly every tower in the branch.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert also spoke on behalf of the St. Lawrence Twelve-bell Fund, and the chairman promised to send £1.

Mr. A. J. Wright commended the branch upon granting so much of the balance to bell restoration.

Three new honorary members were elected, and 15 new ringing members were also enrolled.

The next meeting was fixed for Chieveley in February, and the spring meeting for Thatcham in April.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks to the Master, the Rector, and to the ladies for providing tea.

Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m.

THE LATE CANON NOLLOTH.**HIS ASSOCIATION WITH BEVERLEY AND YORK MINSTER BELLS.**

The death of Canon H. E. Nolloth, D.D., which we briefly recorded last week, removes a great lover of bells. Canon Nolloth was Vicar of Beverley Minster for 41 years, and during his incumbency did a great deal to beautify the building, and he added the glorious ring of bells for which the Minster is famous. He retired in 1921, but took an active part to getting York Minster bells and Great Peter recast.

During his long incumbency at Beverley, Canon Nolloth spent a considerable amount of his private means in beautifying the church to which he was greatly devoted. He put in the fine mosaics and figures in the niches in the altar screen, stained glass windows in the transept, and a new organ case, and also erected the iron fencing round the churchyard; the last-mentioned work alone cost over £3,000. Canon Nolloth was also responsible for the scheme he partly financed of filling in the niches in the exterior of the Minster with stone figures, and he and Mrs. Nolloth were generous benefactors in connection with the present peal of ten bells and clock which chimes on the peal and strikes on the great bell which hangs in the other tower.

When Canon Nolloth left Beverley he gave the property he held in the town to the Minster for the improvement of the living. For several years he was a member of the East Riding County Council. As a Canon of York Dr. Nolloth frequently preached in York Minster, and since he went to live at Oxford continued to take his appointed turn at the Minster.

Both York and Beverley owe much to Canon Nolloth in regard to their noble rings of bells, and a short time ago the York Minster ringers made a presentation to him in appreciation of the work he had done in connection with York Minster bells.

Canon Nolloth, who had been living at Oxford since 1921, had reached the advanced age of 84 years. Mrs. Nolloth survives her husband.

The funeral took place at Beverley on Thursday of last week.

FAREWELL TO A MISSIONARY.

At the Parish Church of Great Tey, after the evening service, on November 17th, a touch of Bob Major was rung as a farewell to Miss Garrard, who is leaving for East Africa to work in the mission fields: F. Wilby 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, H. Garrard 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, T. Piper 7, J. Dyer 8.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday is not long to remain unchallenged as the greatest number of changes on twelve bells. On Saturday, December 14th, the Painswick Youths will attempt, at the famous Gloucestershire church, a peal of 16,565 Grandsire Cinques, starting at 8.30 a.m. Before the Ashton-under-Lyne record was set up, the longest length on twelve was the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, rung at Painswick in 1920. The Painswick Youths, who have made records through many generations, are not readily to give up their pride of place.

William Doubleday Crofts, the famous Nottingham ringer, died one hundred and twenty years ago to-day, and was buried on December 2nd, 1808, when a 'mourning peal of 1,494 Grandsire Caters' was rung at St. Mary's.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811.

The whole peal of Tripples on Stedman's Principle, as composed by Mr. Thos. Edwards, was completely rung in this tower on Sunday, December 4th, 1803, in 2 hours and 50 minutes by the following College Youths. This appears on a peal board in St. Mary Abbot's tower, Kensington, and records the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Ancient Society.

The first Freemasons' peal was rung at St. Clement Danes, ten years ago next Wednesday.

It is always a pleasure to record a success which is the outcome of real perseverance. 'The first peal of Stedman by all the hand,' says a footnote to a peal at Bridstow, Herefordshire, and 'rung at the ninth attempt.' We all admire the skill of a band who can ring a peal in a new method at the first attempt, but a company which perseveres in the way these Herefordshire ringers have done, equally compels admiration.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.

We are asked to state that the peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 16th, should have been credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at North Crawley, Bucks, on Saturday, but the report has been sent in with the names of only five of the methods.

We constantly call attention to the need for care on the part of correspondents when sending in reports, a great many of which reach us lacking in some detail. In the case of peals, when the correspondent's address is enclosed, we take steps to get the report rectified.

