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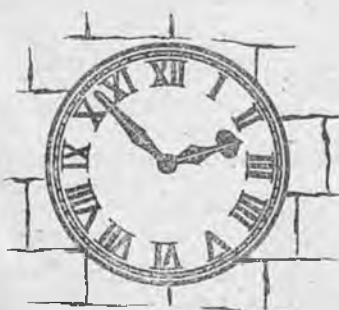
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### RINGERS AND CHURCH COUNCILS.

A letter which appears in another column, from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council (who, all will hope, will have a speedy recovery from the results of his recent accident), is a reminder to ringers of their duty to ensure that their names are on the electoral roll of their respective parish churches. Since the passing of the Act, which set up the new representative organisations of the Church, the management of church affairs has become much more a matter for the laity, who now have a greater voice in the concerns of the church than formerly, and as ringers are responsible for what is recognised as an important piece of church work, and have charge of valuable church property, it is wise that they should be represented on the Parochial Councils.

This matter has been urged before, but it needs emphasising again, for there are doubtless many parishes where no representative of the ringers has a place upon the Council. It is true that the appointment of ringers to the belfry is still a matter entirely in the hands of the incumbent—it was specially so left by an amendment to the original Bill—but that does not alter the fact that important matters affecting the belfry may come before these Councils, and unless the ringers are directly represented their point of view may be entirely lost sight of.

Another reason why ringers ought to be directly represented on these Councils is that those responsible for the affairs of the church would thereby be reminded that the ringers are a recognised part of the church organisation—a point which is apt to be overlooked. A representative on the Parochial Council would add dignity to the ringers' position. It is also the first step towards securing that in all matters in which the bells or the ringing are likely to be affected, the voice of the ringers shall be heard in the Ruri-Decanal and Diocesan Conferences, and, indeed, in the National Assembly itself. But the primary essential is that ringers should see that their names are on the electoral roll of their parish, and Mr. Young's letter comes as a timely reminder that the opportunity for doing so is before Easter.

Another subject indirectly connected with this matter is that of securing representation on Diocesan Advisory Boards. The Central Council took this matter up at their last meeting, but it is not at all certain that in every diocese there is a person with a knowledge of bells and ringing sitting on these important bodies. By working through their Parochial Councils and Ruri-Decanal Conferences, ringers can help to bring about such an appointment where it has not already been made.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

DENBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... .. Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 2	WALTER WALLACE ... .. 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 3	G. CECIL WALLACE ... .. 8
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 9
ERNEST H. CLARKE ... .. 5	GEORGE H. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.

Rung as a compliment to J. F. Smallwood on the 15th anniversary of his wedding.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HENRY PRING ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7
* MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WALTER BROWN ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 6
JAMES ADAMS ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. James Adams, who was returning to Australia on January 3rd, the ringers wishing him godspeed. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Brown.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT W. HIEBERT ... Treble	HARRY H. MANCE ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALBERT E. DARNELL ... .. 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal of Surprise upon these bells.

WYRARDISBURY, RUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE KILBY ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
CECIL MAYNE ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY KILBY ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
GEORGE KILBY ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7
CECIL MAYNE ... .. 4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 5
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7
FREDERICK ROGERS ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6
JOHN PERRY ... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.  
A birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

## STAFFORD.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

†BERT A. J. YEATES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 5
†RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 2	WILLIAM G. CURTIS ... .. 6
JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 7
ARTHUR A. TAYLOR ... .. 4	*ROBERT B. SIBERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with a bob bell. The age of the tenor ringer is 17 years; treble, 2nd and 4th are each 15 years old. The whole are Sunday Service ringers.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 4	JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... .. Treble	ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4	ALBERT RICHINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT CASTLE ... .. Treble	STEPHEN BAKER ... .. 5
FREDERICK CASTLE ... .. 2	FRANK VERNEY ... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
GORDON WEBB ... .. 4	ALEC WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of the tenorman's engagement to Miss Ambridge, of Lyminge.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. Treble	PERCY C. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. WADE ... .. 2	ISAAC LONG ... .. 6
SAMUEL JONES ... .. 3	JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. TYLER ... .. 4	HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by H. T. HOWELL.  
Arranged for Mr. S. Jones, of Newport, and rung as a compliment to Mr. P. Williams on the anniversary of his wedding.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 4	ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Messrs. Gwynne (Hereford), Poulton (Much Marcle), Voyce (Hentland) and Williams (Newent). The conductor's 100th peal, and 75th as conductor.

## DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

*DAVID SHATFORD ... .. Treble	†WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 5
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6
HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3	†TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
†SAMUEL BURDITT ... .. 4	†ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First attempt for peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First attempt as conductor of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Wednesday evening, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes, by F. D...ch), in 48 mins.: F. W. Elliott 1, W. E. Pitman 2, W. Wenban 3, L. Honess 4, C. R. Millway 5, R. H. Stevens 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells since they were rebung.

BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 5
JAMES GEORGE ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	FREDERICK CLAYTON ... 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., Vicar of this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... Treble	* ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	† HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	‡ WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 4	§ EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 60th peal this year. † 50th peal this year. ‡ First peal of Stedman. § 70th peal.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

SAM GREENHALGH ... Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY TODD ... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 5
ALPHAUS BERRY ... 2	WILLIAM BURROWS ... 6
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 3	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 7
HOBERT J. DAY ... 4	DAVID WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Fredk. Day, the band afterwards being entertained at the residence of Mr. H. Day.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN E. BEAMS ... Treble	AMOS W. CLARK ... 5
CHARLES E. READ ... 2	JOHN BEAMS ... 6
JOHN CRAWFORD ... 3	GEORGE MARRINER ... 7
EDWARD T. GROVE ... 4	WILLIAM FOULETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Colonel Norbury Pott, who was churchwarden at the above church for many years. He was also an hon. member of the Surrey Association.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.—On Saturday, Sept. 13th, after meeting too late to start for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Thurstan's 4-part), in 48 mins.: R. D. Marshall 1, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, F. G. Woodiss 4, J. E. Cooper 5, D. Cooper 6, G. H. Daynes 7, J. Dobinson 8.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 7
JOSEPH HERBERT ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition contains the 6th 24 courses each way in 5—6, and is now rung for the first time. It was the conductor's 1,000 peal, and was also a birthday compliment to Mr. F. I. Hairs.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

