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A NOTABLE PERFORMANCE.

The record of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral last Saturday is the record of a great performance. The peal appears exactly as sent by the conductor, without any footnote whatever, but if ever a peal was worthy of comment such an achievement certainly is. It was the first peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells, which are the heaviest ring that have been rung 'all in' to a peal. Moreover, the tenor at St. Paul's is the heaviest bell ever turned-in to a peal by one man, and congratulations will be extended to the band of College Youths who made the successful attempt. It is some years since the first effort was made to ring a peal in this difficult method on the noble bells of St. Paul's, and the real merit of the performance can only be fully appreciated by those who have had experience in ringing a method of this character on bells of such a weight.

Peal attempts at St. Paul's Cathedral are only very rare occurrences, and we believe there have been but nine peals rung on the bells in the forty odd years they have been in the tower. At first it was considered that the tenor was necessarily a two-men job, but in course of time it was proved that not only was it possible for one man to ring this great bell behind to Cinques, but it was demonstrated that the bell could also be turned in singlehanded.

Peals of Kent Treble Bob Maximus have been rung in the past, and now at length a band of College Youths has added yet another great achievement to the many which have marked the history of the Ancient Society, while Mr. Alf. Peck, who rang the tenor to the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral in 1923, has once more proved his marvellous capacity to undertake a giant's task. Others there may be who could equal what he has done, had they the opportunity, but their number is extremely limited. On such a ring of bells as those at St. Paul's, however, every man who takes part fully deserves a share of the credit, and last Saturday's achievement will undoubtedly go down in ringing history as one of the most notable peals on record.

The performance recalls some other fine feats, such as Mr. William Pye's singlehanded task at Exeter Cathedral, when he rang the great tenor bell behind to a peal of Stedman Caters, and the achievement of a man like Mr. James George, who, when past 70 years of age, can turn a bell like Southwark tenor in to a peal of Maximus. Mr. James Washbrook, in his prime, performed some herculean tasks, among them the peal at Wells Cathedral many years ago. Then, too, there should be included those who have previously rung St. Paul's tenor singlehanded to peals of Cinques or Maximus, and those great achieve-

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ments like that of Mr. H. R. Newton, in ringing Bow tenor to London Surprise Major. We have giants among us in these days, and the traditions of the Exercise can provide nothing finer than some of the performances of the present generation.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5619 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

A. PADDON SMITH Treble	JAMES E. GROVES 7
ALBERT WALKER... .. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN NEAL 10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, arranged for the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, has the first 24 courses in four-course blocks in the tittums position, and 14 courses in the handstrokes home position.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 62 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN... .. Treble	HENRY G. MILES... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 8
JOHN THOMAS 3	JOHN W. GOLDING 9
HARRY R. PASMORE 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
HENRY R. NEWTON 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by A. B. PECK.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	* JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal on ten bells, and first peal of Surprise in any method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

JOHN H. SHOLICAR Treble	HENRY PYLES 5
* JOHN LUNHAM 2	* EDWARD ROTHWELL 6
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JAMES MARSH 7
* ROBERT LARKEY 4	JOHN GARDINER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

* First peal, and rung as a compliment to ringers of 2nd and 6th, who attained their majority on the 28th January and 4th February respectively.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 360 Double Court Minor.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Moss 1, S. Moss 2, C. Hall 3, A. Fuller 4, C. Honeywood 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Also 360 in the same method, with G. F. Honeywood 4th.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER WOOD Treble	*ALFRED C. GREENFIELD ... 5
ALBERT FIEST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
RAYMOND WOOD 3	PERCY DOICK 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	*WALTER WICKS Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

* First peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 56½ cwt.

HARRY FRY Treble	EDGAR LUSH 5
FRANK D. RICKARDS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
RONALD G. BECK 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
STANLEY CARTER 4	REGINALD BECK Tenor
	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

*JACK DOVE Treble	THOMAS LAW 5
FRANK ROLLINGS 2	JOHN METHERELL 6
*HARRY MARLOW 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First in the method, and first attempt. Also the first peal in the method, on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST NOY Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN H. SHOLICAR Treble	JAMES MARSH 5
*ERNEST FYLES 2	JOHN GARDINER 6
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JOHN PILKINGTON 7
*WILLIAM PILKINGTON 4	*JAMES DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. SHOLICAR.

* First peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

STANLEY HARRISON Treble	FRED GRUNDY 5
SIDNEY JAMES 2	THOMAS HOWARD 6
JOHN FREMAN 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
DANIEL HOWARD 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are from Swinton: the rest the local company. Rung as a birthday peal to the niece of the tenor ringer, Miss Mabel Dempsey.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK D. RICKARDS Treble	*WILLIAM G. MOON 5
WILLIAM OSMENT 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
HARRY SANGER 3	WILLIAM KEEVILL 7
CHARLES MILLARD 4	REGINALD BECK Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the approaching silver wedding of Mr. R. Whitehead, the captain of the local ringers.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	JOHN T. SCOTT 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 7
FRED BOWDEN 4	HARRY MULLARD Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Lady Garton, of Lythe Hill, Haslemere.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

C.S.M. W. ROWE Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	OWEN H. GILES 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A.P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER

Rung in honour of the induction on the previous day of the Rev. W. H. Hellier (formerly senior curate and ringer at North Stoneham) as Vicar of Chilworth.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Rotherhithe.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	JACK CARMAN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
ERNEST J. TRIMMER 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
WALTER GLOVER 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

WANDSWORTH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM S. LANGDON Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
ALFRED B. PECK 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 4	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

SAMBLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	JOHN BAILEY 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
JOHN T. Bimson 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (325).

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. T. Wright Broadhead, M.A., 12 years Vicar of this parish.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	JACK JUDGE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	WILLIAM STONE 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first in the method by the above Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES M. BAILEY Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for C.S.M. J. Bennett, R.M., who was spending a holiday in the district.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

First peal of Cambridge in North Wales, and by the association. Messrs. Jenkins and Bibby were elected members before the peal. Rung in honour of the election of the Rev. Canon Daniel Davis, Vicar of Bodelwyddan, to the Bishopric of Bangor. Also a birthday compliment to the association's president, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Glanadda, Bangor, and Messrs. A. E. Pegler and H. W. Wilde. Rung on the first anniversary of the 10,400 of Kent Treble Bob rung at Rhyl. R. Sperring's 300th peal. A. J. Hughes' 100th peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams for their kind hospitality after the peal.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE H. RICHARDS Treble	ALBERT GREY 5
IDRIS MITCHELL 2	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	SIDNEY RIDGEWAY 7
JACK DARCH 4	WILLIAM A. GULLEY Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES RICHARDS Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	†REV. ROBERT MARLE 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL 3	FRED HODGSON 7
*MISS HESTER BELL 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARKER. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ First peal in the method. F. Hodgson hails from Liversedge, Yorks, and is a non-resident member of the association. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor belong to Todmorden Parish, and the rest to the local company.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.)

