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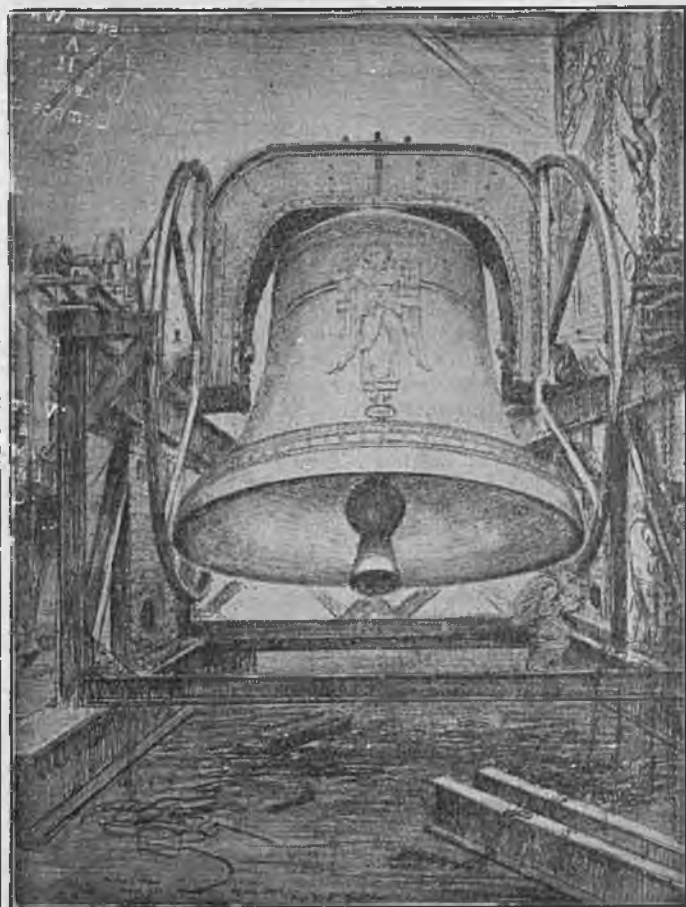
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RINGERS' MAGNIFICENT EFFORT.

After nearly eleven months' work we are approaching the consummation of one of the most interesting events in ringing history. Next week the Exercise will celebrate the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, and will mark the commemoration by the dedication of the work carried out at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, for which it has so readily and generously provided funds. Never before have ringers collectively attempted so ambitious a scheme. A Saxon tower in danger of disintegration has been restored and rendered safe for, it is hoped, centuries to come; the bells on which Stedman learned to ring and the frame in which they swung even before his days have been made once more fit for service; indeed, it is not too much to say that never in the whole course of their history were they so well hung as they now are, with all the modern engineering skill which is to-day employed in the craft of the bell hanger. It is a truly great undertaking that has been carried out, and one that is worthy of the fraternity to which we all belong and of which Stedman has been and will remain one of the most conspicuous figures.

Few of the great worthies among ringers of the past have ever had a tangible memorial raised to them; indeed, except in name, there is little left to remind us of who or what these men were. They lived their day; they made their mark upon the art, and, departing, have been almost if not entirely forgotten. Stedman was among the earliest pioneers of change ringing. What was known of the art before his days was little enough, and had it not been for his efforts to preserve and expand the knowledge that then existed, who can say how long its development might have been delayed? Stedman himself, when he wrote 'Tintinnalogia,' tells us that he did so in order that what was known might not be lost and obscured, and but for his labours little might have been done for quite another century. The advances which grew out of his work for the art began to manifest themselves in various parts of the country, and while peals, as we know them, were not rung until after Stedman's death, it was the stimulus which he gave to the science and the foundation which he laid and upon which his successors worked, that eventually enabled the early ringers to set up new landmarks in the art. Despite all this, however, Stedman might have passed out of memory, as many others have done in the passage of time, but for the fact that his name remained associated with one of the many methods which he produced, a method which, with the exception of Grandsire, has proved the greatest attraction to ringers for generations, and is still regarded as the high-water mark in odd-bell ringing.

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Fabian Stedman has, happily, never been entirely for-
gotten, and is now to be permanently commemorated at
the church with which he was for long actively associated,
where he was not only a ringer but also parish clerk, and
where his interest in ringing developed into an en-
thusiasm which was fraught with so much benefit to the
Exercise. Ringers of Great Britain, Ireland and over-
seas have risen magnificently to the opportunity which
this tercentenary year has provided, and a great scheme
of restoration has been carried out. The unfortunate
delay, which was no fault of those responsible for the
work, may interfere somewhat with the size of the
gathering at Cambridge next week—December is not as
inviting as September for an excursion—but the national
character of the celebration will be in no way impaired,
for many who cannot visit Stedman's church will join in
the commemoration by special ringing on their own bells,
and thus throughout the country Stedman's memory will
be fittingly honoured.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt, 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KREN ...	7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	3	ADAM DRAS ...	9
JOSEPH ROWELL ...	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	10
WILLIAM STORY ...	5	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	11
JOHN ANDERSON ...	6	RICHARD THOMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 3rd and 8th are from
Leeds. The 11th ringer hails from London. Rung on the birthday
of John Barber, of West Bromwich.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

