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THE PAST YEAR.

The most important event for the Exercise in the year that has just passed was the meeting of the Central Council at Birmingham on Whit Tuesday. It was not that the business transacted was of any outstanding importance, but the meeting was a sign that the Exercise is now ready to resume those activities and those duties which had largely been in abeyance during the six years of war. Inevitably the session was chiefly occupied in picking up threads which had to be dropped in 1939. Committees had to be reappointed and to receive new commissions to carry on the interrupted work. That they will do so goes, of course, without saying, but it must be some time before any tangible results of their labours are seen. The great point is that the work and activity of the Council has been resumed.

The report of the Standing Committee of the steps that had been successfully taken to preserve 'The Ringing World' for the service of the Exercise and the art of change ringing was what most concerned and interested ringers generally.

The year saw the division of the Midland Counties Association, which for long had been one of the principal organisations of the Exercise. This year the Leicester Diocesan Guild starts with the brightest of prospects, and it may be hoped and expected that similar guilds for the dioceses of Derby and Southwell will, in the future, benefit ringers and promote changing ringing. The Warwickshire Guild, by a change of name, has assumed diocesan status and more definitely associated itself with the Church authorities. In the remoter part of Wales a new St. David's Diocesan Guild has come into being and its fortunes and future will be watched with sympathetic interest in all parts of the country.

Among the names of the men who passed away during the year two stand out prominently. George Robert Pye was the last of six brothers, all of whom were ringers, and some of whom were among the most distinguished peal ringers, not only of their own time, but of all time. George Pye's record as a practical ringer can compare with that of anyone else in the long history of the Exercise. Joseph W. Parker was one of those select few who reached the highest rank among composers. George Pye and Joseph Parker had each finished his work, and the ringing Exercise is something different from what it would have been had they not lived. The

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feeling with which we look back on their memory is not regret for their deaths, but thankfulness for their lives.

Two men who, during many years served their fellow ringers in the North, were Charles L. Routledge and William Story; and elsewhere the names of Samuel Cotton, William Knight, Arthur Hardy, William Thomas, William Saunders, Charles Wilkins, Robert Newton and others will be affectionately remembered.

Peal ringing is not the only or the most important thing in the art of change ringing, but it is important and though not necessarily in itself progress, is usually a pretty good gauge of progress. The final reports have yet to come in before we can deal with the matter fully, but we know enough to be sure that the past year has been in peal ringing a very successful one; the more so because of the number of performances by the humbler bands and the large proportion of first peals.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	*LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
HERBERT SPENCER ... 5	HENRY H. FEARN ... 11
LEONARD C. TUFFREY ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1945 in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

FRANK H. LUFKIN ... Treble	*S DNNY M. BAILEY ... 6
*JOHN E. FOWLER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	*FREDERICK SOUTER ... 8
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 4	EDWARD J. BEER ... 9
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	*ALFRED H. WEBB ... 7
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
*BERTRAM L. BROWN ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal on ten.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	RICHARD J. B. HADDEN... 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5	JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 8
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5	RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GUNSON ... Treble	†JOHN HOULDSWORTH... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 2	*THOMAS WATSON ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	*KENNETH HALL... 7
*FRED HAWORTH... 4	†JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

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

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR ... Treble	*CYRIL WANDER ... 5
*AUBREY D. MILLS ... 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 6
*W. ALLAN RICHARDSON ... 3	*STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
*ERNEST THORLEY ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	*LEONARD TUFFREY ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	*JOHN S. MASON ... 6
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method.



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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 5
*GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	*GEORGE AMBLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.
 * First peal in the method.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JACK G. BROTHWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 5
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	LESLIE W. BACON ... 6
HAROLD TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 7
Mrs. J. E. TURLEY ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
 First peal on the bells.

Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
FRANK AINSLEY ... 2	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON... 6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN.
 * First peal. † 100th peal.

