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## THE ADVANTAGES OF RINGING.

One of the advantages which bell ringing has over most other forms of exercise is that there appears to be no limit to the age at which one may indulge in it. This has been commented upon many times, but it is once more called to mind by the fact that Mr. William Rock Small, one of the pillars of ringing in the Midlands, celebrated his eighty-first birthday by taking part in a peal. Even this is not a record, for we know that Mr. Ted Horrocks, the 'father' of the College Youths, rang a peal at an age more advanced by a year. Then, too, Mr. John Heathorn, of Guildford, probably the oldest living ringer, who is now close upon a hundred, was able to ring in a short touch when well over ninety. Compared with such as these, a peal ringer anywhere under the age of seventy is a mere youth; but nevertheless such a performance as that accomplished by Mr. James George last Saturday, when he scored his one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques by ringing the 41 cwt. tenor at St. Michael's, Cornhill, is no mean achievement. Many ringers have lived to a ripe old age, but we imagine there are few who have rung a bell of that weight to a peal at Mr. George's age.

Going to the other end of the scale, bell ringing can be practised by mere boys, and although it is not wise that youth should be tried beyond its strength, yet light bells that go well offer no obstacle to peal ringing by ringers of twelve years and upwards. The advance of the young people is an evolution of recent years, for in the days of our fathers the facilities given to youth were very limited. Indeed, it was the privilege of beginners in those days to watch others practise. To-day every effort is made to bring out all those who show any aptitude for the art, and a striking example of what youth may now do is the performance of Robert Fardon, the son of a ringer, whose first peal was the Stedman Cinques above referred to.

Change ringing, once it takes a grip of a man, sticks to him for the rest of his days. He may give it up for a time, but unless circumstances have placed him out of reach of bells—and that is very difficult in this country—sooner or later they call him back to the belfry. Our art is one of remarkable fascination. Many who struggle with the elements give it up in despair, but there are few men who, once they have mastered some of its intricacies and become interested in its theory and practice, do not become wedded to it for all time. As a physical and mental exercise there is no pastime to excel it, age is no barrier, and it is always full of new interests to those who will seek them. The present season is the most suitable for securing new recruits to fill the gaps

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which still exist in many belfries and the inducements which the art offers, especially in enabling Churchmen to render service to their Church, as well as getting some personal pleasure from the art, should help to make it easy to obtain beginners. Even if there are in towers a full company of efficient ringers to man all the ropes, the needs of the future should not be overlooked, and in a reserve of numbers lies the efficiency of the band in days ahead.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES**

Tenor 41 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 7
ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 10
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the 67th birthday of James George, it being his rooth peal of Stedman Cinques. First attempt at a peal in any method by the ringer of the 2nd, who is under 17 years of age.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(St. Stephen's Guild.)

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS... .. Treble	HENRY PRING ... .. 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDIC, SEN. ... .. 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung on the eve of the 300th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;**

CHARLES BOWER ... .. Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. 7
HARRY HEAP ... .. 3	ALBERT ADAMS ... .. 8
JOSEPH MELLOR ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP... .. 9
SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 5	THOMAS JACKSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 25th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1,280 changes (A. J. Perkins), in 52 mins.: J. Avis, R. Copelin, G. R. Ambrose, J. Burles, J. A. Hayes, G. Morrad, F. Hayes, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). The ringers were kindly motored out from Milton-next-Gravesend by Mr. R. Copelin, to whom they tender their thanks.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sept. 26th, for Mating and as a farewell to Miss Kitty Smith (of the Royal Cumberlands), who has spent a fortnight's holiday in Newport, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Scott, senr., 1, J. Bacon (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Johnson 3, Miss Kitty Smith (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 4, A. Callaway 5, A. Phillips 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. This is the first quarter-peal that a lady has taken part in on the bells.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt.	
MISS HILDA WILLSON ... .. Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6
WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 8
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 4	EDWARD READER ... .. 9
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD READER.