*RICHARD LONGDEN	...	Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD	...	6
THOMAS JONES	...	2	*CHARLES SHARPLES	...	7
*JOSEPH HALL	...	3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	...	8
*ALFRED FROST	...	4	JOHN POTTER	...	9
WILLIAM H. OWENS	...	5	GEORGE PYE	...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters
as conductor. This was the conductor's 300th peal. Rung as a 21st
birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Lakin, of Lincolnshire, who is a
frequent visitor to this tower.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GRAINGER	...	Treble	JAMES GEORGE	...	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	...	2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON	...	7
ERNEST J. KING	...	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	...	8
†JAMES G. A. PRIOR	...	4	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	...	9
*WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	...	5	HENRY C. TAYLOR	...	Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOWHILL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD 7
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
*FREDERICK DIGBY 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal and first in the method on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*CYRIL WENWOOD Treble	HARRY PRICE 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 7
JOHN PERRY 3	WALTER FARLEY 8
JOHN GOODMAN 4	†HENRY GOODMAN 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	*CHARLES W. COOPER Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	*FRANK SADLER 7
JOHN HALL 3	GEORGE A. KING 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 9
HERBERT JORDAN 5	ARTHUR J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 4	JOHN AMBLER 9
FREDERICK SEAGER 5	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Cotterell and Miss Bertha Kendall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON 5
HARRY BROWN 2	JOHN FRYER 6
WALTER SWALLOW 3	*HARRY C. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR WALKER 4	ALBERT STRANGWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
MISS HELEN W. BILL 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
F. W. CECIL CURTIS 3	GEORGE H. MOORE 7
CHARLES H. MOORE 4	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition, reduced from the 48 courses containing the 6th the course-end extent in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, and all the 4-5's and 5-4's, is now rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	OSCAR ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Frederick J. Cullum, sen., who was a ringer at this church for a period of 46 years, and Stedman was his favourite method.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WALLACE BURGESS 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*WALTER L. TOOGOOD 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal away from treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the men of the city of Leeds who fell in the Great War. The ringers of treble, 6th and tenor are ex-Servicemen.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	†PERCY FELTON 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	*HAROLD E. PENNACK 6
*ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
ARTHUR HEAD 4	DR. P. SPENCER-PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Chelmsford, the rest belong to the local company. This peal was rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice. Also as a farewell peal to the Rev. D. G. Douglas, who has left this parish for Kilburn.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SYDNEY A. WYATT Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
JAMES HUNT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	* HERBERT V. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	* ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 6
HARRY BARTON 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT

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

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* STANLEY NOBLES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
† TOM POTTS 2	WILLIAM GAYES 6
JACK TIPPER 3	JOHN WORTH 7
* JAMES MILNER 4	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from treble.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
KENTH HART 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of London on the bells.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
J. RICHARD TAYLOR 2	JOHN T. BIMSON 6
JOHN CHARNOCK 3	* HAROLD DAVIES 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY Treble	* GEORGE BROMLEY 5
WILLIAM CLARK 2	EDWARD P. CRABTREE 6
* WILFRED BRITAIN 3	JOSEPH HELLETT 7
REGINALD BROMLEY 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

* First peal.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	* JAMES ERRINGTON 5
WILLIAM HESKETH 2	SYDNEY FORSHAW 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	NORMAN BROWN 7
JAMES W. HALL 4	* JACK ERRINGTON Tenor
	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Westhoughton.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 7
ERNEST E. DAVIS 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Austin, and his 500th peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. For composition, see 'The Ringing World' of November 6th.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his appointment as organist at this church and to mark the occasion of the renovation of the magnificent 'Father Willis' organ by his grandson, Henry Willis.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS LAW 5
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	WILLIAM ATTERBURY 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	TOM TEBBOTT 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, also to the tenor man, who was born at Desborough and had not revisited it since that time. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Bethway) and his wife, which was much appreciated.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	† SAMUEL THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM J. CARTER 7
* ERNEST CALCOTT 4	† STANLEY CHARLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	SIEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5
WILFRED JARVIS 2	LAWRENCE POULSON 6
FRANK A. TURNER 3	MAURICK T. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

* HUBERT SCHOFIELD Treble	CHARLES DYKE 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
† ELSIE H. FULTON 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
ROY WILKINSON 4	* FREDERICK HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled in honour of and respect for those who fell in the Great War.

IVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSBELL ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire—FRANK BUCKLAND.

The first non-conducted peal of Major by the Guild and the first non-conducted peal in the county of Bucks.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
PERCY L. HARRISON 2	C. HENRY WEBB 6
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WILLIAM WILLSON 4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs. The veteran Mr. Briggs (aged 82) afterwards met the band and joined in handbell ringing. It was also a birthday peal for the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., Rector of Stanton.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY KING Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 4
EDWARD FROSSELL 2	NORMAN J. INSKIP 5
REGINALD WEST 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

OLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and 12 six-scores each of London Single, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

SIDNEY CORBY Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
WILLIAM SHARP 2	JOSH J. PARTRIDGE 5
ALBERT LACK 3	EDWARD STANTON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

BURSTWICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST E. TAYLOR Treble	JOHN M. PICKERING 4
* ARTHUR H. FOX 2	JOHN W. HOBSON 5
STANLEY WEBB 3	CECIL W. H. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hobson, and also to Mr. Arthur E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

* HERBERT W. ABBOTT ... Treble	FREDERICK E. TOOLEY ... 4
JOHN ALLEN 2	W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... 5
LEONARD TOSLAND 3	* WILLIAM MUNNS Tenor

Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal and first attempt and local ringers. First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung and augmented from four to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM A. TACK Treble	GRAHAM PRATT 4
ROBERT G. KING 2	ALIC WHITMORE 5
WALTER SMITH 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

* FRANK H. THORLEY ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3
† GEORGE W. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3 Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 16 years. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES W. SMITH Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	ALDENMAN LING 5
THOMAS W. WARD 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WASLEY Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
GEORGE WASLEY 2	FREDERICK BLOWING 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	CHARLES STAITE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN WAND Treble	JOHN HURST 4
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. 5
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

First peal in five methods by all. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for those who lost their lives in the Great War.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the seven following methods: Biddulph, London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge and Norwich.

*FRANK BRADBURY Treble	*JAMES STANWAY 4
*ALFRED H. COTTRELL ... 2	*WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5
*JOHN BEECH 3	JONAH COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First Surprise peal. Also first Surprise peal by a local band at this church.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM SWAIN Treble	FRED W. KNOWLES 4
ARTHUR J. BROWN 2	ARTHUR B. JUDGE 5
HAROLD DOUGHTY 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

The first Surprise peal recorded for this association, also the first Surprise peal by the band.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 7-6-8 covering. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*H. WERRETT Treble	T. WERRETT 5
S. WILLIAMS 2	F. GRIFFITHS 6
G. WILLIAMS 3	*T. HYDE 7
*J. WERRETT 4	R. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced 720's: (1) Norbury and College Exercise; (2) Duke of Norfolk and Trowell; (3) Wragby and St. Albans Delight; (4) Neasden and Grove Delight; (5) Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Sandal and Overton; (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	RAYMOND JELFS 5
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. First peal of Spliced Minor and of 14 Treble Bob methods by all the band and by the association.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY Treble	*REGINALD G. HARVEY ... 4
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... 2	HARRY S. BARKER 5
HARRY STEBBINGS 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORMAN J. INSKIP Treble	LEONARD TURNER 4
HAROLD G. BEARD 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ... 3	PERCY C. BONNETT Tenor

