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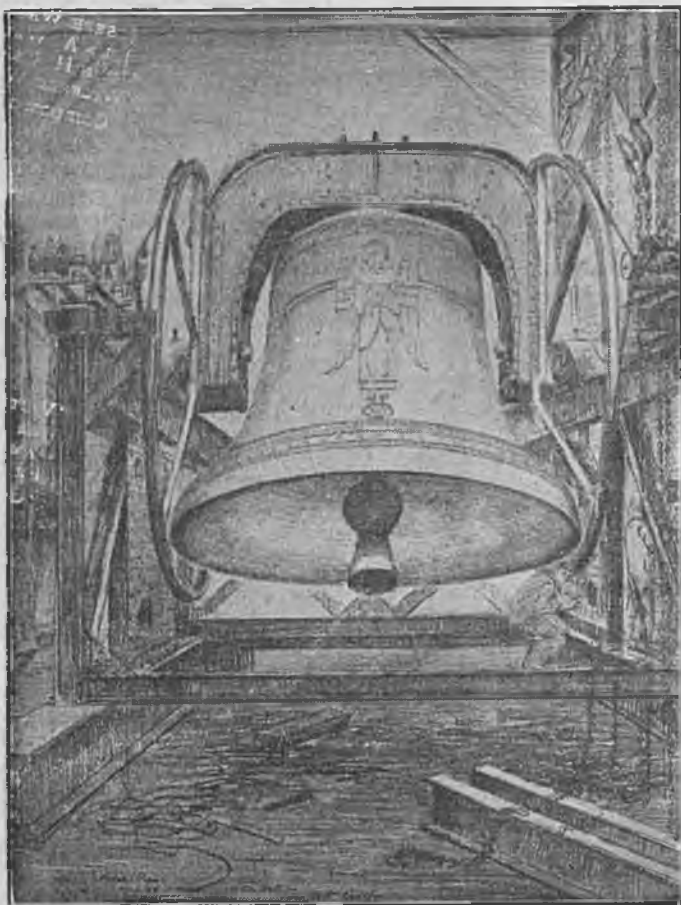
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To all members of the great confraternity of the Exercise and particularly to all our readers: Greeting! A happy and prosperous New Year. Old 1931 left a gloomy, almost sinister, reputation behind him, and everyone is hoping for a much more cheerful turn of Fortune's wheel in 1932. It is the custom to rate at the expiring year, to look back upon it with a sense of disappointment at aspirations unachieved, hopes unrealised, and to watch its departure with a feeling of relief. That happens with most of us every year; and equally we turn to the new with revived resolutions and determination and look to it for fresh inspiration and more hopeful prospects, although upon cool reflection one marvels at the childlike simplicity of the human race in clinging to the fiction that the mere passing of an arbitrary date in the calendar contains special possibilities of providing the change of private, national or universal fortunes which everyone earnestly hopes to see. There is no fairy, beneficent or malign, that waves a wand over careworn humanity at midnight on December 31st, and any improvement which can be wrought in this year of 1932 in the affairs of individuals or nations must be the result of individual or national action. The first day of a new year, however, is an opportune occasion for stocktaking, and it is not, after all, a bad time for beginning a new reckoning; in any event custom ordains that it is on this date good resolutions are to be made; new plans put into operation and new hopes set on the future.

As far as the Art of Ringing is concerned we think, on balance, it has well held its own in 1931 with previous years. There has been great activity among peal ringers, but with the reports for the concluding days not yet all recorded, it is impossible to give any comparative figures. Peal ringing, as we have so often remarked, is not the only criterion by which the position of the art should be judged, but it is a good guide to the progress of change ringing and to the efficiency of ringers. Those who have reached the peal ringing stage are usually among the best service ringers; their keenness ensuring regular attendance; their skill, generally speaking, helping to raise the standard of striking in their own towers. No outstanding long peals have been rung during the year which has just closed, but there have been advances in method splicing—a development of the art which holds great possibilities for competent ringers. The great event of 1931 was, of course, the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary, in which the Exercise in its collective capacity has carried out a scheme far beyond anything

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ever before achieved, or even attempted, in its history. The Stedman Tercentenary year will always be a landmark in ringing annals, and we can only hope that the spirit which inspired Stedman to give so much to the art and to promote expansion of the knowledge of change ringing may manifest itself in this and future generations of ringers. We cannot all be Fabian Stedmans, but each in his humble way, according to his circumstances, can do something to further the cause of ringing; it may be only by inducing a friend to take up the art; or giving a helping hand to someone not quite so forward as himself; it may be by supporting the officials of his association in their work, or by himself undertaking office. There are many other ways in which the objects, the interests and the progress of the art may be promoted, and there is no one who cannot render help in some direction or other. If the spirit which must have dominated Fabian Stedman is the inspiration of every member of the Exercise in 1932 then, indeed, may we look forward to its being, from the point of view of ringing, 'a happy and prosperous New Year.'

TWELVE BELL PE/LS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	*ROLAND BRIGGS 7
RALPH COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	J. HOWARD R. FROBEN ... 10
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	F. DONALD BOREHAM 11
FRANK BOREHAM 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	JAMES BENNETT 7
ALFRED E. REEVEN 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	*WALTER F. JUDGE 9
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	*ARTHUR D. BARKER 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
JOSEPH T. DYKE 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Cambridge Maximus in Oxfordshire.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	*REGINALD KYNASTON 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 10
SIDNEY ELTON 5	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman and first on twelve. Rung for the Christmas festival and as a birthday peal for C. Wallater, also for Messrs. S. Elton, R. and W. B. Kynaston, who hail from Guildford, Oswestry and Swindon respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIPS 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2	FRANK JENNINGS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 8
DANIEL COOPER 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN MORRIS Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	WILLIAM C. JONES 8
†DENNIS R. MORRIS 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Caters. Rung as the annual peal for the association, also as a 69th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Langford, who was a choirboy at this church when nine years of age, and has been parish clerk for forty-three years.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
*JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	*PETER CROOK, JUN. 7
FRED HINDLE 3	*JAMES E. BERLES 8
JAMES MARSH 4	*PETER CROOK 9
*JOHN BOOTH 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung as a memorial peal to the late Mr. Thomas Watson, of Dalton, an old and esteemed member of the Lancashire Association, and for 47 years a ringer at the above church.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*RALPH S. LONG 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3	*ALBERT NASH 8
SIDNEY BAIGGS 4	†JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 9
*COLIN T. RYDER 5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Oxford Royal on tower bells. First peal of Oxford on the bells. B. A. Knight's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 6
*FREDERICK DIGBY 2	WILLIAM HORAN 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 8
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5	ALFRED HAYLOR Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER 2	*HORACE S. MORLEY 7
JOHN H. LENTON 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 8
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 4	†HAROLD WALKER 9
HARRY BROWN 5	*ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. Morgan, of Gainsborough, and Miss C. L. Cawser, of Tickhill, also as a compliment to Mr. F. Cryer, of Selby, who has just completed 60 years' service as a ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 2	*ARNOLD HILL 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 50th peal. 50th peal together by the ringers of treble and 5th. First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES ... Treble	*WILFRED HOWARD 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*ALWYN TAYLOR 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	*J. JOHNSON 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... 4	JAMES H. BASTOW Tenor