Messrs. Hesse and Weatherby, who hail from Surrey and Shropshire respectively, were elected life members before starting. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5 hail from Leicester, Harry Chapman and Councillor Trippier from Manchester. The company was afterwards entertained by Messrs. Taylor at the Bell Foundry.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE ... 6
HENRY F. EWINS ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	JOHN WHITE ... .. 8
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 4	FRANCIS T. HOAD ... .. 9
WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 5	GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Nov. 22nd, 1820, by a Reigate Society; also the 136th anniversary of 5152 Bob Major, rung on Nov. 22nd, 1784, by the Society of College Youths, called by John Povey, at the opening of the new peal of bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

**WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HARRY HALL ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH ... 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3	ALFRED H. WATSON ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	CHARLES E. FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

**TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.**

On Friday, Nov. 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
JOHN CARTER ... .. Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... 2	BERT HORTON ... .. 6
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, who rang throughout the excellently well struck peal without a mistake or a trip.

**SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt.	
*JOHN AMELER ... .. Treble	JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6
*ERNEST SIMPSON ... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
*GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	*ROBERT BURNAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman.

**ROTHWELL, YORKS.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
 Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 5
*GEORGE HUNT ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
HARRY WALTERS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. \* First peal in the method. The ringers of the treble and 6th hail from Guiseley, 2nd from Horbury, 3rd and 4th from Pontefract, 5th and 7th from Leeds, and tenor the local company.

**AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.	
JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
ALBERT ROUGHT ... .. 2	BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
*JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 4	FRED J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with 2 singles only. First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal 'inside' in this method.

**TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART REVERSED. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.	
ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT ALLRED ... .. 5
HARRY ALLRED ... .. 2	THOMAS ALLRED ... .. 6
HENRY SMITH ... .. 3	ROBERT ALLRED, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM BLACKLEDGE ... 4	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial chapel erected in memory of the 73 parishioners who lost their lives in the war, also upon the retirement of the Vicar, Rev. J. Lund, after 36 years' faithful service.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	JOHN BASS ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
ROBERT MATHEWS ... .. 3	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 4	HERBERT F. LEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

First peal on the bells. Great credit is due to the tenor man (one of the local ringers) for the way he rang his bell, it being his first peal and first attempt. He was elected a member of the Association before starting.

**ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	HARRY BRAGG ... .. 5
ROBERT H. HATINGS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 6
VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... .. 3	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 7
JOHN EATON ... .. 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. PIGOTT.

This peal is believed to be the only one rung at Alvechurch during the last quarter of a century.



**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SELWORTHY.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. L. ARSCOTT ... .. Treble	F. C. ARSCOTT ... .. 4
W. HOYLE ... .. 2	F. G. ARSCOTT ... .. 5
H. J. ARSCOTT ... .. 3	G. ATKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ATKINS.

Rung as a thankoffering for the harvest.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* THOMAS STAGG ... .. Treble	WILLIAM EVERSETT ... .. 4
EDGAR HUNT ... .. 2	CHARLES CARTER ... .. 5
HERBERT H. MASON ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ADCOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ADCOCK.

\* First peal.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BARBER ... .. Treble	GEORGE FILBY ... .. 4
* CORNELIUS FILBY ... .. 2	GEORGE HOWARD ... .. 5
* HARRY ALDOUS ... .. 3	JACOB FILBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACOB FILBY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, Nov. 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure,  
London Scholar's Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM ... .. Treble	THOMAS HILTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Mr.  
J. H. Holling, for many years Vicar's Warden, who was interred at  
Wath on the above date.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent  
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE MORRARD ... .. 4
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK HAYES ... .. 5
GUY R. AMBROSE ... .. 3	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R. M. Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. JAMES BENNETT.