Conducted by PERCY C. BONNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. C. Bonnett. First peal as conductor.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BIDDULPH DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
ALFRED PARR 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

First peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung. The method was composed by the conductor upwards of 30 years ago, and has appeared in 'The Ringing World' under the name of Double London. Rung on the 38th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor rung on the bells.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
*MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside'. A birthday compliment to the 2nd ringers' daughter.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Notice is given that members of the Norwich Diocesan Association hope to attempt a peal of 11,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Saxlingham on December 12th next, a start to be made at 2.45 p.m.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN CHRIST CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... 1-2 | JOHN WORTH ... 3-4
WILLIAM GAYES ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band, and rung on Mr. W. Gayes' 62nd birthday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
FRANK LORD ... 3-4 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. CAWSE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be the first peal in the method rung on handbells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD, PUDSEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*GEORGE AMBLER ... 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal on handbells. Mr. P. J. Johnson's 200th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**INTERESTING PEAK DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Darley Dale on Saturday, about 20 ringers turning up from Bakewell, Chendale, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Kingsley, Matlock, Morton and Norton-on-the-Moors. The musical ring of eight bells (tenor about 16 cwt.) were kept going at intervals from 3 to 8 p.m., with varying success in Cambridge, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A substantial tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. R. Griffiths. A short informal business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam.

It was decided to have no meeting in December, the next to be the annual meeting at Bakewell in January, the arrangements for which were left with the secretary.

Suggestions were invited for the jubilee meeting of the M.C.A. at Derby next Easter.

A welcome to the Rector of Darley, extended by the Rev. W. P. Wright, was replied to by the former in a graceful speech, in which he referred to the pleasure and privilege of being present, to his love of the bells of England, and to his appreciation of the calling of a ringer and to the qualities necessary for proficiency.

A welcome to a number of ringing friends from North Staffordshire was proposed by the secretary, and was replied to in a racy speech by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who stated that they had had a cold ride over the moors from near Stoke-on-Trent, but it was well worth it and that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He concluded with some good advice to learners, and to ringers generally to support in a more generous measure 'The Ringing World.'

SUDDEN DEATH OF COVENTRY RINGER.

The Stoke, Coventry, band of ringers lost their oldest member (in years of service) by the death of William George Webster, which occurred with tragic suddenness on Sunday, November 14th, last. Decensed, who had never had a day's illness in his 47 years of life, left his home early on Sunday morning, and within a few hundred yards collapsed and died.

He had been a member of the Stoke band for 30 years and was one of the original members of the Warwickshire Guild.

The funeral took place in Stoke Churchyard on Thursday, November 19th, when a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by E. Sibley, F. W. Perrens, F. Pervin and J. Taylor. In the evening a peal in the same method was rung half-muffled on the bells he loved so well.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to say that Mr. W. T. Cockerill is gradually recovering from his illness.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who had to enter Wallasey Cottage Hospital for treatment for blood poisoning, had a relapse after leaving the hospital and had to return. He is, however, now making satisfactory progress, and is looking forward to being able to attend the Stedman Commemoration gathering at Cambridge.

By a peal rung at Lavenham on Saturday, November 14th, the ringer of the treble completed the circle from tenor to treble in the last eight peals rung on the bells.

Mr. H. Argyle, a member of the Central Council for the Warwickshire Guild, is in the nursing home at Attleborough, Nuneaton, having undergone an operation. His many ringing friends will be pleased to know he is making fairly good progress and hoping to be home in a few days.

As last year, the St. Paul's Cathedral band, furnished by the College Youths, rang for afternoon service on Monday last, the occasion being the annual service on St. Cecilia's Day, St. Cecilia being the patron saint of music. The service had additional and special music. It was also attended by one of the old City Companies—the Musicians.

The peal rung at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, on November 5th, was Oxford Bob Major and not Oxford Treble Bob, as printed in the report in our columns. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Harlow Common on November 5th was Frank Creasey. In the peal at Writtle on November 11th the ringers of the 2nd and 4th were W. R. Thrift and R. C. Thrift respectively, not Shift as printed.

The many friends of Mr. T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, will regret to learn that he is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild propose to hold their second annual dinner on Saturday, January 9th.

Owing to pressure on our space, we have been compelled to hold over letters from the Rev. H. Drake, 'The Mad Hatter' and Mr. George Baker.

RINGING IN BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines in answer to your correspondents.

(1) To Mr. Jaggard: The letter I wrote about the Painswick peal was not intended in the first place for the experts who read 'The Ringing World,' but for those who might be able to right the wrong, i.e., the incumbent of Painswick and the Chancellor of the Gloucester Diocese, as well as those inhabitants of the neighbourhood who, I know, were interested in the performance. Had I written it for 'The Ringing World' I should have given my reasons, one of which, I may say, is that Grandsire should not be rung on even numbers.

(2) To Mr. Thomas: If there is any statement of mine which requires confirmation I will do my best to supply it. I will write the history of Bristol ringing during the time I mentioned showing the advance in efficiency and quality and the men responsible for it, on condition that I write the history of the decline of the same since the foundation of the B.U.R.G. and the men responsible for it.

(3) To Mr. Guise: Read my letter again and then write something in answer to it. I made it quite clear that the part of the article I doubted was that relating to practice of a certain class of method. I wrote, 'My history of ringing in Bristol': a totally different thing to the 'History of Bristol bells,' a subject which does not interest me in the least.

Finally, Sir, about this 'will to teach.' If you lived in Bristol you would soon learn something about the 'will to allow others to teach.'

—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY OFFICERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely branch was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, when ringers were present from Bearstead (Kent), Cambridge, Dunmow, Elmdon, Exning, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Shelford, Stetchworth and Trumpington. The bells were set going at 3 p.m. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy), with Mr. H. J. Hazel at the organ. Afterwards the company were entertained to tea at the Six Bells, by the generosity of the Rector, who took the chair for the business meeting.

Mr. A. E. Austin had expressed his wish to resign the District Mastership, so Mr. B. D. Buttress kindly consented to undertake the office. Miss Willers was re-elected district secretary. Messrs. Austin, Hazel, Hibbins, Twitchett and Webb were appointed on the committee.

It was decided to visit the five-bell tower of Barton on January 2nd. Mr. Faux, of Cambridge, and Mr. Thurlow, of Dunmow, were elected members.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, for taking the service and for providing the tea. In replying, the Rev. T. H. Hennessy said he always found pleasure in entertaining ringers at Fulbourn.