† THOMAS INGLEBY ... Treble	ALBERT HUNTER ... 5
* FREDERICK TINGLE ... 2	* RICHARD DUFFIELD ... 6
GEORGE WELLING ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
† WILLIAM DIXON ... 4	* JOHN ROMBOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, it being over 17 years since the last peal was rung upon them.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 5
* ERNEST PARSONS ... 2	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 6
RENNIE HARTLEY ... 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
† JAMES SMITH ... 4	JOHN WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN FITTON ... Treble	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 5
MRS. WM. CRABTREE ... 2	JAMES H. LEES ... 6
GEORGE STAFF ... 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
MISS R. A. BELL ... 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung as a compliment to John Fitton for his 70th birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Bell and Mr. Massey.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E,

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... 5
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Allen F. Bailey, who was on holiday from Manchester; also a birthday peal for the conductor.

FEERING.—On Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, R. Fisher 3, W. Knopp 4, J. Elliott 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Elliott 7, W. Arnold 8.



FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. G. Brett and L. C. Wightman. First attempt for a peal as conductor.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

\* First Surprise peal on eight bells.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	JAMES GROUNDS ... 5
FRED ABBOTT ... 2	GEORGE PINCOTT ... 6
JOHN BOOTH ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

## GREENWICH, LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble	WILLIAM BERRY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	WALTER N. ASHEY ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 7
ALFRED E. BACON ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

Rung for the Watch-Night service at this church, at which the Bishop of Woolwich officiated

## ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*CHARLIE DENYER ... Treble	†ALBERT J. CROUCHER ... 5
†MISS NANCY DENYER ... 2	MISS HILDA M. MILLS ... 6
†MISS ADDIE A. FISHER ... 3	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 4	*GEORGE T. PETO ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung by an entirely local band. \* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Watch-Night service. It was also the conductor's 100 peal. The ringers of the treble and 2nd are respectively 13 and 14 years of age, and great credit is due to them for the masterly way in which they handled their bells throughout the whole of the peal.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CECIL HALLOWS ... Treble	FRANK FOX ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
HARRY LEWIS ... 3	ARTHUR NEWALL ... 7
EDWARD HARRISON ... 4	ARTHUR HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN DENNER ... Treble	SAMUEL OAKES ... 5
ALFRED POTTER ... 2	JAMES BOLTON ... 6
*BEN WELSHY ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
JAMES DENNER ... 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers were invited to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Burton, who were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Four Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8064 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
SAMUEL HARRISON ... 2	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6
JNO. A. BREARLEY ... 3	JNO. R. BREARLEY ... 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 4	WM. HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JNO. R. BREARLEY.

This is the longest peal in the method by the Yorkshire Association.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*GEORGE PETTER ... Treble	HENRY HUTTON ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2	HARRY BURDOCK ... 6
†GEORGE W. STEERE ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
†JOHN A. COLE ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, for the Watch-Night service.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 200th peal.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

W. BROADLEY ... Treble	*ROLAND PARK ... 5
*R. H. JOHNSON ... 2	N. W. PARK ... 6
F. W. JOHNSON ... 3	*A. F. WEST ... 7
W. DOWSON ... 4	H. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by HY. JOHNSON.

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. A. F. West elected a member of the above association before starting the peal.

LONDON. — On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Parrott (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Marlin 2, G. W. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, L. Hills 6, J. R. Gammon 7,

## CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 4). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. This was Mr. Harry Chapman's 500th and Mr. W. Bibby's 100th peal. The heartiest congratulations of the band were tendered to them after the performance.

## BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*HARRY L. SMITH ... .. Treble	ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARK ... .. 6
†ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESAINT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major, first in the method, and first attempt. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells since they were re-hung. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	CHARLES DEAN ... .. 6
GEORGE SHUKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Marshall was elected a member of the association before starting. The above was rung after meeting short for a ten-bell peal, and was the first peal of Triples on the bells.

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CHARLES... .. Treble	JESSE GILLET ... .. 5
OLIVER THOMAS ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
CHARLES GOULDING ... .. 3	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	HENRY CHRISTIE... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Arranged specially and rung as a compliment to the father and mother of the ringer of the 2nd, who have just celebrated their golden wedding.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S VARIATION OF J. W. WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	GEORGE CHAPLIN ... .. 5
GEORGE H. PEERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. MARKS ... .. 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3	JAMES PRATT ... .. 7
CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. 4	CYRIL PRATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. John Jagger, of Oldbury, and Charles Chapman.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.†

BENJAMIN PATMORE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 4
HENRY WALLACE ... .. 2	NATHAN PATMORE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CARTER ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung upon the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. Patmore, parents of the Brothers Patmore. It was W. H. Lawrence's 150th peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, and two 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 4
JAMES BETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD... .. 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday peal to F. Hayward.

ASHCHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire Minor, and two each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT HARRIS ... .. Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD ... .. 4
FRANCIS MILES ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. HARRIS ... 5
THOMAS HARRIS ... .. 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE ADDISON... .. 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5
*JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## EAST HAGBOURNE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE FLEUR DE LYS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES BUTLER ... .. 1—2	*JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 5—6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3—4	*WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witnesses: R. G. RICE and E. E. NAPPER.

\* First peal of Major, and first peal in hand.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRED HODGSON... .. 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3—4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7—8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by W. BARTON.

Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

\* First handbell peal.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A most interesting gathering of ringers took place at Ordsall and East Retford on Boxing Day, to keep up the old custom of ringing these bells for the Christmas festival. Ringers attended from Auston, Workson Sutton-on-Trent, Scotter, Gainsborough, Stockwith, Rotherham, Ordsall and East Retford. Five from Gainsborough, with the writer of these notes, met early at Ordsall for the purpose of attempting a 5,040 on the bells in honour of the hon. secretary's 31st wedding anniversary, this being his birthplace. In consequence, however, of a wedding taking place at 10.30 a.m., and having to wait 90 minutes, the attempt was abandoned. Nevertheless, a nice 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, commencing as the newly-wedded couple were leaving the church. The following methods were rung up to 12.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal: Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise. A visit to East Retford at 1.30 p.m. found Mr. J. Segar in attendance ready to welcome the visitors. He tapped a course of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and also took part in some touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Stedman Caters and Double Norwich refused to go, and the ten bells were lowered in peal. The members were pleased to welcome the appearance of two lady ringers, and Mr. Briggs, of Rotherham, and Mr. H. Warburton, late of East Retford, all of whom took part in the ringing. A most enjoyable day was spent, and the ringers accord their hearty thanks to the Vicar of East Retford and the Rector of Ordsall for placing the bells at their disposal. H.H.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this Association was held at South Shields on Friday, January 2nd. Members were present from Sunderland, Gateshead, North Shields, and the local band.