First peal as conductor in seven methods. A birthday peal for the  
ringer of the 3rd, who entertained the ringers after the peal, and for  
Mrs. Fred Hayes; also a wedding peal for Harry Argent, Secretary  
of the Milton band, who was married to Miss Violet Eve on October  
30th, this being the first available day for a peal attempt.HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Bap-  
tist, on Sunday, Oct. 17th., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260  
changes), in 55 mins.: G. Gutteridge 1, W. Henley 2, Miss N. Wil-  
liams 3, R. A. Fardon 4, H. P. James 5, E. T. Hooper 6, E. Hancock  
(conductor) 7, P. Jones 8, H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10. First quarter  
of Caters by ringers of 4 and 5.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Owen.**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of York and Cambridge Surprise College Exercise,  
London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

RICHARD KENDALL ... .. Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HERNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob  
each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRISON SMITH ... .. Treble	CLARENCE HADLOW ... .. 4
SIDNEY WALTER ... .. 2	STANLEY WHITE ... .. 5
JABEZ WALTER ... .. 3	ERNEST SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

The ringer of the 4th belongs to the local band, the tenor to Sturry  
and the remainder to Wickhambreaux. First peal on the bells.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble  
Bob, Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* LEONARD W. HEMBLING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 4
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... .. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Arranged and rung as a Peace peal to the Borough of Aldeburgh.

\* First peal in six methods.

MARKET DEBBING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

AND PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Guthlac,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent  
Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PHYLLIS HARE ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. BARKER ... .. 4
* TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 2	FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

The conductor's 250th peal. \* First peal in seven methods.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Treble  
Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED GARDNER ... .. Treble	JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 4
HARRY O. WHITE ... .. 2	CHARLES AYLETT ... .. 5
HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

First peal in five methods on the bells, and by all the band; also  
the first for the Guild by resident members. Rung for the anniversary  
of the founding of the All Saints' Society.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT NORRIS ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4
*THOMAS HART ... .. 2	JAMES GROUNDS ... .. 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE, JUN. ... 3	FRED RIGBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

This is the first peal on the bells and was rung at the first attempt. The ringers of treble and 2nd are local men, 4 and 5 from Standish, 3rd and tenor from Chorley. \* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 12, 1920, in Three Hours,  
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**

*WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 7-8
*EDWARD H. KING ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Parker. \* First peal in the method.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT 'THE LION,'

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

GEORGE PANNEL ... .. 1-2	SIDNEY HALE ... .. 3-4
OLAVE BROYD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD. Witness: E. TURNER.

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by the Performer

Umpire: GEORGE THOMPSON.

Witnesses: GEORGE JORDAN and WILLIAM BODD.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE NORTH FARM,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.  
Umpire: S. W. STRATFORD.

**SALOP GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 13th, a quarterly meeting was held at Shifnal, Salop, fifteen members being present, including Mr. M. W. Wilde, of Chester. A short service was held in the tower, at which the secretary, the Rev. F. Tennison, officiated. Afterward, touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Major, and several other methods were rung.

A 720 of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Bradney, J. E. Lilley, G. R. Lilley, F. Male, H. W. Wilde, A. Shuker, senr., W. Saunders, and A. Shuker, junr. This was the first touch of Grandsire Triples by J. E. Lilley, who is only 12 years of age. Tea was provided in the Church Army Hut, and a short meeting followed, at which two new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Wroxeter on January 8th.

The meeting over, members returned to the tower, and Keit Treble Bob and several other methods were rung.

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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal with four Georges, that is, boasting of the surname of George, was rung at Eastwood the other day, and they included James the first and James the second.

There is no age limit for a ringer. When 13 years old, Mr. Arthur Lorkin, of Somersfield Cottage, Reigate, with other young ringers, rang on the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Witham, Essex, a plain course of 60 changes four times over with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the death of the late Prince Consort, in 1862. Mr. Henry Sayers was the leader. He has now passed away, and Mr. Lorkin believes he is the only one left of the little band. He is now in his 71st year, as fit as a fiddle, and can ring Reigate's tenor of 20 cwt. in a quarter-peal. Should any of Essex ringers recognise his name, Witham being his native home, he would be pleased to communicate with them.