†A. J. HURFORD Treble	G. COOKE 5
PERCY JONES 2	*G. H. MARTIN 6
W. PIKE 3	A. E. SLATTER 7
H. BROUGHTON 4	A. ADDICOTT Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Arranged for ringers of 1st and 6th. * First peal. † First peal in the method.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILBY HAZELL 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of W. J. Nevard, who rang his first peal in this tower on his 29th birthday, February 7th, 1885. W. Hazell was elected a life member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, ¹⁰

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS VERA ROBINSON Treble	*WILLIAM J. BROOKS 5
*FRANK LUSH 2	REV. C. W. C. JENKYN 6
JAMES R. MACKMAN 3	†WILLIAM J. PAICE 7
ARTHUR WIGGINS 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PAICE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Wokingham (the Rev. B. Long), and also Miss Vera Robinson.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. ELLIS Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES A. BUTTON 6
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
†STEPHEN W. CRABB 4	EBENEZER A. HULL Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London, Woodbine, Violet,
College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ALBERT FIEST 5
THOMAS ADAMS 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD,

This was the first peal of Treble Bob in seven methods on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED HUGHES Treble	ALBERT E. JONES 4
DAVID H. BENNETT 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM BEAVER 3	JAMES L. GOODE Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, five 720's of Kent Treble Bob
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FLOWERS BATTERHAM Treble	*STANLEY E. BENNETT 4
*FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 5
ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	*ALBERT H. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Batterham, wife of the
ringer of the treble.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and 1440 each of Canterbury Pleasure,
Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*LAWRENCE HALES Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM A. MILES 2	†WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal. This peal was specially ar-
ranged so that C.Q.M.S.G. Gilbert could conduct the 200th peal of Mr.
W. J. Walker, who gave the conductor such valuable assistance in
change ringing prior to his enlistment. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd
are local men.CASTLE DONINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford, and two of
Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK W. TURNER ... Treble	*GEORGE H. WILKINS ... 4
EDWARD JOYCE 2	JOHN W. BOOTH 5
†RICHARD A. HICKTON ... 3	ALBERT JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by A. JOYCE.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First as conductor. First peal on the
bells.LANGDALE, WESTMORELAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HAROLD HARDY Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
CHARLES E. WEBB 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
FURNESS WOODEND 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4
†THOMAS HAMMOND 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Arranged by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Also first
peal of Surprise on the bells.ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of
Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

†JAMES WITHERS Treble	WILLIAM DEAN 4
*FREDERICK BANTON 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
*FREDERICK C. AMOS 3	JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN COOKE.

† First peal. * First peal in three methods. First peal as conduc-
tor. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Amos and Mrs. J. Cooke.WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: 1 Double Court, 2 St.
Clement's, 3 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Oxford Treble Bob, 5 Kent
Treble Bob, 6 Double Oxford and Single Oxford, 7 Bob Minor.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DAVID SHATFORD Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4
TOM TEBBOTT 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	†ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BLACK.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

LONDON.—At All Saints', Wandsworth, on Dec. 31st, for Watch-
Night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: D.
Collins 1, L. Attwater 2, T. J. Holloway 3, H. N. Pitstow (conductor)
4, B. Bish 5, J. Rumley 6, W. S. Langdon 7, W. Gray 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 26 in G.
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

This is the heaviest set of handbells yet rung to a peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February, 3 1925, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ... 1-2 | *ERNEST BETTS ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

* First peal on handbells. Ringers of 1-2 and 5-6 hail from Liversedge.

SWINDON RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Mark's Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Tuesday, January 27th, touches of Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late J. Tazewell, a member of the band since the opening of the bells, twenty years ago: G. Lawrence 1, H. Wheeler 2, H. Hatton 3, J. Penny 4, S. Hopper 5, A. Hurst 6. Four of the above acted as bearers at the funeral on the same afternoon.

BELLS DEDICATED AT WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

At Willingham, a Cambridgeshire village, the old peal of five bells have been recast, and a new treble added. On Tuesday, February 3rd, they were dedicated by the Bishop of Ely (Dr. L. J. White Thomson). Other clergy present included the Rev. R. Copeman (secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary, Hunts District). After the dedication, rounds were rung by the local band: A. Huckle 1, E. J. Bonus 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. H. Frohock 4, N. Robinson 5, H. T. Frohock 6—all of them resident ringers. Following the service, 180 Plain Bob was rung by A. Huckle 1, C. W. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, H. T. Frohock 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, followed by a 720 Kent Treble Bob by A. Huckle 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. W. Cook 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Touches of Oxford and Cambridge Surprise were also brought round. Ringers from Over, Long Stanton, Histon and Cambridge were present.

The bells, which are in a new steel frame, have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and run in ball bearings. The 'go' is excellent, and leaves nothing to be desired. It is hoped, however, that a better circle will be obtained for the ropes in the ringing chamber.

PRESENTATION AT EXETER.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. David's Church, Exeter, on Monday evening, February 2nd. In the presence of the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Burkitt), Mr. Westaway (churchwarden), Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary pro tem. of the Exeter Branch, Devonshire Guild), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), Mr. W. J. Southwood (late hon. secretary), and the St. David's band, Mr. F. J. Davey was presented with a gold bell pendant and a fountain pen, both suitably engraved, to commemorate his having successfully accomplished the feat of ringing 100 peals, many of which he has conducted.

Mr. J. C. Oke, in asking the Vicar to make the presentation, congratulated Mr. Davey on his splendid achievement, and said, in addition to his having accomplished this feat, the presentation was also being made in recognition of his excellent services as Ringing Master at St. David's, and for his valuable help to the Guild.

The Rev. E. C. Burkitt, in making the presentation, heartily congratulated Mr. Davey, and thanked him for his services. He hoped that he would be spared to continue his work, and also that he would be able to make his total peals twice that number.

Mr. Davey, in reply, expressed his thanks. He said without the help of others it would not have been possible for him to have rung those peals, and he tendered them his best thanks. The greatest honour, he felt was when the opportunity occurred to get a young hand through his first peal.

THE W. D. CROFTS' COMMEMORATION DINNER. SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT NOTTINGHAM.

On Saturday evening, January 31st, the Nottingham Society of Sherwood Youths, at the Albert Hotel, held their annual dinner to the memory of William D. Crofts, who was the genius of the society 150 years ago. It was in every way a most successful function, a company of 84 sitting down. The Master (Mr. A. Coppock), who occupied the chair, was supported by the Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor R. A. Young, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Mr. C. Riley (churchwarden of St. Peter's, Nottingham), Mr. G. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. W. E. White, Mr. F. Blood (local secretary), and other prominent local ringers.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master congratulated the Beeston ringers on their initial performance of a peal of London Surprise Major, to which Mr. F. S. Price replied.

The 'star' turn of the evening was the able and witty response by the Sheriff to the toast of the City and Corporation of Nottingham. One point in particular he emphasised, namely, his delight in finding, in this mercenary age, a body of men who loved their art for its own sake, and not for any pittance that might accrue from it.