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
E. ROGER MARTIN ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRANCES MCCARTHY ... 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 2	*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 6
*JOHN JACKSON ... 3	*SERGT. V. J. WOOD ... 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 4	KENNETH HALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. R. MARTIN.
 * First peal in the method.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JOHN O. NEVILLE ... <i>Treble</i>	†ROBERT E. TURNER ... 5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 2	ALFRED MEARS ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	†LESLIE A. PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN H. HUNT.
 * First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

BERNARD COLLISON ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES G. POWELL ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PHILLIS M. MAYNE ... <i>Treble</i>	*RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
JOHN R. MAYNE ... 2	TONY PRICE ... 6
*WALTER SPARROW ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.	
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... <i>Treble</i>	LOUIS HEAD ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 6
*STANLEY M. EVANS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal in the method.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD E. PUNT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE M. KIBBY ... 5
*FRED G. ROBBINS ... 2	FRANK BLONDELL ... 6
ERIC E. HARTLEY ... 3	NORMAN GENNA ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal inside.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
WILLIAM PIKE ... <i>Treble</i>	PERCY JONES ... 5
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... 6
TIMOTHY YEOMENS ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	CYRIL DAVIES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED H. WEBB ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	RICHARD A. POST ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.
 * First peal in the method.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN MORETONTreble	LEONARD TREVOR 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 7
JAMES CLARKE 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*LESLIE A. PAGETreble	STANLEY E. COOK 5
*PETER R. BLACKMAN 2	JOHN H. HUNT 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... .. 7
†RICHARD G. BLACKMAN 4	ROBERT E. TURNER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. E. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS HILDA M. TAYLOR...Treble	*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT 5
MISS MARY PEMBERTON... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 6
MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal away from treble.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WALTER LYCETTTreble	EDW. V. RODENHURST 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	ALAN M. HICKMAN 6
FREDERICK PRICE 3	*WILLIAM TYLER 7
†E. DENNIS POOLE 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside.

PENTRE RHONNDA, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

*WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ...Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT... .. 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	SIDNEY M. BAILEY 6
†JAMES EVANS 3	FREDERICK LASBURY 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

BEXLEY KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETTTreble	HARRY HOVERD 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK OLDROYD ...Treble	GEORGE L. GROVER 5
THOMAS W. WHITE 2	HAROLD A. MAY 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS MCCARTHY ...Treble	FREDK. G. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	JAMES BARNES 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN JACKSON 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CLOUGH ...Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	FRANK K. MEASURES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER ...Treble	MRS. CECIL W. PIPE 4
JOHN CROOKS 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL... .. 5
PERCY K. PARKER 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. Treble	STANLEY PROUD 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 2	GEORGE WALL 5
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD FOLWELLTreble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
ALFRED J. HINDE 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Conducted by L. TREVOR.

First peal as conductor.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCKTreble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*GEORGE DAVIS 3	E. PETER ROCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

First peal as conductor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. G. WAREHAM ...Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
FREDERICK PRECEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
LIONEL H. PINK 3	HAROLD E. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by H. E. WHITE.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
 *WILFRED W. RING ... Treble | FREDERICK T. HUCKSTEEP 4
 *WILLIAM H. PRIOR ... 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
 PERCY PAGE ... 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 LESLIE WOODHEAD Treble | HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
 *A. HULLEY ... 2 | HARRY BARNES ... 5
 ROLAND HIRST ... 3 | ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PADGETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.
 H. CHARLES CLUETT ... Treble | *FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... 3
 WILLIAM G. DAWEN ... 2 | *DR. A. CUNNINGHAM ... 4
 E. T. P. FIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal of Doubles

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.
 G. OSMOND ... Treble | S. FOOT ... 4
 MISS G. NOTLEY ... 2 | J. H. HAYNE ... 5
 *S. J. BRYANT ... 3 | *E. A. GILMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. HAYNE.

* First peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. C. LIMB ... Treble | LT. F. H. CRAWLEY ... 4
 J. E. BURLES ... 2 | J. E. BROWN ... 5
 S. USHER ... 3 | N. M. NEWBY ... Tenor

Conducted by N. M. NEWBY.

