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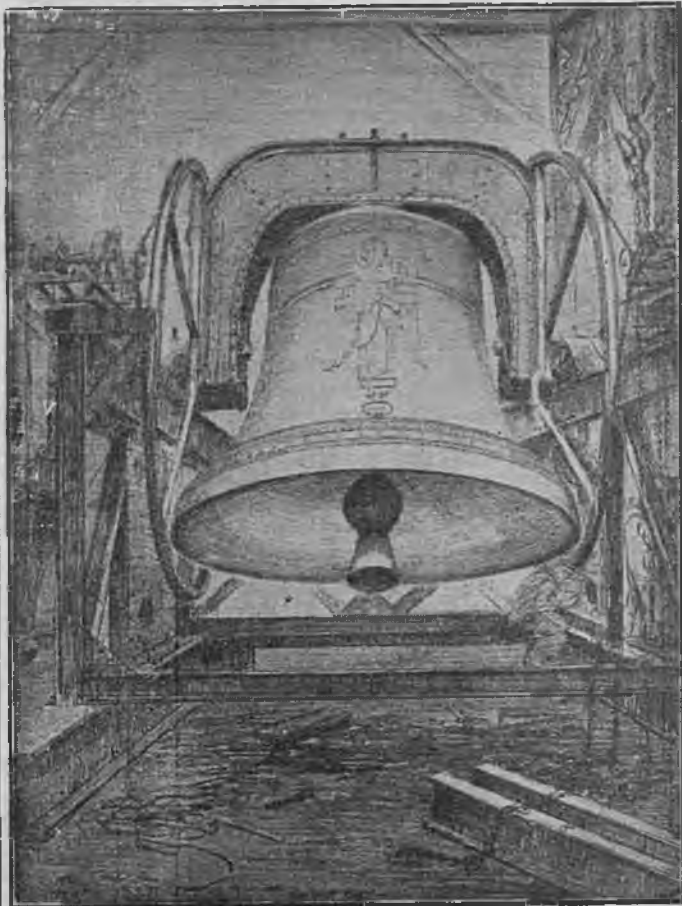
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BRISTOL'S BELLS.

Attention centred chiefly in the west of England on Saturday and particularly upon Bristol, where, in addition to the holding of the United Guilds' annual gathering, the dedication of a new peal of bells took place. There is probably no city that, in proportion to its size, has more rings of bells than Bristol. It has been described as a city of churches; it can with equal truth be said to be a city of bells. The new peal, however, is in one of the newer districts of Bristol; it has no very near rivals and a remarkable interest was displayed by the people of Knowle in the opening of this new and proud possession. If this interest can be harnessed aright, there ought to be no difficulty in ensuring for some time to come the maintenance of a local band at this tower, where already the youth of the parish is providing the first team.

But while Bristol as a whole has many peals of bells, it was confessed on Saturday at the B.U.R.G. dinner that there are not sufficient ringers to ring them. There are some towers with depleted bands; others with no regular ringers at all. Bristol's difficulty is on a par with that of the churches in central London. The people have been largely pushed out to the suburban areas; most of the city congregations have dwindled and there is no parochial material from which to recruit. This lack of ringers is not entirely the fault of the organisations which form the United Guilds, and an appeal was made to the local clergy to assist in finding young men who would be willing to come in to help fill the empty belfries. The present ringers in Bristol have their own bells to man. In these days, when it is not easy to keep their individual companies up to strength, the task of providing new bands for the towers entirely without ringers seems almost an impossible one, and yet it would be a great achievement for the United Guilds if, in the course of time, they could establish a company at every church. We speak of the United Guilds, although nominally, we suppose, it is the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association that should undertake the task, but the United Guilds comprise all or nearly all of the ringing energy and enthusiasm in Bristol, and has, in a sense, a greater local and direct interest than the parent association. Under whichever organisation the effort was made, it would be practically the same men who would have to shoulder the work. We hope that the Bristol ringers will bend their efforts to this object of getting more of Bristol's bells regularly rung. The United Guilds have made a success of more things than their annual dinner, among them the 'Ringers' Directory.' With the organising genius that exists among them, there is little doubt that a year or two of concentrated attention upon these vacant towers would change the outlook in some of them at least.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER 2	JOHN F. KENTISH 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	WALTER AYRE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BARTON Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 7
*J. EDWARD CAWSEY 2	†FRED HODGSON 8
*CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
†HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH 10
ALBERT J. HUGHES 5	†JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 11
†WILLIAM A. WOOLER 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. First
peal of Bob Maximus on the bells, and the 50th tower in which the
conductor has rung a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	HARRY W. SMITH 6
JONATHAN HONEY 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 3	JOHN NOBES 8
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CADDWELL 9
*MISS PAT. HOLLOWAY 5	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*GEORGE HUGHES Treble	HARRY GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
HENRY GOODMAN 3	WILLIAM GREEN 8
JOHN BASS 4	†HERBERT SHEPPARD 9
HARRY HUSBALL 5	†GEORGE BOUGHNEY Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN.
* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. † 100th peal, and has
now completed the circuit. ‡ First peal. Rung for the 78th birthday
of Mr. J. Goodman, father of the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and
grandfather of the ringer of the 6th; also as a birthday compliment
to Mr. Henry Goodman.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JAMES BILBY Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
*CHARLES BUTCHER 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
*JESSE FRANCIS 3	*CHARLES RAISON 8
†NORMAN V. ANDREWS 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 9
*WILLIAM LOUD 5	*SIDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal. First peal of Caters
on the bells by the local band, also first peal of Stedman Caters by
resident members of the Guild.

CARDIFF.

THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... Treble	* FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
PETER HEATH ... 2	GEORGE LARGE ... 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 8
ERNEST COOMBS ... 4	ERNEST STITCH ... 9
JOHN W. JONES ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* 130th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor and first attempt. The conductor had never previously called a bob on ten bells. The treble ringer has only one arm.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY ... Treble	† CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	† C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
* ROBERT HOWARD ... 3	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 8
† WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	JOSEPH LADLEY ... 9
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5	SIDNEY ROCHESTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First touch of Stedman Caters. † Proposed members of the association before starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... Treble	HOWARD YEATES ... 5
* CHARLES HALL ... 2	* RICHARD PETERS ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	* BENJAMIN BOND, JUN. ... 7
JOHN GATE ... 4	HARRY VOWELS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal and members of Chew Magna band. Much credit is due to Messrs. J. T. Dyko and A. E. Reeves for bringing them out.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ERNEST BRETT ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
FREDERICK DIGBY ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the 3rd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... Treble	* ALFRED PEARCE ... 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 2	HENRY PRING ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 7
RICHARD CLARK ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise by Miss White (for whom it was arranged, and who hails from Bournemouth).

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* JOHN KIDD ... Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
FRANK BELSRY ... 2	WALTER S. BEAUMONT ... 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 381). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Bob. This is the 50th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

FRODSHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	RONALD G. EDWARDS ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENBORST ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Treble	ARTHUR LEEDER ... 5
CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 6
ERIC BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE ARCHER ... 7
WILLIAM MUSK ... 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. J. MORE.

It is interesting to note that it is just one hundred years since the bells were brought to Diss. They were cast by William Dobson, of Downham Market, and are considered a fine peal.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GORDON WOOTTON ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	GEORGE E. CLODE ... 7
HENRY HUTTON ... 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. E. Smith. It was his 100th peal with A. H. Pulling.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithen.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5
KEITH HART ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 6). Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

EASTWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. T. C. RYDER ... Treble	† CHARLES POULTENEY ... 5
ALBERT NASH ... 2	† ARTHUR PASBLEY ... 6
T. COLIN RYDER ... 3	FRED WATKINSON ... 7
* MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 4	PERCY MANGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

RICHARD FISHWICK Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
JOHN TYSON 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
† JAMES WM. KAY 3	PETER CROOK 7
ALBERT ED. SANDIFORD 4	† OWEN OLIVE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Robert Parkinson, J.P., a former warden at this church, who later entertained the ringers to a supper. All are service ringers at Holy Trinity Church, and great credit is due to the conductor, who only started to ring last April.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BERKELEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS

First peal in the method ever rung, and rung at the first attempt.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE WINES Treble	HARRY PAGE 5
* WILFRED J. PALMER 2	HERBERT DAVIES 6
† WILLIAM J. CROSS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman. This composition is in twenty parts, with two singles in every course, odd bobs in every course but two, and the 7th undisturbed throughout the peal. Great credit is due to the band, especially the ringers of 2 and 3, on ringing this peal at the first attempt.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	FRANK WILSON 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 2	HECTOR WOODBURN 6
* WILFRED WALKER 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
JIM TEBAY 4	† HARRY PALMER Tenor

Conducted by T. S. JEFFERSON.

* First 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Also first in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Arthur H. Palmer.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

* HARRY ARGENT Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
JOHN BURLS 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

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

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	THOMAS GOODCHILD 6
FRED BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JESSE W. HARRISON 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE PLATER Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	* JOHN R. RODWELL 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 5
ROBERT SWIFT 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WITHERS, SEN. Treble	CHARLES WEBB 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	JOHN WITHERS, JUN. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS Tenor

Composed by J. FIGOTT.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung after the wedding of Mr. H. James Turner, a ringer at this church, and Miss Ada I. Pumfrey.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANK C. NEWMAN Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

A birthday peal for Messrs. Theobald and Smith. Rung after meeting one short for Royal, Mr. G. Hayden kindly standing out. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY G. THOMPSON Treble	* NORMAN G. LERCH 5
JOHN GOODMAN 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER 6
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
JOHN CARTER 4	PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES-JAMES' ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
JOHN E. ROOTES 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
EDWARD ASHBY 3	WILLIAM SEBLEY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JACK JONES Treble	JAMES HUGHES 4
GEORGE RANDLE 2	HUBERT JONES 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. Wm. Rickards to Miss Nellie Adams at Bromfield and of Mr. Thos. Burton to Miss Beatrice Oliver at Malvern Link.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST COX Treble	* JOHN J. WEBB 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	CHARLES H. COX Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	FRED HAWKES 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

HORBLING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
ALBERT SCOTT 3	* CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

ERNEST H. EVEREST Treble	TOM SANDERS 4
GEORGE EDWARDS 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

* ALBERT PRYKE Treble	* FRANK G. RINGE 4
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	* PERCY GREEN 5
HARRY TURNER 3	ERNEST FORBANK Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

* LEONARD H. LEE Treble	JACK ROY 4
WALTER J. POOLE 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 5
LEONARD VICKERY 3	CHARLES CHANNING Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, also to Miss Jillian Freeman, youngest daughter of the Vicar.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. LAURA EAST Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINIER 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Mr. Herbert Haigh, whose funeral took place at Ordsall the same afternoon, and who was a frequent visitor to this tower.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

* HENRY W. LLOYD Treble	ALBERT J. CHORR 4
† SIDNEY WYBORN 2	ISAAC FARMER 5
WILLIAM HOYLE 3	ALBERT J. SIEVENS Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

RUSHMORE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society, Ipswich.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three different callings.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
* HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 3	JOHN F. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The ringers of treble, 4 and 5 have now completed peals in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, sixteen of Grand-sire and twelve of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

* HENRY W. RUSSELL ... Treble	MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 2	FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 4
GEORGE GILBERT Tenor	

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Lady Emily Georgina Van de Weyer.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE HUTCHINSON ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 4
JOHN A. HILL 2	FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ... 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	EDWARD C. WHEELER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. POLLINGER.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Thomas Swain in 1763.

ANOTHER DEVONSHIRE RESTORATION.

TRANSFORMATION OF A TORQUAY OCTAVE.