In the case of touches sent for publication, numerous cases occur where the name of the church, or the name of one ringer, is missing, and for that reason we are unable to insert the report.

We would again ask correspondents carefully to check their reports before sending, to assure themselves that no essential detail is omitted. At the same time we would ask them to write names plainly. It is no use blaming the printer for errors when the writing is indecipherable.

A FAMOUS BRISTOL GUILD. THE ANTIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS.

Occasional references have been made in our columns to 'The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers,' an old Bristol Guild, which is supposed to have been founded about the year 1620. There was a tradition that Queen Elizabeth visited Bristol in 1574 and expressed herself so pleased with St. Stephen's sweet bells



THE FINE TOWER
of the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol.

and graceful tower that she promised to give the ringers a charter. But the royal charter does not seem to have materialised. Perhaps Queen Elizabeth forgot about it. It has sometimes been stated that King James I. rectified Elizabeth's omission, but no charter has been found, nor any record of one, and there is no good reason to suppose there ever was one. Had a charter been issued by the Lord Chamberlain it would have recited the purposes for which the Guild was formed, given the names of

those associated with its control, and probably the date of its foundation. The absence of such a document, and, indeed, of any other written record, prior to 1681, leaves the origin of the society entirely a matter of conjecture, and the numerous attempts made to ascertain its true beginnings have not been attended by much success.

Probably the Guild had a very informal beginning, though the Ordinances plainly indicate a religious foundation. The earliest of these Ordinances go no further back than 1620, but there is clear indication in them that the St. Stephen's Ringers were already an ancient body, and local historians have suggested that it was a pre-Reformation society for religious, benevolent and social purposes. That they were originally responsible for ringing St. Stephen's bells is obvious, but that active connection with the church seems long since to have ceased. Here are two interesting extracts from the Ordinances:—

'If anyone of the said Company after the time he shall come into the Church shall be so saucy as to take the rope to ring before the Master and the eldest of the said Company who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay for such his offence twopence, one penny thereof to the sexton and the other penny to the Company.'

'If any of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the Belfry before he do kneel down and pray as every good Christian ought to do, he shall pay for first offence sixpence, and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.'

The earliest known minute book of the society is of the year 1682, and the first known Master was Thomas Atkins, elected in 1681, and with only one short break in the first half of the eighteenth century the list of Masters is complete to the present day. At first all the members were actual ringers, but by the close of the seventeenth century non-ringers were admitted, and gradually the ringing element disappeared.

The Guild has had its ups and downs, and occasionally come near to extinction, but it never quite died, and in the mid-nineteenth century began its great work for the fabric and embellishment of the church of St. Stephen. So, while the members never rang, they rendered a great service to the church by assisting when needful in the upkeep of the building. Only a few years ago they spent about £2,000 on the renovation of the tower.

There is one other feature which they have steadfastly maintained, and that is their annual feast, and from the bills of fare that have come down to us, the members have generally managed 'to do themselves well.' The menu for one of the feasts in the forties of last century, for instance, contained three soups (including turtle), five kinds of fish, venison (in three forms), lamb, veal, calves' heads, beef, tongue and fowls, with ducklings, venison pastry, gosling, roast chicken and turkey as entrees, three puddings and dessert.

Even to-day the quality of the banquets is maintained. The members and their guests dined together at the Red Lodge, Bristol, on Monday week, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Francis N. Cowlin. The diners successfully negotiated a *recherché* meal of ten courses, including the traditional turtle soup. There were eight toasts, including one 'To the memory of Good Queen Bess.' The old observance of the 'Procession of the Don' was honoured, the 'charter' was read, and the new Master (Capt. Mardon) installed. There was a distinguished company present, including the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of Bristol, and Sir Ernest Charles (Master of the Merchant Venturers' Society), and during the evening an address and a silver salver were presented to Mr. H. E. Roslyn, in recognition of his services in compiling and publishing a history of the Antient Society.

The Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, with which the Antient Society is associated, is conspicuous for the elegance and beauty of its tower. The church itself dates back to 1304, and was rebuilt between the years 1450 and 1490, the fretted tower, which is 133 feet high to the leads and 35 feet more to the tops of the pinnacles, being erected in 1469. The bells were originally a ring of six, recast, and made into eight by Rudhall, of Gloucester in 1759, and augmented to ten in 1891, the trebles being recast by Llewelyn and James, of Bristol, in 1906. The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

- Treble.—A. B. James, 1890. C. R. Hancock, 1891. Llewelyn & James, Bristol, 1906.
- 2nd.—E. H. Stock, 1906. E. C. Barry, 1906. Llewelyn & James, Bristol, 1906.
- 3rd.—God Preserve Our Church And State. A. R., 1759.
- 4th.—Peace And Good Neighbourhood. A. R., 1759.
- 5th.—Success To The British Arms. A. R., 1759.
- 6th.—May The Trade Of This City Increase. A. R., 1759.
- 7th.—Prosperity To This Parish. A. R., 1759.
- 8th.—We Were All Cast At Gloucester By Ah. Rudhall, 1759.
- 9th.—Worthington Brice And Valentine Watkins, C.H. Wardens. A. R., 1759.
- Tenor.—I To The Church The Living Call,
And To The Grave Do Summon All. A. R., 1759.

The tenor is 21 cwt. in E.

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. THOMAS**A WELL-KNOWN BRISTOL LADY RINGER.**

It is with great regret that we announce the death, at the age of 46 years, of Mrs. William H. Thomas, wife of the popular president of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

Mrs. Thomas was ringing as recently as Armistice Day and Colston Day (November 13th). It is presumed that she contracted a chill on Armistice Day, and death resulted from pneumonia and septicæmia on Tuesday evening, November 19th. Mr. Thomas was away travelling at the time, and only reached home several hours after death had taken place.

Deceased had rung nine peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, being three of Stedman Triples, four of Stedman Caters and the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal.

Mrs. Thomas leaves three sons, two of whom are ringers, Wilfred being attached to Oxford University Guild, and Stanley, a useful member of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

Mrs. Thomas, like her husband, was very genial company, and the writer's mind is carried back to many happy ringing meetings which she attended during the past few months, one in particular across the stretch of Somerset from Pill to Clapton-in-Gordano.

Many happy memories of the deceased lady will be cherished, and ringers in the West, as well as many other parts of England, who knew her, will extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Thomas and his family in the great loss they have sustained.

At St. Stephen's Church she will be greatly missed, and the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has lost a valuable member, who regularly attended the meetings. E. G.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST NORFOLK BRANCH STARTED.**

A general meeting of the newly-formed West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in the Archdeacon's Court in St. Nicholas' Church, King's Lynn, on Saturday, November 16th, for the election of officers and committee. The Rev. M. H. Knowles, Rector of St. Margaret with St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, presided. Supporting him were the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, the Rev. A. N. Garrett, Messrs. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), W. J. Eldred (district secretary), H. R. Heyhoe and representatives from Dersingham, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Marham, Swaffham, etc.

The general secretary gave a short explanation on the object of the meeting, after which the members proceeded to elect the officers and committee.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver was elected chairman of the branch, Mr. William J. Eldred hon. secretary.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver moved, and Mr. James H. Raper seconded, that a Ringing Master be appointed, and, on the motion being put to the meeting, it was carried without opposition. Mr. W. J. Eldred was elected to the office, on the motion of Mr. James H. Raper, seconded by Mr. H. R. Heyhoe.

Messrs. Christopher Crome, Robert E. Greenacre, Tom Greenacre, William Hawes and James J. Raper were elected members of the committee.

On a motion moved by the general secretary, Mr. John Buckenham was elected a life member (non-resident) of the association, and Mr. John Curston a performing member.

It was resolved that a West Norfolk Branch meeting be held at Dersingham on Saturday, January 4th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. M. H. Knowles for presiding and for the use of the Archdeacon's Court, and also for the use of eight bells of St. Nicholas' Church.

The members adjourned to the belfry for ringing at St. Nicholas' and also on the ring of six bells at St. Faith's, Gaywood.

PRESENTATION TO ICKLETON'S VICAR.

On Monday evening, November 18th, a meeting of the Ickleton ringers was held to give a small present to the Vicar, the Rev. P. H. Cooke, who is retiring. The gift consisted of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell.