Mr. J. W. Parker (in the absence of Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president) presided over a short meeting after tea, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Hilda's for the use of the bells. Gateshead was suggested as the place for the next meeting.

**WEST HAM.**—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 512 Grandsire Triples: J. Waghorn (conductor) 1, A. Ssambler 2, J. Scholes 3, — Easter 4, F. Newman 5, A. Baynes 6, G. Hayden 7, G. Potter 8.

**MR. W. POSTON'S 100 PEALS.**

Mr. W. Poston has rung his first century of peals, chiefly as the result of pioneer work for the Hereford Diocesan Guild in the Ross district, where formerly the mere idea of turning the tenor in to Minor was looked upon as absurd by the majority of ringers. In the 75 peals conducted, 19 ringers have been put through their first peal of Doubles, 35 through their first peal of Minor, and 10 through their first peal of Triples. At Bridstow, in 1910, the scheme for adding a 6th bell and recasting four old bells was initiated, and all the funds personally collected. All the band at Bridstow were taught from handling a rope to ringing a 14 method peal, including London and Cambridge Surprise. In 1924 the scheme for adding two trebles to complete the peal of eight was initiated, and has been successfully carried through.

	Rung.	Conducted.	
Doubles: 1 method .....	16	12	
3 methods .....	1	—	
4 methods .....	1	—	
Minor: 1 method .....	37	34	On handbells, cond. 2.
2 methods .....	4	2	
3 methods .....	4	3	
4 methods .....	2	2	
5 methods .....	4	3	
7 methods .....	6	4	1 all-conducted.
9 methods .....	1	1	
10 methods .....	1	1	
12 methods .....	1	1	
14 methods .....	1	1	
Triples: 1 method .....	18	11	
Major: 1 method .....	3	—	
Total ...	100	75	

Rung in 29 towers, with 100 different ringers.

**CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR IN DEVON.**

At Holbeton Parish Church, on Saturday, December 27th, in 27 minutes, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by W. Richards 1, W. Wonnacott 2, T. Myers 3, W. Rundle 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in any Surprise Method by a band of ringers all members of the Guild of Devonshire ringers, and all resident in the county of Devon. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Guild.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A 'double-handed' peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was rung on Monday at Long Stanton, Cambs, in which the Vicar's two talented sons, John and Christopher Woolley, took part, with Mr. G. W. Cook.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. Alex. Young) is still in Lewisham Hospital as the result of his accident. His injuries, which were extremely painful, were caused through a plank giving way while he was inspecting a building, and precipitating him into a trench.

The accident happened at exactly twelve o'clock on the 12th day of the 12th month of '24—a singular coincidence—and a correspondent who has visited Mr. Young, and found him cheery and progressing favourably, hopes that he may be discharged from hospital on the 12th of this month.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Young is making good progress, although it will probably be some time before he fully recovers from the effects of the accident.

The St. Mary's company of ringers, Durban, South Africa, of which Mr. C. Clarkson, of 78, Windermere Road, Durban, is secretary, will be glad to correspond with any ringer who contemplates going out to Durban.

A 'long' peal of Stedman Triples is contemplated. No one, let us hasten to say, has yet found more than 5,040 changes, and the 'long' refers to the ringers and not to the number. A band of 'six-footers' has been organised for a peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. It is not true, however, that some of the ringers are so tall that wells will have to be sunk in the floor for them to stand in so that their hands will not come in contact with the ceiling, when the bells go up at back stroke!

The Sheriff of Nottingham, a leading solicitor in the city, replying to an invitation to attend the W. D. Crofts Memorial Dinner, has written, 'I shall be pleased to take advantage of an opportunity of meeting the gentlemen who ring the changes much more pleasantly than is the case when I meet them professionally.'

Mr. Philip Hodgkin writes that the peal of Oxford 'Treble Bob Royal at Maidstone, recorded in our last issue, was not the first in the method on the bells. The first was accomplished on Nov. 15th, 1784, when the College Youths rang 5,040 Old Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours 40 minutes.

The weight of Chard tenor is 28 cwt., not 23, as recorded last week.

Those who follow the development of change ringing in the West will read with interest of the first 720 of Cambridge Minor rung by a resident Devon band. This is a promising, if small beginning, for the 2nd half-century of the Guild's history, and is we hope, the precursor of a new development in ringing in the county of cream and cider.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, has the proud record of having now rung for 40 consecutive years (with one exception when D.O.R.A. was in operation) for the early celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day, and on New Year's Eve.

The first known peal on ten bells was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, on January 11th, either in the year 1716 or 1717. This was Grandsire Caters, but the ancient board recording the performance disappeared when the church was repaired in 1796. The peal was rung by the London Scholars, and was supposed to be the only peal of Caters rung while St. Bride's contained ten bells.

A peal of 6,048 'Imperial the Third' Treble Bob was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on January 13th, 1772.

Samuel Thurston, of Norwich, conducted a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Redenhall, on January 13th, 1838, 'on the 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society.'

The first peal of Forward Maximus was rung on January 13th, 1903, at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On January 15th, 1774, a peal of 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

The dedication of the bells of St. Peter's Church, Burnley, which have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will take place on January 17th.

As far as records have been kept, we believe that Mr. Frank Bennett is the sixth ringer to reach the one-thousand-peal mark. The others were the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. William Pye, Mr. I. G. Shade, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, and Mr. George Williams.

Listeners throughout the British Isles, and, doubtless many on the continent, heard the New Year heralded by the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The ringing at this church, after midnight, was broadcasted very successfully, and although other things were superimposed upon it, the bells made a most appropriate background for the occasion. This was, we believe, the first time that St. Martin's bells have been broadcasted when actually rung, although their chiming has frequently been heard.