Composed by J. E. BORTON. Conducted by WM. BERRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. The treble ringer is in his 76th year. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. (approx.) in D.

WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	JACK TIPPER 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
ALBERT BOOTH 3	JOHN WORTH 7
HARRY PARKER 4	*JOHN WAGMSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. PARTRICK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

DONALD BROWN ... Treble	*WILLIAM FITTON 5
*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
*WILLIAM PYE 4	WILFRID J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE 1	EDWARD ASHEY 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
MISS ELSIE K. FULTON ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
*JOHN E. ROOTES 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	JOHN W. U. WIN 5
MRS. E. H. SPICE 2	FREDERICK G. BRETT 6
FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	JAMES WELLER Tenor

Conducted by W. E. PITMAN.

Tenor man's first peal.

SOUTHPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST JONES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*JAMES MELDRUM 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	†THOMAS BLUNDELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY FOLKARD Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	*CICIL C. MAYNE 6
*E. RALPH MACKRILL ... 3	WILLIAM E. JODD 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

NORTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. SCOTT, JUN. Treble	R. M. GRAY 5
J. E. SCOTT 2	W. ROBSON 6
E. A. HERN 3	A. TUNWOOD 7
J. L. GRAY 4	E. GOSDEN Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

First peal for ringers of the treble and 5th bells. First peal in the method for the ringers of the 6th and 7th. All are local ringers except the 6th, who hails from South Shields. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. E. Gosden and Miss E. M. Hendry, of North Shields.

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STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
ARCHIE STEVENSON 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	*ALBERT J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal and first attempt. A birthday peal for W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, and Mrs. Wenban.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLETT 5
†GEORGE HORWOOD 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 6
*JOHN HARRIS 3	†C. ELLIOTT WIGG 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	†REV. P. W. DODWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

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

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble	ERNEST EVEREST 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
HAROLD HUNTLEY 3	HARRY SEAL 7
ARTHUR WILES 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the induction of the Rector, who expressed his thanks as the bells came into rounds.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM 7
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 4	CHARLES DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. George T. Mitchison, who has been a ringer at this tower for 45 years.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. G. H. CROSS Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HEBERT E. ADDSLEY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SRN. ... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
JOHN H. CHURMAN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. This peal was rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. Barnett, sen.'s, election as a Cumberland, which took place on December 9th, 1881. It is probably the first time in the Cumberlands' history that three generations have taken part in a peal for the society.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 5
FREDERICK K. BIGGS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	CHARLIE BATES 5
WILLIAM T. PALMER 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
PERCY JERVIS 3	*THOMAS E. LEE 7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. HOLMES Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
JOHN W. LAKE 2	HORACE M. DAY 6
ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	*JOHN MACHIN 7
JAMES OSBORN 4	†THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Also the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
*TONY PRICE 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 7
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. The method was rung as a last-minute inspiration after meeting one ringer and two ropes short for a ten-bell peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 6
ALBERT RELFE 3	WILLIAM BUTTON 7
*TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 75th peal. The composition, No. 38, is rung for the first time. It has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5.6 in 14 courses, and is the longest on the plan, with the tenors together.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY C. ALFORD Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL 5
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	REGINALD T. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master T. Bullock.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY R. COCKELL Treble	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
WILLIAM A. SWIFT 3	WALTER S. BURBIDGE 7
ARTHUR J. WEST 4	FRANK GREEN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HILLIER.

The conductor's 100th peal, and arranged by the band as a compliment to him. Mr. Hillier rang his first peal on these bells in 1899. He also conducted his first peal, the above composition, on these bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5
*H. BERNARD WELLS 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT 6
FRANK E. DARBY 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
TONY PRICE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY—PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble	RAYMOND PHILOTT 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
GEORGE W. STREER 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WM. J. ROBINSON. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his silver wedding.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, December 14th, at Windermere Parish Church, in 1 hr. 12 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,931 changes): R. Maskell 1, T. Jefferson (conductor) 2, W. Walker 3, H. Woodburn 4, J. Tebay 5, H. Richardson 6, F. Wilson 7, H. Palmer 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Longest length 'inside' by the 3rd. All are Sunday service ringers.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS
The conductor's 200th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WING, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD ... Treble	JOHN R. NICHOLS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	PERCY AMOS 4
JOHN A. BLUFF Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who is captain of the local band, and is the first in which a Wing ringer has taken part. The last peal on these bells was rung in 1903.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Benedict.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	COTHEBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
JAMES H. MUSSON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary. Quickest peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS KITTY WILLIAMS ... Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
JOHN W. WARD 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

Arranged for Mr. E. C. Gobeys, of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, who was staying at Trumpington, Cambs.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... Treble	EDWIN H. FOSTER 4
ERNEST COX 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary and to commemorate the first peal of Stedman Doubles for the Hereford Guild, which was rung in this tower 25 years ago, conducted by Mr. W. Short.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Tuesday evening, December 15th, at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. J. Rook 1, R. H. D. Gubb 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, L. Walton 4, T. Yeo (first with a bob bell) 5, C. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Yeo (first quarter-peal) 8.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 4
ARTHUR GROUND 2	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	HARRY NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY NICHOLS.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Plain Bob, one Kent and Oxford (spliced), two of Kent and two of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT COOPER ... Treble	DANIEL SMITH 4
JOHN T. WHITE 2	*JOHN MAJOR 5
MOSES PERRY 3	HAROLD CHANT Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

LOUIS RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 4
RAYMOND THOMPSON ... 2	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN ... 5
ROGER E. ATKINSON ... 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by S. THOMPSON.