Mr. P. Webb, on behalf of the ringers, said they were all very sorry they were losing the Vicar, as he had always backed the ringers up. He always praised the ringing when it was good, never found fault when it was bad, and always welcomed visiting ringers.

The Vicar, who was taken quite by surprise, said he found when he came to Ickleton, 15½ years ago, that he had a gallant band of churchworkers in the ringers, so he backed them up in their work. He was very pleased he had been able to get the bells restored and two added in his time. He thanked the ringers very much for the present, which he would treasure very much. It would remind him of the happy meetings, and he wished them every success in their ringing in the future.

SON'S TRIBUTE TO FATHER

Five sons paid a tribute to their departed father at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, when they took part in a 720 Bob Minor, rung with half-muffled bells, in memory of Mr. W. W. Swift, who died on November 19th. The ringers were: V. E. Swift 1, L. Swift 2, R. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, W. A. Swift (conductor) 5, F. Green 6.

'SILCHESTER'—AND THE TWO NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. James asks, 'What is it?' Personally, I think he ought to know. But if he has forgotten that the Central Council had a committee, named 'The Legitimate Methods Committee,' and that they have given a definition for each class of method, he should know that the one in question is not a legitimate one, inasmuch as the changes are not all Triple changes, as it has a double change when the treble lies her blows behind, and also when treble leads when a bob (or single) is called. Had this method conformed to rule, I could have published it as long ago as 1902.

Good Triples methods are not plentiful. Quite the best I have come across I append below:—

No. 1.	A DOUBLE METHOD.
1234567	The division changes
2143576	marked thus (*) are the
1234756	changes of the first lead
2143765	of Bob Triples, making
1234675	fourteen divisions in the
	course.

2143657*

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2416375*

5th's place Bob made †.

No. 2.

1234567

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2314567

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3124567

1325476*

3152467

1325647

3152674†

1325764

3152746*

3rd's place Bob made †.

These methods will be equally interesting to the ringer, conductor and composer. There are 70 changes in the plain course, 72 courses in the peal. The new feature of a Double Triple Method with dodging in 3-4 and 4-5 as the centre work alternately should commend them as a great novelty.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

79, Carver Street, Sheffield.

RUNG AT BRISTOL.

Dear Sir,—New Doubles, extended to Triples, was rung for many months at St. James', Bristol, over three years ago. Extended to Caters, it was rung once or twice by the St. Stephen's Guild at St. Stephen's Church.—Yours faithfully,

E. GUISE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Chichester on Saturday, November 16th. Although it was a typical November day, about 40 ringers and friends attended from all quarters, the following towers being represented: Angmering, Brighton, Lewes, Heene, Shoreham, West Tarring, Rogate, Bosham, Hove, Petersfield and Chichester. Some good practice was held in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise Major, some of the young members ringing their first courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

A service was held in the Cathedral, and afterwards the company wended their way to Messrs. Vokes' tearooms, where a substantial tea was partaken of.

The usual business meeting followed, with Mr. James Blaker presiding. The following new members were elected: Bosham band, Rev. G. Street (hon. member), Messrs. G. Brown, W. A. Combes, G. T. Dewdney, J. M. Gilby, G. W. Marshall, J. B. New, J. G. Payne, A. J. Robinson and H. W. Stovold; Goring band, Rev. A. de H. Robinson (hon. member), Messrs. F. W. Hayler, T. A. Warren, W. and P. Smith, H. Weaver, S. Orchard and P. Baker. The election of Mr. G. Wilson, of Guildford, was confirmed.

After the usual votes of thanks, the members again made their way back to the campanile for further ringing.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON.—On November 7th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Oakes 1, T. Pittham 2, W. Rhead 3, F. Harrison 4, A. Grant 5, J. Fenton (conductor) 6. First 720 Plain Bob on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

BALL BEARINGS v. GUN-METAL BEARINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 22nd, concerning the above, I feel sure your correspondent will find ball bearings to be a great advantage over gun-metal bearings for a light peal, with a tenor of 12 cwt., providing they are fitted by a competent firm of bellhangers.—Yours, etc.,

J. H. B. HESSE.

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

In spite of the inclement weather, the meeting of the South-Western Division at Leytonstone was a successful one, between 40 and 50 members and friends putting in an appearance from Leyton, Walthamstow, West Ham, Loughton, Brentwood, Bentley, Wanstead, Woodford, Ealing, Barking, Romford, Camberwell, etc. The bells were going soon after 3 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., when those present attended the service conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. Beard) in the regrettable absence of the Vicar, Canon Brown, through illness. After service the members were entertained to a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the wives and daughters of members of the Leytonstone band.