The dedication and opening of the new treble at St. George's, Bristol, will take place on Saturday, the 11th inst.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, who is hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has just completed 25 years' service at the Church of St. James, New Mills, and has been presented by the parishioners with a wallet containing a cheque for 120 guineas and a list of subscribers. Warm tributes were paid to Mr. Beeston's devoted labours and earnest ministries in the parish.

Mr. William H. George, of Eastleigh, who recently resigned the office of secretary of the Winchester District of the Winchester Guild, is, we regret to learn, ill, suffering from dysentery.

We have received a large number of communications on the subject of charging for the insertion of peals, and shall give a selection of views next week.

### OXFORD UNIVERSITY GUILD. ATTEMPT AT REVIVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Oxford University Society of Change Ringers ceased its activities some time before the war, and five members of the University now in residence are attempting to revive the society.

Through the medium of your valuable paper, we appeal to all former members to furnish us with any information which may be useful in re-establishing the society on its former basis. Information concerning the whereabouts of the society's books, or of the rules adopted by the society, would be of great value.

We think that the present time, when the University is so crowded with students from all quarters, gives us a splendid opportunity of increasing the numbers of those who delight in the Exercise, and we should be very grateful to anyone who, by supplying us with the required particulars, would assist us in re-infusing the society with its former vigour. Information should be addressed to:—

R. E. HAYARD.

Keble College, Oxford.

Hon. Sec., O.U.S.C.R.

### NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Rendham on Saturday last, when upwards of 40 members attended from Kelsale, Saxmundham, Leiston, Benhall, Blaxhall, Henthorn, Badingham, Debenham, Framlingham, Earl Soham, Bedfield, Sweffling, and the local band. The bells of the Parish Church and of Sweffling were placed at the disposal of the members, and were freely made use of in the various Minor methods, from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

A short business meeting was held in the Church House, Mr. W. Drew, of Kelsale, presiding.—One performing member and one probationer were elected.

As these gatherings seem to be very popular it was decided that the next meeting be held at Peasenhall in the early spring.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Rendham and the Rector of Sweffling for the use of the bells brought a very successful meeting to a close.

### BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above association was held at Darfield on Saturday, Nov. 6th, the following towers being represented: Wath, Horbury, Wragby, Etkirk, and Wortley. At the brief business meeting, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Langley) presided, and seven new members were elected.—The Vicar gave a short address, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and also for the use of the bells.—The bells were kept going during the evening to touches of Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, Darfield Delights, Ringers' Delight, Woodcock's Delight, etc.

### THE DOUBLE-HANDED LONDON.

Mr. W. Keeble writes to congratulate the brothers Goffon upon their success in ringing the double-handed peal of London Surprise. The first handbell peal of London was rung on January 26th, 1904, and the last, before the peal at Monkseaton, on August 14th, 1904, by the three brothers, Messrs. G. R., W. and E. Eye and Mr. W. Keeble. Mr. Keeble hopes the Goffon brothers will go for a silent double-handed peal of London which, he says, would take some beating.

## 100 PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

## MR. JAMES GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Sixty-seven years young on Saturday last, Mr. James George, of Birmingham, fittingly celebrated the event by ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, his one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques. This is a memorable performance, and the ringers who have done this can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The peal was rung under the auspices of the Middlesex Association, and another noteworthy feature was the fact that it was the first attempt for a peal of any kind by Robert A. Fardon, the 16-year-old son of Mr. George R. Fardon, who also took part in the ringing, and who, naturally, had good reason to be proud of his son's achievement.