## RINGERS AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the last Central Council meeting, it was held to be very desirable that ringers should take every opportunity to secure that representatives, conversant with bells and their hanging, and also change ringing, be elected to the various Councils, conferences, etc., to do with the above.

As the time for action is between the New Year and Easter, organised ringing centres, throughout the country, should now take such steps as will attain the desired result.

The Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, provides for the administration and government of the Church. There are constituted three 'Houses,' i.e., Bishops, Clergy and Laity. In respect to the last named the following extracts may be of use, viz. :—

1.—The laity shall meet in Parochial Church Meetings, and be represented (1) in Parochial Church Councils; (2) in Ruridecanal Conferences, where they exist; (3) in Diocesan Conferences; and (4) in the House of Laity of the Assembly.

2.—All representatives must be actual lay communicant members of the Church of England of twenty-one years of age and upwards, but, except in the case of Parochial Church Councils, need not be qualified electors in the area by or for which they are elected. No candidate may be elected at any election who has not previously consented to serve in the capacity for which he or she is a candidate. All representatives may be of either sex.

Section 3 provides for an electoral roll, a copy of which should be fixed to the church door. On this roll all regular attendants at the church, whether resident or non-resident, are entitled to be placed (being over 18 years of age). Ringers should at least a fortnight before the annual parish meeting, see that their names are on the roll. They should then endeavour to elect some of their number to the Church Council, and further to see to be represented upon the Ruridecanal Conference. From these, latter members are elected to form the important Diocesan Conferences, and, again, from these latter are elected the members of the House of 'Laity.'—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

## MR. JOSEPH JOYNES.

## DEATH OF AN OLD EAST RETFORD RINGER.

By the death of Joseph B. Joynes, the ringers of East Retford and district lose one of the most amiable and the kindest of men that ever handled a bell rope. His uprightness and honesty of character, his bright and cheerful disposition, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The deceased was a ringer of marked ability. He joined the East Retford ringers in the early eighties, and confined all his good ringing to his own native town. His many ties caused him to give up ringing in the year 1911, when he conducted his last peal. In 1890, when the East Retford bells were rehung and two new trebles added to make a ring of ten bells, a new band of ringers was formed by the Vicar, the late Canon Elsworth, and Mr. Joynes became its first captain, a position he held up to 1893. Some of his best ringing performances on the bells he loved so well were the conducting of the first peal of Grandsire Caters by an East Retford company, and the funeral peals of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII.; also the conducting of Holt's Original, of which peal he was very proud. By his death, the Northern Rubber Company also loses one of its oldest employees, he having served them for over 47 years. He was a foreman in the lathe department, and was universally respected.

The deceased, who was in his 60th year, had taken a great interest in religious and social matters in the town, of which he was a native. As a boy he sang in East Retford Church choir. On the opening of the new church of St. Alban, London Road, where he resided, he became a sidesman, a teacher in the Sunday School, and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He belonged to the Victory Lodge of Oddfellows (M.U.), and was, up to his death, a sick visitor of the juvenile section. He was also a member of the old St. Swithin's Cricket Club, and had played for the club connected with the rubber works, while in later years he acted as an umpire in the Bassetlaw League. He leaves a widow and five sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of a good husband and loving father. The funeral took place at Ordsall on Monday week the Rev. A. Morris (assistant curate of East Retford Church) and the Rev. E. Collett officiating.

A muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of East Retford Church by eight of his old colleagues: A. Swannock, E. Collingburn, R. Miles, H. Haigh (conductor), A. T. Winter, H. Warburton, T. Spurr, G. W. D. Metcalfe. The ringers named above, together with Mr. G. R. Winter and Mr. T. Hercy Denman, were all members of the old company formed in 1890, and Mr. Joynes's death is the first among the band of that day. link is broken. R.I.P.

H. H.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## MEMBERS' UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual report of Lancashire Association, which covers the year to the end of August last, is an interesting publication with a mass of information. There were on the books 1,332 members, including 84 honorary life; 21 honorary; 208 non-resident, and 1,069 performing members, of whom 109 were elected during the year.

The financial statement shows a loss on the year's working of £11 9s. 9d., the total receipts being £67 1s. 11d., and the expenditure £78 12s. 8d. The largest part of this is incurred in printing the annual report, £51 9s. 9d. The real cause for the deficit is, however, that a large number of nominal members fail to pay their annual subscriptions. Last year, out of 1,069 on the books, only 698 paid their subscriptions. The accumulated fund of the association is rapidly diminishing. The association now possesses a balance of £10 3s. 6d. in the bank and £20 in war script, besides a stock of diagrams, whose estimated value is £11 7s. 6d. The total worth is, therefore, £41 11s.

The number of peals rung was 117, one less than the previous year's total, but in variety of methods equal if not superior to any previous record. Forty-one members rang their first peal, and 164 their first in a method.

## DEATH OF MR. JAMES WOOD.

## FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.

It is with regret that we inform the Exercise of the death of Mr. James Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, which occurred on Dec. 9th. He was in his 73rd year, and was Ashton's oldest ringer. A son of the late Mr. James Wood, and brother of Mr. Samuel Wood, also of Ashton-under-Lyne, the deceased commenced ringing at an early age, and had nearly 60 years' ringing to his credit. He had taken part in upwards of 200 peals, three of which constitute records. These were the famous long peal of Treble Bob Major at Mottram on May 18th, 1883, in 9 hours 48 minutes (16,608 changes); also a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Ashton Parish Church on May 29th, 1886, in 6 hours 55 minutes (10,075 changes), and the peal of Treble Bob Maximus also at Ashton Parish Church on April 17th, 1911, in 3 hours 39 minutes (12,240 changes).

Mr. Wood had a severe illness some five years ago, from which he never fully recovered. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of four sons and five daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. S. Lane, curate of Ashton Parish Church, and the coffin, over which were hung the handbells, was borne by his brother ringers. After the service, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave on the handbells by Joseph Mellor 1—2, James Adams 3—4, Samuel Wood (brother of deceased) 5—6, Benjamin Thorp 7—8, Samuel Booth 9—10.

