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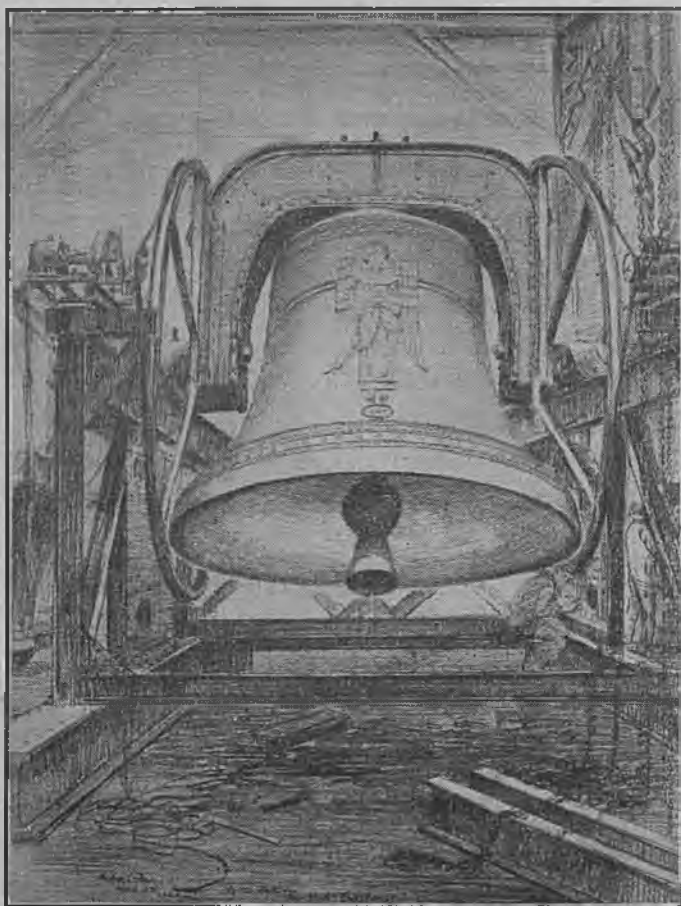
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PROBLEMS OF THE NEW YEAR.

Another year has gone, and ringing associations will be counting up the gains and losses, and balancing the indications of progress against the set-backs. Such stocktaking is, of course, interesting, but it is unprofitable unless the lessons to which it points are taken to heart, and practically applied in the future. The credit items of success should lead to expansion of the same lines of advance; the losses on the debit side should lead to an examination of the causes, and determined effort to counteract them. There is probably no organisation of ringers that can survey the work of the past year and honestly say they are completely satisfied with it. They can see failures as well as successes; links in the chain which have weakened as well as others which have been strengthened. True, perfection is hard to achieve, and disappointments are many, but in carrying on the work of the associations there is a fairly wide margin between present achievement and the complete fulfilment of the highest ambitions of those who have the welfare of the Exercise and the art of ringing closest at heart.

The elevation of bell ringing to its rightful sphere in the service of the church; the promotion of a happier spirit and greater mutual recognition of each other's difficulties between clergy and ringers in many churches; the re-awakening of interest in towers where the bells are now silent or seldom heard for want of men; the kindling of a greater enthusiasm in the art of change ringing among thousands of ringers who are at present content to mark time or even to drift backward and gradually to slip out of the Exercise. These are some of the things to which all those who take their ringing seriously constantly turn their attention and by which they as constantly find themselves baffled. Association officials who appreciate their responsibilities are doing their best, but the great stumbling block is the inertia of such great numbers of the rank and file, some of whom wait for their ringing to be provided for them, while the rest, worse still, do not even take advantage of it when it is offered to them.

It is to these ringers that we would at this time appeal. A little individual effort on the part of everyone would make all the difference to the success of the work of the men, who, year in and year out, devote their time and energies not only to promoting the art of ringing, but in endeavouring to widen the interest of the ringers and the scope of ringing in every tower. If, in this new year, everyone who puts his hand to a rope would also put his shoulder to the wheel of his association's chariot, every organisation would have a vastly different tale to tell in twelve months' time, and the problems which we have enumerated above, and others which we could name, would be in a fair way of eventual solution.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDGLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 2	WILLIAM KINGHT 8
JESSE GILLET 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 10
RICHARD CLARK 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE 11
HENRY PRING 6	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
Mr. W. A. Cave has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

FRANK W. PERRINS Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
JOHN NEAL 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 11
SIDNEY ELTON 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
Rung for the Christmas festival, and as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

H. LESLIE PASK Treble	HAROLD MARCON 7
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	HARRY MORGAN 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
ROBERT RICHARDSON 4	HAROLD WALKER 10
SIDNEY PROCTOR 5	JOHN WALDEN 11
FREDERICK W. STOKES 6	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

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

First peal on the 12 bells. First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all the band. First peal of Maximus by all but the conductor. The conductor's 200th peal as conductor. All resident members of the Guild.