After the peal, the band were entertained to dinner by Mr. George at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate; the company also including Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith and Miss Goldsmith (of Woking), and Mr. E. Horrex, the steeplekeeper of St. Michael's. Mr. A. P. Smith (St. Martin's, Guild, Birmingham) and Mr. A. H. Pulking (Guildford) were unfortunately prevented from attending. The party enjoyed a most excellent meal, under the genial chairmanship of their host, and during the evening a telegram was received from Wednesbury conveying congratulations to Mr. George, and announcing the success of a birthday peal in that tower.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) proposed the 'Health of Mr. James George,' and on behalf of the company, extended to him hearty congratulations upon his 67th birthday, and wished him 'many happy returns.' They all knew what Mr. George had done in his ringing career, and he had that night added further to his laurels by ringing his one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques—a performance of which he might be justifiably proud. Mr. Coles also congratulated Mr. R. Fardon upon having rung for his first peal, a peal of Stedman Cinques. He had rung excellently, and though he had achieved success with the Middlesex Association, great credit was due to the College Youths who had brought him out. They were, he added, very pleased to see with them that night Mr. Horrex, to whom they were indebted for the excellent 'go' of the bells.

The toast was heartily drunk, and Mr. George, in replying, specially thanked Mr. Horrex for his kindness. He said the tenor did go really splendidly, and it made his job a really simple one. He was sure he could have rung it for 20 hours (laughter and applause). Mr. George proceeded that he was very pleased to see Mrs. and Miss Goldsmith with them, and all the rest of the company, and he thanked them for gathering to celebrate his 100th peal of Stedman Cinques. He was very glad to say the peal at Wednesbury had also been successful, and he believed other peals were being attempted elsewhere, including one at Lewes, Sussex. He thanked Mr. Pye for his great kindness in arranging and calling the peal at Cornhill. They had rung a great many peals together, and he hoped they would ring a great many more (applause). That was his (Mr. George's) 681st peal, but he had got his peal book ready for 3,000, and he hoped he would ring them (laughter). He did not feel a bit like being in his declining years yet, and while many men were old at fifty, it did not seem to him that he would be old at 120 (laughter). He really felt as if he were just starting life (hear, hear). He had now rung 114 twelve bell peals, and he thought he held a record for the number of towers he had rung twelve bell peals in. He did not beat Mr. William Pye by many, but he believed he was two or three ahead. He congratulated Mr. Fardon, junr., upon his first peal being a peal of Cinques, and hoped he would ring as many twelve bell peals as he (the speaker) had. Mr. George added that he loved bells, he loved peal ringing, and he hoped to live another fifty years to ring them (laughter and applause).

Mr. Horrex acknowledged the thanks that had been accorded him. Since he had been steeplekeeper at St. Michael's he had done his best to have the bells go as well as possible. It did not matter who the band was that came (here they would always find it the same as long as he was steeplekeeper (applause). He was afraid, however, he would not be steeplekeeper when Mr. George rang his 200th peal of Stedman Cinques (laughter).

If the company present boasted of some excellent ringers, they were extremely shy of displaying their powers as vocalists, and the veteran of 82 years had to give the lead. Mr. George Fardon also sang, and one of the guests read some topical verse dealing with the occasion, which caused considerable amusement.

The happy proceedings terminated at eleven o'clock, with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. George for his kind hospitality.

The birthday was also celebrated at Wednesbury, Staffs, where it had been proposed to attempt a special composition of 5067 Stedman Caters. Owing, however, to meeting short, Triples had to be rung. Arrangements had previously been made by Mr. George to entertain the band after the peal, and they enjoyed a sumptuous meal at the ringers' hotel. Mr. George's health was drunk, and a pleasant evening spent.

At Southover, Lewes, a peal of Grandairs Caters, composed by Mr. George, was rung for the event, and two handbell peals earlier in the week at Guildford, in which Mr. George participated, were also in connection with his birthday celebration.

Mr. George's 12-bell peals number 114 out of his total of 681, and are made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells	Total.
Grandairs Cinques .....	3	—	3
Stedman Cinques .....	85	15	100
Grandairs Maximus .....	1	—	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	9	—	9
Forward Maximus .....	1	—	1
	99	15	114

The Treble Bob Maximus includes the 12,240 record at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hours and 39 minutes, in which Mr. George rang the tenor; indeed he has been found at the heavy end in most of these peals.