Tea over, the business of the afternoon was proceeded with, and five new members elected. Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were unanimously re-elected District Master and secretary respectively for another year, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Loughton. The bells there have been rehung in ball bearings, etc., the work being almost completed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon Brown, for allowing the use of the tower, bells and hall, the Rev. Douglas Beard for conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting, the organist for kindly attending and accompanying the hymns, etc., Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, Mr. Churchwarden Clark, and Messrs. Prior and Butler respectively for their services during the past year, and, last but not least, to the ladies who kindly provided the tea.

After the meeting the bells were again made use of till 8.30 p.m., and touches in various methods from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Spliced Surprise Minor were rung.

This is believed to be the first meeting of the association ever held at Leytonstone since the formation of the St. John's Society in 1883 by Mr. W. Miller and others, the former still being the respected Master of the band.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bulwell on Saturday, November 9th, when a goodly number of members attended. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major were rung during the evening, also a short touch of Grandsire and Stedman Spliced.

There were members present from Warsop, Bottesford, Sutton-on-Trent and Nottingham, while the local ringers were there in force. Just after eight o'clock the bells were splendidly brought down in peal, and this brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Baslow on Saturday, November 16th. A very wet afternoon adversely affected the attendance, but ringers were present from Baslow, Bakewell, Dore, Eyam, Hope and Sheffield Cathedral. The bells, a musical ring of six, were raised about 3 p.m. and were kept going until about eight o'clock, in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Several learners were given a good drilling in Plain Bob, and about an hour's real good practice in Cambridge was indulged in, it having been decided at the last meeting to make this the method for special attention. A good 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was also brought round by: U. Dane (Eyam) 1, F. Sheldon (Baslow) 2, A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) 3, F. Barker (Eyam) 4, A. Wallace (Bakewell) (first 720 of Oxford) 5, Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) (conductor) 6.

A substantial tea was partaken of at the Rutland Arms, nearby, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, at which the usual votes of thanks were passed.

It was decided to hold the first annual meeting of the district at Bakewell, about the third Saturday in January, and to make Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Minor the methods for special attention.—A little handbell ringing concluded the proceedings.

MAYOR 'PROCLAIMED.'

At Wrexham, North Wales, on Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the Mayor of the town being proclaimed, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,268 changes) in 57 mins.: E. Barber 1, F. Mitchell 2, J. Clutton 3, W. Jones 4, F. Evans 5, W. Cahall 6, A. Lea, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Cathall 8, A. Lea, sen., 9, A. C. Hodges 10. First quarter by ringers of 2 and 10.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you, through your columns, kindly voice the cry of a somewhat neglected body of churchworkers, and submit its appeal both to the incumbents and fellow-workers everywhere, that on both sides an earnest effort be made to remedy a greatly regretted state of affairs?

Long and varied experience proves that bellringers note the absence of their Vicars from the ringing chambers, and we fear that in only too many instances they have accepted the situation and look for nothing else. There are, of course, exceptions, but the rule, alas, is only too general.

On the other hand, clergy and congregations note the absence of the ringers from the services to which they have just been calling the parishioners. Here, again, there are exceptions, but the practice is very common.

These topics were freely discussed at a recent meeting of bellringers, the outcome, Sir, being this request to voice the cry, hereby expressed:—

'Could not all incumbents make their bellringers as sacred a charge as their Sunday School teachers or any other body of workers?'

All present agreed that a warm welcome would be extended were incumbents regularly to visit their belfries, warmer still if they would set about acquiring the art of change ringing; and would, without doubt, find the ringers respond to the changed attitude. The incumbents on their part would soon be able to rejoice over ringers joining in the worship to which they call others.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

J. R. KING,

Vicar of Measham.