Various Minor, Triple and Major methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATION.

The work on the tower and bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, is practically completed, and the dedication next Saturday week will take place in the presence of a representative body of ringers who are coming from all parts of the country to join in the proceedings. Not the least interesting link with Fabian Stedman will be the presence of official representatives of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Stedman was not only a member but also Steward in 1668 and Master in 1682.

The service will begin at three o'clock, and seats will be reserved for ticket holders up to 2.50 p.m. The service will follow evensong up to the second lesson, when a procession to the tower, which is at the west end of the church, will be formed. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, will unveil the memorial tablet, and Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely, will dedicate the whole of the work. Afterwards 120 of Stedman Doubles will be rung and the sermon delivered by Rev. Canon G.

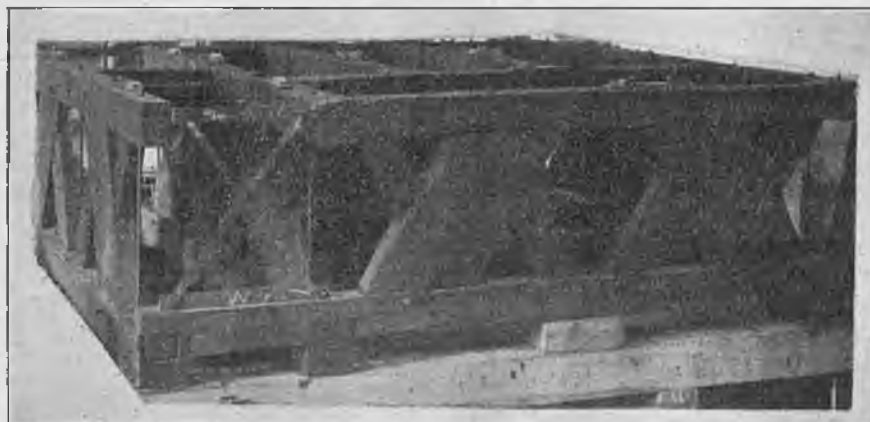
There is a good train and bus service between Shelford and Cambridge.

It is essential that any who wish to take advantage of ringing at either of the towers outside Cambridge should advise the secretary of the Tercentenary Commemoration not later than Tuesday, December 1st.

Luncheon for ticket holders will be served at 12.30 p.m. in Corpus Christi Dining Hall, adjoining St. Benedict's Church. Tea, also for ticket holders, will be served in relays in the same hall in accordance with the times printed on the tea tickets.

A large room at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, has been reserved for use throughout the day, where ringers can make rendezvous with their friends; handbells will be available, and refreshments obtained during the usual hours. It is hoped that visitors will take full advantage of the accommodation provided if they desire to rest or meet their friends.

There are still a few promised donations unpaid. Will subscribers kindly send these at once to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading?



THE ANCIENT OAK BELL FRAME at St. Benedict's Church. The frame is 13ft. 10in. square, and some idea of its massive timbers can be gained from this picture.

F. Coleridge. At the close of the service special representative companies will ring, and the bells will also be open to bands of ticket holders. When all these have had their turn, non-ticket holders will be able to ring.

In addition to St. Benedict's bells the following bells in and near Cambridge will be available:—

Great St. Mary's	(12)	11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs	(8)	1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Great St. Andrew's	(8)	
Old Chesterton	(6)	11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Trumpington	(6)	12 noon to 2 p.m. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The two last-named churches are best reached by frequent local bus services.

For those travelling by road, ringing can be arranged at any of the following towers en route to or from Cambridge providing hands can be made up:—

Huntingdon, St. Mary's	(8)	Morning and evening.
Godmanchester	(8)	" "
Newmarket, All Saints	(8)	" "
Newmarket, St. Mary's	(6)	" "
Fulbourn	(8)	" "
Bourn	(8)	Morning only.
Royston	(8)	Morning and evening.
Sawston	(8)	" "
Stapleford	(6)	" "

WHAT TO SEE IN CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridge is a town full of interest to the visitor, but for those whose stay is limited to the one day it will be impossible to see all there is to be seen. As a guide to those who arrive early, however, and want to see as much as possible of the University town, we suggest a visit to some or all of the following places as time permits. The whole can be taken in in one 'walk,' starting from the Market Place.

GREAT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The Parish Church of Cambridge adjoins the Market Place. It is also used by the University for sermons on Sundays and occasionally at other times. A church on this site was consecrated in 1351. The present building, an excellent specimen of Perpendicular Gothic, was begun in 1478, but proceeded very slowly, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the university to obtain subscriptions by sending the Proctors on horseback through England with begging letters. The nave roof was not framed till 1506; the tower was begun in 1491, and carried up to the top of the west window in 1530. The belfry stage was begun in 1593 and finished in 1608. In 1611 the existing four bells were recast into 'five tunable bellies,' and in 1620 and 1621 two of the old peal were recast and another added. In 1667 the third and fourth were recast and the peal augmented to eight. This, it will be noticed, was just before Stedman published his 'Tintinnologia,' which appeared in 1668. It was decided in 1722 to recast the ring of eight, and later in the same year it was finally concluded to add two more bells. The work was carried out by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, the tenor being 26 cwt. 19 lb. In 1770 the tenor was recast, the weight being 29 cwt. 26 lb., and two further bells added to

increase the ring to twelve. These trebles were recast in 1911, while the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was Vicar. The bells run anti-clockwise. **KING'S COLLEGE.**

Founded by King Henry VI. in the middle of the 15th century. The magnificent chapel, begun in 1446 and completed in 1515, contains very beautiful stained glass and organ screen. The stained glass in the east window and in the windows on the north and south sides was executed between 1515 and 1531, and these windows contain 'the finest series in the world of pictures in glass on a large scale.'

CLARE COLLEGE.

Originally founded by the university as University Hall, 1326. Was rebuilt 1638-1715. The beautiful buildings have been described as 'more like a palace than a college.'

Walk down Avenue to Barks of Colleges and return through Trinity College Avenue to

TRINITY COLLEGE,

with its noble quadrangle, great gate (built 1518-1535) and glorious chapel (finished about 1564).