No other ringer has rung twelve bell peals in so many towers as Mr. George, and the interesting list of 22 is as follows:—St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne; St. Martin, Birmingham; St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; Waterloo Tower, Quex Park; St. Mary's, Cathedral, Chelmsford; St. John the Baptist, Halifax; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; St. Michael, Cornhill; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Saviour, Southwark; St. Leonard, Shoreditch, London; St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; St. Mary, Painswick; St. Chad, Shrewsbury; St. Peter's Cathedral, Sheffield; Christ Church, West Bromwich; St. Peter, Wolverhampton; St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey; The Cathedral, Worcester; and St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## LADIES' GUILD.

## NEW DISTRICT FORMED.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Isham, Northants, on Saturday, November 20th, a new district was formed, which will be called the Northamptonshire District. A good number of ringers attended, and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. E. J. Atkins conducted a short service, and gave an address, Mrs. Atkins kindly presiding at the organ. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, after which the meeting was held.

The Hon. Secretary of the Guild presided, and pointed out the advisability of forming a district, to enable members to keep in touch with one another.—Miss Cecil Hepburn, of Isham, was elected secretary for the district, and Miss K. Jutson (Peterborough), Miss Hall (Geddington) and Miss A. Deacon (Dorborough) were elected on the committee.—Miss Hepburn and Miss D. Atkins were put on the general committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in February, and the choice of a suitable tower was left to the secretary.

After the meeting some touches were rung on handbells.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Halstead, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. A short service was held at St. Andrew's Parish Church. The Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Curling) officiated, and gave an appropriate address. The lesson was read by the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard). Tea and meeting followed in the Co-operative Hall. Mr. H. F. Cooper (District Master) presided, supported by the Vicar, the Master, Mr. B. Redgwell (district secretary), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. W. H. Dyson (one of the few surviving founders of the association), Mr. L. Wiseman (Sible Hedingham), Mr. W. T. Elliott (Kelvedon), and over 40 members from the neighbouring towers.

Messrs. H. F. Cooper and B. Redgwell were re-elected District Master and Secretary respectively, and thanked for their past efficient services. Several new members and two non-resident members were elected.—It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Kelvedon, where the fine and heavy ring of six are shortly to be rehanged.—The Master appealed to members, especially those who were favoured with bells in good ringing order, for support for the appeal of the Vicar of Finchingfield to rehang his ring of eight; also to give what assistance they could to Mr. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, who is using his influence among his ringing friends for support to raise the necessary funds to rehang Kelvedon bells.

The bells were kept going until late in the evening, and some good touches in various methods were brought round.

## COMMEMORATION OF CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM.

A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, E., on Thursday, December 9th, the third anniversary of the capture of Jerusalem, to unveil a peal board recording the peal rung by the band of ex-Service men on the second anniversary of the capture of the Holy City. The unveiling takes place at 7.30 p.m., ringing up to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—A. R. Macdonald, 64, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5.



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**MEMORIAL BELLS AT EXHALL.****AN ARMISTICE DAY DEDICATION.**

On Thursday, Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), the Lord Bishop of Coventry dedicated, at the Church of St. Giles', three new bells which have been added to make a peal of six, as a memorial to the thirty-three men of the parish who fell in the war. The proceedings began with the processional hymn, 'In token that thou shalt not fear.' When the choir and clergy had reached their stalls, the Vicar (the Rev. C. Simmonds) recited the prayers. The 130th Psalm was sung and after the lesson the names of the thirty-three heroes were read by the Vicar, the congregation standing meanwhile. The choir and clergy then proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop dedicated the new bells. Three buglers then sounded the 'Last Post' and the 'Reveille.' The bells were raised in peal by the ringers of All Saints', Allesley, and during the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. The Bishop delivered a short address, and at the conclusion of the service 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung: G. Gardner 1, H. Summers 2, J. H. White 3, F. Gardner 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5, C. Aylett 6. Short touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, and in the evening a peal of Bob Minor was rung by the same band.