WALSALL.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH FIGOTT Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
SIDNEY ELTON 3	JOHN PERRY 9
*EDGAR T. SMITH 4	*GILBERT HARDING 10
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5	FRANK W. PERRINS 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6	*THOMAS HILL Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRINS.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques on the bells. The band wish to associate with this peal the name of Mr. T. J. Elton, who was to have called the peal, but was prevented from taking part on account of business pressure at the last moment. The ringers of 3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th and tenor belong to the local band.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
ALBERT W. COLES 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
SIDNEY T. HOLT 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells. The band desire to record their sincere thanks to Mr. William T. Pates for obtaining permission for this peal to be rung, and for having everything in readiness.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVICOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 2	GEORGE MARTIN 8
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	ALBERT C. DARNELL 10
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 5	ERNEST BRETT 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. BULLOCK.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7
GEORGE R. NEWION 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 8
ERNEST JONES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE 9
JAMES W. GROUNDS 5	*G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal on ten bells. This is the first peal on the bells for 37 years. They were then in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Liverpool. The band would like to thank the church authorities at St. Helen's for so kindly allowing them to attempt the peal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
*WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
FREDERICK PIKE 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENGH. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* 350th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER 6
KENNETH SNELLING 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	RICHARD J. STONE 8
JOHN W. STEDDY 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
GORDON W. CHECKETTS 3	WILLIAM C. JONES 8
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
WILLIAM PAGE 5	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all, and rung as the annual peal for the association, the arrangements being made by the Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Knowles. First peal by W. Page for over six years.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
JAMES HEMMING 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 8
JOHN HALL 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 6
*JAMES W. PIKE 2	REGINALD LEWIS 7
CHARLES GREEDY 3	GEORGE COOKE 8
PERCY JONES 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN 9
†ROYDEN DAVIES 5	WILLIAM PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Caters. Arranged for F. Rowell, who is leaving for Yeovil.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Two-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*J. HENRY POLFORD Treble	JOHN BREESE 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	JOHN HUGHES 6
*WILLIAM JAGO 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
*JOHN H. DODD 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. R. Tomlinson, late Rector of Naborough, Leicester, on the eve of his institution and induction as Vicar of St. Mary's, Liscard. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the church, and this is the first eight-bell peal to be rung in Wirral by a band all of whom are regular Sunday ringers at the same church.

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On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BACON 2	* WILLIAM PERRY 5
GEORGE E. WILSON 2	† ALBERT NORTH 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	STANLEY W. BAYBUT 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	GORDON A. BACON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
* ARTHUR HAGGE 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD 6
* CHARLES SHARPLES 3	JOHN THOMAS MILLER 7
JAMES MILLER 4	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Miller, and Mr. A. Knight, of Chesterfield.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
ALBERT STOWELL 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

It is sad to record that since this peal was rung, Albert Stowell has died. R.I.P.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

CYRIL DAVIES Treble	* PERCY JONES 5
GEORGE COOKE 2	† GEORGE POPNELL 6
WILLIAM PIKE 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
ALBERT ADDICOTT 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* 50th peal. † 100th peal. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the church.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

* J. H. R. FREEBORN ... Treble	HENRY HODGETTS 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	* HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
* STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

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

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
CHARLES J. CHOOT 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK W. DIXON ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Jenkins.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	* JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. Albert Henry Lloyd, C.B.E.

REBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
ERNEST JONES 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
* G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 4	* JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDGAR HUMFREY ... Treble	FREDERICK A. EDWARDS ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HARRY KILBY 6
* NORMAN W. GENNA 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
ROY WILKINSON 4	CHARLES DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) on the 5th anniversary of his induction, and to whom, with Mrs. Hewett, the ringers are grateful for their hospitality.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JAMES GEORGE 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
ERNEST W. BRADSMORE 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the Festival of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, and as a birthday peal for the treble ringer.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES Treble	* WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
* ARTHUR H. REED 3	S. GEORGE COLES 7
DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Major, also on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
* GEORGE WARREN 2	* HARRY WARRAN 6
* ROBERT F. TURNER 3	* CHARLES W. BIRD 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	* FREDERICK J. TITE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK

* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells, and the first ever rung in the Kettering Branch.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	* RONALD E. JOHNSON 6
* ALBERT SMITHSON 3	* ERNEST A. THORPE 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung after meeting short for 5,070 Stedman Caters to commemorate the conductor's 70th birthday, which occurred on December 17th; also the birthdays of Messrs. J. Thorpe and M. E. Wilson, of the Cathedral company, which occurred on December 20th.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE WINDERMERE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JIM TEBAY 6
* HECTOR T. WOODBURN 3	FRANK WILSON 7
* GERALD A. SUTTON 4	* HUBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor are Sunday service ringers, and it was their first attempt for a peal of Triples. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. J. Tebay, captain of the local company.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	* JOHN R. RODWELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 3	OWEN H. GILES 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	† JOHN L. DACOMBE Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Brown with Miss Doris M. Tucker (only daughter of the ringer of the 3rd), which was solemnised earlier in the day at the Parish Church, Eastleigh.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE H. SENTANCE Treble	* CHARLES E. KING 5
BERT F. CALCOTT 2	GEORGE W. HELEY 6
* GEORGE W. HARRIS 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
* EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

* First peal in the method. The above are all service ringers in this tower.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
HARRY THORPE 3	THOMAS H. HALL 7
ARTHUR W. WARD 4	HENRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER J. SIMONS Treble	JOHN E. ROOTES 5
THOMAS NORRIS 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
EDWARD ASHEY 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
CHARLES COOK 4	HENRY J. COCHRAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the association before starting the peal.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. Treble	JOHN SIMON 5
RUPERT R. LEWIS 2	HERBERT IMPRY 6
WILLIAM TANDY 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	THOMAS IMPRY Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Thursday, December 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Single Court: N. Sharpe 1, P. Humphrey (first 720 in the method) 2, L. Pell 3, A. King 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson (first in the method) 6.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN G. BOESDEN Treble	WILLIAM STEED 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM BIGNELL 6
ROBERT S. LAMBERT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* Fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a farewell to Mr. L. E. East, of the local band.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

* FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	JOHN PERRY 7
FRANK W. PERRINS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 8). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON
* First peal in any Surprise method. Before and after the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry. First peal of New Cambridge by all except the ringer of the 4th, and first for the society.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* EVERED DAVENPORT ... Treble	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
* MISS J. DAVENPORT 2	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 6
JOHN ARBURY 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
MRS. E. S. POWELL 4	† ALBERT WEBBER Tenor

Conducted by W. S. LETHERIDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Carter, a member of the above tower, who was 82 on this date.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells. In this composition, now rung for the first time, the 2nd never dodges with the tenor in 7-8, and is to be the first ever composed with these qualities.

CHRISTMAS PEALS.