HANDBALL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1945, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
 Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, December 17, 1945, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

AT 11, BURY WITNEY AVENUE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.
 *JOHN PINFOLD ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
 GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5-6
 Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Doubles.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT SACKFORDS, MOLEHILL GREEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS ... 1-2 | JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7-8
 Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

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1 'A Model Code of Rules for a Company of Ringers,' 2nd Edition, 1929, 6d.

A talk on change ringing will be broadcast in the West of England Home Service on January 7th at 5.15 p.m., with illustrations on handbells by members of the Bristol University Society.

The peals of Double Norwich at Chester-le-Street and Minor at Whickham were rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Brown, secretary of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and Miss Lillian Worley.

The Grandsire Triples at Guildford Cathedral on Boxing Day was the 300th peal Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. G. W. Steere have rung together.

The Kent Treble Bob Major at Market Drayton on December 26th was Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst's 400th peal.

The Stedman Caters at Magdalen College was the fiftieth peal on tower bells by Mr. W. F. Judge during 1945.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT DARFIELD.

A meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Darfield on December 8th, at which members were present from Cawthorne, Felkirk, Wath, Wentworth, Sandal and the local belfry.

The secretary announced that the ring of six at Monk Bretton would be rededicated on December 19th at 7.30 p.m., and as soon as it was convenient to the Vicar a meeting there would be arranged. The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on January 12th.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HIBBERT.

On December 22nd, Mr. William Hibbert died at East Ilsley, where for many years he had been captain of the local band. The funeral was at the village church and the service was attended by many ringers, old soldiers and members of the British Legion. The Last Post was sounded.

Mr. Hibbert had served for 22 years in the Royal Horse Artillery, retiring during the Four Years' War with the rank of warrant officer. For nearly sixty years he was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and for long a member of the Society of College Youths. He had rung a few peals at Caversham and East Ilsley, principally Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Mr. Hibbert was 73 years of age.

On Sunday, December 23rd, at St. Mary's, East Ilsley, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by J. Wilson 1, R. Warwick 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, Miss J. White 4, Miss J. East 5, Mrs. A. B. Williams 6, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7, F. Carter 8; and at Appleton on December 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by A. Holfield 1, R. White 2, T. Bond 3, C. White 4, H. White 5, G. Holfield 6, C. Calcutt 7, E. Drewitt 8.

DEATH OF MR. H. W. SMITH.

The death is announced of Mr. H. W. Smith, who passed away almost suddenly on December 15th at the age of 84. Mr. Smith was formerly one of the excellent band at Caversham and had taken part in about 100 peals, many of them in Surprise methods. Later he belonged to the band at St. Laurence's, Reading, and rang there several peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. He took part in a quarter-peal on December 2nd and in service ringing on December 9th. St. Laurence's bells were rung half-muffled on December 23rd and the following band rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's: N. J. Diserens 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, F. G. Reeves 3, W. Evans 4, J. S. Taylor 5, A. Diserens (conductor) 6, P. Dyke 7, W. Maxted 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Arksey on January 15th, was attended by about 30 ringers from Bawtry, Barnby Don, Doncaster, Felkirk, Thorne, Spottborough, Sheffield Cathedral and the local belfry. Tea was provided by the local company, and at the business meeting which followed under the chairmanship of Mr. Dan Smith, vice-president, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Handsworth on March 16th. A collection in aid of the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 12s.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Sherborne on December 8th, ninety-five ringers were present from Sherborne, Gillingham, Sturminster, Newton, Child Okeford, Stoke Wake, Stoke Trister, Hazebury Bryan, Mere, Lydlinch, Zeals, Shillingstone, Shroton, Thornford, Kington Magna, North Cadbury, Buckhorn Weston, Salisbury, Bournemouth, Wilton, Lyme Regis, Tisbury, Hindon, Templecombe, Devizes, Semley, Hampriston, Britford, Evercrech and Chilcompton. Service was held in the Abbey, conducted by the secretary. Canon Lovett gave the address.

At the business meeting after tea the secretary read the financial statement, which showed that the income to date was £17 13s. 7d., including a credit balance from last year of £6 15s. 7d. Dr. E. W. J. Hellins, the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. William Uphill were re-elected to office as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer respectively; Messrs. E. Coward, W. C. Shute, E. P. Field and L. Perrett were appointed Ringing Masters, and Messrs. H. J. Ralph and B. Ridout were elected as members of the Branch Committee. Many new members were elected.