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

has the most beautiful of all the Cambridge gateway towers. Founded in 1511 by the mother of Henry VII., on the suppression of the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist, founded 1135. The new chapel was built 1864-69 of Ancaster stone.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

commonly called the Round Church, one of the four round churches in England, with massive Norman pillars, probably built between 1120 and 1140. During a restoration in 1841 the belfry over the central nave was pulled down and replaced by a conical roof.

JESUS COLLEGE.

Founded 1437 by the Bishop of Ely, on the suppression of the Benedictine nunnery of S. Radegund. The college took possession of the buildings, and consequently the plan of Jesus College is different from that of any other college in either university. It is monastic, not collegiate.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE

(founded 1505), Petty Cury, Market Place and thence to St. Benedict's Church.

ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

The interesting points about this ancient building are described in the Tercentenary 'Souvenir.'

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

(adjoining St. Benedict's Church) was founded 1352 by the Gilds of Corpus Christi and St. Mary. It consists of two completely separate groups of buildings: (1) That of the Gilds; (2) that erected 1823-27. The Old Court, reached by the passage at the east end of the hall, was the first closed quadrangle built in Cambridge. It has been a good deal altered, but still retains a more ancient appearance than any other collegiate structure in the university.

The original chambers in this court were of the roughest description; the ground floor was of clay; the walls were destitute of plaster; and the windows were probably half-shuttered, half-glazed. On the first floor they were open to the roof. The garrets were added in the reign of Henry the Eighth.

The scholars used the neighbouring church of St. Benedict for their devotions, but with one exception of a chapel, this small court contained all the buildings required for the collegiate life. The entrance was through a plain archway on the north side, along a path skirting the west side of the churchyard.

The chapel contains the stall work from the old one, which had been constructed by Sir Nich. Bacon, 1579. The library contains a unique collection of MSS. collected by Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75. Some of the most interesting are exhibited in glazed cases. In one of the rooms under the library is the Lewis Collection of coins, gems, vases and other objects of antiquarian interest.

ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,

founded 1475.

Cross the Court of St. Catherine's College to

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,

founded 1447 by the Queen of Henry VI., and refounded 1465 by the Queen of Edward IV. The principal Court was built immediately after the foundation. The material is red brick and the plan includes square corner-turrets and an entrance gateway, flanked by towers (the third built in Cambridge). The original caves have been replaced by battlements and the foliations cut out of the windows, otherwise the buildings are unaltered. The buildings in the second or Cloister Court are partly coeval with the first Court, but the two lateral cloisters are of later date. By the time this college was founded the plan of a Manor House had been accepted as the best for college buildings, and accordingly this college affords a close copy of such a house, as, for example, Haddon Hall. The arrangement of the principal Court is the same, and in the second and subordinate Court, approached by the passage through the Screens, are the apartments of the President, occupying the same position as those of the Lord of Haddon. The gallery of the President's Lodge, built about 1540, is a singularly beautiful and unaltered specimen of the domestic architecture of the 16th century.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

founded 1346. The original chapel, now the library, at the north-west corner of the Court was the first collegiate chapel built. The new chapel was erected in 1663-64 at the sole cost of Dr. Matthew Wren, former fellow, then Bishop of Ely, in fulfilment of a vow made during his imprisonment in the Tower of London. The architect was his nephew, Sir Christopher Wren.

PETERHOUSE.

The first college founded in Cambridge (1281) still retains some of its primitive buildings. It shows by what steps the first colleges arrived at their familiar quadrangular arrangement. At first the founders provided only that which was indispensable, viz., rooms for sleep and work, a church for prayers, and a hall for meals. An ordinary dwelling house supplied the first, a parish church the second, and the third had usually to be built. The founder of Peterhouse (Hugh of Balsham, Bishop of Ely) first placed his 14 scholars and their master in two dwelling houses, and when he died he bequeathed 300 marks to his scholars, who with the money bought a piece of ground behind their house and 'built thereon a handsome hall' and buttery. The north side of the quadrangle was not begun until 1424, no the west until 1431.

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is full of interest and well worth a visit.

A NATIONAL COMMEMORATION.

In making the commemoration a national one, it is hoped that wherever possible special ringing will take place on Saturday afternoon, December 5th, so that the bells of the whole country will join in the celebration. If the ringing cannot take place then, it may still be possible to arrange it for some other day, but, whenever it takes place, public emphasis will be given to it, if, as already suggested in these columns, an announcement of the purpose of the ringing can be made in church on the preceding Sunday. To assist ringers in 'prompting' their incumbents, the following brief facts can be used. The paragraph might be cut out and handed to them:—

Fabian Stedman was one of the greatest figures in the early history of change ringing—a purely English art, practised to-day in thousands of church towers in this country. He was the author of the first books on the subject, and by his labours in this direction laid the foundation upon which ringers in succeeding years have built up the art and developed a highly fascinating science.

Stedman is said to have been born in or near Cambridge in 1631, and learnt to ring at St. Benedict's Church in that town at a time when change ringing was in its infancy. In 1668 he produced the first book ever written on the subject, and called it 'Tintinnalogia.' In the few years which elapsed before his second book—'Campanalogia'—was published in 1677, he had made great advances in his investigations and opened up entirely new ground. Change ringing is done by 'method,' and some of the methods which Stedman produced are largely practised to this day, one, bearing his own name, being among the most widely rung of all.

On Saturday, December 5th, the ringers of England will celebrate the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth. By funds, amounting to nearly £500, subscribed by the ringers of Great Britain, Ireland and overseas, the bells and tower of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, have been restored. The tower was built in pre-Conquest days; five of the six bells are those on which Stedman himself rang. Ringers from all parts of the country will assemble at Cambridge for the commemoration, and the work will be dedicated and a memorial tablet unveiled at a special service.

At the same or other convenient time ringers elsewhere will join in the commemoration by special ringing on the bells of their own churches.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—In honour of the Stedman Tercentenary on December 5th the peal of ten bells will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Visitors and friends will be welcome.—James Pagett, Ringing Master.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

In his letter last week with regard to the unbroken continuity of the College Youths' dinners, Mr. J. A. Trollope referred to a possible break during the war period 1914-1918. Although the actual anniversary gathering was suspended at that time, the annual supper of the St. Paul's Cathedral band was enlarged and called the 'College Youths' dinner,' and was attended by some 40 or 50 persons, including the Master and most of the officers of the Ancient Society. Our informant asks us to publish these facts for the benefit of future historians.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Godalming Church, with its central tower and lofty spire, has a beautiful setting, as it nestles, with the quaint old-fashioned streets of the little Surrey town, in a narrow valley where the River Wey runs between the steep shoulders of the hills. For some years until recently, however, the setting of the bells in the tower had been anything but beautiful, and they had been no attraction to ringers. About a couple of years ago a meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Godalming provided the opportunity for calling attention to the much needed restoration, and it is a matter of much gratification that this has now been carried out. The frame has been strengthened and the bells quarter-turned and rehung with new fittings. The work was done by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and the Guild had the first opportunity of ringing on them on Saturday. A board in the tower says the bells were recast by Swaine in 1772, but it could only have been part of the ring, for there are still bells in the tower cast by Thomas Lester in 1740. The first recorded peal on them was a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1775.