At last, after seventy years, the bells of St. Mary's, Upton, Torquay, are now in perfect ringing order and demonstrate in no small manner what can be accomplished by a really expert bell hanger. The octave was cast by C. Pannell and Co., of Exeter, in 1855, and, hung in a new wooden frame, carried in two tiers, it is very evident that this structure soon gave trouble, and towards the end of the century an effort was made to put the bells in better ringing order. In 1901 a cast-iron frame was put in by a London firm and the bells rehung. The bells were all placed on one level, but by doing this the makers sacrificed the strength of the cast-iron members, and they soon gave way under the strain of the bells, with the result that the ringing became difficult. The advice of several firms was sought, but this was conflicting, and made the task of the church authorities most difficult. They wanted to do the best for the church, yet what were they to do? After investigating they decided to accept the proposals put forward by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the result, not only from the way in which the bells run, but also on the greatly improved tonal effect of the bells. Their transformation is a revelation, and illustrates once more the fact that this Loughborough firm are masters of their craft.

On Saturday the work of restoration was blessed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, and the service created great interest, the congregation taxing the church's accommodation. In his sermon His Lordship traced the early history of bells from the days when they were hung in watch towers to sound alarms on the occasion of raids by the wild men of the north, down to the present time, when they stood as witnesses to the Christian faith.

The service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Torquay, and amongst those present was Mr. E. D. Taylor, head of the Loughborough firm, whose father, by the way, was a Devonian, having been born at Buckland Brewer in 1827, when the bell foundry was in being at that place, and where many of Devon's famous bells were cast. Mr. J. P. Fidler (one of the representatives of Messrs. Taylor and Co.), who, we understand, had acted in an advisory capacity throughout the restoration, also attended.

Well nigh a score of bands of ringers were present to celebrate the occasion in true ringers' fashion, and all enjoyed themselves to the full, and their comments reflected their appreciation of the work of the contractors.

A splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and afterwards the Bishop thanked the ringers for attending, and expressed his pleasure at being present.

In the course of a racy speech, Mr. E. D. Taylor gave an outline of the history of the bells. He mentioned that, although the bells themselves could not be classed amongst the best peals, the results of their efforts had surprised him.

All who remember the bells before the restoration will recall that their tonal quality left much to be desired. They were so much out of tune that it was difficult to tell the treble from the second. Now each bell had its distinctive note and the peal showed what an expert bell tuner can accomplish. A curious feature of the peal is that the fourth bell is lighter than the treble bell; the tenor bell, too, has exploded a myth. Previously its weight was supposed to be 18 cwt., but when weighed did not turn the scale at 15 cwt.

The bells are hung in a large cast-iron frame, which looks the sound engineering job it is. The bells are once again on two levels, and the unit has been so designed that one can go up amongst the bells when they are ringing. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of going up, and the absence of movement was a 'surprise packet,' despite the large mass of metal turning this way and that, as though trying to jump out of the tower. The frame did not give one way or the other, and remained as firm as a rock, clearly indicating the soundness of the work and the thorough manner in which it has been executed.

The comfort of the ringers has not been overlooked either. The ringing room, instead of looking like a neglected barn, has been transformed into an ideal chamber. The walls have been painted, the ceiling plastered, and, although this deadens the sound of the bells more than usual, it is much better than being too noisy. To complete the scene a nice square of red carpet has been laid in the centre of the floor.

Last, and not least, the comfort of those living around the church has been considered, for instead of the clanging and banging which had been their portion in the past, they received with expressions of appreciation the music of the bells, which, instead of being a nuisance, are now a thing of joy.

NEW BOURDON BELL FOR EXETER.

Exeter, famous for its 'weight,' has now got another Bourdon bell. On Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Exeter blessed a fine four-ton bell destined for the new Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree. The bell is a beautiful casting, and, judging from its tone when His Lordship struck it with a huge wooden mallet, is a splendid example of the bell founder's art. Its founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., whose fame is world-wide, are to be congratulated.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One of the oldest ringers at Hyde, Cheshire, Mr. James Shaw, has passed away at the age of 70 years. He was well-known throughout Lancashire and Yorkshire, as well as the Cheshire districts. He had been a ringer at Hyde for 57 years, and was one of the old band which used to compete in the prize ringing contests in these three counties in the '80's and '90's of last century.

Mr. George Wilson, of Leiston, who has just rung his 200th peal, includes no fewer than 140 Surprise peals in his list, including the 'first ever' in no fewer than eight methods. But he has not yet rung a peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor!

Four ladies took part in a peal of Bob Major at Handsworth, Yorkshire, on Saturday, one of them, Miss Lucy Kelly, ringing her first peal. It was also the first peal of James Knowles. These two young ringers only took up ringing in April last. There is a lot of keenness at Handsworth, and Mr. Fred Watkinson seems to have got the right material for the making of an excellent band.

The meeting of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held at Weston Favell to-morrow, has been cancelled owing to the illness of the Rector.

There are now several ringers in the country handicapped by having only one arm; and it is really wonderful how they overcome the disability. Last week Mr. Frederick Hannington, of Cardiff, who lost an arm as the result of a railway accident some years ago, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters, and rang it well.

The report of a peal of Bob Major for the Herts Association, and conducted by Sidney Carter, has been sent without the name of the place where it was rung being given.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. Trollope for giving the correct date (1677) for Stedman's stewardship of the College Youths, and to express my regret for having given a wrong one. I had not for many years looked at what I wrote to 'The Bell News' about Stedman until I read it before writing to you last June, and on doing so I noticed the date 1667, which seemed to me doubtful. On consideration I thought it should be 1677, but I also thought that, after so long an interval of time, some investigation would be wise, and so in writing to you not wishing to risk a wrong date, I did not mention the stewardship. I now have little doubt that I turned to Mr. Snowden's book and took the date I found there without further thought.

Mr. Trollope's suggestion of a later date for Stedman's birth is interesting, and gives a new starting point for searchers. He has made such a study of the subject that what he says about age in connection with the writings calls for respectful attention. But I don't think the later birth year has much bearing on the question of an official appointment. Under the old system, which lasted till our modern Civil Service arrangements, age was nothing, patronage everything. For instance, when lately reading a volume of letters written by various people to Sir Walter Scott, I noticed in one from his son-in-law, Lockhart, an account of obtaining a place in a Government office for a man who was about seventy years old. This may be rather an extreme case, but it seems at least to show that ten years more or less in middle life would not be a matter of much account.