So many peals were rung during the Christmas holidays that we are unable to find room for the reports of them all in this issue, and a large number are consequently held over.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

* WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	* LEONARD STILWELL 4
* MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three methods. First peal of Minor on the bells.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
JOHN HALL 2	RAYMOND JELFS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of St. Simon's, 2,400 of Grandsire, 1,200 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR SMITHSON ... Treble	HUBERT BAILEY 3
BERNARD BAILEY 2	ERNEST MALLENDER 4
FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

HORBLING, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
* HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 100th peal. First peal on the bells, which have lately been recast, rehung, and augmented to six, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and are now an excellent ring.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	ERNEST WAKELING 4
MISS KATHLEEN JUTSON ... 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	FRANK ROWLINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Grace Rowlinson, youngest daughter of the ringer of the tenor, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dale, mother-in-law of the ringer of the 4th.

ELLAND, YORKS.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

JACK HALLOS Treble	HERBERT KENT 4
WILFRID AINLEY 2	WALTER AINLEY 3
ARTHUR BENTLEY 3	HARRY MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID AINLEY.

First peal by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the above church.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*HENRY FAULKNER Treble	GEORGE GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4
NORMAN GEARY 3	

Conducted by G. GEARY.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT FLEET 1-2	CYRIL HERBERT 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal in the method by all the band. The conductor's 100th peal for the Bedfordshire Association.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: E. Lee 1, J. Lee (conductor) 2, J. Johnson 3, R. Bennett 4, F. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, for 6 a.m. Communion service, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, A. Swan 2, W. Bidnell (conductor) 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, W. Fright 5, R. J. Birch 6, S. A. Gower 7, P. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. Cowen (first quarter) 1, F. Wiggin 2, R. Warrilow 3, J. Warrilow 4, W. G. Curtis 5, F. V. Haggis 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, Z. Baker 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, before morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. H. Stebbings 1, S. Bignmore 2, H. Stebbings 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, E. Howard 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells by a local band.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas morning for the eight o'clock Celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. Smoothey 1, L. Lilley 2, L. Flitton 3, E. Flitton 4, P. Webb (conductor) 5, R. Clements 6, G. Lilley 7, A. Lilley 8. This composition was picked in the trenches in Flanders by the late A. P. Wakeley.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 changes of Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Warner 1, R. Heath 2, O. A. Moody 3, A.-A. M. White (R.A.F.) 4, L. Warner (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Stubbs 1, H. Copperwheat 2, W. Whitmore 3, F. Kirk, sen., 4, E. Whitmore 5, H. Sharman 6, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor) 7, C. Whitney (longest length) 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Christmas Day, at the Church of St. Bartholomew (the old church), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Wm. Dowler 1, J. F. Atkins 2, H. Withers 3, W. Mumford 4, Geo. Pigott 5, E. Boylin 6, Wm. R. Cartwright (conductor) 7, T. Russell 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Denys, on December 24th, Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Webb (first quarter) 1, E. C. Marlow (first quarter inside) 2, W. A. Chatfield (conductor) 3, E. F. White 4, E. F. Marlow 5, T. Button (first quarter) 6.

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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 postcards, 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.

A postal subscriber to 'The Ringing World,' writing in appreciation of the promptness in dispatch, adds, 'One looks for the "R.W." with as much certainty as one looks for the sunrise in the morning.' Those who have difficulty in obtaining 'The Ringing World' promptly and punctually should take the hint and have it sent direct by post.

The first peal on the twelve bells at Lincoln Cathedral was rung on Saturday, and was a noteworthy performance. Under the conductorship of the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, a Lincolnshire band rang their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. In the one or two previous attempts that had been made, success eluded the band after it had appeared within grasp.

The peal of Bob Major at Tipton on Saturday was rung as a mark of appreciation to Mr. Alfred Rowley, a prominent member of the Stafford Society, who has completed thirty years' service as a ringer at the 'Pepperbox,' and during the last few years has been Ringing Master and towerkeeper. Mr. Rowley, who is an employee of the Birmingham Canal Company, has recently been transferred from Tipton to Brierley Hill. His duties at the latter place compel him also to reside in that district. The band who rang the peal extend their best wishes to Mr. Rowley in his new abode.

Ringings conditions at Folkestone, Kent, have been greatly improved by the addition of an extra floor.

Mr. John Cobbe Pitman, son of Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., organist of St. Gregory's, Canterbury, and well known in Kent ringing circles, has been ordained deacon at Lichfield Cathedral, and been licensed to the curacy of Hednesford, Staffordshire.

The first time that Bow tenor was turned-in to a peal of Treble Bob Royal was on January 3rd, 1803, when it was rung by James Malton.

On January 4th, 1784, a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on January 6th, 1785, by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Henry Johnson, the famous old Birmingham composer and ringer, died at Aston on January 7th, 1890. January 5th is the anniversary of the death of another notable Birmingham ringer, Tom Reynolds, who died in the year 1912.

Alf Grimes, of London, who made a personal record in peal ringing, by scoring exactly 250 in two years, died on January 5th, 1917.

The first peal on the bells at Cirencester, which, as mentioned last week, have the longest unbroken history as a ring of twelve in the provinces, was rung by the College Youths on January 7th, 1767. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques.

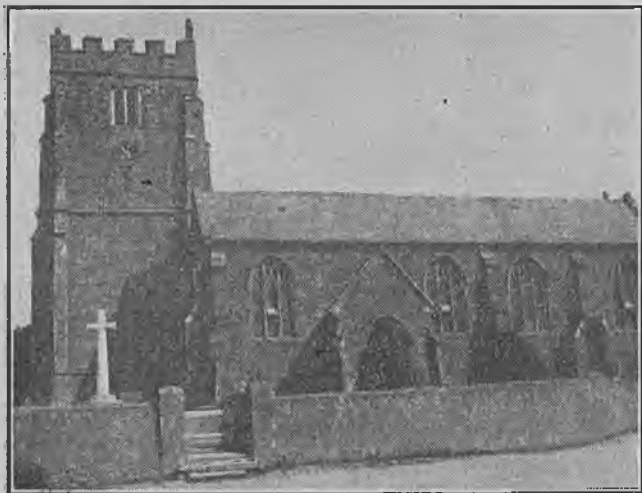
THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

This fund is now closed. There are one or two small amounts promised, which will be gratefully acknowledged, and a final list of subscribers will be printed as soon as these are in hand. With heartfelt gratitude,

(REV.) G. W. O. JENKYN.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

A DEVON RESTORATION. WHIMPLE BELLS REDEDICATED.