The new bells gave satisfaction to all who heard them. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mearns and Stainbank, and the tone and 'go' reflects great credit upon the firm.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, where the bells and those at St. Alfege, Greenwich, were at the disposal of the members, and touches on the eight and ten in various methods were accomplished.

Service was held at St. Nicholas' Church, and about sixty were present. The Rev. T. W. Pitman (Vicar) officiated, Mr. F. W. Thornton read the lesson, and the organist and a good sprinkling of the choir being present, the service was a very bright one. The Vicar gave an address, previous to which he extended to the members a hearty welcome to St. Nicholas.

After the service, the members adjourned to Christ Church Hall, where the Vicar and Mrs. Pitman had prepared a sumptuous tea, and a numerous band of ladies were present to look after the wants of the guests. At the conclusion of the tea, the Vicar thanked the ladies for their kindness, and called on Mr. G. Daynes, as foreman of the tower, to make a presentation from the ringers to one of the choristers for improvements carried out in the tower. This Mr. Daynes did briefly, and the gift was acknowledged by the recipient equally briefly, the Vicar afterwards saying he thought it must have been arranged between them as to which could say the least.

The business meeting followed in the adjoining room, the Vicar presiding. Four new members were elected, and one election in the tower previous to a peal confirmed.—Dartford was selected as the place of the quarterly meeting in January.

The District Secretary read his annual report, in which he stated that the meetings had been well attended. Forty-one peals had been rung, viz.: Grandsire Triples 21, Stedman Triples 7, Union Triples 3, Bob Major 2, College Major 1, Kent Treble Major 5, Double Norwich Major 1, and Stedman Caters 1. He thought it a great pity that peals in the higher methods were not rung, as there were the men in the district who could do it.—The report was accepted.

Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., was again unanimously re-elected district secretary.—Two district representatives had to be elected this year, and the following were nominated: Mr. W. J. Jeffries, the retiring representative, and Messrs. I. Emery and J. Wheaden. On a show of hands, Messrs. Jeffries and Emery were declared duly elected.

Mr. Thornton asked if any information could be given with regard to the war memorial. The District Secretary said he was not in a position to do so at that time, but a committee meeting was to be held, and it might be possible at the next meeting to make a statement. He suggested that a silver collection be made towards the fund; and this being approved a sum of £2 11s. 3d. resulted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, the use of the hall, and for presiding; to the Vicar and Mrs. Pitman for providing such a splendid repast; to the organist, choir, and Mr. G. H. Daynes for their services; and to the Vicar of Greenwich for the use of the bells.—Rev. T. W. Pitman replied, and this concluded the business. The tower was again visited afterwards.

**PAIGNTON'S NEW BAND.**

Capital progress is being made by a band at Paignton, Devon. Under their instructor, Mr. F. T. Gover, of Torquay, they began change ringing this year, and scored their first 518 Grandsire Triples on November 17th: A. Reynolds 1, Mrs. F. T. Gover 2, T. Collings 3, J. Collings 4, C. Austen 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. T. Hole 7, F. Parnell 8.

**NOTICES.**

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells ready at 4. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Please notify me on or before Nov. 29 how many intend to be present from each tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent; J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Gear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (5) ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Sidney J. Lawrence, District Secretary, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above for combined practice in Stedman and Treble Bob methods will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Dec. 4th, to commence at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The December meeting will be held at Rotherham on Saturday 4th. The bells (10) of the Parish Church will be open from 3 o'clock, also the eight bells of St. Stephen's will be available all the afternoon. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 5 p.m. followed by tea in the Westgate Mission Hall at a nominal charge.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Clifton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells open from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m.—A. Panther, Sec. (*pro tem.*).