Mr. Trollope has lately had much to say about the College Youths. Perhaps I may submit to you some observations on some of it.

R. A. DANIELL.

NEW YEAR BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Most of your readers were doubtless better occupied than 'listening in' at the change of the year, but a few will have heard the 'Epilogue' of the B.B.C. In broadcasting Westminster Abbey bells at midnight the B.B.C. were acting in exact accord with the wish of the Central Council as expressed at their meeting in 1927. I venture to urge very strongly that all members of the Council write a short note or a postcard to the B.B.C. (Savoy Hill, Strand, W.C.2), signifying their cordial appreciation of this broadcast, whether they happen to have heard it or not. The alternation of the organ and the bells produced a very fine effect. It is most necessary that we ringers do any little thing in our power to encourage the broadcasting of real ringing.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

A quarter-peal of Minor (being 720 of Oxford, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Bob Minor) was rung at Donington, Lines, on Sunday afternoon, December 27th, as a compliment to Mr. Herbert Woods, sen., who recently completed 30 years as vergar and fifty years as a ringer at this church: Herbert Woods, sen. (conductor) 1, J. Pearson 2, J. T. Stafford 3, S. V. Woods 4, C. G. Woods 5, P.C. Herbert R. Woods 6.

The ringers at Donington Church during the day included Mr. H. Woods and his five sons, Cyril, Stanley, Reginald, Claude and Archibald.

BIG BRISTOL PARTY. REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.

BELLS WITHOUT RINGERS.

The entertainment of the visitors to Bristol for the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner, always of a comprehensive style, provided an afternoon and evening full of interest last Saturday. Apart from the ringing that took place at many of the city towers, there was an organised visit to the Zoological Gardens, where a large party was conducted on an instructive tour by the head keeper. The gardens contain a representative collection of animals and birds and an aquarium as well, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the inspection, illuminated as it was by the knowledgeable information imparted by the guide. Tea was served in St. Thomas' School, and in the evening a company of nearly 200 assembled at the Grand Hotel, where dinner was served in the handsome ballroom. Mr. H. B. Burt, retiring chairman of the United Guilds, presided, supported by Mrs. Burt, the Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb (Vicar of St. Nicholas'), the Rev. M. Pater-son (Vicar of St. Thomas'), Capt. W. Linter, C.A., Bath, Mr. C. W. England (churchwarden of St. Stephen's) and Mrs. England, Mr. and Mrs. C. Spurrer (St. Thomas'), Mr. and Mrs. Heseltine, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. U. W. Braven (vice-chairman of the Guilds), Mrs. Braven, etc. Among the visitors also were Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. J. J. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. F. W. Porrens (Coventry), Mr. J. Preston (Erdington), Messrs. G. H. Swann, H. H. Fearn, G. E. Fearn, C. H. Stanley, and Miss O. M. Sanders (Birmingham), Messrs. J. Holman, S. Palmer and H. Bower (Sheffield), Colin Harrison (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), N. Treggott (Exeter), J. H. Shepherd, H. W. Bishop and S. H. Hopper (Swindon), Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. W. J. Prescott, T. H. King, F. C. Rich (Bath), Miss I. Hastie (Guildford), Messrs. C. H. Jennings, E. E. Jennings and Miss Jennings (Weymouth), G. Briggs (Rotherham), J. A. Dart (London), J. Thomas (Edmonton), etc. All the Bristol Guilds were well represented, among them being the oldest and youngest Bristol ringers, Mr. Richard Channings, of St. Thomas', aged 78, and Master Lionel Burt (son of the chairman), aged 11. There was also a large contingent from Gloucester headed by Mr. John Austin, and, in addition, ringers from Wrington, Castle Cary and Barwood. After a splendid dinner, the toast of 'The King' was honoured.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said they had met that night in a spirit of brotherhood, whose one great object was to promote interest in and the improvement of the particular work of the Church which they, as ringers, represented. The Church had always stood for all that was loyal and true in the lives of everyone. It was a great heritage, of which they should all be proud, and it was their duty as churchmen to serve and help her in every possible way. In whatever work they were taking part they must be loyal, true and earnest, whether it be in the tower, or as sidesmen, churchwardens, in choir or on the Parochial Church Council, all aiming at unity one with another. Then, he was sure, they would find the Church a real blessing to all, morally, socially and spiritually.

BELLS, BUT NO RINGERS.

The Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb responded to the toast. He said he had been unlucky in the two great churches with which he had been connected, for in both cases there had been magnificent bells but no ringers ('Shame'). The first was the Cathedral. It might be now to some of them that there were some fine bells in that magnificent old tower of the Cathedral, and he hoped some means or other might be found to restore that wonderful old eleventh-century tower, so that the bells in it might once again be released for use (hear, hear). In the case of his own Church of St. Nicholas, he was told they possessed one of the finest peals of ten in the West, and it was all the greater to his regret that they had no regular band of ringers. He expressed his gratitude to the ringers of other churches who from time to time came to ring the bells of St. Nicholas'. Proceeding, he said he wondered if they all realised the privilege theirs was to carry on such an ancient institution as the ringing of the bells. He was proud to call himself the only parson member of the 'Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers.' Unfortunately, it did not necessarily mean that any member of that ancient Guild should now be a ringer. The original charter of the Guild contained a long list of very detailed ordinances, or rules, and was extremely interesting. There was one which stated that if any member should be so rude as to take a rope before the Master he should be fined twopence. If he should be so careless as to come into the church before kneeling down in prayer he should also pay a fine of twopence. There were many other rules, and he mentioned this to show that as far back as the date of this charter in 1620 the art and craft of ringing was very highly organised. Ringing, he was sure they would appreciate, had many excellent lessons, and, indeed, Christian virtues, to teach. Nobody could be a good ringer without being full of patience and perseverance and

loyalty in the sense of team work. No ringer could get on unless he realised that he must expect no reward except by his own merit; it was by his own efforts that he must make progress. He mentioned that particularly because it was a lesson which was so necessary in all walks of life to-day. Some people wanted, indeed, some even demanded, something for nothing. Nobody should expect, least of all demand, any reward unless it was merited. In the case of the ringers they felt they had their reward in the results of the patience, perseverance and skill which they exercised, and in the fellowship of their Guilds and of their bands. From this point of view the Church wished to support and encourage them in every possible way, and he was sure he was voicing the view of the general body of clerical opinion when he said he hoped the day might be long distant when the art and skill of ringing church bells should be allowed to drop into disuse (applause).