It was decided to hold next year's quarterly meetings at Stalbridge, Stourton, Thornford and Blandford. It was also agreed, at the suggestion of Mr. E. P. Field, that meetings should be held at five bell towers between the quarterly meetings, the first to be at Whitechurch. The meeting promised its support to the appeal made in the Press that parishes should consider a plan for repairing or augmenting church bells as a fitting war memorial.

The Master of the Sarum Guild (the Rev. C. Carew Cox) congratulated North Dorset on its state of increasing prosperity, and expressed his best wishes for the future of the branch.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

January 1st, 1734, the Oxford ringers rang 5,040 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, the first peal in any method in the city.

1866. At Huddersfield, the first peal of Halifax Treble Bob Major.

January 2nd, 1890. At Wednesbury, the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal.

1945. At Sittingbourne, on handbells, 5,000 changes in 21 plain methods.

January 3rd, 1803. At St. Mary-le-Bow, the Cumberlands rang 5,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal single handed.

January 4th, 1784. At Oldham, 14,480 Bob Major.

1855. The Cumberlands rang the first true peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

January 5th, 1917. Alfred W. Grimes died.

NEW DIOCESAN GUILD FOR SOUTHWELL.**MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.**

The final meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held on December 15th at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Canon Wilkinson, president of the association, took the chair at the business meeting and there were present over 50 members and friends from 18 towers.

On the recommendation of the committee it was decided to operate the new guild for the Diocese of Southwell as a single district, and to review the whole position at the Easter meeting. The rules of the Midland Counties Association were substantially adopted with the alterations necessitated by the new conditions. The Bishop of Southwell will be asked to become president, and the other officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Canon Wilkinson; treasurer, Miss I. B. Thompson; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Narborough; committee, Messrs. F. A. Salter and W. Nicholls; Ringing Master and secretary, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

THE MUSIC OF METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—From time to time the musical quality of changes is mentioned in your leading articles and elsewhere in 'The Ringing World.' For instance, your remarks that the late Mr. James Motts, of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, advised the sixteenth blow of Major should be a little wide.

I have received a letter from the other side of England, in which the writer states: 'Let the above be practised nationally.' He has 'always been somewhat mystified over East Anglian ringing, particularly Major,' and in talking to a friend, who said there 'is a certain crispness not experienced elsewhere.'

In my opinion, Cambridge Surprise produces the worst music of any method I have heard. When extended to ten and twelve bells the changes at times are terrible, especially when the tenors dodge somewhere in the middle and then go contrary ways; the bells coming behind in Treble Bob order does not compensate for the subsequent confusion. It is a pity that Cambridge lends itself to extension so easily, which may be the only reason for its popularity.

In Superlative Maximus the tenors course each other from 10th place to 3rds and vice versa. Of course, we do not want the continual bom bim bah of Kent Treble Bob or Forward.

I think the most musical method on even bells is Rochester Surprise. When the four large bells are in front they perform nearly a plain lead of Minimus, with the smaller ones merrily bringing up the rear with a lively cadence.

With Superlative we have a good sprinkling of the music of our old familiar friend Plain Bob.

G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

CHURCH NOTICES.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I suggest that you endeavour to press, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' for a small but seemingly unattainable concession from the authorities of all churches which have a ring of bells. It is that a notice be posted on the usual board giving the times of service ringing, details of the practice if any, the name and address of the local foreman, and notice of any meeting or combined practice in the neighbourhood.

Many serving men, who like myself have no access to 'The Ringing World' when away from home, must miss many chances of ringing for the want of the above details, and when one is in a place for a fleeting visit one is not usually able to get the necessary information in the short time at one's disposal. I find that the average church worker is usually completely ignorant even of the number of bells in the tower. In one town I was informed by a lady doing the flowers that the bells (in the plural) were always rung for Sunday service, yet, having at considerable inconvenience attended at the hour named, I found that the tower contained only one bell.