JOHN LEACH,

Hon. Secretary,

Burlington-Trent District,

Midland Counties Association.

November 24th, 1929.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. GARTSIDE.**EARLY LINK WITH LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The death of Mr. John Henry Gartside, of Chorley, Lancs., removes another of the few survivors of the first days of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Gartside died on November 18th at the age of 75 years, and by his passing Chorley loses one of its most respected inhabitants and the Church one of its most stalwart sons. He was a man of many activities, and in all he undertook he laboured unostentatiously but thoroughly. Born on January 8th, 1855, Mr. Gartside began work in his father's plumbing and painting business at eleven years of age, and after his father's death he carried on the business with Mr. S. J. Gartside. Familiarly known as 'John Henry,' the deceased devoted a great deal of time to religious and friendly society work.

His connection with the Chorley Parish Church and Sunday School extended over the long period of 66 years, commencing as a Sunday School scholar. He was for over 40 years a Sunday School teacher, and held the long-service bronze medal of the Manchester diocese. He was a member of the church choir for over 15 years, became a bellringer at the age of 15 years, and served 39 years in this capacity, he had been treasurer of the Parish Church Schools for 30 years, and for 25 successive years was re-elected people's warden, retiring in 1924. He had also been Sunday school librarian and superintendent for a short period.

Mr. Gartside was present at either the first or second meeting convened for the formation of the Lancashire Association, which was held at St. George's School, Chorley, in 1876. There are still one or two left who were present at that meeting, one being Mr. John Marsden, who still rings regularly at Chorley Parish Church. Mr. Gartside was the president of the Lancashire Six-Bell Association, which was dissolved just prior to the Great War, the members of the society being absorbed by the present Lancashire Association. Owing to his other church duties, Mr. Gartside had not been actively associated with ringing for a long number of years, but his place has been taken by his son, Mr. J. H. Gartside, jun., who is more widely known to present-day members of the Exercise as a good ringer, especially on the heavy end. He has recently rung the tenor to the two heaviest peals of Minor rung by the Lancashire Association.

Mr. Gartside, sen.'s, connection with friendly society work was almost lifelong, and in addition to being for over 58 years' standing an Oddfellow in which he served in all the lodge and district offices, his greatest interest was in the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, in which he rose to the highest office of Chief Shepherd of the Order in 1906.

The funeral took place on Friday amid every manifestation of regret. In addition to the family mourners, there were a large number of representatives of local organisations, including the ringers, whose floral tribute was in the shape of a bell. The service was choral, and the bells were rung half-muffled.

On Sunday morning, as a last token of respect, before the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: H. Fisher 1, H. Foster 2, T. Lofthouse 3, H. Southworth 4, J. H. Gartside, jun., 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, W. Blackledge 7, G. Hewitt 8.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES STANBRIDGE, BIRMINGHAM.**ANOTHER LINK WITH HENRY JOHNSON BROKEN.**

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Charles Stanbridge, who passed away on Monday, November 18th, at the advanced age of 81 years.

Born at Hertford, he came to Birmingham about 55 years ago, and attached himself to Aston tower, and was one of the founders of the Holt Society, which later became merged in the St. Martin's Guild. He was an accomplished ringer and good striker, and a most reliable man in a peal, being a contemporary of such ringers as Henry Johnson, Harry Bustable, Samuel Reeves, William Kent, etc.

He rang many peals in various methods, his most notable one being a long peal of Grandsire Cinques, 9,020 changes, rung in St. Martin's tower on March 23rd, 1887, to commemorate the visit of Queen Victoria to Birmingham to lay the foundation stone of the Victoria Law Courts. He is the last of the band who stood in that peal.

He had a most lovable disposition, and was always willing to do anyone a good turn, being in the best sense of the term one of nature's gentlemen.

He was laid to rest on Saturday last, and St. Martin's Guild was represented by several members.

A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques will be attempted at St. Martin's on Tuesday, December 3rd, in his memory.

CHINGFORD BELLS.**TO RETURN TO OLD HOME.**

A new ring of six bells is to be placed in the tower at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Chingford Green, Essex, to replace the three ancient bells, brought from the old church at Chingford Mount in 1844, and which are to be returned to their original home.