JAMES HINTON'S GREAT WORK.

Mr. Albert Walker submitted the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and Bristol United Ringing Guilds.' He had known the association since 1896, when he first visited St. Stephen's, where there was a very good company, due to the energies of Mr. James Hinton. He was one of the finest fellows it was possible to meet, and among those who, by their efforts in the past, enabled the Gloucester and Bristol Association to stand where

it did to-day, was James Hinton. He personally owed something to James Hinton, for during his stay of a month in Bristol he was able to ring his first touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal and Grandsire Cinques. In Birmingham they took a special pride in the late Mr. Hinton, for he was a contemporary of Henry Johnson, and on one occasion they rang together for five hours for a peal. The peal proved false, but there was no tablet up for that (laughter). James Hinton was a Worcestershire man, and it was interesting to recall some of the things that he did for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He conducted the first peal for the association in 1899. He conducted the then record peal of Grandsire Major in 1890, the first peal of Grandsire Caters for the association in



MR. H. B. BURT,
Chairman of the B.U.R.G.

1895, of Treble Bob Major in 1897, and two peals of Stedman Caters in February and March, 1897. He conducted the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 1899, and the first peal of Caters on handbells for the association in 1902. He conducted his last peal on April 13th, 1903. He (Mr. Walker) heard one of the peals of Stedman Caters which he had referred to, and while they were listening a woman came up and asked where the fire was (laughter). When they told Mr. Hinton of the incident, he said it was because of the two 'beautiful' trebles they had at St. Stephen's, which sounded like two bricks thrown at the tower wall (laughter). James Hinton did a great work for advancing the art of ringing in Bristol, and he passed to his rest in 1910. The minute books of the association recorded his valuable work, and on the stone over his grave in Greenbank cemetery they could read a tribute to his services to ringing. Referring to the work of the association, Mr. Walker said he was informed that during the past twelve months it had been very satisfactory, and this was owing very largely to the excellent work of the branch secretaries. There was no finer body of workers than the branch officials of the association, the main object of which was to promote Sunday service ringing. The Bristol United Ringing Guilds were carrying on in very substantial form, as they could see from the gathering that night. He congratulated Bristol on having that day got yet another peal of bells, but he hoped that some day something might be done at the Cathedral worthy of the mother church of the diocese. The Cathedral ought to have a splendid peal of bells, and they could rest assured that anything that the bell founders did would strengthen the tower. He hoped the Cathedral authorities would soon set about the task (applause). In the absence of the Master of the association (the Rev. E. S. Saleby), through indisposition, Mr. Walker coupled with the toast the name of the Bristol Branch secretary, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Mr. Skidmore, in responding, expressed the regret of the gathering at the absence of the Master, and extended to him their best wishes for his speedy recovery. He endorsed all that Mr. Walker had said with regard to Mr. James Hinton. He did a great deal of 'spade work' in Bristol to promote the art of ringing, and they 'took off their hats' to such gentlemen, and only wished there were more about to-day like him. It was a matter of regret that they had several beautiful and ringable peals of bells in Bristol without ringers. They were doing their best to put this unfortunate position right, and he earnestly appealed to all incumbents who were fortunate enough to have a peal of bells to get their various organisations interested in ringing and hand over likely recruits to any of the Guilds, who would be only too pleased to utilise the available material to fill the vacant towers. With regard to the unfortunate happening at Painswick, which had caused so much controversy throughout the Exercise, he was pleased to say that another attempt was to be made for a record peal on Easter Monday, with as nearly the same band as possible, and he trusted they would meet with success. The composition had been moved by two eminent members of the Exercise. The speaker went on to refer to the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies (reported elsewhere), and added that the association had had a fairly successful year. The membership was increasing, which was a good sign. With reference to the B.U.R.G., there was nothing which he need add—that gathering spoke for itself. In conclusion, Mr. Skidmore thanked the various incumbents who had that day placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers, specially mentioning the Rev. M. Paterson, who was at all times willing to do anything in the interest of ringers.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Rev. M. Paterson said that was the ninth dinner of the B.U.R.G. which he had attended. When he came to the first he knew very little about bells, bellringing or bellringers. He now knew a little about bellringing, he knew a certain amount about bells, and he knew a very great deal about bellringers (laughter). During that time he had come into contact with certain problems connected with bellringers and their work. There were many points on which he would like to speak, if he had time, such as the relationship of the Vicar to the bellringers who did not attend the services (laughter), but he would leave that alone (laughter). He would rather speak about the problem they had tackled and, he believed, solved successfully at St. Thomas', and that was, 'Who is the master in the tower?' By law, undoubtedly the Vicar; but what about in fact? Was it the Vicar, was it the steeplekeeper, was it the captain, or was it the bellringers? At St. Thomas' they had faced that question, and they had answered it to their own satisfaction. In law, in fact and by the unanimous wish of the ringers, there was in the tower of St. Thomas' one supreme authority and one only, and that was the Vicar (hear, hear). He had documentary proof of this. At Christmas time they exchanged greetings. The first one he received from the ringers was worded in this way: 'To the Vicar of St. Thomas' from the ringers.' Last Christmas it was worded: 'To our Vicar from his ringers' (hear, hear). Usually, said the Vicar, they threw their Christmas cards away, but that last card he had placed in a drawer with some of the objects which he most cherished and valued. The speaker went on to explain how satisfactorily the arrangement worked, and to show that it was neither autocratic on his part, nor weak-kneed acquiescence on the part of the ringers. He added that he very much appreciated the kindness and courtesy which he received from the rank and file of the ringers, and said he was only too happy to do anything to further their objects (applause).