First peal for all except ringer of 5th, and his first peal away from treble. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years old.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung to celebrate Mr. R. G. Knowles' jubilee of ringing. He was admitted as a probationer at this church on December 13th, 1881.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WELCH ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
BARNARD PATMORE ... 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
JEFFERY WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. Treble	*JAMES C. CATLE 4
*ERNEST BRITTAIN ... 2	JACK BRAY 5
†PERCY PRACOCK 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bucknall, Castleton, Burslem, Ipswich, Cambridge, London and Welis. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN E. WHEELDON Treble	CHARLES PRESTON 4
WILLIAM WHEELDON 2	WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
REG PRESTON 3	HENRY BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal ever rung on these bells, which was on December 17th, 1891. J. E. and W. Wheelton (brothers) are the only ones now living of the original band. Also rung in honour of the birth of a son of Mr. Nigel Birch, of Southsea, son of the Rector of Bucknall.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

MISS N. G. Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 4
*SEALY WOOD 2	FRANK S. MERRETT 5
GEORGE C. 3	ROBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by F. S. MERRETT.

* First peal, also first as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the hand and on the bells. All are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, also a birthday compliment to the conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles rung in the Bath Branch.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Christ Church, Bootle, Lancs, on Sunday, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 Oxford Singles, 540 Plain Bob, in 41 mins.: R. Shacklady 1, D. Parry 2, D. Lea 3, L. Cortoon 4, James McKee 5, John McKee (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Vaux, for many years a sidesman at this church.

CHALFONT, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED E. SWAN Treble	E. GEORGE SWIFT 4
PERCY E. JONES 2	*GEORGE AYRES 5
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. G. Swift.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.

On Sunday, December 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*JOHN F. SARGENT 1-2	†HENRY F. SARGENT 5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3-4	†RAMSAY BROWNING 7-8

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First away from the tenors. † First on an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

L. WISEMAN 1-2	A. CATTERWELL 3-4
O. E. BROVD 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROVD.

Witness—R. YOUNG.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all. Believed to be the first peal double-handed of this kind for the association.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Editor desires to acknowledge the many good wishes for the new year received from friends all over the country. The kindly thought of the senders is very much appreciated and heartily reciprocated.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Boxing Day, was the first touch in the method by Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. W. F. Judge. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have now rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus together.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Bridgewater, on Boxing Day, and a correspondent would like to know if this is the first in the method on the bells. Can anyone make a claim to a prior peal of Stedman on the bells?

The West Regional director of the B.B.C. is giving consideration to the broadcasting of Painswick's famous bells.

Mrs. Argyle and family wish to thank their many ringing friends for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Glington, Northants, possesses one of the finest rings of six in the county, but they are not in the best order. A peal of Minor was rung on them recently, but they required some attention before a start could be made, and eventually the fourth had to be rung without a stay.

Ringers visiting Bristol for the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on January 16th will find excellent accommodation at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Street.

We recently referred in this column to the peal of 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham, and mentioned some of the survivors of that old band. Another who is left to us, and still keenly interested in ringing, although not now able to take an active part, is Mr. Edwin Gibbs, who is in a nursing home at Crayford. Mr. Gibbs desires to be remembered to all his old ringing friends.

The peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on December 12th was the first by the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was not, of course, the first by St. Mary-le-Tower Society, as stated in the footnote. The Ipswich society have rung six peals in this method.

A copy of 'Reposight,' which recently got into the hands of 'Beachcomber,' the satirical humorist whose column in the 'Daily Express' provides a great section of the British public with light reading, has apparently kindled a new interest for that writer. Twice since then he has returned to the subject, and each time he shows he has learned new facts. On Monday he revealed to the nation that the Exercise has its own paper in 'The Ringing World.' We beg to raise our hat at this honourable mention, and we only wish that 'Beachcomber's' knowledge and interest in the subject of ringing may expand until he finds his way to a belfry.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Christ Church, Oxford, on Boxing Day, recalls the fact that a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters was rung in the same tower on January 1st, 1733, by Oxford ringers.

James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, rang his one hundredth peal on January 1st, 1793. The total ages of the band taking part was 582 years. We wonder how many men before James Barham had rung a hundred peals? Very few, if any.

Tom Reynolds, one of the finest of a past generation of Birmingham ringers, died twenty years ago next Tuesday. The same day is the 15th anniversary of the death of Alfred W. Grimes, who in the space of two years just before the war rang 250 peals—still a record.

January 7th is the anniversary of the death of a still greater Birmingham worthy. On that day in 1890 Henry Johnson died.

The second peal of twelve bells put up in England was at Cirencester, Glos, but the first peal on them was not rung until January 7th, 1767. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths.

Mr. Samuel Blackwell, who was a member of the College Youths, and M.P. for Cirencester, presented to the Cirencester Society in 1785 a drinking horn, an armchair with carved bell at back, and a set of handbells.

The tenor at Henstridge, Somerset, is 19½ cwt., not 1½ cwt. as appeared in the report of a peal published in our issue of December 18th.

In the handbell peal at Pudsey, recorded in our last issue, George Ambler rang 1-2 and John Ambler 7-8.

GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE.

EARLY PEALS ON THE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not quite correct to say that the peal of Bob Major in 1779 was the earliest recorded on the bells. The Society of Cambridge Youths was founded on August 3rd, 1724, and on November 5th, 1725, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. On May 25th, 1727, the College Youths went down to Cambridge and rang 5,040 Grandsire Caters. Annable called it from the ninth, John Hardham rang the third, Laughlin the seventh, and Matthew East the tenor. In 1734 the Cambridge Youths rang another peal of Triples, in which Dr. Mason took part.—Yours truly,

T.

NORTH STONEHAM'S PEAL OF TEN.**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS' GOLDEN WEDDING GIFT.**

On Sunday, December 20th, the two new treble bells given to North Stoneham Church by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams were dedicated prior to the morning service by the Rector (Rev. T. Salmon). The service commenced with the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' after which, Mrs. Williams being present, Mr. Williams said: 'We offer these bells for use in God's House, and ask you to dedicate them to His service.' The Rector said: 'We accept them in His Name, and will pray for a blessing upon you and your gift. In the Name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.'