Saturday's meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was well attended, members being present from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Farnborough, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Haslemere, Scale, Witely and Woking. The customary service, at which the singing was led by organ and choirboys, was held, and afterwards a company of over 30 sat down to tea in the Church Room.

The Vicar (Canon G. S. Richards) was thanked by Admiral T. P. Walker for the service and for the use of the bells and congratulated upon the restoration that had taken place. The Vicar said the work had been made possible partly by a bequest, and they were very glad that the bells were now in good order again and also that the seventh bell had proved not to be cracked, as was suggested it might be when attention was called to the condition of the bells when the Guild last met in Godalming.

Admiral Walker presided over the business meeting which followed, when nominations were received for the officers for next year. For Ringing Master two names were proposed, Messrs. W. R. Melville and C. E. Smith; for district secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; for district auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden. There were no fewer than eight nominations for the two places on the Executive Committee. Mr. S. Marshall was renominated as the hon. members' representative. The elections take place at the annual meeting in the new year.

It was reported that a suggested division of the district had been brought before the Executive Committee, and would be again discussed at their next meeting. The members were asked to give the matter their consideration so that some resolution of guidance to the committee might be passed at the annual district meeting.

On the motion of Admiral Walker, a unanimous resolution was passed expressing the hope that the Master of the Guild and the general hon. secretary would continue to hold office for another year.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, and further ringing afterwards took place in the standard and Surprise methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HORNSEY.**

The ancient tower of St. Mary's, Hornsey, was the venue of a meeting of the North and East District on Saturday last, and for a six-bell meeting the attendance was a very fair one. This tower stands alone, the old church having been pulled down a few years ago, and the movement of the edifice affects the go of the bells very considerably. The ringing was, however, generally good, as well as being in a variety of methods, including Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. It was a real pleasure to see Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., present, and in fairly good health in spite of his 89 years of age, and he was given a cordial welcome.

The Rector (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell) took the usual short service, after which tea was served in the Parish Hall. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), who was supported by Mr. A. W. Coles (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), etc. Seven new members, including Mr. Cornelius Charge, of New Zealand, were elected, and it was announced that the district annual meeting would be held at Edmonton on Saturday, January 30th.

It was decided that the association should be officially represented at the Stedman Tercentenary celebration at Cambridge on Dec. 5th.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Rector, and to Mr. G. W. Blee for making the very satisfactory meeting arrangements, there was a little handbell ringing, followed by a further visit to the tower. Here another old friend, Mr. Sidney Wade, put in a belated but none the less welcome appearance, and was soon 'taught' how to ring Double Court. Thus the last meeting of the year passed in a very pleasant way—considering all things, a most successful year, with the average attendance at the meetings reaching the satisfactory total of 50. Will members note, and endeavour to beat this next year.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Thursday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 49 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. J. Smith 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, I. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD ACTIVITIES.**

Nearly 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, held at Bocking on Saturday week.

At the service the Dean of Bocking, preaching from the text, 'Ye shall be My witnesses,' said there were two sounds in life which stirred the hearts of man—the beat of the drum, which quickened the pulse and stirred the blood, and the sound of the bells, a sound which was associated with their lives in all that was uplifting. They were sounds they connected with high days and glory, which days of deep penitence and sorrow. He (the Dean) was happy to be with the members of the Essex Association at that church; to have heard them ringing the old and tuneful bells the church possessed, and to have observed the amazing skill they had acquired in the art of campanology. He was pleased to see they had that kind of discipline which, rightly understood and exercised, favourably affected mind and body. It was not easy to ring a bell—it required very real skill, muscle and nerve; it demanded training of the mind. It demonstrated a wonderful harmony in many ways, a harmony the ringers were scrupulously careful not to allow anything to break. The sound of the bells conveyed the message of the Gospel to alleviate dull everyday trials—sordid, ugly, depressing things which surrounded them. To-day more than ever they wanted the uplift of bells ringing in their souls. On the bellringers, therefore, there rested a glorious responsibility, and the whole Church had reason to be glad of the existence of organisations such as the Essex Association—to be proud of its very high tradition which Essex people greatly esteemed.

Following the service tea was served in the Church Room, and subsequently the annual meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, who was supported by the Dean of Bocking and Messrs. A. Saunders, F. Ridgewell, W. Tyler and W. J. Nevard.

The Chairman expressed regret at the absence from the annual gathering of Mr. Lewis Wiffen, who was so keenly interested in the art of change ringing, and also that of Mr. Fred Rudkin, of Braintree, who at the age of 74 was one of their oldest ringers, and who, he was sorry to say, was dangerously ill. (Mr. Rudkin has since passed away.)

The annual report was submitted by Mr. F. Ridgewell, the district secretary, who said that during the past year meetings had been held at Rayne, Kelvedon, Great Bardfield, Foxearth and Bocking, with an average attendance of 38 (applause). Twelve members had been elected as follows: Two hon. life members, one non-resident life member, seven ringing members and two probationers. Since the last annual meeting, said Mr. Ridgewell, the record number of 38 peals had been rung in the division on towers and handbells in the following methods: Tower peals: Bob Minor 1, three-Minor methods 1, four-Minor Methods 3, five-Minor methods 1, seven-Minor methods 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Major 2, Double Norwich 6, Superlative Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 5, Bristol Surprise 1, London Surprise 2. On handbells: Bob Minor 5, Oxford Minor 1, Kent Minor 1, Bob Major 2, Kent Major 2. Among those who had conducted the peals were W. Keeble (13), O. Brayd (nine) and W. Arnold and L. W. Wiffen (five each).