Mr. U. Braven submitted 'The visitors,' remarking how pleased they were to see so many old faces in the gathering that night; some of them, indeed, had become almost 'hardy annuals.' One wondered sometimes, said the speaker, whether they were losing some of that brotherly spirit which used to exist? They had seen a lot of cross-enthusiasm and some bickering. There was only one remedy if they were to foster the true spirit of brotherhood, and that was to 'cut it out.' He was not sure they were not beginning to treat some of their Guilds as if they were trades unions, for they said to young ringers, 'You must join the association; you must join this and do that.' He thought it was time they abandoned this attitude. If they did there might not be so many depleted hands in the towers of this country.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who first replied, said he came prepared to speak for the 'irresponsibles,' but found he had to respond for the 'hardy annuals' (laughter). They had thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of the labours of the Guild's officers and the indefatigable energy of Mr. Guise and his assistants, who had provided them with a veritable feast of entertainment. He congratulated the officers and Mr. Guise upon the excellent work they had done in bringing out another edition of the 'Ringers' Directory.' There was another innovation which appeared to have taken place that day: he referred to the dedication of a new peal of bells to celebrate their eleventh annual dinner. He did not know if they proposed to make this a yearly custom (laughter). If Mr. Albert Walker went to hear the bells he did not know whether he would say they were like eight bricks thrown up at the window. He trusted not (laughter). Mr. Johnston concluded by thanking the Bristol ringers for their hospitality, and hoped that

when they organised the dinner they would not forget to ask them again.

Mr. Colin Harrison also replied, and in thanking the B.U.R.G. for the manner in which the visitors had been entertained, said he knew of no other association that took as much trouble to look after the welfare of the visitors.

MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR STEDMAN MEMORIAL.

Mr. Skidmore proposed 'The Ringing World,' and paid a tribute to the work which the Editor did for the Exercise. He referred specially to the scheme originated through 'The Ringing World' for the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary and the restoration of St. Benedict's bells.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who replied, said it had been found that the extra work that had been involved in the restoration of the tower of St. Benedict's Church had been more costly than had been anticipated, and in consequence further money would be required to complete the scheme. A statement would shortly be issued, but in the meantime there were, perhaps, ringers who had not yet subscribed who would like to add their contributions to meet the additional amount which it was found necessary to raise.

The concluding toast was that of 'The artistes,' proposed by Mr. W. H. Thomas, and responded to by Mr. C. Read and Mr. W. S. Emery.

During dinner a very pleasing programme of incidental music was performed by Mrs. Hunter, Miss Kendall and Mr. C. Read, while the subsequent entertainment was of the generous character for which the Bristol Guild's function has become celebrated. For the plethora of talent with which the company is regaled, Mr. Emery is largely responsible. Some delightful part-songs and glees were sung by 'The Harmony Four' (Messrs. P. G. Woodland, F. H. Mason, M. Hook and E. J. Porter), Miss Vida Short rendered vocal items, while the 'Fairy' (Miss Clark) and the 'Demon' (Mr. Reeves), from the pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' at the Royal Theatre, kindly made a flying visit and entertained the company with songs, as did also Mr. Johnny Barlow. The Rev. C. A. W. Girding contributed a novel and much appreciated item in a 'saw' solo, in which he produced unexpected music in a masterly style from this commonplace tool. An extremely amusing 'turn' was given by Mr. Harold H. Poole, M.B.S.M., who drew lightning cartoons to the accompaniment of a running patter. The handbell music was supplied by St. Thomas' Guild of Handbell Ringers, and an excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. C. Harrison, F. Perrens, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, F. E. Pervin and S. Palmer.

The splendid arrangements which characterised the whole proceedings were carried out by a committee consisting of the chairman and vice-chairman, the pro. vice-chairman (Mr. F. Skidmore), Miss E. Smith, Mrs. F. G. Leaker, Messrs. F. G. Leaker, J. G. Jeffries, J. Gould, W. Knight, W. Thomas, H. Way (stewards), J. Burford, H. Bennett, H. Pring, W. G. Emery, F. Jewell, R. Senger, and P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), while Mr. Edgar Guise, with all his enthusiasm and organising ability, discharged the duties of hon. secretary.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcock, of Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday week. In honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. Wilcock taking part. He has been a ringer at St. Michael's, Mytholmroyd, for a period of 57 years, during the whole of which time he has been most regular in attending to his duties.

After the quarter-peal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcock entertained the ringers to dinner. During the evening, Mr. Marsland (the secretary), after a short speech of congratulation, called upon Mr. J. Grave, who also started ringing at the same time as Mr. Wilcock, to make a presentation on behalf of the ringers, which he did.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. D. Harvey, proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcock, and expressed the hope that they would be spared to continue their good work for the Church and celebrate their diamond wedding. Before the party closed, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcock were heartily thanked for their hospitality, and in reply Mr. Wilcock thanked the ringers for their present and the pleasure of their company.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A most successful annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Topsham on January 9th. Notwithstanding very unfavourable weather, there was an attendance of nearly fifty, and the bells were kept going from 3 p.m. onwards with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Kent and Plain Bob Minor. In the absence of the Vicar, the Guild office was read by the president (Rev. E. S. Powell), and an inspiring address on fellowshipship given by Rev. E. A. Jullian, the chairman of the branch.

At the business meeting, a report was read on behalf of Mrs. Powell (secretary), who was absent owing to an attack of influenza, in which it was stated that the membership had increased by two hon. members and nine performing members. Two peals had been rung for the branch during the year.

Two officers were re-elected, and the next meeting fixed for Honiton Clist on April 9th.

PROPOSED NATIONAL MEMORIAL. SCHEME TO COMMEMORATE THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

A proposal to provide a national memorial to the late Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, one of the greatest figures in the Exercise of the last sixty years, and one of the most charming personalities that have ever graced our art, has been made by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which he was one of the founders, and is certain to be received with approval everywhere.