It would be especially useful to be able to get in touch with the local foreman, as he could probably give one details about the ringing in neighbouring towers. The boon conferred by such notices would not be altogether one-sided, for visiting ringers often complete the number required to make worth-while ringing possible.

Clive Cottage, Goring-on-Thames.

A. R. POYNTZ.

LEAVING BELLS UP.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Whatever excuse can be thought of for leaving bells up? There is none good enough to uphold this practice, which has crept in since the introduction of stays and sliders.

Bells left up are a source of danger to whoever goes near either the bells or the ropes, besides being harmful to the fittings, but worse than all this, it denies the public the beautiful effect of the lowering of the bells and chiming, which, to my mind, is much better a finish than ringing right up to the time of the service.

Why is it that this part of the bellringer's job is so sadly neglected? It can be done well on most rings, and should be practised until the band is proficient. You will find you will not only give pleasure to others, but will add to your own pleasure.

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

MAKERS OF LONDON BELLS.

(Continued from page 529.)

As early as 1498 John Knyght was paid vjd for making of a bawdryk for St. Laurence's, Reading, and during the following two and a half centuries several members of the family cast many bells, of which over three hundred are still in existence.

Ellis Knight cast a ring of six for St. Giles-in-the-Fields in 1635, and two of them hang in the present tower. He also cast the tenor for St. Giles', Cripple-gate. Later in the century was Henry Knight, whose bells are to be found at Oxford and elsewhere. But the most famous of all the members of the family was the last, Samuel, who shook the dust of Reading from his

founders. They are the tenors and some of the big bells, and how far they make the rings the successes they are is rather hard to say. I suspect that Knight's tenors and large bells were not so good as his smaller bells, and that at least was one of the reasons why in practically every case they have been replaced. No doubt the custom of tolling with clocked bells had something to do with the matter, but the original tenor at Southwark, which survived well into living memory, was universally considered to be a bad bell. The bells, recast by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, blend with Knight's bells in a very satisfactory manner.

Samuel Knight died in 1739, the same year in which the rings at St. Sepulchre's and St. Margaret's were cast, and before the latter were quite finished. An octave was also at the time in hand at the foundry for



ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK, IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

feet and came up to London, where he had a foundry in St. Andrew's parish, Holborn.

Samuel Knight cast many bells for churches in country towns and villages, especially in Kent. The eight at Canterbury Cathedral were by him, and the eight at St. Mary's, Dover. West Ham possesses an octave of his, though several of them have been recast. In London he is represented by three important rings—the twelve at St. Saviour's, Southwark, the ten at St. Sepulchre's, Newgate, and the back eight at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

These are all very fine peals. But it should be noticed that there is this difference between them and the rings cast by Rudhall. All the bells in the steeples of St. Bride's, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. George's, and Fulham, were, until recently, by Rudhall, and most of them the original bells cast by him. But at St. Saviour's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Margaret's are bells by other

St. Mary's, Ealing. Knight had in his employ a man named Robert Catlin, who acted as carpenter and bell hanger. He made the frames still in the steeples at St. Sepulchre's and St. Saviour's, and the latter is an excellent piece of work. Catlin was a prominent member of the Society of College Youths, and took part in several of their early performances, including the first peals ever rung of Bob Major, Royal, and Maximus. To him Samuel Knight left the business, and for some years he carried on the foundry, but he never made the reputation the other had done. He was admitted a love brother (that is an honorary member) of the Founders' Company in 1740. Probably he was not qualified to be an ordinary member for he had not been apprenticed to the craft. He died in 1751 and was succeeded in the business by Thomas Swain, who moved the foundry to Longford, near West Drayton in Middlesex. He does not appear to have been much of a craftsman, and in his hands the business faded away and came to nothing.