Another speaker always a source of pleasure and delight, the Rev. R. R. Wilkinson, regaled the company with stories of the difficulties of incumbents with their ringers in the year 1871. How thankful present day incumbents ought to be to the ringers' associations.

Mr. W. Willson should have replied, but indisposition prevented his attendance, and his presence was greatly missed. At very short notice, Mr. E. C. Gobey stepped into the breach.

The toast of 'The Sherwood Youths' was proposed by Mr. W. Hunt, who likened the revival of the society to the splicing of a bell rope, and he congratulated the Master on its accomplishment. This toast the Rev. F. S. Price, who is developing a raciness of speech, supported.

The programme was in capable hands, amusement being caused when the chairman called upon himself for a song. And such a song! At any rate, the weather has been a wee bit finer since. Songs were also sung by Mr. J. T. Bradley, Mr. J. F. Adkin, Mr. Matthews, and the Welbeck Quartette. Mr. W. Hunt contributed oboe and saxophone solos, with Mr. W. Taylor at the piano. Each dinner has been one better than its predecessor, and the committee tender their thanks to each and all for making this one such a success.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. EASTERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Sibsey on Saturday, January 31st, and proved one of the best meetings since the branch was set going again after the war. Members were present from Boston, Benington, Bicker, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Stickney, Wrangle, members of the local band, and also several friends from the Elloe Deaneries and Northern Branches. The Ringing Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) was prevented from being present, through illness. Ringing was commenced shortly after 2 p.m. This beautiful-toned ring of eight has recently been in the hands of Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and everyone remarked on the splendid 'go' of the bells. Various touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were successfully brought home.

A short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. V. Camplin Cogan), was held, and his address was most inspiring. Afterwards, the company was entertained to tea at the White Hart by the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, the chair, in the absence of the President (the Rev. J. R. Trotter), being occupied by the Rev. C. V. Camplin Cogan.

The President was unanimously re-elected. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. C. V. Camplin Cogan. —Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick, was again unanimously re-elected to the joint offices of secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. W. Lakin, junr., of Wrangle, was also unanimously re-elected as Ringing Master of the Branch, and Mr. Alex. Sharp as Guild representative.

Votes of condolence were passed with the families of the late Mr. Enos Clayton and Mr. John Sharp, the members standing in silence. The former at one time held the office of secretary of the Old East Lines Association, succeeding Mr. E. Mason in that capacity. The latter was a member of the Guild for nearly forty years. Both the deceased ringers were members of the Freiston band.

The Vicar of Sibsey was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality, for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. Leake was selected for the next quarterly meeting.

Two new ringing members were duly elected.

At the conclusion of the business, a touch of Grandsire Caters on Mr. Rupert Richardson's handbells was rung by the following: Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, W. Wood 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, J. W. Wood 7-8, G. Ladd 9-10.

The tower was again visited, and several touches in eight-bell methods, as well as some in six-bell methods and a touch of Stedman Triples, were brought round.

THE REPAIRS TO WYCOMBE TOWER.

The annual meeting of the Wycombe belfry was held on Monday week, when the members spent a pleasant and enjoyable time.

The officers for the year were re-elected as follows: President, the Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, M.B.E., M.A.); foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. Edward Markham; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitchen. Several new members were elected, the membership of the tower now standing at 22.

The finances were highly satisfactory, and among the grants made were 10s. to a former member, 10s. to the Washbrook Memorial, £1 to the Tower funds.

The repair of the tower, in its relation to ringing, was, of course, a great topic for discussion, but, unfortunately, no time could be stated as to when ringing would be resumed; though gratitude was expressed that ringing was permitted during the time the scaffolding was being erected. The work is being begun at the top first, Weldon stone being used for the mullions of the louvre windows, and the scaffolding will be removed gradually. There is a slight hope that ringing may be resumed when the louvres are finished.

Business over, the President kindly invited the members to dinner—a typical old-English repast—which was thoroughly enjoyed. After the meal, the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality. A hearty expression of thanks to the Vicar for this generosity, and his practical interest in the belfry generally, brought a very pleasant 'annual' to a close.

'A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD.'

A correspondent writes that our paragraph under the above heading was not accurate. In chronological order, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung by a local band in the county of Notts was a 7.040, at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Feb. 15th, 1774, conducted by W. D. Crofts. The first peal of Kent was also at St. Peter's, Nottingham, December 12th, 1836, conducted by W. Johnson; and, finally, the first local peal of Stedman lies to the credit of the Retford men.

We would add that the information which we used in our paragraph was supplied to us, and the sender was apparently unaware of the earlier performances.

Mr. H. W. Wilde writes congratulating the Beeston band, and inquires if Mr. Clifford, senr., is the oldest man to ring a peal of London Surprise.

CHURCH HAS TO REFUSE BELLS.**LIVERPOOL TOWER NOT STRONG ENOUGH.**

St. Barnabas's Church, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, is not, after all, to have the peal of bells which did service for so many years in the old Church of St. Peter, Church Street, Liverpool. At the morning service, on Sunday, the Vicar of St. Barnabas's, the Rev. J. Kirk Pike, prefaced his sermon with an announcement which, he said, he knew would be a disappointment to the congregation. It had been found that the tower of the church would not bear the strain of the bells.

Subsequently, in an interview with a representative of the 'Liverpool Daily Post,' the Vicar said the offer of the bells was gladly accepted by St. Barnabas's people, who never had any doubt but that the church tower was strong enough to carry them. An expert survey, however, had shown that this was not the case. 'Our disappointment,' added Mr. Pike, 'is very great, but we have to accept facts, and make the best of them. Those lovers of the bells who have kindly contributed to the fund for their being hung will be communicated with at an early date.'

It was estimated that the cost of hanging the bells would be £1,000. This was a heavy responsibility for the congregation, but they accepted it. A subscription list was opened, and there was no doubt that in due time the money would have been raised.

RINGER AND VERGER FOR 40 YEARS.

The funeral of Mr. Edward Lucas, of Shalford, Surrey, whose death, at the age of 69 years, occurred on January 22nd, took place on January 26th. The first part of the service, which was held in the Parish Church, where Mr. Lucas was for 40 years a ringer and verger, was fully choral, and was attended by many who had known him in his official capacities. The music included his favourite hymn, 'The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.'

The bells were muffled, and the whole pull and stand was rung 69 times before the service began, also for a few minutes while the cortege reformed to proceed to the cemetery. Immediately after the committal sentences had been recited, the ringers' beautiful farewell was given by Messrs. G. W. Steere, A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, W. R. Melville, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples being rung on handbells over the open grave. Other ringers present were Messrs. H. Hutton, C. N. Burdock, G. Petter, E. G. Heath, T. Streeter, etc.

Thanks are due to Mr. W. R. Melville, who at some sacrifice to himself made the necessary preparations for the ringing at Shalford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The company rung on Monday, Feb. 14th, 1731, a complete peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques, being the longest that was ever done, and in 5 hours and 19 minutes it was completed.' Thus the College Youths' record of a peal rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, when 'B. Annable call'd bobs.'