The rededication of the ring of six bells at Whimble, Devon, took place on Saturday week, and great interest was displayed in the event, both by parishioners and by members of the Devon Guild of Ringers. It was the consummation of several years of earnest effort, particularly on the part of Miss E. Lomas, who is hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild, and who has acted as hon. secretary of the Bells Restoration Committee. The bells had not been rung for several years before 1924, but in that year Miss Lomas started a ladies' band of ringers in the village. But their efforts were handicapped by the fact that the bells were badly in need of repair. Instructors of the Devon Guild, who went to the help of the ladies, urged the necessity of a rehanging scheme. Miss Lomas approached the Church Council on the matter, and obtained its consent to getting estimates for the work. A committee of three members of the Church Council was then formed; of this Miss Lomas is now the only representative, one member being deceased, and another having removed from the parish. The amount of the estimates caused a good deal of scepticism on the part of the Church Council, and, indeed, the whole parish, concerning the possibility of raising enough money. However, a fund was started with moneys from jumble sales organised by Miss Lomas and her family, assisted by friends. Early in 1928 the Church Council definitely undertook responsibility for the scheme. A committee, comprising 30 members, was formed, and the money required was eventually raised, from subscriptions, sales of work, fetes, etc., while members of the Devon Guild contributed £22. The total cost of the work has been £306, and it has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. with their customary efficiency. An entirely new steel frame, carried on girders,



WHIMBLE PARISH CHURCH.

has been provided, the old fourth, which was badly out of tune, has been recast, and the others tuned. The ring has been rehung in new fittings, and Whimble has now a greatly improved peal of bells. Of the original six bells, the back four were mediæval, although their actual date was unknown. At first it was hoped to save the fourth, but eventually it had to be recast on account of the additional expense which would have been involved by the provision of a new bell. The trebles were cast in 1886.

Sir Henry Imbert-Terry, who has associations with the parish, put forward a proposal whereby Whimble might have acquired eight bells that were given by members of his family to a London church that has been scheduled for demolition, but the difficulties and delays were regarded as almost insuperable.

There was a large attendance at the special service of dedication which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Jullian). The other clergy present were the Dean of Exeter (Dr. Gamble), the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devon Guild), the Revs. E. V. Cox (chairman of the Exeter District of the Guild), T. Caldwell (Rockbeare), and J. F. Prowse (Luppitt). The processional hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' was followed by the 84th Psalm. The lessons were read by the Revs. E. V. Cox and E. S. Powell. The Dean, clergy, and choir proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the Dean, at the invitation of the churchwardens (Messrs. F. W. Dyer and G. M. Steuart), rededicated the bells, and some rounds were rung by local ringers—Misses R. Manley and E. Lomas, Messrs. S. Please, F. Coleman, G. Hamilton, and J. Coleman. A few more prayers were succeeded by the hymn, 'Lift them proudly to the

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TRAGIC SEQUEL TO A PEAL AT BRISTOL.

SAD DEATH OF MR. ALBERT STOWELL.

Eleven of the hand which took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Boxing Day, mustered at the appointed time, 11 a.m., and waited for the 12th man (Mr. Albert Stowell) to turn up. As the minutes passed without any sign of the missing man, speculation was rife as to the reason for his non-appearance, and eventually, after waiting half an hour, Mr. Jesse Gillett, who had come over from Gloucester specially to listen to the ringing, was asked to fill the vacant place.

Little did the ringers dream that they would never again see the fellow-ringer for whom they had waited, as he was then lying seriously ill in hospital, within sound of Redcliffe bells, and an operation, which took place the following day, unfortunately proved unavailing.

Only on the preceding Saturday Mr. Stowell took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Clevedon with some of the members of the Cinques band. He was taken ill after raising the bells at Brislington Church on Christmas Eve, in preparation for Christmas Day. His immediate removal to hospital was necessary, but despite all that could be done he succumbed. The news of his death came as a very great shock to his colleagues.

Mr. Stowell was a member of Brislington tower, and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him, as his was a most pleasing personality. He leaves with his friends many happy recollections of hours spent in his company, in and out of the belfry, and of his delightful rendering of tales in the Somersetshire dialect, including his most famous 'Ben and the Butter.'

A relative of Mr. Stowell acted in the capacity of substitute for the Christmas Day ringing at Brislington, and the rope of the bell which he rang broke at almost the first pull. This is, to say the least of it, a very tragic coincidence.

A REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader in this week's issue (December 20th) is exactly my hackney, which I have periodically trotted out, both by letters to your valuable paper publicly and by writing to individuals.

There appear to be too many budding composers to-day, having no register to refer to, working upon lines already exhausted, say, half a century ago or more.

It will be a pity if the names of the pioneer composers of our Exercise should be lost sight of. As previously mentioned, I am a firm believer in 'honour to whom honour is due.'

Admittedly, this is a difficult question, but the sooner the Central Council tackle it the better.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

(Continued from previous column.)

belfry.' Then an address was given by the Dean, and the service concluded with the hymn 'Now thank we all our God.'

The Dean, taking as his text the words 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals,' said cymbals seemed to more nearly resemble bells than any other kind of musical instrument, and they were used in the old days in Egypt to call people to services. He traced the connection of bells with the Church and the many uses to which bells were put. It would, he said, be a thousand pities if bell ringing ceased through carelessness or laziness. Happily, of late years there had been a considerable revival of ringing in Devon. The Cathedral had been presented with two new bells, making a peal of twelve, and many parishes had had rehanging or increase of bells. Ringing was not only an art or amusement, but a religious exercise.