The two treble bells are inscribed, '1931. The gift of George and Martha Williams, married October 15th, 1881. Rev. T. Salmon, Rector, Alan Arnold and J. Goodier, Churchwardens.'

On each bell is also in Latin the words, 'Praise to God.'

For evening service a course of Kent Treble Bob Major and three courses of Grandsire Caters were rung, ringing friends being present from Bishopstoke, Southampton and Winchester.

North Stoneham now possesses one of the lightest rings of ten in the country. The peal at Loughborough Foundry, with a 6½ cwt. tenor, is the smallest. Cudham, in Kent, has another very light peal, and North Stoneham, with a tenor of only 9 cwt. 26 lb., comes next.



NORTH STONEHAM CHURCH AND TOWER, SHOWING THE VERY OLD ONE-HAND CLOCK.

Then followed prayers from the Guild service. While the choir, Rector and Mr. Alan Arnold (churchwarden) returned to their places, the following rang the bells in rounds: G. Williams 1, W. T. Tucker 2, W. Edwards 3, E. Dumper 4, J. Fudge 5, F. Griffin 6, W. Rowe 7, J. Rodwell 8, C. J. Fray 9, J. Dacombe 10. The morning service then proceeded, and the Rector gave an excellent address, taking as his text, Numbers x. 2, 'Make thee two trumpet of silver.'

After the service, two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by: G. Williams 1, W. T. Tucker 2, R. Paine 3, G. Pullinger 4, W. Edwards 5, W. Andrews 6, C. J. Fray 7, G. Noice 8, J. Hayward 9, E. Dumper 10.

The tone and 'go' of the bells are perfect, and to ensure a correct 'splice' between the new and the old bells Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast the treble of the existing eight. This part of the work was generously done gratis by the firm.

The tower is built of stone, said to have been brought from Quarr, near Ryde, Isle of Wight, in the fourteenth century. Six bells were placed in the tower by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1892, and they were increased to eight in 1909 by Messrs. Barwell, largely as the result of the efforts of Mr. Williams, who had raised a band at the tower. By this time ten peals of Minor had been rung. With the advent of the octave there was greater activity, and one after the other the standard and Surprise methods were mastered, under Mr. Williams' mature guidance, and peals rung. Indeed, North Stoneham tower has been known as the 'Hampshire Ringing School,' from the amount of instruction that has been given there. The one hundredth peal on the octave was rung on September 23rd, 1924, and many more have been added since. A new chapter in North Stoneham's ringing history has now been opened by the further augmentation of the bells.

BLADINGTON BELLS RESTORATION.

The work of restoring the bells of the little village of Bledington, on the borders of Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, has been taken in hand. A new bell is being added, three of the old ones are being relung, and another old bell recast into two. The remaining bell is being retained as a valuable relic. When the bells were being removed, one of the three that are to be relung was found to be cracked in the crown, through oxidization set up by the iron clapper staple cast in the crown of the bell. The staple has been cut out and the bell welded. One of the bells bears the inscription, 'We are the bells of Bledington, 1639,' and another, 'And Charles he is our King, 1639.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At Ickleton, on Saturday, December 19th, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Baynes 1, P. Webb 2, L. Lilley 3, L. Flitton 4, R. Clements 5, E. Flitton 6, G. Lilley 7, A. Lilley 8. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. J. P. Runham and Miss K. Webb, daughter of the late Mr. E. Webb, who was a ringer at this church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, December 27th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. H. Rowe 1, Miss Jessie Colegate 2, E. E. Richards 3, J. J. Lamb 4, F. W. Thornton 5, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 6, P. C. C. Davis 7, H. Lankford 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd upon completing her 21st year.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday morning, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by past and present members of the local band: S. W. Corden 1, A. B. Corden 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, A. Holden 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, L. Stilwell (conductor) 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for ringers of 1, 2 and 6, who were 'home' for Christmas.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 27th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, A. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Prime.

NEW TREBLE BELLS AT SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

A RINGER'S MEMORIAL GIFT.

On Saturday, December 19th, the fine peal of bells in the beautiful old Church of All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent, was augmented to the full octave by the gift of the two new treble bells by Mr. H. M. Caffarata, a ringer and a vice-president of the North Nottingham Association, in memory of his wife.

The bells of the church can be traced back to the year 1551, when there were 'iiii belles, a lyttyl beller, ii hand belles' mentioned. In 1825 they were recast by Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber, and another added. In 1922, owing to their unsafe condition, the whole peal was recast and an iron frame for eight installed, a sixth bell added, and the whole peal hung on ball bearings. This work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the whole cost being raised by public subscription.

The dedication of the additional bells was conducted by the Right Rev. H. Mosley, D.D. (Lord Bishop of Southwell), assisted by the Rural Dean (Canon Williams), the Rev. T. H. J. Eling, Rev. G. H. Bartley (Vicar of Baulking, Oxon), a former Vicar of the parish, a number of neighbouring clergy being also present. There was a good congregation, including a large number of ringers. The new bell ropes were handed by one of the churchwardens to the Bishop, who performed the dedication and then gave the bells into the custody of the Vicar. Three notes were struck on each of them, and afterwards the full peal was rung in rounds by the local band while the clergy returned to the chancel.

After the service, a band, selected by the Rev. R. B. Wilkinson, by request of the local ringers, who wished the public to hear the bells at their best, rang two touches of Double Norwich and Stedman.

Tea was provided free, by the kindness of the Church Council, to a large number of ringers and friends. The handbells were called for, and a well-struck course of Caters rung. Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry for all to have a pull, and touches of Double Norwich, Bristol, Superlative, London, Cambridge, Stedman, Grand-sire, Oxford, Kent, Treble Bob, Little Bob, and Bob Major were well struck, the various bands following each other quickly to make the most of the opportunity. Ringers were present from Bolsover, Sheffield, Handsworth, Treeton, Lincoln, Folkingham, Ordsall, Newark, Collingham, Caythorpe, Southwell, Stamford, Hough, Loughborough, Gamston, Billingham and the full local company.