With the bells deeply muffled, a touch of 571 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Ashton Parish Church after the funeral, by H. Stansfield 1, C. Bower 2, J. Mellor 3, W. Brammer 4, J. Shaw 5, G. Goringe 6, S. Wood (conductor) 7, B. Thorp 8, J. Leigh 9, A. Adams 10, S. Booth 11, T. Jackson 12.

## A CUMBERLAND EXCURSION.

On Saturday, December 27th, seven members of the Egremont (Cumberland) band visited Broughton-in-Furness and Millom. The previous evening a gale of wind and rain spread over the north-west of the county, and the outlook for the morrow looked anything but promising. Anyhow, all braved the elements at 6.30 a.m., the rain having abated somewhat, but the wind was so great along the sea coast that after a certain distance had been covered a second engine had to be attached to the train to help. Arriving at Broughton some three-quarters of an hour late, the party were met by Mr. J. P. Barker, who conducted them to the church, and pointed out various interesting old-time items. The belfry is beautifully painted, and the bell chamber scrupulously clean, no grease or even dust was visible. Great credit is due to Mr. Barker, who, it was learnt, is responsible for this. The bells (eight, tenor 10 cwt.) were soon going to Bob Major, 336 being rung, followed by 576 Kent Major, Mr. Barker taking a rope in both touches. Before leaving, 360 Woodbine was rung on the back six. The party then pushed on to Millom, where full justice was done to dinner, as the last meal the visitors had had was somewhere between 5 and 6 a.m. Wending their way to the belfry, where hangs a nice ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), the party were met by some of the local men, and Bob Minor was attempted with some of them standing in. A 720 Woodbine was successfully brought round. Ringers from Broughton and Kirby had by this time turned up, amongst them being Mr. Clark, and 360 Kent Minor was rung. Touches of Plain Bob followed by ringers from Broughton, Millom and Kirby. Violet Minor was also attempted, but couldn't be persuaded to go, but 720 Bob Minor was rung, in which ringers from Broughton and Millom took part. This concluded the ringing for the day, and tracks were made for the station, home being reached about 8 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of both Millom and Broughton for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Brown, of Millom, for making the necessary arrangements, and to all ringers who contributed in any way to making the outing one of the most successful they have had.

## NEW BELL AT EYTHORNE, KENT.

DEDICATION BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

An event of much importance to the inhabitants of Eythorne, near Dover, took place on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17th, when the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated the new treble bell recently added to the old peal of four bells, the work having been carried out by Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., of Crayford, and the cost defrayed by public subscription of the parishioners and friends.

When the present Rector came to Eythorne, 30 years ago, one bell only, the tenor, was hung in the tower, two others being housed in outbuildings. In 1896, he had a new treble added, and the whole hung for ringing in a new frame, which was found large enough to take the new bell just installed.

The church was well filled for the dedication service, and probably no parishioner now living could remember any previous occasion when an Archbishop of Canterbury had taken part in a service in Eythorne Church.

A shortened form of service was used, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Basil Burrows), Miss Burrows presiding at the organ. Other clergy present were the Rev. Canon Thomas (Northbourne), the Rev. J. D. Bevan (Chillenden), and the Rev. A. T. Harre (Tilmanstone). At the conclusion of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' the choir and clergy, followed by the Archbishop, moved in procession to the church porch, where the new bell was dedicated, and rounds were rung on the five bells by local men, whilst the procession returned. The hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was sung, after which the Archbishop gave a short address. His Grace said that the bells of our churches were really more important to people outside the church than to those inside. Whether they came or neglected the summons to God's house to worship, they were reminded that prayers were being offered to Him who cared for them all. He said he had daily to deal with those who came from other lands, settlers from the Colonies, and elsewhere, and he was struck with the way they always said what they missed most was the sound of the bells on Sundays and days of public rejoicing, and how they welcomed them on their return.

The concluding hymn was 'Angel voices ever singing,' and the Archbishop concluded an impressive service with the Blessing.

As the congregation left the church, the bells were again rung by Messrs. H. Palmer, G. Merryfield, F. Brittenden, F. Windle and W. F. Elliott. In the evening, the first change ringing was performed by T. Groombridge, junr., W. E. Pitman, G. Merryfield, H. Palmer and W. F. Elliott.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows: Treble, weight 4½ cwt., 'Te Deum Laudamus,' Mears and Stainbank, 1924; 2nd, 5½ cwt., 'Venite Exultemus Domino,' John Warner and Sons, 1896; 3rd, 6½ cwt., Joseph Hatch made me, 1662; 4th, 8 cwt., 'Sancta Katherina Ora Pro Nobis,' W. Jordan, 1470; tenor (approximately 10 cwt. in A, 'Nomen Magdalena Campana,' W. Jordan, 1470.

It would be interesting to know if any two bells which have never been recast exist in any other tower of earlier dates.

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the correspondence which has appeared recently in your columns on the subject of the Washbrook Memorial, I was not aware, when I wrote to you three weeks ago, that the tower in which the memorial bells are to be hung had been definitely chosen. This knowledge might not, however, have prevented me from supporting Mr. Maurice Smith's suggestion, which I consider most appropriate.

I cannot help wondering if the suitability of Kidlington as the home of the memorial was considered by the committee, and I regret that I did not follow earlier developments which would have given me an opportunity of pressing the claims of Kidlington.

As the matter is irrevocably settled, I can only express my hope that all those who, like myself, would have preferred to see the memorial bells hung in another place, will sink their personal opinions and support to the best of their ability the fund, the object of which is to perpetuate the memory of one of our greatest ringers.—Yours truly,

HOWARD FREEBORN.

Chalfont, Dec. 31st, 1924.

## STONHAM ASPAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are no peal boards in the above tower, although, of course, several peals have been rung there in recent years. The earliest of which I have any account is a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on May 14th, 1894. I should say, however, that some were rung prior to this, and possibly Mr. Theodore Slater, of Glemsford, might be able to supply the information.

The bells are scarcely pealable at present, as the 8th goes very badly.—Yours sincerely,

W. C. RUMSEY.

## LANCASHIRE RINGERS' SOCIAL.

On Saturday, December 13th, the fourth annual social, held in connection with the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association, took place at Preston. In the afternoon, there was ringing at the Preston Parish, Preston St. Mark's, and Penwortham towers, where the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman.