Tea was arranged at the Victory Hall by lady members of the Church Council. A large number attended. The Rector, in welcoming the visitors, said how grateful the parishioners were to all who had helped, and how pleased they were to see so many present.

Mr. F. W. Dyer (Rector's warden) expressed the thanks of the parish to the Devon Guild of Ringers for help and support. He pointed out that bellringers, perhaps beyond any other church-workers, had the non-parochial mind which led them to render help outside their own towers, and from which Whimble had benefited so much. He also spoke of the debt due to Miss Lomas, the bell fund secretary, who had brought about a revival of interest in bellringing in the parish.

Miss Lomas suitably replied, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, on behalf of the Guild, expressed the pleasure all felt that day at the completion of the scheme and the great improvement in the bells. The Rector closed with further thanks to those, including Mr. and Mrs. Lomas and Mrs. Phillips-Browne, who had been mainly instrumental in raising the funds for the work.

During the evening the bells were rung by a large number of hands, including representatives from Winsford, Littleham, Luppitt, Newton St. Cyres, St. Sidwell's and St. David's (Exeter), Heavitree, Kenn, Thorverton, Glast St. George, Ottery St. Mary, Talaton, and Rockbeare. All expressed themselves pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

NEW EDITION OF A USEFUL PUBLICATION.

The second edition of the 'Directory of Church Bellringers' has been issued by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. It is nearly treble the size of the first edition, and it is certainly more than three times as useful.

The alphabetical list of ringers has expanded to twice its previous length—a practical testimony to the value which ringers place upon this work. The classification under associations, which is by no means a simple task in the existing conditions of overlapping among many ringing organisations, has been revised, and in its present arrangement is a considerable improvement upon the former publication, in which the names were arranged under geographical divisions. In a great many cases the number of bells, the weight of the tenor and the name of the tower secretary is given, thus providing a most useful means of reference for a ringer desirous of visiting any place outside his own area. The names of association officials are also given, and in many cases those of the district officials as well, so that the Directory is growing into the complete work of reference which the promoters desire to make it.

A new section gives the numbers of rings of bells in the areas of the various associations, so far as it has been possible to compile them from official returns available. These returns are not quite complete, but so far as they have been compiled it is interesting to learn that there are nearly 3,500 rings of bells, from 5 to 12, coming within the influence of the recognised associations. Accurate statistics of this kind are very difficult to obtain, but with the assistance of association officials doubtless this interesting table will eventually provide us with reliable information.

In the early stages of a venture such as this, many difficulties have to be faced, and while it may be easy to suggest further improvements, it must be recognised that the compilers have placed ringers under a debt of gratitude for the way they have placed the Directory before the Exercise. They are most anxious that the publication should be not only reliable but as comprehensive as possible, and ringers themselves can make it so by giving the venture the support which it deserves.

The Bristol United Guilds Committee, in their preface, ask subscribers to visualise the vast amount of work and time given by six members of the United Guilds to compile the work, and the untiring efforts of the whole committee to bring out a book that must of necessity be extremely useful. We doubt, however, if anyone except those who have applied themselves to the task, will fully realise all that the publication has meant to those who have carried out the task. When the scheme for a Directory was initiated, it was started with a feeling of optimism, and that optimism, we are sure, was not misplaced. The Directory fulfils a most useful purpose, and, with each succeeding edition, will grow more and more indispensable.

Subscribers to the Directory receive a free copy, others can obtain one for a shilling, and no ringer ought to be without a copy. It can be obtained from Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

DEDICATION OF THATCHAM BELLS.

ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT IN OXFORD DIOCESE.

The dedication of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Thatcham, Berks, took place on Sunday, December 22nd, after the morning service, the ceremony being performed by the Venerable Archdeacon of Berks, Canon R. Wickham Legg. There was a large congregation at the service.

A special ringers' service was held in the afternoon, and was exceptionally well attended. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who gave the address, made reference to the number of dedication services held in the diocese since the war. This, in his opinion, was a good sign. It plainly showed that greater interest was being taken in the Church. The speaker addressed encouraging words to the ringers, and outlined their responsibilities. He further urged the congregation to encourage the ringers in their work. The rehanging of Thatcham bells had been carried out exceedingly well, and with the addition of two extra bells a very pretty peal had resulted.

After the service upwards of 70 ringers, churchworkers, etc., sat down to an excellent tea served in the Parish Hall. Mrs. H. Smith, assisted by other ladies, was responsible for the arrangements. The clergy present were the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Moore), Rev. E. Chamberlaine, Rev. A. H. Fergus, Rev. J. F. Hoyle.

The Vicar, in a short speech, referred to the excellent way the work to the bells and church tower had been carried out by the employees of the firm entrusted with the restoration. They had spared no pains in making the work satisfactory.

The cost of the restoration was about £750, which included about £200 spent on the church tower. The amount now required to clear the debt is £180. Two trebles have been added to the old ring of six, and the bells have been rehanging in new fittings in a cast-iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due. Thatcham now possesses a nice peal of eight.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MR. J. W. PIKE ELECTED MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, a large number of members being present from both dioceses. The bells, a fine ring of ten by Taylor, were started early in the afternoon and kept going until 4.30, when service was held, the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon D. E. Roberts) officiating. Tea, which had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed, the accommodation in the Mission Room being taxed to its utmost, and the churchwardens with their wives were kept busy serving.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Archdeacon, who at the outset welcomed the association most heartily to Newport.

The hon. secretary's report on augmentations and restorations, and instructors' reports were dealt with, followed by a discussion on the Central Council's constitution.

Various opinions were expressed, and eventually, on the proposition of Mr. W. Pike, it was resolved that in the opinion of this association the election of representatives should take place triennially and not annually.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mr. J. W. Pike, Master; Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary; Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy, auditors.