And it was February 14th, 1920, that the greatest number of changes in a twelve-bell peal was rung—13,001 Grandsire Cinques, at Painswick, in 8 hours 45 minutes.

The 'four nines' of Grandsire Major (9,999 changes) was rung at Oldham exactly one hundred years ago next Sunday, but from a note in Snowdon's 'Grandsire' it would appear that the figures of this peal eventually proved false.

Next Monday is the anniversary of two long peals, a 14,224 Bob Major at Aston, by St. Martin's Youths, on Feb. 16th, 1769, and 8,448 Stedman Cinques at Painswick in 1858. On Feb. 16th, 1790, a 6,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Cambridge.

London lost a peal of twelve bells on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1836, when Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire.

The College Youths rung a peal of 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch on Feb. 18th, 1777—one of the series of increasing lengths which were the outcome of the rivalry existing at that time between them and the Cumberlands.

The first peal of what we now call New Cambridge Surprise was rung at Huddersfield on Feb. 18th, 1822, and, as far as we are aware, no other peal in the method was rung until that at Burton in 1887.

At Warnham, Sussex, the first peal of College Single Major was rung on Feb. 18th, 1889.

Henry Haley, one of London's greatest ringers of the last century, was born at Bethnal Green on Feb. 19th, 1819. He took part in many memorable performances on tower and handbells, and rang, in all, 182 peals, of which he conducted 155 and composed 105.

'Little Bob' writes, with reference to the ancient dated bells at Eytherne, that in North's 'Bells of Northamptonshire,' and 'Bells of Leicestershire,' too, speaking of ancient dated bells, the author says: 'Two, richly ornamented and dated 1323, are in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Somercotes, Lincolnshire.'

At the annual meeting of the St. Lawrence (Thanet) ringers the other day, the record of the attendances was read, and it was found that the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., Hon. C.F.) had visited the tower 31 times during the year. Can any other tower boast of such frequent visits from their Vicar?

Ringers will see from a notice elsewhere that all ringing is suspended for the present at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London.

The peal at Long Melford, on Saturday, is an interesting link with forty years ago. It was rung on the 69th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who rang his first peal in that tower on his 29th birthday, on Feb. 7th, 1885. This was a peal of Bob Major, composed by the late Mr. Samuel Slater, and conducted by Mr. Fred Pitstow. His friends all over the country will join in wishing Mr. Nevard 'Many happy returns,' and health long to pursue his favourite hobby.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

HEAVY HANDBELL PEAL.

It is interesting to note that in the handbell peal at Leicester (reported elsewhere), the heaviest set of bells yet rung 'in hand' was used, the tenor being size 26 in G. The peal was rung at the first attempt. The previous records were on bells with size 22 tenor: Grandsire Triples, on April 20th, 1888, at Ipswich, and Stedman Triples on May 13th, 1914, at Guildford.

The peal had its amusing side, for after half-way the ringer of 5-6 could be seen hanging out signals of distress, by wriggling about and screwing up his mouth, through the soreness of his fingers, while, when a little later, a well-known part end came up, the tenor-man sighed, and said, 'I wish that was all.' The conductor cheered him up with the cryptic remark, 'only another few blocks to go,' and the last quarter not yet started on! He hung on gamely, and finished in fine style, even though minus several inches of skin from his fingers, whilst 5-6 had 'knobs' on his. The conductor guarded his delicate fingers by having them bound up beforehand, whilst 3-4 didn't seem any the worse, except for a little soreness.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bradford on Saturday, January 31st. The day's business commenced with the audit, conducted by Messrs. G. Titterton and J. Wotton during the morning. The fine peal of ten bells, cast by the famous Loughborough foundry, were rung in a variety of methods until 4 p.m., when the annual service was held in the Cathedral. Owing to the tempestuous weather, only some 130 visitors were present at the service, at which an encouraging and most interesting sermon was preached by the Vicar of Bradford (Ven. Archdeacon Jones). The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and, taking as his text, 2 Corinthians, v., 14 ('The love of Christ constraineth us'), the speaker stated that, owing to being out of sight, the ringers' ministry of joy was seldom recognised. The muffled bells reminded them of sorrows, while the joyous ringing at Christmas and the New Year reminded them of the saving of the world by our Lord, and the glory of the coming year. Bells were a beautiful accompaniment to the ministry, and change ringing was a splendid hobby, but the love of Christ must be the driving force behind any church work, however attractive it might be as a hobby. The ringers' part was the highest form of service, and must be regarded by them as being actuated from the highest motives. 'They that bear the vessels of the Lord must be clean.' The preacher urged his hearers to train and develop their spiritual character, so that their example might have a great influence on the young men, making for Christian manhood and the increase of spiritual influence.

A bountiful tea was afterwards served in the neighbouring Cathedral schools, this most enjoyable function being immediately followed by the business meeting. Apologies were read from Mr. Pryce Taylor, the Rev. E. Drage, and Messrs. F. Willey and G. B. Bolland, the two senior vice-presidents of the association, who were absent through illness.

Mr. J. Cotterell the retiring treasurer, was re-elected, with acclamation, on the motion of Mr. F. Cryer, seconded by Mr. F. Dale.—In responding to a hearty vote of thanks for his many services to the association, Mr. Cotterell urged the meeting to consider the advisability of getting new blood into the official work of the association, in order that the interest in the administration should not get too stereotyped.

The auditors having presented their report on the excellent state of the accounts and books, the balance sheet, which showed a gain of £11 0s. 11d. for the year, was accepted, on the motion of Mr. F. Dale, seconded by Mr. J. W. Cundale.

The annual report of the committee was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. J. Perfect, seconded by Mr. J. Cooper.

It was decided that the arrangements for the annual meeting should be left to the general committee.

The committee placed before the meeting an invitation from the Lancashire Association to hold a joint meeting at Todmorden, it being agreed that the invitation be accepted, and that the officers of the respective associations make the necessary arrangements.

The President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) announced that the Snowdon Memorial Dinner would be held at Leeds on Saturday, Sept. 19th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradford and his churchwardens for kindly granting the use of their magnificent peal of bells, also for the eloquent address and service in the Cathedral, was moved by the Chairman.—The local company and the ladies who officiated at the tea-tables were specially thanked for their services, on the motion of Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. F. Cryer.—This was replied to by Mr. J. Cotterell.

Mr. A. C. M. Field brought to the notice of the meeting the deplorable state of the bells at Knaresborough Parish Church, which are now totally unringable, and, owing to their being in an isolated district, great difficulty is being experienced in raising the necessary funds for restoration. He invited the various towers in the association's area to contribute as liberally as possible to the restoration fund, when the collecting sheets were issued.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, further ringing at the Cathedral, with an enthusiastic gathering subsequently at 'a house within the meaning of the act,' brought a most enjoyable day's proceedings to a close.