Ringers and friends, to the number of 140, then had tea together in the Parish Church Schools, the catering being carried out by Mr. R. Broughton, who is also a Preston ringer. He was ably assisted by the Preston ringers, their wives, and lady friends.

After full justice had been done to an excellent meal, a slight alteration to the programme was made, as a Preston concert party who came to entertain the gathering, had another engagement later.

Immediately after tea, therefore, the quartette sang 'Comrades in Arms,' which they rendered in the best professional manner, and the party had to respond to an encore. This was followed by songs by Miss Heald, 'Another Day,' and 'A Devonshire Wedding,' which were sung in excellent style. Miss Heald is a daughter of the captain of the Preston ringers. The quartette then gave another item 'O peaceful night.'

Mr. E. R. Martin proposed that the heartiest thanks of the gathering be given to the party for their excellent entertainment, and this was carried with loud applause.

The gathering then divided, some taking part in a whist drive in an adjoining room, while the rest went on with the concert and dance, during which Mr. J. Watkinson delighted those present with humorous items, entitled 'The Egg,' 'The rest of the day's your own,' and 'Pilgrims of the night.' Mr. Wm. Nelson also sang.

The music for the dance and concert was provided by three of the Leyland Parish ringers, Messrs. W. Clements (pianist), J. Watkinson (violin) and P. Watkinson (clarionette).

Ringers were present from most of the towers in the branch, as well as Bolton and Wigan branches, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. The thanks of the gathering are extended to the Preston ringers, the artistes, and all who in any way assisted in maintaining the high standard set at the previous socials.

## PRESENTATION AT SITTINGBOURNE.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Michael's Church, Sittingbourne, on Thursday evening, December 18th.

In the presence of a number of the ringers of the Sittingbourne district, Mr. William Spice who is well known in Kentish ringing circles, was presented with a case of pipes, a tobacco pouch, and a set of razors, 'in recognition of his untiring energy and valuable assistance towards the promotion and advancement of the art of campanology in the district.'

The presentation was performed by the captain of the Sittingbourne band, Mr. H. E. Simpson, who, in a few well-chosen words, referred to Mr. Spice's ringing career. He had known Mr. William Spice, he said, for over twenty years, and whenever he had needed any assistance he had found in Mr. Spice a ready and willing helper. They were indebted to him for having arranged for them many evenings of enjoyment, and in order to show their appreciation of his efforts among them, they had assembled to ask him to accept that tangible expression of their gratitude and esteem. They hoped that Mr. Spice would live many years to continue his work among them.

Mr. Spice was, of course, completely taken by surprise. Expressing his thanks for the handsome gifts, he assured them that all he had done for the advancement of bell ringing had been to him a real 'labour of love.' It was indeed pleasing to feel that what small assistance he had given was so much appreciated.

During the evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire were brought round, but in spite of repeated attempts, the ringers could not reach the end of a course of Cambridge Surprise, although that method is by no means 'foreign' to the ringers of the district to which Mr. Spice belongs.

## THE FIRST 'JOHN' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your 'Belfry Gossip' of January 2nd, you state that the first 'John' peal was rung on January 2nd, 1904, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, but in the old peal book of the Society of Bromley Youths there is a record of a 'John' peal as far back as 1828. The following is a copy of the entry:—

October 15th, 1828.

A select band, whose Christian names were John, rang at Lewisham Church a complete peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes), in 3 hours 12 minutes.

John Read, Deptford .....	1	John Jones, Lewisham .....	5
John Willis, Greenwich ..	2	John Allen, Bromley .....	6
John Arnold, Deptford ..	3	John Bray, Lewisham .....	7
John Saunders, Bromley ..	4	John Green, Bromley ... Tenor	

Conducted by John Allen.

Yours faithfully,

ISAAC EMERY.

## ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

## MR. F. BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, rang, on December 27th, at Chiswick, his one-thousandth peal, and thus became a member of that very limited band of men whose peals run into four figures. A thousand peals is a proud record, and as will be seen by the list given below, Mr. Bennett's collection covers a great variety of methods.

Mr. Bennett began his ringing at Basingstoke, Hants, where he was a pupil under the late Mr. Harry White, in 1885. In 1887 he removed to Guildford, where he rang at St. Nicolas' Church, and was one of the new company formed there in the following year. Mr. Bennett rang his first peal, with three others of the band, on March 2nd, 1889, this being conducted by Mr. George Williams, with whom he was later so closely associated at Brighton, and who, it may be remarked, is himself also one of the few to score a thousand peals. Mr. Bennett's first peal as conductor was a peal of Grandsire Triples on October 3rd, 1889—the first peal by the local band. In the following year the first local peals of Bob Triples, Bob Major and Union Triples were added to the list. In 1894 two new trebles were placed at St. Nicolas' tower, and a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on them. The following year Mr. Bennett went to live at Brighton, where he became a member of St. Peter's company, at that time one of the leading Surprise bands in the kingdom. During the twelve years he remained in Brighton, Mr. Bennett rang no fewer than 409 peals, including the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster and Bristol Surprise ever rung.

In 1907, Mr. Bennett removed to London, where he organised a 'Surprise' band, which met with great success. Mr. Bennett was for some years hon. secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, which he represented on the Central Council. After a lengthy spell in the Metropolis, Mr. Bennett once more returned to Sussex, where he is continuing his peal ringing activities.

Appended is the list of Mr. Bennett's peals:—

## ON TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
In 7 Minor methods .....	4	
Union Triples .....	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples .....	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major .....	1	1
Grandsire Triples .....	60	41
Grandsire Caters .....	24	17
Bob Triples .....	6	3
Bob Major .....	67	44
Bob Royal .....	3	2
Bob Maximus .....	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	67	43
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	20	9
Kent Treble Bob Maximus .....	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major .....	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal .....	1	1
Stedman Triples .....	184	109
Stedman Caters .....	60	32
Stedman Cinques .....	11	4
Double Oxford Bob Major .....	2	1
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major .....	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major .....	137	72
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal .....	2	1
Forward Royal .....	3	3
Duffield Royal .....	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major .....	8	5
Westminster Surprise Major .....	3	—
Oxford Surprise Major .....	3	—
Gloucester Surprise Major .....	3	—
New Cumberland Surprise Major .....	11	6
Brighton Surprise Major .....	1	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major .....	1	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major .....	8	5
Superlative Surprise Major .....	127	61
Cambridge Surprise Major .....	84	55
Bristol Surprise Major .....	15	8
London Surprise Major .....	45	5
Cambridge Surprise Royal .....	5	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus .....	1	—
	976	536

## ON HANDBELLS.

Grandsire Triples .....	3	1
Grandsire Caters .....	4	1
Bob Major .....	7	6
Bob Royal .....	5	3
Bob Maximus .....	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	1	—
Stedman Triples .....	1	1
Stedman Caters .....	1	—
Total .....	1,000	549

Rung in 298 towers, in 21 counties, and for 18 societies. This list does not include one peal of Grandsire Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Waterloo Reverse Bob Major and four of Stedman Caters, the compositions of which were afterwards found to be false.