A family of bell founders who cast a number of bells for churches in London and district, as elsewhere, during the seventeenth century was the Eldridges. The business was an off-shoot of a Reading foundry and was established at Wokingham and afterwards transferred to Chertsey. The founder of the business was Thomas Eldridge, who was succeeded by Richard, and then by Brian. Brian's son, Bryan the Second, who died in 1661, is the best known of the dynasty. He was a member of the Society of College Youths and cast the old ring of five at Fulham. One of his bells is still at St. Andrew, Undershaft. He was followed by William the First and William the Second, and finally by Thomas the Second. In the parish accounts of St. Mary, Somer-

metal that was running into the mould flew up on a sudden with great noise and violence and came down like drops of fire not only upon all the workmen, but spectators (of whom there was a great number to see the performance). Several attended from the Tower, particularly Mr. Hall, clerk of the ordnance, who was so sorely wounded that he dyed next morning. The Master Founder and his son with above twenty others were also very much hurt. 'Tis generally agreed that this sad accident was owing to the dampness of the mould.' 'The Weekly Journal' stated that 'Bagley, the Master Founder, has lost his eyes, and his son and sixteen others are desperately wounded.'



ST. SEPULCHRE'S, NEWGATE, IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

set, there is a reference to a bell said to have been purchased from Mr. John Eldridge, of Chertsey, but this seems to have been a mistake, and the bell actually was cast by William Eldridge. In *Stahlschmidt's* and *Cock's* books full accounts will be found of the Eldridges with their pedigree and wills.

Some of the other provincial founders had great reputations during the sixteenth century, notably the Bagleys of Chacombe, Miles Graye of Colchester, the Brends of Norwich, Tobie Norris of Stamford, and the Purdues in the West. Whether any of these cast bells for London churches we cannot say, but Miles Graye supplied a bell to All Hallows the Great.

The ring of six cast in 1699 for St. Albans Abbey is the last known work of Philip Wightman, and he was succeeded by Matthew Bagley from Chacombe, who lost his life in tragic circumstances while casting a cannon. 'Last Thursday night,' says 'The Flying Post' of May 12th, 1716, 'about nine o'clock, a tragical accident happened at the Royal Foundry near upper Moorfield, where, when the workmen were casting a cannon, the

In the St. Giles', Cripplegate, register of deaths for the year 1716 are the entries — 'May 22. Matthew Bagley, founder, killed,' and 'May 26. Matthew Bagley, jr., founder, killed.'

James Bagley succeeded to the business, and among his bells were one to St. Mary's, Ealing, since recast; one to St. Mary's, Acton, still in the tower; and one to St. Michael, Bassishaw, now at St. Ethelreda's, Fulham.

Among other founders, who were represented by odd bells here and there in London, were Philip Hatherell (1736 at All Hallows the Great); Samuel Newton (at St. Alban's, Wood Street); John Peele (at St. Alban's, Wood Street, and St. Matthew's, Friday Street); and John Weylett. Weylett, who was working between 1703 and 1731, began at Bishop's Stortford, left there about 1714, toured Sussex for two years, and worked in London for Samuel Knight until 1721. He then, for three or four years, moved about from place to place, chiefly in Kent, and finally settled in London. St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, contained some of his work.

(To be continued.)

QUARTER PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, December 9th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Miss D. Hide 1, F. J. Crees 2, G. Wiggins 3, G. P. Elphick
4, R. W. E. Dawe 5, W. J. Coppard 6, R. Hide (conductor) 7, T. W.
Woolston 8.

BARROWBY, LINGS.—On Sunday, December 9th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: G. Drury 1, G. Coy 2, R. Parker 3, H. R. Woods 4, G. W.
Creasey (conductor) 5, H. Drury 6.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday, December 9th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: T. Ormerod 1, S. Taylor 2, J. Knight 3, G. Newton 4, H. D. Mills 5,
F. Appleton 6, W. Bamford (conductor) 7, T. L. Borrett 8.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob
Minor: E. Ryder 1, A. Tarrier 2, Miss F. M. Price 3, Miss M. E. B.
Hudson (conductor) 4, Mrs. M. Hatton 5, J. W. Price 6.