The two Central Council representatives were elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Llandaff, the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Llanbradach, and the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Abergavenny.

New members were elected, and the usual votes of thanks were passed, which brought to a close a very successful meeting.

The bells were afterwards kept busy in various methods until late in the evening.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT WANDSWORTH.

The December meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Dec. 21st, when, perhaps owing to the close proximity of Christmas, it was not too well attended, but those who were present made good use of the opportunities which a sparse attendance affords. Ringing commenced soon after three, and was carried on with varying success until five o'clock, when a service was held, conducted by the curate, after which an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall for tea, about twenty partaking of the good things provided. Mr. Mackrill (treasurer) was voted Master (pro tem.), Mr. Mance being unavoidably absent, and presided over the business meeting and the after-ten ringing with efficiency. During the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (Rev. Freeman Irwin) for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and for arranging the service, to the organist, and to Mr. Gray, of the local band, for his willing help.

The bells were kept moving to, among other things, Cambridge and London during the evening, and were finally silent about nine.

A tablet in the tower records that the bells were put in in 1842, and are reputed to be 15 or 16 cwt. They were in 1822 'rehung and modernised' by Mears and Stainbank at the expense of Mr. W. T. Faulkner, of 'Nosegay' fame. There are, curiously, two towers at Wandsworth Parish Church, one of stone being surrounded by a brick casing, so what is apparently a good-sized structure is really quite small inside. On inquiring as to inscriptions, etc., the writer was invited to content himself among the bells and see. Knowing 'summat,' he didn't go. They are, however, a handy and tuneful ring, and 'go' like the proverbial 'tops,' only more so.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £5 4s. 6d.; ringers of St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, 16s.; ringers of Parish Church, Colne, Lancs, 10s.; Anonymous, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moss, Manningtree, 3s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated, and has a daughter entirely dependent on him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE FIRST BLIND MAN TO RING A PEAL.

The 'Cambridge Chronicle' for Saturday, December 29th, 1770, recorded the following: 'On Monday last was rung at Great St. Mary's Church in this town, on 12 bells, a complete peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5,610 changes, which was completed with ease in three hours and fifty minutes by Messrs. Young treble, Laughton 2, Saunders 3, Incarsole 4, Gee 5, Robinson 6, Jones 7, Hinkin 8, Groves 9, Crowther 10, Day, who called the bobs, 11, Banyard tenor.'

It is very remarkable that Mr. Incarsole, who rang the 4th bell, is quite blind. The above is a wonderful feat in peal ringing, for a man to be quite blind and to ring a working bell through a peal of Grandsire Cinques. There is a tradition in Cambridge that this most wonderful man, Mr. John Incarsole, was very remarkable for his great talent and hearing powers, both in change ringing and music.

This peal was rung in the same year that the bells of Great St. Mary's were increased to twelve.

SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged both to you for your leading article on 'Conditions for peals,' and to Mr. Trollope for his 'Notes by the Way,' dealing with my inquiry as to ringing both Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles in one peal, but no one has yet replied to my other question as to what actually constitutes 'seven different 720's.' May I repeat the inquiry? Does it mean that there must be seven different compositions, or could the same composition be used, making a different bell the observation, which would thus produce the 720 changes in a different order?

I have discussed the question with two ringers who are looked upon as leading men in our district, and they have given me different answers. One said, 'Seven different 720's' means 'seven different compositions'; the other pointed out, logically I think, that if the changes come up in a different order they must be different 720's, so far as it is possible for one 720 to differ from another. He further argued that if a 720 of Bob Minor called W.R.W. with 4th the observation was the same as a 720 with the 6th called W.R.W., then it was not possible to say that 720 of Bob Minor and 720 of Oxford Bob, both called W.R.W., were different 720's.

If I may venture to put forward my own very humble opinion, 720's in which the same calling is used, but from different observation bells, are as much entitled to be called 'different' as are peals of Doubles to the description of having been rung with 'ten different six-scores,' when actually there are only two sets of calling, begun either at a different place or with a different bell as the observation.

It seems obvious, however, that there is a divergence of opinion on the matter, and our band would like to see it cleared up. It may be that all that is necessary is that those who record peals of Minor should distinguish between 'Seven different 720's' and 'Seven different compositions.'—Yours faithfully,

TYRO.

QUICK PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to a letter in this week's 'Ringing World' signed by 'Tyro II.' I think that the majority of the band who took part in the quick peal at Crayford (and many others) will agree with me that anonymous insinuations of this type are beneath contempt.

All peal bands are open to, and should welcome, sane criticism of their performances, but what a pity that 'Tyro II.' had not the courage to challenge the peal in less than four months, and then not openly, and still further, what a pity that he gave a record of his own achievements in that direction in the same letter, thereby laying himself open to the suspicion of measuring other people's performances with his own yardstick.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Dear Sir,—Why has Tyro II. not had the courage to throw out his poisonous hints of doubt before now? (apparently he lacks the pluck to challenge the peal direct), and why act the doubting Thomas behind a nom de plume? I am very sorry if any peal times of 'Tyro' have been lowered, and also that he did not have a band of supermen, such as he must be, so that they could have put on a little more speed when he made his desperate appeal to them! Has he any reason to doubt the word of such men as E. Barnett, T. Groombridge, J. Cheesman, H. Audsley and C. Roberts? If so, why not come into the open. I had the pleasure of ringing the tenor to this peal, and I think if these men could be persuaded to include 'Tyro' in a band, he would, perhaps, not be ashamed to have his name published, if to a peal of about 2 hrs. 1 min. (that is, if he could stick the pace).—Yours faithfully,

W. R. BOND.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on December 24th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss K. Meadows 1, A. S. Saltmarsh 2, H. Allen 3, H. Devonish 4, R. C. Clark (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Lincoln 6, L. J. Clark 7, G. Cooper 8.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, December 7th, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: S. Danby 1, W. C. Rhodes 2, J. Prickett 3, G. Mitcheson 4, M. Morris 5, W. Davies 6, F. Rishworth (conductor) 7, E. Starkey 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Monk 1, L. Olliff 2, T. W. Bond 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, G. Brooks 5, A. King 6, H. Acock 7, C. G. Channon 8. Ringers of the 4th and 7th from Fairford, 6th from Lechlade, the remainder local. Rung by kind invitation of Mr. J. Monk.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Annabie's London Surprise: Wm. Bavin 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. C. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band, and was rung without previous practice.