MR. W. J. WALKER'S 200 PEALS.

Mr. W. J. Walker, who has just rung his 200th peal, is one of those silent workers who go from one tower to another on practice nights giving very valuable assistance to many in their early stages of ringing, and the thanks of many ringers are due to him for piloting them through their first 720 of Bob Minor. Would that there were more like him.

His peals include: Minor (from 1 to 9 methods), 180; Grandsire Triples, 26; Bob Major, 8; Victory Major, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 15; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, *26; Stedman Triples, 31; Stedman Caters, 9; total, 200. Rung in 41 different towers. † Includes 10,080. * Includes 8,000.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT AND MEETINGS AT SIX-BELL TOWERS.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 31st. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. S. H. Clark, Vicar of Tonbridge, based on the inscriptions on the bells of the church.

Tea was provided at the Carlton Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber and Mr. A. M. Darling and Mr. F. D. Topham, churchwardens.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, which was considered satisfactory. In this he stated that there was a slight falling off in the number of members, compared with the previous year. One band, Shipbourne, had dropped out, but Hadlow band had rejoined. He also reported that a complete restoration of the bells had just been carried out at Brenchley by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The old six bells had been taken down, retuned, two new trebles added, and the peal rehung in a new iron frame. The two trebles were to be dedicated on Sunday, March 1st. He had offered, and the Vicar had accepted, the services of a band of members of the association for this occasion.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber said that he regretted that his band had dropped out, but he hoped that this was only temporary. The bells were rung regularly for the services, but there were only two of the original band left. The others were all young ringers, and they were all too busy with football or cricket to attend Saturday meetings.

Mr. W. Latter was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. F. White and G. Edwards were unanimously re-elected district representatives. Seven new practising members and two hon. resident life members were elected.

In selecting towers for meetings during the ensuing year, a discussion arose as to the claims of six-bell towers. The general feeling seemed to be that if the six-bell ringers would attend eight-bell tower meetings much more could be done in educational work than in holding meetings at six-bell towers. At the same time, it was felt that six-bell towers should not be left out, and as an invitation had been received to hold a meeting at East Peckham, it was ultimately decided to hold meetings at Brenchley, East Peckham, Cranbrook, Hadlow, and the next annual district meeting at Penshurst.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting, to the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, and the organist for their services, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to Mr. W. Steed for making the arrangements, were passed, and responded to by those gentlemen.

The members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

CLASHING MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 31st. The bells were kept going to various methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the church, with an interesting address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge). The curate (the Rev. A. V. Ledbury) presided at the organ. This was followed by a splendid tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, who presided, but was unable to stay for the business meeting owing to pressure of other duties.—Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and address, and for the splendid tea.—This was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. W. M. Browne, Vicar of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, kindly acting as chairman.

The Rev. W. M. Brown (Vicar) and the Rev. T. H. Pyke (curate), of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, were elected hon. members.

Eight new practising members and probationers were elected, and the election of two members previous to peals was confirmed.

Eltham and St. Mary's, Woolwich, were proposed for the next meeting, St. Mary's, Woolwich, being chosen. The hon. secretary was instructed to communicate with Eltham with a view to holding the summer meeting there.

The district representative on the Central Committee of the Association (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) read a report of the meeting held at Canterbury in November last.—This was adopted by the meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., asked if some arrangement could not be made to avoid the clashing of meetings of the various districts. He mentioned that there were four Kent County Association meetings on that date (January 31st).—This matter was left to the committee to deal with.

It was mentioned that the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, were to be rehung, and the chairman agreed to communicate with the general secretary of the association on the question of a grant from the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. M. Browne for presiding at the meeting, to the Rev. A. V. Ledbury for his services at the organ, and to the ladies who helped at the tea.—The Chairman responded, and this brought the meeting to a close.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**'BELL RINGERS' SUNDAY' SUGGESTED.**

The annual meeting was held at Doncaster St. George's on Saturday, January 24th. There was a fair attendance of members, and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, touches in the four standard methods being rung.

A short service was held in the Forman Chapel, and an address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, the president of the society. The text chosen was: 'Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the earth' (Romans 10, 18). The Archdeacon praised the art of change ringing, and said that, although he could ring a bell in rounds, he had never been able to master the art of change ringing because he "hadn't the brains."

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall, and the business meeting followed. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. A. Barham, who was supported by Mr. G. Halksworth, vice-president; Mr. G. Clark, Ringing Master; Mr. H. Woodhouse, J.P., hon. treasurer; Mr. H. Walker, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Reynier (representing the Barnsley and District Society), and Mr. J. Holmes (representing the St. George's Society).

The secretary's report was considered satisfactory, and approved. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of over £11.

The secretary was voted a gift of £2 2s. from the funds as a small token of appreciation of his services during the four years the society has been in existence. Mr. G. Halksworth was re-elected to serve another three years as vice-president.

Four new members were elected, and Adwick-le-Street was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

In his report, the Secretary said: The attendance of members at the meetings has not been so good as one would expect, and there is room for improvement in this direction. Perhaps the promise of a revival in trade in the new year and a consequent fall in the cost of living may reflect favourably on the attendance at our meetings in the future.

The number of names on our books is at present 182, but only 145 of these have paid their annual subscription. Fifteen new members were elected during the year, and we lost two members by death.

After only four years' working we have the sum of £11 15s. 2d. standing to the credit of the society. This shows that our financial affairs are in a very healthy condition. We have no object in view that we should accumulate such a large sum of money, and in my opinion the best use that it can be put to is to provide instruction for young ringers, either by subsidising the cost of books of instruction, or by helping to pay the expenses of an instructor.

SUGGESTED ADDITION TO DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Two peals have been rung for the society during the year, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a peal of Grandsire Triples. Progress has been made in method ringing, and at most towers in the district three or four different methods are practised. In method ringing we must adopt a progressive policy and not be satisfied until we can ring the most difficult methods for Sunday Services. It is almost impossible to make much progress in ringing on the higher numbers of bells, on ten and twelve bell peals, because we have not the bells to practice on. Our headquarters, the noble Doncaster Parish Church, is surely worthy of a peal of ten, or even twelve bells, and it is to be hoped that before many more years have been rung out, the additional bells will be installed.

During the year the bells of Thorne Parish Church have been thoroughly restored. Two members of the Bell Repair Advisory Committee visited Thorne on the invitation of the Vicar, and having made an examination of the bells and fittings, advised that they be recast and rebung with new fittings. The work of recasting and rebunging was carried out by J. Taylor and Co., to the satisfaction of all concerned. The peal is now the most up-to-date in the district. Canon Littlewood, the Vicar of Thorne, is to be congratulated on his keenness in getting the work carried out, it being the second time during his long ministry in Thorne that an extensive scheme of bell restoration has had to be undertaken.