CANTERBURY.—On Monday, December 10th, at the Cathedral,
1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: S. Walter 1, F. R. Weller 2, G. Swaffer 3,
J. W. Unwin (conductor) 4, F. A. Wells 5, R. G. Port 6, B. J. Luck
7, J. Stockbridge 8. Half-muffled for Archbishop Lord Lang.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Tuesday, December
11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. W. Robson 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2,
J. A. Brown 3, W. F. Sheraton 4, S. C. Walker 5, D. A. Bayles (conductor)
6. Half-muffled for the Rev. T. Appleton.

NETHERSEAL.—On Wednesday, December 12th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: J. Ellis 1, W. Woodward 2, F. Sharp 3, C. Jones 4, G. Hair
(conductor) 5, S. Scattergood 6.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Friday, December 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor.
H. C. Cluett 1, W. G. Damen 2, F. W. Corney 3, B. Ridout 4, G. W.
Dennis 5, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 6.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Friday, December 14th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: T. Merritt 1, Joan Grant 2, H. W. Lawrence 3,
J. S. Weeks 4, F. W. Hale 5, F. Wilshire 6, S. G. Grant (conductor)
7, S. H. Mortimer 8. Half-muffled for Mr. B. Priddle, many years
ringer and verger at this church.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Friday, December 14th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: P. J. Woodjyer 1, H. Becher (conductor) 2,
D. F. Thomas 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, B. A. Rose 5, J. E. Chilcott 6.

LINCOLN.—On Friday, December 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,323
Stedman Cinques: Geoffrey M. Mayer 1, John Freeman 2, John Walden
3, Edward J. Bragg 4, Jack L. Millhouse 5, Sidney Chambers 6, Harold
Marcon 7, Walter Tomlinson 8, John A. Freeman (conductor) 9,
Kenneth W. Mayer 10, H. Leslie Pask 11, Herbert Lowman 12.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Saturday, December 15th,
1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, L. Rose 2, B. Ridout 3, R.
Ridout 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On December 15th, at St. Peter's, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: Richard Benson 1, Robert Winpenney 2, Mary
Elkin 3, Burley Walshaw 4, Ronald Edwards 5, Alfred Roberts 6,
W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, Vernon Turner 8.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, December 15th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: D. Streeter 1, Jean Curtis 2, Stella M. Wickens
3, A. Humphrey 4, P. Blackman (conductor) 5, J. Heritage 6.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE.—On Saturday, December 15th, 1,264
Bob Major: Geoffrey Howels 1, Basil Jones 2, Mrs. S. Hough 3,
James Fernley 4, John Worth 5, Alan Potts 6, James A. Milner 7,
William Fernley 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: R. Retter 1, Mrs. A. Holway 2, G. E. Retter (conductor)
3, Miss Q. Pring 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, B. Pidgeon 7,
A. Holway 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,260 Grand-
sire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: G. Townsend 1, A. McPiffin 2, G.
Latham 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, F. Garland 6.

BISHOPS CANNINGS.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,264 Bob
Major: T. Merritt 1, Joy Davis 2, J. Romain 3, W. A. Swift 4, F. W.
Hale 5, J. S. Weeks 6, W. G. Mortimer 7, S. G. Grant (conductor) 8.

WRINGTON.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,277 Grand-
sire Caters:
W. H. Kingcott 1, T. H. Ferris 2, W. J. Gait 3, Mrs. H. W. Knight
4, T. E. Brice 5, A. E. Ferris 6, H. H. Yeates 7, C. H. Vowles 8,
H. W. Knight (conductor) 9, W. Hobbs 10.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Monday, December 17th, 1,280 Bob Major
on handbells: C. A. Levett 1-2, R. C. Noon 3-4, F. H. Hicks 5-6, W.
Birmingham (conductor) 7-8.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Monday, December 17th,
1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: L. Rose 1, B. Ridout 2, R. Ridout 3, E. T. P.
Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Monday, December 17th, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Triples: G. Epps 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, Miss B. Solly 3, L. J.
Twyman 4, J. Russell 5, F. Waghorn 6, A. Hinkley 7, F. A. Peall 8.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Friday, December 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, B. Ridout 2, R. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field
(conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Friday, December 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Doubles: Miss D. Hare 1, L. H. Bywaters (conductor) 2, J. Mayes 3,
J. Church 4, P. W. Tompkins 5, D. Pearson 6. Half-muffled for
Laurie Wilton, a ringer of Henlow, who lost his life while a prisoner
of war in Japanese hands.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, December 22nd, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Doubles: E. White 1, W. White 2, F. Symonds 3, W. Tiley (conductor)
4, W. Osborn 5, H. Lintern 6.