The opening band was a representative company, and included Miss Cawthorne, Rev. R. B. Wilkinson, J. Flint, J. Brothwell, Jo. Moss, F. Milner, E. Robbins, J. Holman, C. Harrison.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have added the trebles, were represented by Mr. Harrison, who also assisted in the ringing.

The new bells are as follows:—

Treble, note G, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., inscribed, 'T. H. J. Eling, Vicar. C. Parsons, E. A. Midwinter, Churchwardens. 1931.'

2nd, note F sharp, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb., inscribed, 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.' The gift of Hubert M. Caffarata, in memory of his wife, Hilda. 1931.'

Of the bells cast in 1922, the 3rd is inscribed, 'Faith Bell,' the 4th 'All Saints' Bell,' the 5th 'St. George for England,' the 6th 'The Ringers' Bell.' The recast tenor, which is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G, bears the inscription, 'J. Harrison, Founder. Samuel Pennington, William Buttery, Churchwardens. 1825. Recast 1922.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Leckhampton, and was well attended. Ringing started at three o'clock on the light peal of eight, and service was afterwards conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Sears), who gave a very interesting address on the uses and customs of bells.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, kindly supplied by the Rector and Mrs. Sears, with the assistance of the local ringers' wives. The business meeting followed tea, with the branch chairman (Canon F. W. Sears) in the chair, supported by Mr. G. A. Noth, of Elkstone, and some 35 members from the following towers: Leckhampton, Swindon, Charlton Kings, Badgworth, Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), Alderton, Elkstone and Prestbury. The chairman heartily welcomed the members to Leckhampton for their annual meeting. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Swindon.

The following officers of the branch were re-elected and thanked for their services: Chairman, Canon F. W. Sears (Leckhampton); representative, G. H. Wallers (Prestbury); hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon).

It was decided to present the 'Ringers' Directory' to the incumbents of the parishes in the branch who support the association, some twelve in number.

Mr. J. K. Armstrong proposed, and Mr. Peter Banks seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Sears for all they had done to make the meeting such a success. The Chairman, in replying, said how pleased he was to see the members at Leckhampton, for it was one of the great joys of his life to hear the bells.

The tower was again visited in the evening, and good practice obtained from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich Major.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Saturday, December 26th, and was attended by a fair number of members from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' were available both before and after the meeting, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity of ringing. Service was held at four o'clock, the Vicar (Rev. S. G. Morgan), who is the hon. treasurer of the association, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. H. E. Davies (curate). A most appropriate address was given, in which a hearty welcome was extended to the association. Following the service a sumptuous meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was enjoyed in the large Mission Rooms belonging to the church. After the tables had been cleared, the Vicar took the chair.

Restorations and augmentations were dealt with by the hon. secretary and instructors' reports presented. Mention was specially made of the progress of the Pentro band who recently rang their first peal of Cambridge Major, and who are all Sunday service ringers at the same church.

The hon. secretary's report of the year dealt with the various meetings held by the association, the progress in change ringing throughout the area, and also the report of the Central Council meeting held at Liverpool, and the magnificent result of the effort made in regard to the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Seymour R. Barker, who is in charge of St. John's bells, Cardiff, was elected Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) was re-elected, no other name being submitted.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Cardiff on Boxing Day, 1932. The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting is to be held at Aberdare, a tower long known for call changes, and where change ringing is now being steadily introduced owing to the persistent efforts of Mr. Emm, who is one of the most enthusiastic members of the association. The next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held at Dingestow, near Monmouth.

Several new members were elected, including the Aberdare ringers.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to the churchwardens for the hospitality extended, closed one of the most pleasant and successful meetings ever held, although not quite so largely attended as some in previous years.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING AT CROFT.

The monthly meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Croft, ringers attending from Rugby, Welford, Husbands Bosworth, Saddington, Great Glen, St. John-the-Divine (Leicester), St. Saviour's (Leicester), St. Martin's (Leicester), Ratby, Broughton Astley, Nuncaton, Burbage, Sapcote, Higham-on-the-Hill, Stoke Golding, Wolvey, in addition to the local ringers. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and all enjoyed a good practice in ringing methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

After tea, served in the schools by Mrs. Casson and wives and mothers of the local ringers, the meeting took place, presided over by the Rector (Canon Casson), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Croft.

Hinckley was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr. Harry Argyle, a highly-esteemed member. This was acknowledged by the members standing in silence.

It was also proposed to send a letter to Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Stoney Stanton, wishing him a speedy recovery from his accident on the football field.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for preparing tea, concluded the business. More ringing on the church bells and handbells closed a very pleasant meeting.

BRISTOL RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING.

On Tuesday, December 1st, members of the B.U.R.G. started a peal of Stedman Caters (5,019 changes) in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leaker. The ringers were: W. Durbin 1, E. Guise 2, A. Reeves 3, H. Pring 4, Miss A. Brown 5, J. Jeffries 6, W. Knight 7, J. T. Dyke 8, J. Burford 9, U. Braven 10. All went well until a few changes before the end of the last course, the ringing having been in progress 3 hours 10 mins., when the 3rd rope broke!

Mr. and Mrs. Leaker (both B.U.R.G. stewards) are very popular in the West, and as well as being a ringer Mr. Leaker is churchwarden at St. Thomas', and this year occupies the chair of St. Nicholas' Old Boys' Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Leaker were naturally disappointed at the loss of the peal. They kindly entertained the ringers afterwards, and many congratulations upon the auspicious event were expressed.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

Members from Withypool, Winsford, Dulverton, Exton, Wootton Courtenay, Huish Champflower, Carhampton, Old Cleeve, and Minehead, as well as those in the entertaining parish, were present at the annual gathering of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The meeting took place at Timberscombe, and was highly successful.

Ringling commenced by mixed bands in the church tower at about half-past two, and the bells were kept merrily going until about four o'clock, when a service was held, the association's form being used. The Vicar, Prob. H. H. Bell, was unable to be present owing to his continued illness, and the Rev. A. P. Lance, Rector of Wootton Courtenay, took the service in his absence, being assisted by the Rev. V. H. Copestake, priest-in-charge at Alcombe. Lady Constance Ryder presided at the organ.

About 46 sat down to tea, and were expeditiously waited upon, under the direction of Mrs. Mildmay, by Lady Constance Ryder, Mrs. Cockran, Mrs. Kimber, Mrs. Arscott, Miss Townsend, Mrs. W. Thorne, Mrs. E. Coles, Mrs. W. Yandle, Miss Hill, Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. S. Graham, and Miss Floyd.