It must have been a matter of considerable pride and gratification to Mr. Bennett that one of his pupils, his own daughter, was able to take part in his one-thousandth peal. Mrs. F. I. Hairs inherits much of her father's great ability, and her performances, both upon tower bells and handbells, have placed her in the forefront among ringers (of both sexes).

## LYONSHALL RESTORED PEAL.

On Saturday, December 13th, a thanksgiving service was held, when the Bishop of the Diocese preached to a large congregation. About 10 or 12 years ago over £300 was spent on these bells, the work then being entrusted to a local man, but the Hereford Diocesan Guild has since that greatly enlightened the ringers and the parishioners on what was really necessary, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on the subscribers and the collectors (Mr. J. Bell and Mr. J. Bowen), who both worked with a real zest to collect the £350 required to carry out the complete restoration. This consisted of new steel frame, ball bearings and new rubber studded clappers, the work being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After the service, the bells were rung for a short time by the local band; then the assembled ringers all adjourned to tea at the Memorial Hall, about 50 sitting down, representing ten different towers, viz., Clifford, Eardisley, Almeley, Kington, Staunton-on-Arrow, Eardisland, Dilwyn, Weobley, Kimbolton, Madley, and the local band. Among those present were the Rev. G. W. Turner (hon. secretary of the Hereford Guild) and Mr. C. Edwards (Guild Master).

After tea, the visitors returned to the tower, where various methods were rung until 8 p.m. For the purpose of testing the 'go' of the bells, a band met at the tower on Sunday, the 14th for a peal of Treble Bob, and after ringing three 720's of Oxford and nearly three of Kent, a trip occurred, which brought the peal to grief: J. P. Hyett 1, C. W. Taysom 2, T. H. Taysom 3, W. E. Williams 4, C. Edwards (conductor) 5, F. Smith 6. All agreed that this fine old peal by Rudhall (tenor 12 cwt.) could not be improved upon either in tone or 'go'.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT PENISTONE

On Saturday, December 20th, the dedication of the new peal of bells and clock took place (as already briefly reported), at Penistone, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The Vicar conducted the service, assisted by the curate. The Ven. Archdeacon Harvey, of Sheffield, dedicated the new clock, which takes the place of a very old one that had become the worse for wear, after many years of 'marking time.' The bells were then dedicated, after which suitable prayers were offered. Archdeacon Harvey gave a most interesting talk on ringing, which would, no doubt, clear away many queer notions held by the uninitiated.

After the Benediction, the Vicar announced that the old Penistone ringers would be the first to open the new bells, which they did by ringing a six-score of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This was followed by touches by visiting ringers.

The bells, a musical ring of eight, tenor 14½ cwt., by Taylor's, were much appreciated by all, the tone and 'go' being perfect.

Tea was generously provided by the Vicar and wardens. The first peal, as announced in the peal records, was rung by a mixed band, treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th ringers being from Bolsterstone; 3rd and 7th from Ecclesfield; 5th from Ashton-under-Lyne, and tenor, the enthusiastic and energetic leader of the young Penistone band. The peal, which was rung slowly, and well-struck, brought out the full music of the bells. The 2nd ringer deserves every praise, he being only 16 years of age. After the peal, the band was entertained to tea by Mr. Geo. Hill. The heartiest thanks are due to Mr. Hill for his untiring labours in arranging all the details, and bringing a memorable event to a successful conclusion.

The general opening of the bells will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24th.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

NUNEATON.—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative Major, two courses of Double Norwich, and three courses of Stedman Triples.—On Christmas Day, for service, 336 each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.—On New Year's Eve, a course each of London and Superlative, two courses of Double Norwich, and three courses of Duffield Major; and on Sunday evening, for Divine service, three courses each of London and Superlative Major by the following members: H. Argyle, D. H. Argyle, E. Martin, W. Martin, C. Draper, T. W. Chapman, J. Clarke, W. Horton, F. Brasington, A. Wilkerson, J. Thompson, A. Beamish, Miss G. Dodds and Miss P. Clarke.

ALDERSHOT.—On Christmas morning, for Holy Communion service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Denyer 1, Miss N. Denyer 3, Miss B. Mills 4, W. Denyer 5, Miss A. Fisher 6, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**BATTERSEA.**—At St. Mary's Church, for men's service, on Jan. 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: A. E. Clarke (first quarter-peal of Stedman 'inside') 1, C. E. Mitchell 2, H. H. Mance 3, E. E. Bish 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, A. G. H. Newman (conductor) 7, L. Baylis 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 462 in the same method, conducted by T. Upshall.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday evening, Dec. 28th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Small (first quarter-peal) 1, G. King 2, A. Booth 3, F. Morgan 4, W. Hoad 5, C. Creasey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, E. Mills 7, J. Goodsell 8.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Sweetland 1, H. Norman 2, A. Tout (conductor) 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, W. Knight 7, J. Carter 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Tarr.