The later church was built owing to the disrepair of the old edifice and the growth of a new residential district at the Green. Pews and other articles were moved, as well as the bells, which are centuries old. Other monuments were moved when SS. Peter and Paul Church was enlarged in 1903.

In 1904 the roof of the old church fell in. A new roof to the chancel was put in at the expense of Miss Boothby Heathcote, a descendant of some of the Rectors of the parish and patrons of the living, and Miss Heathcote recently gave £1,000 towards a fund to restore the church.

The work of restoration is now proceeding, and when it is sufficiently advanced regular services will be resumed in the church. Many new houses have been built on the sites of the old village dwellings which surround the place.

BEGINNING YOUNG.

A number of young folk have been learning to ring under Mr. W. Denyer at Aldershot Parish Church, and two more girls have now scored their first quarter-peal. This was Grandsire Triples rung on Sunday for evening service, in 47 mins.: *Miss Betty Stewart (age 13) 1, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, *Miss Edna Southby (age 13) 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, W. Denyer 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, Lance-Serjt. E. J. Bragg (Grenadier Guards) 7, *Guardian F. Townsend (Coldstream Guards) 8. * First quarter-peal and rung at first attempt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Despite the unfavourable weather, eight different towers were represented at Clewer on Saturday last, when a meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, the practice being quite a successful one. It is hoped that the next meeting will be on December 21st.

SOUTHGATE RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting event took place at Christ Church, Southgate, recently, when Mr. Donald Pink, one of the local ringers, was married to Miss Dorothy Crane, a Sunday School teacher, the only daughter of Mr. A. G. Crane, who is also a local ringer.

The choral wedding service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Pepploe, M.A., in the presence of over 80 guests. As the happy couple left the church, in addition to being besprinkled by copious showers of confetti, they were greeted by a merry peal on the bells. The reception was held at the Village Hall, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were made. Later the happy couple left for Lynton, Devonshire, where the honeymoon is being spent. In the evening, in honour of the event, the Southgate ringers, with the assistance of one of the bride's uncles, who resides at Bletchley, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 minutes: Arthur Crane 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Plater 3, D. Overington 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. Immediately afterwards the band, by invitation, adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where an excellent supper awaited them, to which ample justice was done, during which the health and prosperity of the newly-married couple was toasted and the thanks of the ringers expressed to the host and hostess for their kind hospitality.

Fortunately, the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Pink will be in Southgate, and the local society will thus retain the services of Mr. Pink.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MACCLESFIELD.—For morning service, on November 24th, 630 Grandsire Triples, with J. Tipper (longest length in method) as conductor. For evening service, 1,371 Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: A. V. Roes 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, W. Gayes 6, J. Worth (longest length as conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1, 4 and 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 1, H. A. Holden 2, H. Hovard 3, A. G. Hill 4, F. A. Coley 5, J. S. Morton 6, L. J. Cullum 7, O. Robinson 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: J. S. Morton 1, L. J. Cullum 2, F. C. C. Elliott (Deptford) (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, F. A. Coley 4, A. G. Hill 5, H. A. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 17th, to commemorate the festival of the Church of St. Edmund, 720 Grandsire Doubles by members of the local band: G. Clarke 1, E. Sargeant 2, G. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurstans', in 42 mins.: H. Ellis 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. A. Barnett 4, E. A. Hull 5, W. A. Tomlinson 6, J. G. Nash (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. The conductor expresses his thanks and appreciation for the kindness of the Tottenham band in allowing him to call his first quarter-peals of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples at All Hallows'.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): L. Wiseman 1, B. W. Pettitt 2, F. J. Cook 3, F. G. Glenves 4, O. Broyd 5, A. Catterwell 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, R. H. Young 8. Rung after an attempt for a full peal, which came to a finish through a window smashing in the belfry. The 3rd, 4th and 7th ringers thank those concerned in arranging the ringing.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, 240 each of Cambridge, Durham and Hanley Surprise. Owing to the bad condition of the bells, which are shortly to be recast, the above was rung intermittently by the following: J. Ryles, O. Williams, C. S. Ryles, W. C. Corfield, J. W. Walker, G. E. Lawrence, H. Wibberley, W. C. Lawrence, J. Walley and J. E. Wheeldon.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes, being 720 Bob Minor, 360 of Single Oxford, 180 of Canterbury), in 40 mins.: J. Potter 1, H. L. Harlow (conductor) 2, H. Smith 3, G. Wright 4, W. Bland 5, R. Shimmans 6. Also a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who was married the previous day.