I think it would be a good plan if in each parish where there is a peal of bells, one Sunday in each year should be set aside as a Ringers' Sunday. One hears of Choir Sundays and Special Services for this and that cause, but never of a Bell Sunday or a Ringers' Sunday. An annual service could be arranged with very little trouble, and a great deal of good might be done. Special sermons could be preached and special music sung, and the collections could go towards a fund for keeping the bells in decent repair. The idea is worthy of consideration by the powers that be.

Our relations with the clergy are getting more and more cordial as time goes on, and we seem to understand each other better. They seem to have only one complaint against us, and that is that we do not attend church often enough after we have finished ringing for service. Be this as it may, we as ringers have also a complaint against

the clergy, and that is, that they do not visit their belfries often enough. There are instances where incumbents do not visit their belfries from one year's end to another, and, what seems more strange, do not know who their own ringers are. This is not as it should be, and improvements would be of great benefit to all concerned.

Our loss of members through death has not been so heavy as last year, but we mourn the loss of one ringing member, Charles Scott, of Doncaster; and also one honorary member, ex-Alderman S. Balmforth, also of Doncaster.

NEARLY SIXTY YEARS AT ONE TOWER.**PRESENTATION TO FARNHAM VETERAN.**

On Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, a very interesting meeting of the ringers was held in the belfry of the Parish Church at Farnham, Surrey. The occasion was a presentation to Mr. E. Clapshaw, the esteemed captain of the band, of an umbrella from the Rector and bell ringers for his 80th birthday.

The Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), in making the presentation, spoke of Mr. Clapshaw as a good worker in connection with the church, and congratulated him on reaching such a good old age. Not only was he highly respected by everyone who knew him, but his more intimate friends and co-workers had an affection for him which was remarkable. The Rector went on to say that, although Mr. Clapshaw had reached the age of 80 years, he was quite young compared with the tower in which he rang, which was over 300 years old, the church itself dating back over 700 years. He then handed the umbrella to Mr. Clapshaw, with the very best wishes of himself and the whole of the bell ringers. The umbrella, which is silver-mounted, has engraved on a silver band, 'Presented to E. Clapshaw by the Rector and bell ringers of Farnham, on his 80th birthday.'

Mr. Clapshaw, in thanking the donors for the handsome gift they had made him, said they had been pretty cute about the matter, as he had not the slightest idea they were going to make him a presentation. They could not have given him anything more acceptable, and he should prize and value it very much. He said he had been connected with the tower as a ringer for a great number of years, and could tell a few tales about it if he liked to do so. He had seen many changes, and a good many members come and go. When he first joined the ringers there was no change ringing done, and until about 1875 he did not think there was much done in the Winchester Diocese. After that, however, change ringing was more practised, and eventually they had a band at Farnham who could ring Grandsire Triples. They, however, had some ups and downs, sometimes having a hand of change ringers, and at other times not, although at the present time they had got a band who held together, and worked together, and which he thought he could say was about the best band they had had during the whole of his career. In conclusion, he again thanked them all for the very handsome present they had given him, and hoped he would be able to put in a few more years to help the band ring for both service and practice.

Immediately after the presentation, 336 Grandsire Triples were rung by the following members of the local band: R. Knott 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

Mr. Clapshaw reached his 80th birthday on the 26th January, 1925, and in the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate it, but this unfortunately came to grief, through a shift course, after three hours' ringing, and within 196 changes of the end. The ringers were: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, C. Q.M.S. G. Gilbert 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

Although Mr. Clapshaw is 80 years of age, he is still a very regular attendant for service and practice ringing. He has been a ringer at this church for 59 years.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WIMBORNE BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, on Saturday. The Rector (Rev. Canon Blackett) gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, showed them some of the features of the ancient church, and gave a striking address on the service of the bells, for witness, warning and worship. The Guild office and hymns were accompanied on one of the finest organs in Dorset.

An excellent tea was provided at the Church Institute by Messrs. Bennet Bros. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Rector of Iwerne Courtney), presided, and there were members present from Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Iwerne Courtney, Lytchett, Minster, Poole, Wareham and Swanage. During the afternoon and evening there was some useful practice in Grandsire, Kent and Double Norwich, and all our readers would have enjoyed that touch of Stedman, as heard about 7.30, through the full moonlight from the North Gate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE DISPOSAL OF FUNDS.

A most enjoyable and successful afternoon and evening were spent at Woodhouse Eves, on the occasion of the Loughborough District meeting on Saturday. The village is rather an 'outlandish place,' situated right in the heart of the Leicestershire hills, and outside attendance was, therefore, rather poor, but the local ringers turned up in good force, when, soon after three o'clock, the beautiful peal of six bells were raised, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles brought round.

At the business meeting, lively discussion took place regarding the way in which the association's money might be spent.

Mr. Harry Haynes, the local tower secretary, stated that he hoped the Central Committee of the M.C.A., when they met in March, would consider how best to dispose of a little portion of the money they had in hand. It would be a great advantage if the Central Committee would make a grant to local district secretaries to use for bringing a band to such towers as that to which he belonged, for the purpose of helping to teach the young ringers, who were at present drifting away for the want of outside support.

The district secretary endorsed this idea, which will be put before the committee.

The next practice meeting is fixed for Woodhouse Eves, in a fortnight's time, and the usual monthly meeting will be held at Kegworth.

Mr. Arthur J. Berry was elected a member of the association, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. Hilley).

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Nottingham district was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 31st. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30, but owing to weather conditions and counter attractions, in the form of cup-ties (both the big local football teams being engaged), the attendance suffered, only 24 members being present out of a total membership of 183, which was very discouraging to the officers who had been doing their best to make a record meeting. Ringing in various methods was indulged in up to 4.15, when those present attended evensong, conducted by Canon Field, D.D., Vicar of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was held in the large vestry, kindly lent by Canon Field for the occasion. Members attended from the following towers: St. Mary's, Nottingham (4); Sutton-in-Ashfield (5); Mansfield (2); Ilkeston (3); Greasley (1); Lenton (1); Bottesford (2); Barton (1); Daybrook (2); Southwell (1); St. Peter's (1); Hough-on-the-Hill (1). Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president) presided.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Blood) read his report of the year's work, in the course of which he said 11 monthly meetings had been held during the year, and all were fairly well attended. The association had been entertained during the year by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), the Rev. A. Chaplin (Colgrave), and the Rev. S. J. Gallo-way (Greasley), and these gentlemen were heartily thanked for the kindness. The last meeting of the year was followed by a lecture given by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of St. Peter's, Mansfield, on 'Church bells and bell founders of Notts,' and this was greatly appreciated, the hope being expressed that other lectures of the kind would be given in the future. Hon. members had increased from 21 to 30. The ringing members on December 31st, 1923, numbered 167; joined during 1924, 33; lapsed, 5; transferred, 3; elected hon. life members, under new rule of reaching 70 years of age, 4; transferred to non-resident members, 3; deaths, 2; leaving a total of 183 on December 31st, 1924. The receipts amounted to £25 10s. In honorary and ringing members, and finance, this constitutes a record for the branch, and only eight members were in arrears on December 31st. One new tower was added, viz., St. Mary's, Nottingham. Two members were lost during the year by the death of Mr. J. Iliffe, a much-respected member of the Ilkeston band, and Mr. W. J. Sevier (known as 'the prophet'), who passed away in November, after a few days' illness.