The report having been received with enthusiasm, the Chairman observed that the record was certainly a very good one, and he thought they could congratulate themselves on the fact that the association was carrying on a very useful work (hear, hear). Mr. Howard proceeded to thank retiring officers for the efficient services they had rendered the association during the year, especially the Ringing Master, Mr. Arthur Saunders, of Greenstead Green, and their district secretary, Mr. Fred Ridgewell, of Earls Colne, who had carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner. They were greatly indebted to these two officials, who brought to bear on the work a great deal of experience and to whom they tendered their best thanks (applause).

Replying to his re-election as Ringing Master, Mr. Saunders said he considered it a great honour to hold the position, and promised to do his best to see that the work was efficiently carried out during the year.

Mr. Ridgewell spoke of his interest in the work and of the pleasure it gave him to discharge the duties connected with the office of district secretary (applause).

The Dean of Bocking was elected an honorary member, three ringing members were elected and three probationers.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, in an interesting speech, said he had rung in 720 towers in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, including 152 towers in Essex and more than 100 in Suffolk. There was not a county in England in which he had not rung. So far this year he had rung in 66 different towers (applause).

The Chairman said this was a remarkable record and an inspiration to them all. He knew that Mr. Nevard had on several occasions rung as many as nine hours out of the 24 (applause).

It was announced that a collection made for association funds had realised 12s.

It was agreed to hold the next gathering at Felstead on the first Saturday in February.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT STANWICK.

Three new bells have been added to those in the church of Stanwick, Northamptonshire, which has now a ring of five. Of the previously existing ring of three bells, No. 1 has been rehung 'dead,' No. 2 has been recast and No. 3 rehung on ball bearings. With the three newly-added bells, they have been rehung in a metal frame for six. The work was dedicated on Sunday, November 15th, by the Rt. Rev. C. H. Blagden, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

The bells were rung during the dedication service by a band of ringers from Raunds, assisted by Dr. Daniels, from Stamford, a relative of the lady who gave the 2nd bell.

There was a crowded congregation at the service, which took place in the afternoon, and the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. A large number of ringers attended, including the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. F. Barber (secretary of the Wellingborough District), Mr. W. Perkins, Mr. A. Y. Tyler (Irthlingborough), etc.

Various 120's of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung after the dedication service, when an adjournment was made for tea, some of the ringers being invited by parishioners, while the rest were kindly entertained at the hotel by Mr. Cyril Johnston, whose kindness was much appreciated.

The bells were rung for the evening service by the Irthlingborough ringers, assisted by Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. F. Barber and Mr. H. Pettitt. Although the bells are a very light peal, and there is a long draught of rope (the bells being rung from the floor of the tower), with the assistance of rope guides the bells are rung with ease and comfort. Everyone was perfectly satisfied and of the opinion a good and sound job had been carried out by the founders.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follow:—

- 1: F. 1931. 3 cwt. 1 or. 22 lb.
 - 2: E flat. A.M.D.G. D.D. Mary Eliz. Wetenhall. 1931. 4 cwt. 17 lb.
 - 3: D. Benedictus Dominus. D.D. Parochiani. 1931. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.
 - 4: C. Ihs Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei Gloria Deo Soli Anno Dom. 1721. Recast 1931. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
 - 5: B flat. Celorum Christe Placiat Tibi Rex Souva Iste. 1613. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
- On bells 1-4: Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.
Sanctus: Simon De Nazfelde Me Feicit.

A FOUNDER OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK RUDKIN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick Rudkin, which took place on November 18th at the Bull Inn, Braintree, where he had been landlord for 24 years. His health had been failing for some time, but he had attended to his business until recently.

Before the bells were augmented to eight in 1899 the deceased was a member of the old Braintree company, who practised over 30 Minor methods, including London Surprise. He conducted at Braintree the first 720 rung in that method in Essex on September 8th, 1883.

The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was one of the founders of the Essex Association. Although he had not done much ringing for several years past, he kept up his interest in the association and was present at the jubilee celebration in 1929.

For 39 years he was a member of the Braintree Fire Brigade and for 17 years captain. He was personally presented with a medal by Queen Victoria in 1887 and also had the long service medal. He was a member of the Town Band in his earlier days and had held every office, except that of secretary, in the Foresters' 'Court Campile,' of which he was a member.

Mr. Rudkin was twice married. He leaves two sons and a daughter in bereavement.

There was a large assembly at Braintree Cemetery at his funeral on Saturday last. The assistant priest (the Rev. R. Woodhams) officiated. In addition to representatives of the various bodies with which Mr. Rudkin had been associated, there were present Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master, N.E. Division), Messrs. H. E. Hammond (Braintree), H. Emery and H. C. Young (Stebbing), representing the Essex Association. Among the many floral tributes was one from the Essex Association.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on the bells as a tribute of respect: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, A. Wiffen 6, G. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

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ASHTON BELLS RESTORED.

NEW TREBLE FOR A NORTANTS RING.

The dedication of Ashton, Northants, church bells, which have been augmented to five, the old four having been tuned and restored, took place on Saturday, November 14th, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The ringers taking part in the opening touch were Messrs. F. Wilford, B. Soden, J. Townsend, R. Smith and J. Taylor.

Tea was provided in the Church Hut and was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Beveridge), supported by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, the churchwardens and a large company of parishioners and friends.

A large number of ringers were also present from the surrounding villages, including the Rev. R. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham and secretary of the Towcester District.

Various 120's of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung during the evening, everyone being pleased with the 'go' of the bells. The old frame has been strengthened, and all new fittings, including ball bearings, have been supplied to the bells. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and delight was expressed with the great improvement which has been brought about.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting to be held by the Western Division of the Sussex Association at the newly-affiliated tower of St. Mary's, Washington, took place on Saturday. Members to the number of 30 attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Icklingfield, Kirdford, Henfield, Brighton, Slinfold, Steyning, Shoreham, West Grinstead, Warnham and the local band.

After being welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Patrick), ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. Later the ringers attended a short service conducted by the Vicar, who also acted as organist. Tea was then partaken at the village tea rooms.

A short business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. Charman, followed, when the following new members were elected: Mr. Allen Parker, of Icklingfield; Cecil Wood, of Billingshurst; Alex. Lamb, of Steyning; and Mr. Gordon Wooton, of Witley, non-resident member.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, to Mr. Charman for presiding and to Mr. Settatre for making the arrangements, the members adjourned to the belfry, the bells being kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise until 8 o'clock. The ringers were unanimous in their praise of the bells, which were overhauled and augmented to six in 1930.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Redhill on Saturday last, over 40 ringers attending during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Buckland, Crawley, East Grinstead, Godstone, Horley, Limpsfield Chart, Reigate, St. Peter's, South Croydon, St. Lawrence Jewry, London, Turner's Hill, Westerham, and the local band.