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MONDAY.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Annual, Ely (8), Jan.
5th, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30, Ye Olde Tea
Rooms.—R. H. Bullen, 39a, High Street, Ely.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—
Winchester District.—Annual, Winchester, January 5th.
Cathedral bells 6 to 8.30 p.m., St. Maurice's 3.15 to
8.30 p.m. Meeting at Dumpers' Restaurant 3.45 p.m.
Buffet tea 4.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol
City Branch.—Annual, Jan. 5th, St. Mary's, Redcliffe, 3
p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual,
Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Martin's, 6 p.m. Business at
Tamworth Arms 6.15 p.m.—T. H. Reeves.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Cowfold (6),
Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Laker,
Balcombe.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Goole, Satur-
day, Jan. 5th, 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.), 4.30 in School,
Names to Mrs. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—
T. H. Foster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds, Jan. 5th (8
and 10 bell towers), 2.30 p.m. Tea and business 4 p.m.
to consider revised rules and subscriptions.—C. W. Pipe,
Grundsburgh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne
Branch.—Annual, St. James', Poole, Saturday, Jan. 5th,
2.30 p.m. Tea and business at the Old Rectory 4.30
p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Bells at Corfe Mullen avail-
able.—C. A. Phillips.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—
Fenitor, January 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.)
4.30 p.m.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Marv, Devon.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Harmston
(8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and busi-
ness 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 8th.—K. W. Mayer, 4,
Carline Road, Lincoln.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-
FORD.**—Meeting at Bloxwich on Saturday, Jan. 12th.
Bells at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.30; members 9d.,
others 1s. Numbers by Tuesday, Jan. 8th.—H. Knight,
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Hemel
Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for
tea by Jan. 10th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel
Hempstead.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual, Downham
Market (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Tea in National School 5 p.m.—W. Bucken-
ham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan.
12th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Kitchenside, South
Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Broughton-in-Furness (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—St. Anne's, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—J. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Newhey, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Ivan Kay.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Blackburn Branch.—Rish-ton, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Frome Branch. — Annual, Midsomer Norton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 8th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — Annual, Biggleswade (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Sawley (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Tea in School 5 p.m.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

BARNSELY SOCIETY.—Annual, Barnsley, Jan. 12th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Annual, Kettering, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District.—Annual, Southampton, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names by Jan. 9th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 9th.—G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division. — Annual, Ardleigh (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Ardleigh Hall. Names by Jan. 8th.—L. Wright.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Annual, Bath Abbey (10), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential, to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual, Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Market Harborough District. — Market Harborough, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting Cadena Cafe, St. Mary's Road, 5 p.m. Important business. Names by Jan. 8th. — H. W. Perkins.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch. — Chorley St. Mary's (R.C.) (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30. No tea. Cafes and snack bars nearby. — Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Jan. 12th. Leyton, E.10. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Business 5.45. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Bradford Cathedral (10), Saturday, January 19th, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. in Parish Room. No tea. Business in Parish Room 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Twickenham, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 17th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Hinckley, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.—W. A. Wood.

KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District. — Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to Mr. B. Aldridge, 49, Escreet Grove, Woolwich, S.E.18.—A. G. Hill.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual, St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich (8), Jan. 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.), Ber House, 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 16th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Melton Mowbray District.—Important meeting, Jan. 19th, at Melton Mowbray. Details later.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual, Horley, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, Six Bells, followed by meeting. Notify Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, for tea by Jan. 16th.—Alfred Gear.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Glaston Deanery. — Annual, Wells, St. Cuthbert's (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Wickendens, High Street. Names by Jan. 15th. — W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — North and East District. — Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEATH.

MALE.—Dec. 27th, at Warwick Hospital, William Male, for many years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, in his 92nd year.

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