The Chairman also mentioned the loss of the two ringers named, and the members stood in silence to their memory.

The question of the Sevier Memorial was left over until the next meeting, after discussion.

The following officers were then elected for 1925: Vice-president, Mr. A. Coppock; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Blood.

Nominated for committee: Messrs. F. W. Bailey, W. E. White, E. C. Goby. The voting resulted as follows: Messrs. Bailey, 15; White, 8; Goby, 17; and Messrs. Bailey and Goby were declared elected.

Three places were proposed for the next meeting: Daybrook, Bingham and Mansfield, and the first named was selected, the meeting to be held on Feb. 28th.

Various other matters were left over until the next meeting, including the proposed alteration of rules, quarterly meetings and monthly practices.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Field for the use of the bells, and for allowing the use of the vestry for the meeting, was unanimously carried, and the meeting then closed.

BELL HANGERS & ODD-STRUCK BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to carry the subject of my brother's letter on 'false' bells a step further.

Many ringers seem to think that there is a certain amount of chance in connection with bell hanging as to whether a bell will strike falsely or not. In my opinion this is not the case.

I consider that if, when the bell hangs in 'down' position, the lip lies symmetrically and horizontally about a perpendicular dropped from the axis of the gudgeons and midway between them, and the knuckle joint of the clapper is fixed symmetrically about this perpendicular, then the bell will not be false. Now, such a simple geometric construction as this could as easily be applied to bell hanging as to any other department of engineering. Yet we find new bells not only striking falsely, but very falsely.

What is the reason for this? It is, I think, that some bell hangers, like a good many other artisans, do not always do their work thoroughly unless they are well looked after.

The benefits derived from having true striking bells are twofold. First, it is easier for young hands to learn on them; in the second place it is easier to produce good striking with them, thereby reducing the liability of outside complaints of 'noise of the bells.'

It is quite common now, I think, to find the clause 'the bells are to be in perfect tune' in bell founder's contracts, and I think it just as essential that 'the bells shall not strike falsely' should also be stipulated.—Yours faithfully,

J. F. D.

Norwich.

MORE EXPERIMENTING REQUIRED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. E. P. Duffield, in your last issue, criticising 'Bell hangers and odd-struck bells,' provides matter for reflection on the curious manner in which many rings of bells are left by first-class bell hangers. I am strongly in sympathy with Mr. Duffield, who objects to bells being left by modern founders, which are in many cases hopelessly false. I have vivid recollections of ringing a splendid tenor on a modern peal of bells, to a peal of Double Norwich. This bell was very wide at back, while the seventh was equally close at back, with the result that the long dodging back and front involved much unnecessary labour.

One fruitful cause of insufficient attention being paid to experimenting, particularly with regard to peals of ten and upwards, is, in my opinion, the fact that in the great majority of cases the tenor is simply used as a covering bell. It is obvious that the task of covering with an odd-struck bell is much easier than ringing it in, and if some means could be devised to make bells clapper with greater precision, the whole Exercise would be laid under a great debt of gratitude.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds.

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.
GENEROUS DONATION FROM OXFORD SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Oxford Society was held on January 21st, at headquarters, Holywell, when 16 members were present. The usual business of the society having been transacted, the question of a subscription to the Washbrook Memorial Fund was brought forward. After some discussion and some very effective remarks from Mr. H. Miles as to the unique situation of the society with regard to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, a sum of 10 guineas was voted to the fund.

The members would like also to say that this society, in active ringing members in the city of Oxford, numbers 26, which is a very small number compared with other societies in which Mr. Washbrook was also well known, but if any members of the society who have lost touch with the same would care to subscribe to the fund, will they please forward their subscription to the Secretary, Mr. H. Tolley, 39, Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford, who will undertake to forward it to the general secretary of the above fund.

ZEAL MONACHORUM CHURCH BELLS.

A new treble has been added to the ring at Zeal Monachorum, and among those present at the dedication was Mr. Cedric Drewe, M.P. for the South Molton Division. Bell ringers came from the neighbouring parishes, including Spreyton, Newton St. Cyres, Colebrooke, Mordach Bishop, Coleridge, Lapford, Down St. Mary, Exeter, Cheldon and Bondleigh.

The service of blessing the new treble bell was witnessed by a crowded congregation. The processional hymn was 'The Church's One Foundation.' After the lesson, the Rector (the Rev. A. McCarthy) and Mr. Drewe went to the belfry, and, after the blessing, Mr. Drewe was asked to formally open the bell by giving the first pull upon it.

The new treble weighs 4 cwt., and was supplied by the firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The ringers kept the bells merrily going until nearly midnight, and all spoke in great praise of the augmented peal.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TIVERTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Grater 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Miss Hanson 3, B. Grater 4, C. Knowles 5, P. C. Orchard 6, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 7, F. Viney 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by J. Barratt, in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Evans (conductor) 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, R. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, G. Beaton 8.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Anne, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, Miss M. E. Ringrose 2, E. G. Hibble 3, J. G. Nash 4, W. E. Ringrose 5, A. Pulland (conductor) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Jones 1, J. A. Howard 2, S. H. Hoare 3, G. Seaman 4, E. M. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Theobald 1, W. F. Sermons 2, W. Miller 3, W. Mansfield 4, G. Dawson (conductor) 5, E. Smith 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Smith 1, W. F. Sermons 2, W. Theobald 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, G. Dawson 6. Arranged for Messrs. W. F. Sermons and W. Mansfield, of Barley, Herts.—On Monday, November 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Prior (conductor) 1, D. Vincent (first 720 in a Surprise method) 2, W. Theobald 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller 5, P. H. Avey 6.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 16th, for the afternoon memorial service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, at the Parish Church, in 50 mins., the bells being half-muffled: M. F. R. Hibbert 1, H. Dix 2, W. Seeley 3, W. Whitehead 4, W. Oakley 5, F. Smith 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Simons 8.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On 'Mayor's Sunday,' Nov. 16th, the following touches were rung: Before morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major; after morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples; before evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples and 504 Bob Triples; after evening service two courses of Bob Triples. The extra ringing was done in honour of the Mayor (Mr. A. E. Hill), who for several years has been Vicar's warden.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, for Armistice service, the bells being half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob Minor: F. Castle 1, E. Cheesman 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheesman 4, S. Finn 5, A. Castle (conductor) 6.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, W. Heath 6, A. Farnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

A. J. HUGHES' 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, rung 1; Grandsire Triples, 24 (conducted 2); Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 12; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Forward Major, 1; Forward Maximus, 1; Union Triples, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 18; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; total, 100. * Includes 10,400, North Wales Record. Rung for seven associations and in eleven counties. Mr. Hughes' first peal was rung on Dec. 10th, 1900, and, owing to his limited opportunities, it has, therefore, taken nearly twenty-five years to complete his century.

NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, 28th February. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be followed by the meeting at 6 o'clock, after evensong. Will Secretaries kindly advise Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, numbers attending from their towers.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6) 2.30 to 4.30, All Saints (8) 2.30 to 4.45, Cathedral (10) 7 to 8.30. Service at All Saints at 4.45. Tea at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than February 18th.—A. E. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

EAST MARKHAM'S RING OF EIGHT.

GENEROUS GIFT OF TWO NEW BELLS.

The two new treble bells for the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, East Markham, the gift of Mr. W. T. Hopps, of Leamington, in memory of an uncle and aunt (Mr. and Mrs. Cowlshaw), and also a new clock for the tower, were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell at a service held on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and others. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Ormandy Owse), who read one of the lessons, the Rural Dean of Tuxford (the Rev. A. K. Moore) reading the other, Mrs. Owen Clarke was at the organ.

Mr. William Freeman, captain of the ringers, asked the Bishop to dedicate the new bells, and this having been done, the Bishop then dedicated the new clock, and afterwards gave an appropriate address.

Before the service, Mr. Hopps laid two handsome floral crosses on the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Cowlshaw. Before the dedication service, the new band of ringers, recently trained by Messrs. W. Freeman, H. E. Page and T. W. Hopkin, rang touches on the old six bells, and after the service, as the people were leaving the church, the eight bells were rung in rounds for twenty minutes.

Mr. Hopps presented each ringer with a photograph of the new bells, and a gift. Later, a few visiting ringers, including Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Mr. H. Haigh and Mr. H. Weaver, hon. secretaries of North Notts Association, and visitors from Blyth, Stockwith, Lincoln, Ordsall, Grassthorpe and Workson, were cordially invited by the Vicar and local ringers to ring for an hour, and completed touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. Haigh. The following took part: Messrs. Pryce Taylor, H. Haigh, H. Weaver, G. H. Haigh, T. Bartholomew, H. Revell, J. T. Bartram, A. Freeman and W. Tomlinson.

A number of visitors who remained outside the church were loud in their praise of the beautiful tone of the two new bells. The excellent blending and 'splice' to the old ring, always reputed to be a good peal of six, reflects the highest credit on Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The inscriptions on the two new bells are as follows:

Treble: Let this bell ring to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Cowlshaw, who passed to her rest April 6th, 1916.

Second: Let this bell ring to the Glory of God and in loving and grateful memory of Henry Cowlshaw, who fell asleep 2nd July, 1924.

The name of Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, who have cast and hung the bells, also appear on them.

The other bells are inscribed as under: 3rd: Give God the Praise. Taylor, 1895. 4th: To God and his Church, 1895. This is the gift of an anonymous friend through Mr. F. W. Wells, Solicitor, Retford. G. W. Brameld, M.A., Vicar; W. H. Cannon, curate; H. Cowlshaw, junr., and C. Crawford, churchwardens. 5th: All Glory be to God, 1637. 6th: God save the Church, 1637. 7th: Sweetly tolling men do call to taste on meats and feed the soul, 1637. 8th: All men that heare my mournful sound repent before you lye in ground, 1637, T.E.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The January meeting of the Western District was held at Hemel Hempstead, when about 20 members were present. The bells were available from 3 p.m., when the usual methods were rung, and the novices received due encouragement. The chief business took place in the tower, when a tablet, recording two peals of Bob Major, rung on the bells on October 11th, 1923, and April 3rd, 1924, respectively, was unveiled by Mrs. Lovel Smeathman, with suitable words. The Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Robson) then offered prayers, following this by welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Smeathman to the belfry for the performance of this office, and also giving advice to the company present.—Mr. Smeathman suitably responded.

Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Robson, the company adjourned to St. Mary's Hall for tea. The meeting followed, when the Vicar was unanimously elected chairman. Four new members were welcomed from the local tower, much to the Vicar's joy.

Great Gaddesdon was chosen for an early meeting, to be followed by one at Berkhamsted, when it is hoped that the bells there will be in ringing order.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the donors of the splendid tea; Mrs. Smeathman for unveiling the peal tablet, and the Vicar for the use of the bells.—Both the Vicar and Mrs. Smeathman suitably responded, and this concluded the meeting.

SHREWSBURY.—On Monday, November 10th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), with 9, 8, 10 covering, in 55 mins.: J. Bain 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. Fairhead 5, J. Evans 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Pole 8, John Evans 9, H. Jones 10. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Mayor, Councillor Bates-Maddison.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 4d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members are urged to attend, if possible, the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C., from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at latter church at 4.30, preacher Rev. J. A. Mayo. Tea at Express Dairy opposite (corner of Essex Street) at 5.30, and names should be handed in beforehand. Business meeting in the Parish Room, Clare Market, at 6.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 4.20 to 5.30 and 6.15 to 7.30.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea arranged for those sending their names to Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, before Feb. 9th. Meetings are to be held at Darfield in March, and Penistone April.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will all members make a special effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672.—The next practice and meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing: St. Mary's, from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30. Meeting at County Tavern at 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec., 37, Church Side, Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening, 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except the first Sunday in each month. The adjourned annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m. sharp for the election of officers and other business.—F. W. H. Serghison, Hon. Sec.

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, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the Rector. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Feb. 16th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. until the service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon E. J. Norris. Tea at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. 1s. 6d. will be allowed by the branch to all members who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Business meeting and smoker to follow.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending being present let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blandford (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Greenwood. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Stourpaine (5 bells), Durweston (6 bells), Bryanston (6 bells). Will those intending to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Feb. 17th?—R. E. P. Gorrington, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Victory Hall. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly advise not later than Wednesday, the 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3. Service in Bramley Church at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Womersley bells available in the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Divine service, in the Cathedral, at 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Dean, who has kindly consented to give an address. Tea at 4.30 at the Oddfellows' Hall. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) will be available. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend this meeting, and will let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 17th.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th inst.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 17th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Feb. 16th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Important matters concerning the association to discuss. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Poole, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting of the division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available during the afternoon. There will be service in the Church at 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend. In order to ensure that proper provision may be made, will all those intending to be present at the tea please send their names to Mr. G. Saunders, Market End, Coggeshall, Essex, not later than Thursday, Feb. 19th?—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Temperance Café, Croft Spa, 1s. 9d. to members and 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 17th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 18th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—There will be a meeting at Stevenage Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells at 2.30.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on Saturday, Feb. 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Thursday, Feb. 26th. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Spring meeting at Carisbrook (8) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly inform me not later than the 23rd those who require tea.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—All ringing is suspended until further notice. — James E. Davis, Towerkeeper, 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

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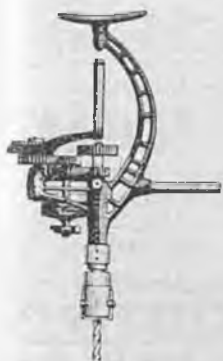
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