There have been few men in the history of ringing who have done so much for the real advancement of the art as the late Mr. Davies. He collaborated with Jasper Snowden in his work on 'Grandsire'; he was largely responsible for the 'Stedman' and 'Surprise methods' of the same series; his investigations placed him in the forefront of those who have contributed to the science, while his services for twenty years as hon. secretary of the Council were a valuable contribution to the welfare of the Exercise as well as the promotion of the art.

Mr. Davies was a Gloucestershire man; his father was Vicar of Tewkesbury. He held a Gloucestershire living for many years, and on retiring from active ministerial work retired to live in Tewkesbury, and he is buried beneath the shadow of the grand old abbey. There is, therefore, no more fitting place in which to commemorate his life and work than in the magnificent old building which was, perhaps, dearer to him than any other in the world.

The memorial scheme includes the addition of two treble bells to make a ring of twelve at the Abbey, the renovation of a chapel, the window of which was erected to the memory of Canon C. G. Davies, his father. The approximate cost is £250.

The proposal was referred to on Saturday at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner, when Mr. F. Skidmore, responding, in the absence of the Master, to the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said at a meeting of the special committee appointed for the purpose it was unanimously decided that a memorial, national in character, should be provided to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, to take the form of two additional bells to the existing peal of ten at Tewkesbury Abbey, and provide a fund for the renovation of a chapel at the Abbey. The Gloucester and Bristol Association hoped and was optimistic enough to believe that it would raise £150 of the £250 required for the purpose, and trusted that a national subscription would realise the balance of £100. He felt sure that they could look to 'The Ringing World' to help them in this direction, and that the appeal would meet with a generous response, so that they might fittingly commemorate one who did so much for the Exercise generally.

Speaking at a later stage of the proceedings, the Editor of 'The Ringing World' promised that any help which this journal could afford to the scheme would be readily given.

The appeal will shortly be issued by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Although the weather was not very inviting, a goodly number of members turned out on Saturday, January 9th, to a quarterly meeting held at Wood Green.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was held in church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Stokes), followed by a capital tea in the Parish Hall, with which between 30 and 40 members regaled themselves. At the committee meeting, held previously, the question arose as to the advisability of purchasing a copy of Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' but was deferred to the annual meeting.

Six new members were enrolled, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hearty invitation, the use of the bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly assistance, to the steeplekeeper and to the ladies who assisted at the tea tables, was received with applause.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to be held at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Wanstead, Essex, on Tuesday, January 12th, in 1 hour 8 mins., a date touch of Bob Minor (1,932 changes): B. Petty 1, A. Petty 2, Miss A. Petty 3, C. Petty 4, J. Petty 5, J. H. Crampion (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except ringers of 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Petty.

At Greenstead Green, Essex, on Saturday, January 16th, in 1 hour 9 mins., a date touch (1932 changes) in the following methods: 192 changes Double Court, 300 Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Ridgwell 1, F. Claydon 2, W. Burst 3, A. Saunders 4, J. French 5, W. Arnold 6. Arranged and conducted by J. French.

ANOTHER PEAL OF BELLS FOR BRISTOL

DEDICATION OF A NEW RING AT KNOWLE.

By the benefaction of the late Mr. Edward Feltham, the tower at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, has been completed, a peal of eight bells installed, and a clock erected. Mr. Feltham was a churchwarden at Holy Nativity in 1874, and the gift which has been made under his will is in memory of the late Rev. Robert James Ives, priest-in-charge of the parish from 1874 to 1883. The bells, which have a tenor of 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G, and clock have been installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have skilfully carried out a job that required no little ingenuity. The tower is only nine feet square internally, and the bells have been packed in in two tiers. They are, of course, equipped in the most modern style, and are a very tuneful ring which go like the proverbial tops. The ringing chamber is, perforce, small, with little room for more than the eight ringers, but a small library cupboard has been provided, which already contains all the standard text-books on ringing, and will soon, it is hoped, receive other volumes. Mr. W. A. Cave is instructing a young band of ringers, largely recruited from the church troop of Scouts.



BRISTOL'S NEW BELFRY.

The dedication of the tower and bells took place on Saturday, and was a great parochial festival. The proceedings began with a luncheon in the Parochial Hall, when among the guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol (Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Inskip), the Sheriff and Mrs. Gange, the Lord Bishop of Bristol, the Archdeacon of Bristol, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson, and a representative assembly of Bristol citizens, the gathering being presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. L. Wynne.

The company stood in silence for a few moments to 'The memory of Mr. Edward Feltham and other benefactors,' and afterwards the toasts of 'The Lord Mayor of Bristol' and 'The Lord Bishop of Bristol' were honoured.

The Bishop, in reply to the latter toast, said he was very grateful to be able to take some part on that auspicious occasion. He was pleased to see that the civic life of the city was represented there that day by the Lord Mayor, for religion, he said, lies at the very root of all true citizenship. He referred to the fact that all schools of thought in the Church were represented there, as were also Free Churchmen. In these days of difficulty there was a vital need for real fellowship and real enterprise in Christian incentive, and he hoped that as the bells rang out this would be their message.

The great church was crowded for the impressive dedication service in the afternoon, and many people were unable to gain admission. There must have been at least 200 waiting outside to hear the first sounds of the bells. About 30 surpliced clergy attended.

After the singing of the hymn, 'Lifter high within the steeple,' the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower. The Vicar first unveiled the memorial tablet which bore the inscription: 'This tower was completed in the year 1931 by benefaction under the will of the late Edward Feltham, in memory of the Rev. Robert James Ives, priest-in-charge of this parish, 1874-1883.'

The Bishop then dedicated the tower and bells, and as he returned to the chancel a short touch was rung by a representative band of Bristol ringers; Messrs. H. Pring (St. Mary Redcliffe), W. A. Cave (Holy Nativity), R. Clark (Clifton), A. Peafce (St. James'), W. Stowell (Brislington), U. W. Braven (St. Luke's), A. E. Reeves (St. Stephen's), and E. J. Brown (St. Philip's).

EXAMPLE AND ASSURANCE.