In the absence through illness of the president, the Rev. R. A. W. Newman, of Withypool, the Rev. A. P. Lance presided over the business meeting. Reference was also made by the chairman to the illness of Mr. Newman and Mr. Bell, expressing the hope that both would soon be restored to complete good health, and adding a special hope that Mr. Bell might be well for the forthcoming marriage of his son.

The hon. secretary gave the statement of accounts and his annual report. Receipts for the year totalled £7 13s., and with expenditure of £1 13s. 4d. there remained a credit balance of nearly £6. The report stated that four meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 75. Three ordinary members and one hon. member had been lost to the association through death, and 26 members had fallen out through not paying their subscriptions. Twenty-one working members and one hon. member had been elected, leaving the branch with a membership of 160 and 12 unattached members. Congratulations were extended to Mr. I. Farmer on conducting his first peal of Grandsire Triples during the year, and to the young ringers on their first peal, and Mr. W. Hoyle was thanked for the hard work he had put in throughout the year in teaching various young ringers. The hon. secretary concluded with an expression of regret that the president's continued ill-health had prevented him from attending any meetings.—On the proposal of Mr. W. A. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. J. Pugsley, the report and accounts were adopted.

HON. SECRETARY'S 30th YEAR OF OFFICE.

The Rev. R. A. W. Newman was re-elected president, and it was decided to send him a message of hope that he would soon be able to resume his active connection with the branch. Mr. George Stacey was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and then commenced his thirtieth year in office; Mr. W. A. Hawkins was re-elected auditor, Mr. J. Pugsley Ringing Master, and Mr. H. A. Phillips as representative on the general committee of the association in place of Mr. H. W. Tamkins. New members elected were Messrs. C. R. Thomas and L. J. Phillips (Exton) and N. J. Ball and R. H. Reed (Wootton Courtenay).

It was arranged to hold the branch's next meeting at Watchet, if possible.

On the proposition of the chairman, seconded by the hon. secretary, the cordial thanks of the branch were expressed to the Vicar for permitting the use of the tower and to the ladies who had provided and served tea. The organist and the towerkeeper, Mr. S. Graham, were similarly thanked for their offices at the instance of Mr. T. Newberry, seconded by Mr. W. Yandle, and the chairman was also thanked for his share in the afternoon's work on the call of the Rev. R. B. S. J. Watson (Minehead), supported by Mr. Stacey.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was indulged in.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TERCENTENARY

Two splendid souvenirs of the Tercentenary have been prepared and may be obtained by ringers. One is a daintily got up booklet, which records the details of the Commemoration scheme, has a long and interesting article on Fabian Stedman and a description of St. Benedict's and its tower and bells. In addition there is a complete list of subscribers to the Tercentenary Fund. There are several illustrations, including, as a frontispiece, a fine picture of the Saxon tower. Every ringer should secure one of these souvenirs, which can be obtained post free 8d. each from the 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

The other memento of the unique event is an ash tray. A number of these have been turned up out of an ancient oak beam which was removed from St. Benedict's tower in the course of the restoration, and they form very charming souvenirs. Nearly all that were ready were disposed of at Cambridge, but more will shortly be on sale and will be obtainable at 2s. 3d. post free from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. Early application for these is desirable, as the number is limited.

AN ANNUAL NATIONAL GATHERING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The suggestion by Mr. W. H. Lawrence that we should hold an annual national gathering of ringers is indeed a splendid idea. May I suggest that it be held in London this coming year, 1932, then in Bristol, Manchester or York, Birmingham and Cambridge in succeeding years? This would give ringers who could not afford the long journey to London each year an opportunity of attending a national gathering.—Yours faithfully,

W. WENBAN.

Staplehurst.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake says that my last letter is merely perverse; the only description that I can find for his is that of silly. I have repeatedly stated that I have no interest whatever in his views on 'changes or rows'; he may call them what he likes. For this I have been told that I am, first, sitting on the fence, and, second, championing the cause of those who would ring 5,000 rounds and then claim to have it recorded as a peal of 5,000 changes. Mr. Drake cannot have it both ways. I will continue to sit on the fence, if he pleases.

I am quite aware of what constitutes a false peal, and I think that the majority of ringers are with me in being satisfied to know that it is one, the composition of which contains a repetition of changes or rows. With the point as to whether it is strictly correct to say 'changes' or 'rows,' they are not seriously concerned.

The whole point of my protest is with the terms of his resolution, which recommends the members to take steps to remove from the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words '17,687 changes' being on the tablet lately fixed in Painswick Church. Mr. Drake denies that this means that any member is in danger of being 'removed from the Guild.' Why, then, use such words? He states that there is no room for any other opinion than that put forward by him, i.e., that the word 'changes' must not be used in respect to repetitions. These are matters of arithmetic, and we have to accept them. Why, then, a resolution in such misleading terms? It is simply asking for objections, and if Mr. Drake's sole idea is that members should be educated in these matters, he should not use words that can be read as meaning something entirely different. There is no need for any further description of rows and changes in connection with this correspondence, but I do think it is necessary for Mr. Drake to at least promise that the words 'remove from the Guild' will be removed from his resolution. A happy new year to you, Mr. Drake, and all members of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago you published a letter from me containing a reference to the origin of the Society of College Youths. Since then I have noticed the following in Mr. Morris' History: 'On the 5th of November, 1637, Lord Brearley, Sir Cliff Clifton, Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Dacre, some of the City Aldermen, and many of the gentlemen in the vicinity of the college founded the Society of College Youths for the purpose of practising and promoting the art of ringing.'

In 1637 there was no Marquis of Salisbury. The Earl of Salisbury was William Cecil, son of Robert, first earl, and grandson of Queen Elizabeth's William Cecil, Earl of Burleigh.

Lord Clarendon, in his 'History of the Rebellion,' says: 'The Earl of Salisbury had been born and bred in Court, and had the advantage of a descent from a father and a grandfather who had been very wise, and great ministers of state in the eyes of Christendom; whose wisdom and virtues died with them, and their children only inherited their titles. . . . In a word, he became despicable to all men.'

His name does not appear in the list of College Youths' members, and there is no evidence that he had anything to do with ringing.