SILENT VILLAGE BELLS.

On Friday, December 20th, at the Parish Church, Sherborne, near Northleach, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten and a half different extents) in 38 mins., by the following members of the St. Lawrence's Society, Bourton-on-the-Water: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, Bernard T. Phillips 2, Henry Gillatt 3, A. William Wright 4, Fred A. Clements (conductor) 5, Cecil Pradley 6.

After the quarter-peal the band partook of a substantial supper generously provided by Lady Sherborne, whose hospitality was much appreciated. It is a matter for regret that so many fine rings of bells in the villages remain silent for want of ringers.

FIRST 720 AFTER 50 YEARS.

The first 720 of Minor by the ringers at St. Mary's Church, East Haddon, Northants, was rung on December 20th, and was really a family affair. The method was Bob Minor, and the ringers were: J. Cadd 1, J. Cadd, jun., 2, H. Cadd, sen., 3, H. Cadd, jun., 4, T. Beufield (son-in-law) 5, R. Adams (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 by all, and H. Cadd, sen., will shortly complete his 50th year as a ringer.

The bells were increased to six about twelve months ago, when a treble was added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The tenor is 18 cwt. (approx.) in E.

RINGING IN GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

Writing from Lausanne, Switzerland, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, sends greetings:—

'A happy new year to "The Ringing World" and all ringing friends.

'I have done a little ringing in Germany and Switzerland,' he adds, 'and it may amuse your readers to know that here I have had the novel experience of ringing a bell with a leather rope! Yesterday evening I was surprised to hear in a Swiss cafe a gramophone record of Westminster chimes and the back eight of St. Margaret's bells.'

COALBROOKDALE BELLRINGER MARRIED.

A WEDDING PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, December 21st, Mr. Alfred S. Bayley, a ringer of Coalbrookdale, Salop, and Miss Elsie Harrison, were married at St. Michael's Church, Madeley, Shropshire. Mr. Bayley's fellow-ringers, assisted by several visitors, made an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale, but after ringing two hours and fifty minutes the bells ran round at hand and the conductor called 'Stand.' The change here should have been 132456789, with nine more courses to ring. However, all taking part kept smiling, and adjourned to the Coalbrookdale Inn, where 'Alf' had very kindly ordered refreshments. The usual social hour was spent. The bridegroom and his gentlemen friends looked in, and readers who know the Dale Inn can guess what sort of reception he had. Not being in the least bashful, he took part in a fine course of Caters on handbells, ringing 3-4 in his usual style. Then he rang the back four of eight very nicely to the 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' much to the astonishment of his wedding friends.

A very pleasing ceremony took place on Sunday morning in the belfry, where the Vicar, the Rev. T. Eland, the churchwardens and the local ringers met to present Mr. Bayley with a solid silver inkstand, suitably inscribed. The Vicar, in making the presentation, spoke of Alfred's good work for the belfry generally, and wished him much happiness and success.

Mr. W. Saunders (head ringer) also spoke of Mr. Bayley's fine work, saying he was always willing to help with anything in connection with the bells, and wished him, on behalf of his colleagues, the very best of luck.—Mr. Bayley suitably replied.

THE LATE MR. J. E. SYKES

HOW MANY PEALS DID HE RING?

A correspondent who rang at the Dockyard Church, Plymouth, with the late Mr. J. E. Sykes a few days before he went to Copenhagen, inquires if it is possible to find out through the columns of 'The Ringing World' how many peals 'Uncle Joe' rang. When ringing at the Dockyard Church on this occasion, he mentioned that it was the 750th tower in which he had rung, and our correspondent thinks it is possible that this was the last time that he rang a bell.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH

On Saturday, December 28th, a muffled 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in the Tong Parish Church, Bradford, in memory of the late Mr. George Bean Relland, a past-president of the Yorkshire Association: Chas. Sallaway 1, D. Thornton 2, Geo. Lambert 3, Edwin Wheeler (conductor) 4, E. Lambert 5, S. Barron 6.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Thursday, November 21st, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, J. Smith 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, December 29th, at the Parish Church, for matins, 720 Plain Bob: G. Whybrow 1, D. Adams 2, Wm. Bavin 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,272 changes) of Kent Treble Bob: Mansfield Ginn (first quarter and longest length on tower bells) 1, Wm. Bavin 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: H. Warnett, jun., 1, J. Bennett 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 5, C. Moulton 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, on December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 43 mins. by the following members: G. H. Harding 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. W. Brown (conductor) 6, W. H. Crocker 7, H. Ellis 8.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Cateters in 56 mins.: H. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, H. Folkard 3, H. Cook 4, H. Belcher 5, C. Hunt 6, J. Driver 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, G. Block 10.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 43 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, H. Barnett 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, F. G. Symonds 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash 7, E. A. Hull 8.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, C. H. Ross (conductor) 2, E. G. Hibbie 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash 6. Ringing at the above church very seldom takes place, owing to the very bad 'go' of the bells, especially the tenors, notwithstanding the fact that they have recently been relined on ball bearings.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Bolton 1, W. H. Ball 2, Robt. Bullen 3, W. Malins (conductor) 4, C. E. Moody 5, Sergt. H. W. Moody, R.A.F., 6, J. Herbert 7, E. Cassell 8. Specially arranged for Sergt. Moody who was home on leave from Cranwell, Lincs.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: F. Wreford (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Searle 2, W. Richardson 3, J. Hosgood 4, C. Routley 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, A. Goad 7, W. Wills 8.