The Bishop in the course of his address said that there were two lessons that stood out prominently in that service. They were example and assurance. This was a gift which was the outcome of a man's devotion to his church and its worshippers. In these days, when there was, alas, a lessening hold in many directions upon organised religion, he by his gift had given back the splendid tradition of the past centuries. Up and down the land there were churches which had been built to the glory of God by the self-sacrifice and devotion of men and women of old times, churches which witnessed to the devotion they felt and which inspired them to do this. If they valued what had been handed down to them they must exemplify that example in their own lives. These gifts were incentives to service and devotion. The bells conveyed to them the lesson of assurance and were intended to direct their thoughts to those things which were simplest and sanctified. The tower and bells pointed to the unshaken foundation on which their faith stood, and in a surging and upset world led them in spirit to higher things. The bells were symbols of the unseen and of that which was eternal. These bells, when they sounded, would summon them to faith, service, and worship—all factors that made for true values in human life.

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the ringers who had opened the bells, and afterwards touches were rung by visiting ringers, one band consisting entirely of ladies. The ringing arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Cave, and afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea. All who heard and tried the bells were highly pleased with the work done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They are a delightful ring of excellent tonal quality, fully upholding the reputation of the Croydon Foundry.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TRICENTENARY

Souvenir booklets of the Stedman Tricentenary can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, price 8d. post free.

Souvenir ash trays, made from oak from St. Benedict's tower, price 2s. 3d. post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. C. Faulkner (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Sparrow 2, S. J. Holgate (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, E. Moore 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, R. Fenn 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. Lucas 8.

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NOTICES.

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. Magnus' on the 28th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn, Wigan and Lancaster Branches will be held at Lytham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells), St. John's, Lytham (6 bells), St. Peter's R.C., Lytham (6 bells) and Ansdell R.C. (8 bells) will be at liberty from 2 p.m. Service in St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. Sharples, 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the Guild will take place in London on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing: St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square (12), 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Hot luncheon at 'A.B.C.' Cafe, 188, Strand (opposite St. Clement Danes'), at 1.30 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers and other Guild business at New Scotland Yard at 5.45 p.m. Social evening will be arranged. It is hoped that all members and prospective members will make every effort to attend.—Harold J. Poole, Det. Sergt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Jan. 23rd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in church. Tea and business meeting at The Welcome after. May we hope for a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Algakirk on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting directly afterwards. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. at address below. Stoke Poges bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., in Johnson's Café, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hinckley to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at moderate charge. A good meeting is requested.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Important Notice.—The meeting arranged to be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, is cancelled indefinitely, owing to the illness of the Rector.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East from 2.30 to 3.45, and Whitechapel 4.15 to 5. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel 5 p.m. Tea is being provided by the Rector. Please note the altered ringing arrangements. Visitors heartily welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) (bells 10), on Monday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All outstand-

ing subscriptions can be paid at this meeting. Members, please note, subscriptions will be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1932, with a report free. Please turn up and make it a good meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th, please, to D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Ayers' Café or S. Nicolas' Hall at 5.30. Business meeting in the hall. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 25th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Meeting to follow. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Please advise me for tea by 27th inst.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Meeting 5.30. Bells available: Sidbury (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Rainham, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower opened at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea served in the Church Hall, generously provided by the Church Council. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. Fernley, Bosden Hall Cottage, Hazel Grove, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells (6) will be available until 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's from 6 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. McGuinness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 27th?—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Please send card for tea by Tuesday, 26th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the previous Thursday? — J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

WHITFIELD PARISH CHURCH, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—Re-opening of bells (8)—after recasting and rehangng by Gillett and Johnston, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m. All ringers invited. Those requiring tea should notify by Thursday, Jan. 28th, Mr. Eli Garside, Sec., Knowle House, Wood Street, Glossop.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Watermoor bells open at 3 o'clock. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells open after service. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by 26th? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, Jan. 30th. St. Ignatius' and Bishopwearmouth bells available. Meet Bishopwearmouth Church at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Ignatius' Institute. Those requiring same please write Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, not later than Jan. 28th. All are welcome and, please, make this, the first meeting this year, a success by rallying round.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—The ring of 6 bells restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The general quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30; tea, followed by general meeting, 5 p.m.; all at the Old Wine Vaults, East Street (near church). Tea, 1s. 9d. per head, only reserved for those who notify Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than 28th. Frequent bus service from Nottingham and Derby.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea (names, please!), followed by meeting 5.15.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 27th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 5.45, in St. Chad's Room, followed by meeting and further ringing. Please send numbers for tea before the 25th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3.45 p.m.; also Charminster and Fordington from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance requested.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at the church of SS. Philip and Jacob. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify by the 25th if you are coming.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Owen, 1, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 27th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (provided by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Room. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers for ensuing year. All ringers who intend to have tea must let me know certain on Wednesday, Jan. 27th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers are invited.

WATFORD, Saturday, Feb. 6th. — Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. Travel by road or rail or any old way, but come.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The rings of 10 and 8 at St. Giles' and All Saints' respectively will be available: from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the case of St. Giles' and from 2 p.m. onward at All Saints'. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d., and application for same must be made to reach Mr. H. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, not later than first post February 3rd. Nominations are invited for the post of honorary general secretary of the association, as the undersigned is not seeking re-election.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Ringers are asked to attend Cathedral service at 3 o'clock. Tea (free), at Gaywood's Rooms, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due and should be paid at this meeting. Tea only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Feb. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 1st. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Felsted on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday morning, Feb. 3rd?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send a p.c. by the 4th?—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells of St. James' (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30., and tea in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. T. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield, not later than the 4th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

BADBY, NEAR DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

YAXLEY, NEAR PETERBOROUGH. — Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—In order to follow usual procedure of holding annual meeting on second Saturday in February each year, it has now been made possible for this to be held on Feb. 13th, subject to slight curtailment of ringing, owing to such date falling in Lent this year. Ringing will therefore take place at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; service in St. Clement Danes', 4.45; tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 p.m.; business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m. Please make widely known. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

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