The bells, which have just recently been rehung, etc., by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were set going about 3 o'clock.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. L. E. Mantering, Vicar of St. John's. In the course of his address the Vicar gave the association a hearty welcome to his tower.

A move was next made to the Parochial Hall for tea, 39 sitting down. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, Mr. Frank Lucas, of Horley, and Mr. Reginald Jenkins, of Reigate, were elected as resident members, and the election of Messrs. Jos. Wren and Ernest Ladd, of East Grinstead, Mr. Philip Thompson, of Hartfield, and Mr. Albert Edwards, of Robertsbridge, as non-resident life members was confirmed. The annual district meeting is to be held at Horley in January.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to Mr. Bashford for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. and Mrs. Gear for their assistance in arranging the meeting.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

KENT RINGER BEREAVED.

Members of the Exercise will extend their sympathy to Mr. George Hayes, of Swanscombe, one of the oldest members of the Kent Association, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife, who died on October 31st.

Visitors to Swanscombe in bygone days will remember the hospitality shown to them by Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, who always welcomed visitors to their native home, and the parting is even more painful owing to Mr. Hayes having been in delicate health for a number of years, unable to follow his occupation, and through his complaint being debarrd from taking his accustomed place in the belfry.

The interment took place in Swanscombe Cemetery on Thursday, November 5th, the officiating clergyman being the Rector of Swanscombe, the Rev. Campbell Ward, an honorary member of the Kent Association.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, November 22nd, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, F. G. Hooper 3, E. H. Clulow 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster 6, G. E. Foster 7, J. F. Milner (conductor) 8. Ringers of 4th and 7th have rung each bell in the tower in quarter of Stedman. Ringer of tenor has conducted a quarter of Stedman from each bell.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—For morning service, on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. A. Green 1, F. Wilford 2, F. Case 3, H. Ridgway 4, L. Smith 5, T. Roberts 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Paddy 8. Arranged for Mr. F. Wilford.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,248 London Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, W. H. Hewett 2, E. F. Pike 3, F. Digby 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, J. E. Davis 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

BUSHEY HEATH.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 44 mins.: W. J. Simons 1, G. Marlborough 2, E. Ashby 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, C. Cook 5, T. Norris 6, J. E. Rootes 7, G. E. Goodship (conductor) 8. The first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th, and the first quarter-peal as conductor.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service on November 22nd at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Stirland 1, W. Pollard 2, W. A. James 3, J. P. Pollard 4, A. Elliott 5, W. Stirland 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, W. Beresford 8.

ERTH, KENT.—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: P. Deblin 1, F. A. Coley 2, E. C. Patten 3, A. G. Hill 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum (conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church for evensong on November 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,273 changes) by members of St. Nicolas' company: T. J. Elton 1, *A. Collier 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, *T. Theobald 6, G. Tompsett 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10. * First quarter in method.

HARPENDEN.—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Jarman 1, A. Day 2, R. Newson 3, A. Batchelor 4, L. E. Goodenough 5, D. Dellar 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, F. Messenger 8. Longest touch by F. Messenger. First quarter of Stedman by A. Batchelor and D. Dellar. All are Sunday service ringers except L. E. Goodenough, who hails from Luton.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Lawrence on Sunday, November 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes): George E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn (first quarter in the method 'inside') 2, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, C. H. Stanley 5, J. Withers, jun., 6, Charles Webb 7, J. Withers, sen., 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 1st, at the Church of All Saints, for evensong, on the occasion of the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Woodiss 1, Col. T. F. Parkinson 2, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 3, J. A. Hobson 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, E. F. Wooloff 8.

IRISH RINGERS' HALF-PEAL.

Members of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association rang a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) on Saturday, November 7th, in 1 hour 29 mins., at the Church of SS. Philip and James, Holywood: J. Mann 1, R. McClelland 2, W. Pratt 3, J. Savage 4, J. Rush 5, S. McClelland (conductor) 6. This was rung on the back six, after meeting short for Triples, and was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. This is the longest unassisted touch by the ringers, all of whom are members of the Sunday service band at Holywood Church.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—H Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. A good muster will be encouraging.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each. Kindly notify Mr. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley, a by-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 28th. Service, with address, after which the Vicar invites all ringers attending to tea at the Vicarage.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, if possible. Please send card to Mr. W. T. Wilson for same.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Giles' in the Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be discussed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Nominations for District officers for 1932 must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from three o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at five o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know if they require tea?—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milprow, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Homer, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector, the Rev. B. Herklots. Tea at the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Highclere (8 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 5.30.—F. S. H. Marie, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The three new trebles at Lytchet Matravers, making a ring of 6, are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset, on Advent Sunday, November 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service from 8 till 9.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on December 1st (8 p.m.); St. Magnus' on the 3rd, 17th and 31st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 5th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than December 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by November 28th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, December 5th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid, and any alteration of addresses notified for next year's report. Will ringers wishing to attend this meeting endeavour to be there by 2.30 p.m., so that the Stedman method may be rung in honour of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman?—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. For tea please send postcard to Mr. J. W. Smithson, 22, Hooton Street, Sheffield, not later than Thursday, December 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Mr. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Potterne bells also available in the evenings.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Tuesday, December 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by December 2nd.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Bowness-on-Windermere on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, December 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business to follow. Half rail fares to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society).—Meetings for December at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday, December 6th, 10 a.m.; Mondays December 14th and 28th, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, December 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 9th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on December 12th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in the Church Hall. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 8th? All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and Dis. Society, the Barnsley and Dis. Society and the Southern Division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (eight) available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 9th for same. Good bus service from Rotherham, Mexborough and Conisborough. Burrowes buses from Leeds, Wakefield and Barnsley pass the church every hour.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by December 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, December 12th, a by-meeting will be held at Gravesend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me for tea by Tuesday, December 8th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindley, Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. H. Smith, 86, Broomfield Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Taylor will probably give a lecture on 'The Proving of Peals' at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, December 12th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Feasegate Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. to those who notify Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, December 10th. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on December 12th. A service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Good bus service by the church.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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