SHILDON.—At St. John's Church, on December 22nd, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: J. Pentland 1, E. Elliott 2, T. Wick 3, E. Hind 4, G. Hutchinson 5, R. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 8. First 720 by ringers of treble and 2nd. Also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who took part in the same 720 on the bells of Tibenham, Norfolk, on December 21st, 1881, 48 years ago.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: L. H. Wilson 1, W. G. Wilson 2, J. A. D. Webb 3, H. Belcher 4, H. Folkard 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, E. A. J. Coombs 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, F. Edwards 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, F. J. Lewis, sen., 4, H. L. Cook 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8. Especially arranged as a welcome to the Rev. J. M. Rolleston, who took up his duties as curate-in-charge of Holy Trinity Church on this day.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,319 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, T. Lewis 2, F. Lawrence 3, W. Page 4, W. C. Jones 5, D. Morris 6, W. Ranford 7, S. T. Holt (conductor) 8, W. Lewis 9, G. W. Checketts 10, C. Camm 11, C. Tansell 12.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 of Plain Bob and 600 of Kent Treble Bob) in 45 mins.: Cyril M. Heathcote 1, W. Allin 2, E. A. Wilson 3, E. R. Partridge 4, T. Bettison (conductor) 5, C. M. Beckley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Adams, formerly Vicar of Sutton.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, December 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 Chelsea Delight Minor: R. Busby 1, Roland Park 2, R. Gay 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rung as a farewell to Mr. R. Busby, who is leaving Darlington to take up an appointment with Messrs. T. Holt and Co., Ltd., Liverpool. — On Sunday, December 22nd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: R. Jeff (first 720 in a Surprise method) 1, J. T. Titt 2, W. Oliver 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupton 5, Roland Park (conductor) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY.—At All Saints' Church, on December 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. White (first quarter-peal) 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. S. Cook (conductor) 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. J. Rowe 6, A. E. Rogers 7, T. D. Butler 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met 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 Jan. 16th, 30th; *the Coffee Pot on the 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cock-erill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clap-ham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. —The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at the Cathedral, Derby. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in belfry. A good attendance is desired. Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, on notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4th, in the belfry of St. Martin's Church. Business to commence punctually at 5.30 p.m. Bells available later.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — The first meeting of the year 1930 will be held at Thurleigh (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Bedford.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—Meetings for 1930: February 15th, Newmarket; March 29th, Longstanton; May 24th, Stapleford; July 5th, Soham; August 16th, Bourn; October 4th, Ickleton; November 15th, Fenditton.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Dersingham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. —W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 4th. The following bells are available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at St. James' Church 4.40. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting, in St. James' Parish Room. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, Saturday, January 4th. Visitors to make own arrangements for tea.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, January 4th. Members are asked to make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for January; St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., Monday, 13th (quarterly meeting), at 6.30 p.m., Monday, 27th, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 21st, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlington on Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 4 o'clock. Unveiling of peal tablet by Rev. P. McCormick at 4.30. Meeting in Church House at 7. Tea will be provided to all who send me a postcard not later than Jan. 6th.—J. Sparrow, Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, January 11th, a meeting will be held at Graveley. The bells (6) recently rehung will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 5. Some difficulty has arisen over arranging the tea; therefore please notify me not later than Thursday, January 9th. All ringers heartily welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.: St. Mary's (5), St. Peter's (8). Will visitors kindly notify the secretary if they require tea?—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The usual arrangements. Trams pass church. Everyone welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip (6) on Saturday, January 11th. Usual arrangements. Preacher, Rev. J. Goodchild, Rector of Brington. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk and Eye Branches of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 2.30 p.m. with Diss (8) as centre. The rings of bells at Palgrave (8), Thrandeston (6), Winfarthing (6) and Shelfanger (5) will also be available. Please meet at Diss where arrangements will be made for visiting these towers.—Nolan Golden 13, Sunnyside, Diss, and Alphæus J. Berry, Thornham Magna, Eye, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Moulton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by January 7th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, January 11th. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Market Place. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday previous.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon Dwelly. Tea by invitation of Archdeacon Howson at the Institute, 6 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 7th. Wigan Branch members especially invited.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, January 11th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All Saints' tower will be open after tea. Subscriptions for 1930 should be paid at this meeting. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, January 7th. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, District Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough (8) on Saturday, January 11th (unveiling of peal board). Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service every quarter of an hour between Lincoln and Washingborough. Good attendance requested. Notification for tea to:—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Northwich, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock at the Temperance Hotel, Northwich, 1/9 per head. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before Jan. 8th?—H. Parker, 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Old Grammar School, with business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. St. Mark's (8) after 7.30 if required. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Local members please make an effort to come and support your branch, also visitors heartily invited. A card to Hon. Sec. will greatly assist arrangements for tea.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church School Room. All ringers who would like tea must let me know by Tuesday, January 7th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Kindly notify J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready early. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. The officials hope to have a record attendance. Tea can only be provided for those who apply in good time by postcard addressed to C. D. Potter, Prospect House, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year, will be held at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (10) ready 2.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Tea provided for those who notify me by Jan. 9th at latest.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 14th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d., now available from Messrs. Walker (Birmingham), Tanner (Weston), Hawkins (London), Grant (Bath), Austin (Gloucester), all Bristol tower officials, or direct from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half railway fare (max. 1/6).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.45. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, January 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Proceedings to commence at 3 p.m. Election of officers, etc., after tea, about 5.30 p.m. Names and numbers please.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be at tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 15th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, M.A., Vicar of Sunningdale. Tea (followed by business meeting) in Church House 4.45 p.m., to all who inform me by Jan. 14th. Members 6d., Visitors 1/-. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Saturday, January 25th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the "Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund" please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanc.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Yorkshire Association.—Southern Division.—The Hon. Secretary's address is now: F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Bentley Rd., Doncaster.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. R. Harrison, Secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, is now 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

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