In 1697, Robert, Charles and George Cecil, sons of a later earl, joined the society. None of them succeeded to the title.

There was a Lord Dacre in 1637, of whom all I can trace is that he succeeded to the title in 1630 and died in 1662, and that he took the side of the Parliament in the Civil War. His name does not appear in the College Youths' list, and there is no reason to think he had anything to do with them.

There was no Sir Cliff Clifton. Clifford Clifton was the second Master. He was not knighted till 1661.

There is no evidence whatever that any City Aldermen were among the early College Youths. The society does not seem to have had anything to do with the city at all, but consisted for the most part of lawyers belonging to one or other of the Inns of Courts. And there were not 'many of the gentlemen in the vicinity of the college' for the sufficient reason that there was no college.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

YATE BELLS REHUNG.

RESTORATION OF AN OLD GLOUCESTERSHIRE RING.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, the peal of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Yate, Glos. were reopened after rehanging in a metal frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The service took the form of special evensong, conducted by the Rev. Canon E. F. Smith, the bells being rededicated by the Ven. C. H. Ridsdale, M.A., Archdeacon of Gloucester. After the prayer of rededication, and prayers from the ringers' service, the bells rang out for a short peal, manned by the following: F. G. Leaker (Bristol Archdeaconry adviser) 1, S. G. Roper (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) 2, P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer, Gloucester and Bristol Association) 3, H. W. Fussell (Management Committee, Wotton-under-Edge Branch) 4, L. R. Allen (branch hon. secretary, Wotton-under-Edge Branch) 5, J. G. Jeffries (Management Committee, Bristol Branch) 6.

After the opening touch was finished, the church was filled with the strains of that well-known ringers' hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple.'

The Archdeacon gave a thoughtful address on bells and their uses throughout the ages in connection with Church and State.

A collection was taken (to reduce the deficit of £120 on the bell fund) during the closing hymn.

The following were among the ringers present: Rev. E. S. Saleby (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary), Mr. H. Burt (chairman, Bristol United Ringing Guilds), Mr. U. Braven (vice-chairman, Bristol United Ringing Guilds), also representatives from the neighbouring towns and villages of Chipping Sodbury, Wickwar, Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley, Westerleigh, Mangotsfield, and various towers in the City of Bristol.

The visiting ringers and friends were the guests of Canon Smith to refreshments at the close of the service, and wish to thank him for his very much appreciated hospitality.

After the service the bells were kept going to touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was also rung. Everybody was unanimous in the opinion that the work had been carried out exceptionally well (under the supervision of Mr. Roper), and that the 'go' of the bells was excellent.

The second, third and fourth bells are pre-Reformation, and appear to have been the gift of the Lord of the Manor in 1473. The fifth was added in 1600, the treble in 1723, and the tenor in 1763.

Treble.—The gift of Richard Stokes, of Stanshaws, Gent., A.D. 1723.

2nd.—Sancta Maria.

3rd.—Robertus. Stanshaw. Skyner. Melet-make.

4th.—Treditassca. Campanum. Ista. Conserva.

5th.—Geeve Thanks to God, A.D. 1600.

Tenor.—Mr. Thos. Holloway, Cater Green, Churchwardens, T.R., 1765.

The total weight of bells is 74 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb., ranging between treble 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. to tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.

DEATH OF SECRETARY OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

The ringers of St. Lawrence Church, Thanet, Kent, lost their hard-working secretary by the death on Thursday, December 17th, of Mr. William George Birch. He had been a member of the company for 20 years, and his regular attendance will be sadly missed. The deceased was buried at Ramsgate Cemetery on December 22nd, when several members attended. On the day of interment, 504 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by: H. Foster 1, N. Staynes 2, T. Scott 3, L. Porritt 4, A. Friend 5, F. Philpott 6, A. Jarman (conductor) 7, J. Jarman 8.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

On Christmas Eve, at St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Ewer (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, W. Bunce, sen. (first as conductor) 4, A. Hunter 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8.—On Christmas morning, for 7 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: A. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Bunce, sen., 2, P. Thrift 3, A. Hunter 4, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8.

At St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Washbrook's 20 part No. 1): G. Upshall 1, T. Upshall 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, R. Hasted, jun. (Hayling Island) 6, R. Hasted, sen. (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

At Frensham, Surrey, on Christmas morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. G. Chandler 1, E. Pepler 2, W. H. Chandler 3, J. Heath 4, A. J. Cluter (conductor) 5, E. Case 6. First quarter-peal by all the ringers except the conductor, and first quarter-peal rung at Frensham since the war.

At St. Outhbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, on Christmas Eve, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: T. Ritchie 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. Holland 3, Miss A. I. Whitson 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor) 6, J. Marshall 7, L. Fraser 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band except the conductor.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

AN INTERESTING PEAL BY G. LINDOFF.

234567

752634 1
657423 5
346257 1
243765 5
742536 5
547623 5
645372 5
726534 2
347652 2
643275 5
526743 1
725364 5
327456 5
563742 2
275463 1
472356 5
374625 5
423756 3
354267 3
253746 5

Four times repeated.

This is a touch five leads short of 5,040. These leads are missing:—

235476
243657
264735
276543
257364

They can be inserted at the end under two Holt's Singles, or at the commencement:—

Go off 1234567 }
2134567 } S
2315476
3251746

And then five
leads further
on the second
Holt's Single.

1235476 } S
2135476 }
2314567
3241657

First rung at Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, the five leads being spliced in at the commencement.

RINGERS' JUBILEES.

On Monday, December 21st, the ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Shildon, Co. Durham, rang a date touch of 1,931 changes, with tenor covering, in 1 hour 20 mins., made up as follows: 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 851 of Bob Minor. The ringers were: E. Elliott 1, S. Bryant 2, T. Wick 3, E. Hind 4, G. Hutchinson 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Pentland 7. The touch was rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Wick, who has had a long ringing career. He took part in his first 720 on St. Thomas' Day fifty years ago.

Another who has just celebrated his jubilee as a ringer is Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, Worcs, and a peal has been rung in celebration of the event.

A SCOTTISH QUARTER-PEAL.