YATELEY RINGER WEDDED.

On Thursday, November 14th, the marriage of Major J. G. Stilwell, of Yateley, Hants, to Miss C. Woods, took place at Freshwater, Isle of Wight. At noon, in honour of the event, as is usual at Yateley, the whole resident band assembled in the belfry and wished the newly-married couple every happiness, whilst a section, under the conductorship of Mr. G. Butler, rang a splendid touch of Grandsire Triples.

Major Stilwell has for some time taken a great interest in ringing, and, being a practical ringer, the Yateley band are pleased to know he will reside at Yateley with his wife, who, we understand, has lately been interested in the restoration and rehanging of bells at Beutworth, Hants. The best wishes for their future will, we feel sure, be re-echoed by the whole of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

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NOTICES.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Estb. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, on Saturday, November 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Preliminary Notice:—The eighth W.D. Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Followed by tea.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (eight bells). Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

COMBINED MEETING of members of the Hereford Guild, the Shropshire and Worcestershire Associations, and the Stafford Archdeaconry will be held at Claverley (between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Crown Hotel at 5. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton at 3; return 9.45. All ringers welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the View Tea Rooms.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting November 30th. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow: ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Leyton bells probably available in the evening. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30, address by Rector, the Rev. C. Egerton Williams. Tea at Church House, 5.15.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, East Leaze, Blaydon, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Mondays, 2nd, 16th and 30th, at 7.30 p.m.; Sunday, December 1st, at 10 a.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 24th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Dec. 3rd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Arrangements for tea can be made for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bassetts or S.W. Transport Bus, return fare 1/- from Swansea or Llanelly.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the North Norfolk Branch will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Peter Mancroft will, by kind permission of the Reverend H. McMullen (Vicar), be available after the meeting. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Sat., December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: Questions on Central Council. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Service at 5. Tea at usual terms 5.30. Meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. Please advise me for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at the Parish Hall, to those who inform me not later than Wednesday, December 4th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice, All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, December 7th, 6 till 9 p.m. Committee meeting, Church House, 4.30 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

RICKMANSWORTH.—Saturday, December 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.45 (Red Spider Rooms). Cheap tickets from all stations. Number for tea by 3rd, please.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 3rd. A good muster is required. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on December 7th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5, business meeting after. Service at 6.30, address by the Vicar. All are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting will be held at Ruardean on December 7th. Bells (8) open at 3.30 p.m. (rehung). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel, at 10d. per head. All ringers who intend having tea kindly let me know by December 4th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 7th. St. Peter's bells available at 2.45 until 5 p.m., the Cathedrals bells after tea. A service will be held at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for two representatives on committee.—William Horam, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Evelyn's Tea Rooms, Ashted. Those requiring tea should send their names to Mr. George Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Wednesday, December 4th. Please note that all nominations for district officers for the ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts will be held at West Hartlepool, Saturday, December 7th. Meet St. Oswald's 2.30 p.m. Bells available at three churches. Tea in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street, 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, by December 5th. A good attendance requested.—F. Robson and J. T. Titt, Joint Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (free to branch members) and business meeting 5, at St. Sidwell's Institute. Bells available: St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), St. Thomas' (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6). All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Clapham on December 7th, for the election of officers for the coming year, etc. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Service at 4.30. It is hoped every member of the district will make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Oundle District.—A meeting will be held at Cotterstock on December 7th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at the Parish Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Those intending being present please inform Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, not later than Wednesday, December 11th. A good muster is especially requested. Canon Elsee will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society, the Barnsley and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at 1s. 3d. each. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by December 11th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday morning, December 10th.—F. Hutchinson, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Gillingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Please inform me how many will attend by December 6th at the latest. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Motcombe (6), Silton (5), and Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. B. J. Langham, of Maiden Newton. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Greyhound Hotel, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea kindly send names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, not later than Dec. 12th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

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