**LONG STANTON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evensong, 408 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, E. G. Gleaves 2, H. J. Hazell 3, C. W. Woolley 4, F. Warrington 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

**WIGSTON MAGNA.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Humberstone (conductor) 1, A. Pacey 2, W. H. Humberstone 3, A. Roe 4, J. Carttr 5, G. Deacon 6, W. Brewin 7, F. Lloyd 8. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 50th year as ringer of the church; also to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 4th.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, Dec. 27th, at St. John's Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright 3, T. Little 4, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 5, F. Davis 6, T. Vaughan 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evensong, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, 720 Middlesex Surprise Royal: C. W. R. Grimwood 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 2, C. T. Coles 3, G. R. Prye 4, F. I. Hairs 5, F. Bennett 6, J. E. Davis 7, A. W. Coles 8, W. H. Hewett 9, W. Prye (conductor) 10.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes: the bells were half-muffled, as is the custom on Holy Innocents' Day: T. Compton 1, T. Peadry 2, H. Newman 3, W. Hale 4, C. Tovey 5, G. Walters 6, T. Canson (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**GRANTHAM.**—On Sunday, Dec. 29th, for evening service, at St. Wulfram's Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: T. H. Hall 1, H. Thorpe (conductor) 2, P. Turner 3, E. Nidd 4, R. Bottomley 5, S. Proctor 6, W. G. Thorpe 7, R. Pick 8. Arranged for H. Thorpe and R. Bottomley, who were on a visit from Keighley, Yorks.

**NOTICES.**

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and others welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The Annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tower open 3 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 14th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

**RAYNE RINGERS.**

The All Saints' Guild of Ringers, Rayne, Essex, held their second annual supper in the Old Schoolroom on Saturday. The Ringing Master (Mr. H. Redgwell) presided, and the health of the Rector was drunk.—The Rector, in reply, thanked the ringers for their excellent services.

Mr. H. Redgwell was again elected Master for the ensuing year.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, December 20th, when thirty members attended, representing towers from Bristol, Bath, Ilminster, Chewton Mendip, Chew Magna, Long Ashton, Shepton Mallet, Radstock, Midsomer Norton and Taunton. Mr. C. H. Jennings of Wyke Regis, was also present. Ringing started soon after 3 p.m. Tea was partaken at the Waldegrave Arms, after which the business meeting was held.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Bensley) presided, in the absence of the Master, through illness. At the outset, the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the members, expressing his regret that illness prevented the Master from being present.

Six new members were elected.

The place for the next meeting is Milborne Port, on April 18th, if possible.

Mr. W. A. Cave mentioned that in the current number of 'The Ringing World' it was reported that Mr. E. A. Young, the secretary of the Central Council, had met with an accident which necessitated his removal to Lewisham Hospital, and moved a vote of sympathy with him, wishing him a speedy recovery.—This was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and the use of the bells and arranging the service, brought the meeting to a close.

Service was then held in the Parish Church, the Guild office being used. The organist and choir boys were present. During the afternoon and evening, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire, were rung.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**

The bells of Holy Trinity Church were rung on the last night of the old year, and they will not be rung again until they have been completely restored. During the early part of the evening several of the local ringers visited the Wesleyan Chapel, and rang selections on the handbells in the musical portion of the programme at the entertainment for the old people of Coalbrookdale, given by members of the Women's Institute.

At seven o'clock, the ringers met at the tower and rang several short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also touches of Bob Major. It was arranged to meet again at 11 'to ring the old year out and the new year in.' This has been the custom ever since the bells were put in the tower in the year 1854, only missing during the years of the Great War. Special arrangements were made on Wednesday evening for all ringers who came to have a ring. At 12.30 on New Year's morning the bells were lowered in peal. During the week-end the ropes will be taken off, and the bells will be chimed for the services until they have to be taken down for rehanging, etc.

A big effort is to be made to raise the necessary funds in the near future. About £130 has already been collected. Will ringers or other friends interested please take a £1 collecting stamp book of twenty 1s. tickets? They should apply to Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

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## NOTICES.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Rector of Mereworth, after service. Business meeting to follow.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Foundry bells open from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing year and general business, 4.30 p.m.; also other important business. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Brownedge, R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 7 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, January 10th, 1925. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m., at 4d. each. Meeting to follow tea.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at the Mitre Hotel at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 10th, bells being available 3 p.m. Service.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—The fourth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. F. G. Leaker, Vice-chairman: Mr. W. Knight. Ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas (10 bells) 4 to 5.30 p.m. Stedman Caters and Double Norwich peals arranged (2.30 p.m.) for all who notify me early. There are only a few tickets left (6s.), and these can only be obtained from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Cross Keys Cafe. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for January:—St. Clement Danes, Monday, the 19th, at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 12th, at 7.30. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Please reserve date now.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., 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 the 22nd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. J. Baghot de la Bere). Business meeting afterwards.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on 17th January. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend coming please notify me by 15th January?—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Iron Room. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Jan. 16th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me? All members and friends are earnestly ask to attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who notify me of attending not later than Jan. 14th. The business meeting will commence at 7 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscrip-

tions are now due. Reports to hand. Expecting a good muster of members to be present. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Leicester, on Thursday, Jan. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. — R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Cradley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know? Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Pheasant Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The following arrangements have been made for the next quarterly meeting at Long Eaton on Jan. 17th: Tower (8 bells) open for ringing 2.30 to 4.45, and after general meeting until 9 o'clock. Sawley tower (8 bells) open from 6 to 9. The committee meet at 4.15 at the Co-operative Cafe Committee Room. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Cafe, 2s. per head. General meeting to follow after tea, in the same room. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Geary, 25, Park Street, Long Eaton, Notts, by Jan. 15th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbys.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea by the Guild at the Swan Hotel at 5.30, followed by business meeting and social. — H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting afterwards. Bells ready at 2.30.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Luke's, Derby, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the year and discussion of various matters affecting the association. A good attendance is requested.—G. C. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise number requiring tea not later than the 14th inst.—P. Lane, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The suggested revision of the rules will be presented to the meeting.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first meeting of the year will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready early afternoon. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m., at a reasonable price, for all who notify Mrs. Jones, Market Place, Tuxford, Newark, not later than the 13th inst. Suitable buses and trams run.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. It is important that intending visitors should inform me, in order that satisfactory tea arrangements may be made.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who intend coming to tea please notify Mr. A. Clark, 209, Purley Way, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 14th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1925, at 7.45. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road Handsworth, Birmingham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this branch for the election of officers for 1925 will be held at Barwell, instead of Earl Shilton, the bells not being available at Shilton. Bells available at Barwell from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries on or before Jan. 21st.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Stan-dish; Walter Hughes, 3, 'Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. Tickets (3s. 9d. each) can now be obtained from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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