On Sunday, December 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles was rung in 50 mins. on the Old Steeple bells, Dundee, Angus, Scotland, by the St. Paul's Cathedral (Dundee) Society: R. Young 1, J. Cameron 2, J. Collins 3, J. Newton 4, W. Stenhouse (conductor) 5, T. Surgeon 6, P. McGovern 7, A. Denny 8, with 7.6.8 behind. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. McGovern on the birth of a son on Christmas Eve. Mr. McGovern is the Old Steeple conductor. This is the first quarter-peal by a Dundee band.

LONGEST TOUCH.

The longest touch by any of the ringers, except the conductor, at Harford, and consisting of 1,440 Bob Minor, was rung recently by the regular Sunday service ringers: B. Bull 1, Miss J. Shepherd 2, E. Pannell 3, Miss B. Hibbard 4, C. Pannell 5, J. Smart (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: *R. Tiffin 1, *C. Hygate 2, E. Tidy 3, L. Tidy 4, J. Weller 5, W. Claydon (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a birthday peal to the conductor.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Saturday, November 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. G. Gleaves 1, A. W. T. Gians 2, B. Wayman 3, M. Ginn 4, F. Ginn 5, A. J. Ginn 6, G. L. Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Ginn after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. Taken from T. B. Worsley's 5,088. By omitting 1M and putting 2W a quarter-peal at the fourth course is obtained.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Staveley (8 bells) on Saturday, January 2nd. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 2nd. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Ringing at St. Philip's Cathedral from 3 to 4 p.m., St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Start the new year with a good resolution and come to Baldock on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made by Mr. A. H. Bray, 39, Pembroke Road, Baldock, so please notify him if you require tea. All ringing friends welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Devizes (St. John's) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) bells also available. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brislington on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will tower secretaries and individual members please note all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, or sent to: Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Cathedral bells available at 1.30. Guild meeting in St. Maurice Hall at 3.30, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.10. Address by the Dean.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Barton on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swaffham to-morrow, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings for January: Jan. 3rd, service ringing, 10 a.m.; Jan. 11th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m.; Jan. 25th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; all at St. Clement Danes, W.C. Annual meeting Feb. 13th. Happy New Year to all.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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. Andrew's, Holborn, on Jan. 7th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (5/6 each) obtainable up to Tuesday next from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, Surrey. Bells of the Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10) available during the afternoon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green Jan. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. G. A. Stokes, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Jan. 9th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 6th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service at 4, tea and business meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. Please send names for tea not later than Jan. 4th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available early. Notification for tea to me not later than first post Jan. 6th.—Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Subscriptions for 1932 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early as possible.

—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Usual arrangements. Warkton (5) bells after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 5th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Your are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend. Subscriptions will be due, and can be paid at this meeting. Visitors welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 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 Jan. 5th? — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Hartford (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided to those who notify me on or before Jan. 6th. — Harry Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. Notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, for tea. Wigan branch especially invited. Visitors heartily welcomed, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5. For tea please notify Mr. W. Farmer, 16, Pollitt Street, Barnsley, by Wednesday, Jan. 6th. Nominations are invited for president, treasurer and secretary. A good attendance is requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Peter's bells (10) will be available from 2.45 until 5 p.m. A short service will then be held in St. Peter's Church, followed by tea and business meeting. The Cathedral bells will then be available. St. Peter's bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A good opportunity to try them.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Adoption of balance sheet. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 5th?—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Eleventh Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 6 p.m. Afternoon arrangements will be announced later. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), C. Mogford (Pensford), L. Tanner (Weston-super-Mare), or from officials and representatives of the Guilds.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, January 11th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Feltham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at the Railway Hotel, at 1s. Church adjoins station.—All ringers and friends welcome. Send a card to Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Saviour's on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Thursday, Jan. 14th, at the latest? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

UPTON, TORQUAY. Church of St. Mary Magdalene.—The peal of eight bells, restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Jan. 16th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 12th? — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY, KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—Dedication of the tower and bells by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Jan. 16th at 3 p.m. Tickets for tea (free) will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope to Mr. W. A. Cave, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1931 overdue.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 4 p.m. Arrangements as usual for tea. Names for tea to be sent to me on or before Jan. 12th. The new rule books will be on sale, price 6d. each.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Meat tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch, 1s.; visitors, 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. All ringers welcome. Those attending tea please notify by Tuesday, Jan. 12th. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—The diamond jubilee will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will be glad to get in touch with all old members, whether able to attend or not.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The address of Mr. D. Vincent is now 76, Victoria Road, Urmston, Manchester.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. H. Greenhalgh, secretary of the St. Thomas' ringers, has removed to 47, Brindleheath Road, Pendleton, Manchester.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT. — On Sunday, December 27th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *F. McIntosh 1, *S. Humphrey 2, G. Gilbey 3, J. Lyddiard 4, J. Hurrell 5, *L. Anderson 6, T. Groombridge, sen. (conductor) 7, A. Purdom 8. * First quarter-peal.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, H. T. Hughes 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS. — At the Parish Church on December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in three methods—Stedman's Slow Course, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Johnson 1, H. W. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, W. Lawrence 4, F. Turner (first quarter-peal in three methods as conductor) 5, W. Bradford 6.

TOTTENHAM. — At All Hallows', on Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Dart 1, E. A. Hull 2, A. Woodrow 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Sunday, December 20th, for Confirmation service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Philbrick 1, C. Powell 2, H. Keeley 3, G. Whitmore 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, F. Price 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 8. Also for evening service 504 Grandsire Triples, with S. Philbrick 1.

TOTTENHAM. — At All Hallows', on Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, W. J. Ellis 2, F. E. Holman 3, E. H. King 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, M. Fensom 7, J. G. Nash (conductor) 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: S. G. Peck (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8. Also rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. C. Davidson.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS. — On Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, in the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. M. White 1, H. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. D. R. Brooke on his having been ordained priest at St. Albans that day, and for the 25th anniversary of the Rev. F. W. Lane's ordination at Oxford.

WEST HAM. — At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Theobald 1, G. D. Lucas 2, W. Easter 3, P. Newman 4, G. Dawson 5, A. Baines 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Molton 8. Rung for the civic service, which the Mayor and Corporation officials attended.

LONDON. — On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, at St. John the Divine, Kennington, to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the dedication of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Mills 1, E. A. Moore 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, G. H. Grainger 4, H. W. Hibbert 5, E. J. King 6, W. Rogers 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

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