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Hyde, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me before Dec. 8th?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, on Thursday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Guild Service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided) and

meeting. St. Peter's (8) also available for limited time. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 9th and 23rd; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 7th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30.—Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Short service at 5 followed by business meeting in the vestry.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Dewsbury Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—A District meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1/- per head. Those intending to be present will oblige by notifying me by the 8th inst.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Western Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Committee will meet at All Saints' Vestry, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 5 o'clock. A representative from each tower should be present, and overdue subscriptions paid up. Ringing at Barnham at 7 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—S. and W. District. — A meeting will be held at Chiswick Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will only be provided for those who advise me not later than Dec. 7th.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Branch meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3. Service, with address by the Vicar, 4.15. Tea at 5 in Church House, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—A meeting will be held at Bridgewater on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Vestry. Tea at Taylor's Restaur-

ant. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**ST. GEORGE'S, BRISTOL EAST**.—The dedication and opening of two new trebles will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 3.55. Service at 4. Tea (1/6) 5.20. Bells (8) then open to all visitors. Kindly notify early.—W. Stafford, Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George's, Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bekesbourne on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Vicarage Room. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, Dec. 9th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—Combined practice will be held on Thursday, December 16th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The Annual meeting of the North Forest Branch will be held at Newent on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea provided by the Rector at the Parish Room at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Newent, near Gloucester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Shore Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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A special service is being held at St. Clement Danes Church, on Thursday next, December 9th, at 7.30 p.m., for Devonians in London. The Rector would like to get together a band of Devon ringers for the occasion, and Devonian ringers are asked to communicate at once with Mr. Taffender, 10, Northland Street, Canberwell, S.E.5.

**LONG STANTON**.—On Monday, Oct. 25th, 720 Oxford Bob: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, L. A. Cook 2, F. J. Cook 3, W. Hawkes 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. Also 360 of the same, with Walter Hawkes (treble) and Rev. M. B. Woolley 4.—On Thursday, Oct. 28th, for practice, and Sunday, Oct. 31st, for Matins, touches of Single Court. 100 evensong, 720 Single Court, with Rev. H. B. Woolley (treble) and W. H. J. Hooton 4, the rest as before. First in the method on tower bells by W. H. J. Hooton. First in both methods by the local band.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Malvern Link. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Day) conducted the ringers' service, and, in the course of an address, mentioned that the tower of his church had been built exactly 21 years. The church tower, he said, was not a mere symbol, it had its speaking voice, the bells. The silver trumpets of the Old Testament had given place to the bells of the churches of the New Covenant. Coming to the position of the ringers, the Vicar asked: 'Is your office in the belfry to amuse yourselves upon a set of musical instruments not very easy to control? I put it much higher. I claim the bells for Christ, and I claim for you a ministry—a lowly ministry if you will—in the ringing of the bells. Reverence your office, disdain it not, look up to it, and it shall uplift you in its exercise.'

After the service, the Vicar and ringers proceeded to the belfry, where a peal board was unveiled recording a peal of Double Norwich Major rung by the local band, the Vicar remarking that it would be a great incentive to others.—A course of the same method was then rung by the same band, standing in the same order.

After tea, at which about 40 were present, the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. F. C. Copeland, Rector of Madresfield.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Malvern Link, Mr. R. G. Knowles to be the conductor, and to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hallow.

Mr. W. O. Jones was elected Ringing Master; Mr. R. G. Knowles was re-elected secretary, and Mr. W. Page appointed to represent the branch on the Central Committee.

After votes of thanks the ringers returned to the tower, where the bells were rung to several methods, including Grandsire Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Major.

A collection resulted in 21 shillings being sent to the treasurer of the Ringers' Memorial Window Fund.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, Oct. 24th, in 40 minutes, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1267 changes): Miss A. M. Jordan 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, S. Abrahams 3, Miss A. Brown 4, F. J. Porch 5, P. C. Williams 6, F. Tyler 7, \*D. Waterman 8. \* First quarter-peal.

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