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## RING IN THE NEW.

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring happy bells across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

Once more we are at a milestone in the years, and we are reminded again of Tennyson's famous lines. Few people, we imagine, will be sorry to see the departure of this year of 1926, with its upheavals and difficulties, its troubles and its anxieties, both national and individual. Many will be devoutly glad to see the back of it, in the hope that the new year will bring with it a better spirit, and that there will be brighter and happier prospects in store. 'The year is going, let him go.'

As we approach 1927 with new hopes and aspirations in our industrial and national life, may we not also, as ringers, approach our duties and our art with keener desire and greater energy. The unhappy industrial trouble affected many members of the Exercise, and directly or indirectly large numbers suffered. The brighter outlook in the labour world will, we hope, enable them to return to greater activity in the ringing world, for, despite what is already being done, there is a great deal of work which awaits the willing hand, and the new year surely is the time when the task may well be begun.

There are still many silent towers in the country and towers where bands are not up to strength. Here, at any rate, is one direction where associations and individual ringers can get to work. The question, 'What are we doing to introduce fresh blood?' is being often asked, and seldom satisfactorily answered, but it has got to be faced if the art of ringing is to progress and not to be allowed to lapse into the condition of a century ago. Associations might well start the new year by seriously tackling this problem. The difficulties are great, but they should be only a spur to effort. It is a task, too, in which individual ringers can act even more effectively in many cases than associations can do. Let 1927 be a year of new endeavour, in a new spirit.

One step might well be a determined onslaught on those clergy and people in high places in the Church who still fail to realise the importance of the ringer's office. It is more often than not due to this that bells are silent, and it is not until those responsible are aroused from this indifference that any substantial change will be brought about. Their co-operation is needed, and recruits for the belfry should be got from the church. There should be in every congregation sufficient men ready to give their time and energies to the service of the Church by ringing the bells, and if bands were, by the aid of the clergy, re-

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cruited from this source, it would finally do away with the old complaint, the ground for which is steadily disappearing, that the ringers are never seen in church.

Here, then, is one direction to which ringers may turn their energies anew in the coming year. Success can only be achieved by long and sustained effort, but let us approach it with a new spirit in the new year; let us not think so much of what we can get out of ringing, but more of what we can put into it.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 7
CHARLES J. CHOET ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 9
FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 5	ERNEST BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SOUTHOVER,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	KEITH HART ... .. 6
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 2	JOHN W. STEDDY ... .. 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 8
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. 5	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. T. ELSON. Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. DAVE on the 29th anniversary of his wedding.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN DUGDALE ... .. Treble	GEORGE STAFF ... .. 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 2	JAMES LEES ... .. 6
JOHN FITTON ... .. 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 7
WALTER STAFF ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES LEES.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. O. A. Peach, M.A.), whose induction took place on December 4th. Mr. John Dugdale was elected a member of the association previous to starting for peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED BLOCKLIDGE ... .. Treble	J. WRIGHT ... .. 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 111). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung before evening service on the reopening of the bells after rehanging and refitting by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The band take this opportunity of thanking Canon Crank for providing tea and refreshments after the peal.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	JOHN WOOD ... .. 7
*HARRY HEAD ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method.

## WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH.

## THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLERS, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. MANLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE BETTS ... .. 7
FRED DIMOND ... .. 4	GEORGE RENDELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Mr. E. Shepherd's 100th peal. The bells have just been overhauled by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, and the 'go' is excellent.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in D.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 2	GEORGE W. STEEVE ... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. J. C. NORTHAN ... Treble	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 5
MISS KATHLEEN A. JOTSON 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 6
*MISS ANNIE M. DALE ... 3	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... 7
MISS KITTIE MOORE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal of Major. This was the conductor's 400th peal.

## IPSWICH.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM Treble	FRANK ROLFE ... .. 5
*CHARLES F. MEE ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES MEE ... .. 3	EDGARD RIVERS ... .. 7
HARRY J. MEE ... .. 4	JOHN C. G. HAGGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

\* First peal in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUNR. ... Treble	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal by treble ringer, who is 15 years of age, and the one hundredth peal in which Messrs. Rumsey and Wightman have rung together.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 6
*PERCY HARRISON ... .. 3	WILLIAM WILSON ... .. 7
HARRY MORGAN ... .. 4	†SHERLEY BURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

First in the method inside. † 100th peal and first as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, an honorary and active member of the association.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Treble	THOMAS H. NAISBY ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PARRER ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON

Rung to welcome Mr. Frank Naisby, a former Sunderland ringer, who is on a visit from the U.S.A.

## HASLEMERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

*BARRY ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	*FRED BOWDEN ... .. 5
*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3	*FRED M. WHITE ... .. 7
RICHARD HAYES ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING

First peal in the method. With the exception of the 3rd and 6th ringers, all the ringers are members of the local band.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM WONNACOTT ... 2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... .. 6
*HARRY TIPPETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... .. 7
†WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 4	ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † 50th peal. Quarterly peal of the branch.

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,268 changes) of Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: F. Evans 1, W. Jones 2, P. Cross 3, J. Capper 4, J. Clifton 5, W. Cathall 6, A. Lea, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Cathall 8, A. Lea, sen., 9, S. Meadows 10.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt. in D.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 5
JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* 100th peal. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to J. F. Galyer.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK DEWEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 4
ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 2	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 5
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAMBRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BIGBY, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD ... .. Treble	MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 4
ANYAN PEART ... .. 2	*BRIAN BRAY ... .. 5
CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 3	†JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor in three methods as conductor.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

*W. L. JONES ... .. Treble	†W. H. JAINE ... .. 4
C. JAINE ... .. 2	F. A. JAINE ... .. 5
*J. GREEN ... .. 3	*W. H. BROOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. All are Sunday service ringers of the above church. Believed to be the first peal of A. J. Pitman's arrangement rung in the county.

REDGRAVE SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK SHEMMING ... .. Treble	JAMES BAILEY ... .. 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 2	ARTHUR COOK ... .. 5
ALPHEAUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

\* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RANFORD.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*THOMAS PRATT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... .. 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	DAVID HORNE ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Jordan.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford-Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... .. 4
SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CARTER ... .. 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

CHATLETON, OXON.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Wednesday, December 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*P. S. E. ASTON ... .. Treble	N. BRION ... .. 4
F. JONES ... .. 2	W. LARGE ... .. 5
J. GARDNER ... .. 3	W. COLEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

\* First peal of doubles.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, 720 of Kent, two 720's of Woodbine Treble Bob and two 720's of Double Court. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE LEE ... .. 4
†WILLIAM C. BONN ... .. 2	JOHN SPENCER ... .. 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal in four methods.

† First peal in four methods on a working bell. Arranged for the ringer of the treble, and rung for evening service.

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## 'SPLICED' BOB TRIPLETS AND SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While reading a book by B. Thackrah and W. Sottonstall I came across an account of a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Triples and 5,152 of Superlative Surprise, a total of 10,192 changes, rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821, in 5 hours 56 minutes. Is this the longest, if not the first, peal so spliced?

I have reason to believe this may have been the Superlative:

23456 M W H

65432 1 1 1

46532 1

54632 1

26435 1 1

42635 1

64235 1

24536 1

Yours etc.,

F. WARRINGTON.

## 5061 STEDMAN CATERS.

By F. H. DEXTER.

231456789 3/4 5 8/9 11

253194876 A

463152879 s

15432876 x x

264351879 s

352491876 x x

361452879 s

453192876 x x

263154879 s

152394876 x x

153294 C

193251876 B

254361879 x x

194352876 s

351462879 x x

392451876 s

453261879 x x

193254876 s

251364879 x x

491552876 s

384162879 x x

154362 C

Rounds by 3, 5, 8, 10.

A—4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13.

B—2s, 11s.

C—Call the last 8 courses 5 times, with single for bob at 5 in the third part.

Course ends are alternately quick and slow sizes.

## Mr. WILLIAM RANFORD'S 200 PEALS.

Doubles	4	
Minor, 1 to 6 methods	11	conducted 1
Minor, 7 methods	102	conducted 3
*Minor, 10 methods	3	
Minor, 14 methods	1	
Grandsire Triples	17	
Grandsire Caters	6	
Stedman Triples	5	
Stedman Caters	1	
Bob Major	9	
Bob Royal	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	5	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	6	
Cambridge Surprise Major	13	
London Surprise Major	1	
Worcester Treble Bob Major	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	

200 conducted 4

\* Including 7,200. Rung in 66 towers.

## A DATE TOUCH.

At St. John's, Shildon, on Monday, October 25th, in commemoration of All Saints' Church Schools' Jubilee, a date touch of 1,926 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 486 of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering, in 30 mins.: G. Hutchinson 1, T. Robinson 2, S. Bryant 3, E. Hind 4, J. Back 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 7, E. Elliott 8.

## STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If there is anything one loves to see in 'The Ringing World' it's a bit of real good striking! You know, similar to that one saw in 'Belfry Gossip' on November 26th. One must congratulate 'X' on the excellency of his 'Striking, brief!' Yes, 'brief' in more senses than one. It was a brief, and vigorous, exercise in invective, which aptly fits some others who forgot that the village bells of remembrance wanted striking at 'home' 'before' going abroad to meet three short of being one too many! Verb sap.

One read the leader of the same date and felt it was just summed up in that one word 'striking.' So were Mr. Wiffen's comments. Both should strike to a wondrous depth, but will they? One is afraid not, urge as the Editor or Mr. Wiffen may, and they have urged!

I maintain that if the 'touch' is not there it cannot be put there. Paderewski is a glaring example of touch, so is the master violinist. Why? Because it is there!

Mr. Wiffen says he has discussed the subject of striking with one or two who are of the opinion that it is a difficult matter to deal with on paper. That is so; it is impossible to put touch on paper. Touch is genius, and genius, be he pianist, artist, sculptor or campanologist (if you will), cannot impart that touch to others! It is there in him, he knows not how or from whence it comes. He could not put that touch on paper; he could not breathe it into the ear.

The Psalmist said: 'Ears have they, and hear not; hands have they, and handle not!' The Editor's advice is good, it is sound; it is sound—measured. That is what he advocates. That's all right as far as it goes, but we must not forget what David said about ears and hands, and it is my firm opinion that it is a physical impossibility for a fellow to ring with his ears if he can't handle a rope with his hands! It is nothing fresh to see good strikers and good ringers at any meeting; and it is nothing new to see fellows anywhere who think they are ringers. Some go so far as to hold high opinion of their own ability, and some are so wrapped up in themselves, and a bellrope, or two, that when all comes to all they make up a very, very small campanistic parcel.

Not so long ago a fellow I know was advocating striking before methods. Every word he said one endorsed, but, Sir, one must come back to these bad strikers, and it is only quite recently one had the horror (was going to say pleasure!) of seeing a man trying to ring, and that sally, which should have come gracefully down before his nose, went flying, twirling, curling like some hissing cobra, livening things up in that ringing room. The man on the right was a good ringer, a good striker, but he 'dodged' with him abominably, and the fellow on the left dodged from him, time after time, to prevent an accident. No, he was not a beginner, Sir, but he is in what may be termed the probationary stages. He has been there for a decade to my knowledge, and his name is elegantly inscribed on peal tablets as co-conductor. We all know musical conductors are permitted to give us the best gymnastic displays they can, but we don't want anything of that sort in the belfry, that is, if we are to get good striking. We don't want physical 'jerks,' we want 'touch' for striking. One does not profess to be much of a ringer, but one does love to ring with 'ringers,' and I like to converse with ringers. When the aforementioned performance took place, I stood chatting with a ringer (14 years old), a girl, who turned to me, Sir, and said: 'What's he trying to do, Mister—?' My answer was: 'The Charleston, my dear, the Charleston!' Subsequently, this child (not me, the girl!) rang this bell, yes, the selfsame one and struck it, not like a man, but like a ringer! Why? Simply because the human agency at the one end of the rope had got the touch, and it was the 'boss' of that metallic element at the other end. The bell went where she wanted it to go. Whether her ears were shell-like or elongated, I don't know. I never noticed that. But I did notice that she had the essential touch, and that she was endowed with a something, known commonly as 'gumption.' That's an asset that is not found in text-book, technology or dictionary. That gumption enabled her to measure mentally, all the time she was ringing, the size of the 'hole' the founder put (or left?), not only in the bell she was ringing, but in the whole series which constituted the peal. She 'considered' these 'holes' of varying degrees were of vital import. She knew that if a 6 cwt. treble was pulled off synchronal with a tenor 2 tons, synchronism would end in the pull-off, and that there would be an interval in the 'S.T.'-ing.

In concluding, one cannot refrain from commenting on, and drawing the reader's attention to, the universality of the pervading presence of the consonants 'S.T.' They are abbreviations for harmony, these two letters, S.T.-art, S.T.-ringing, S.T.-art now to make ringing a pleasure and quite interesting for the public at large.—Yours truly,

IRENAEUS.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday, December 16th, for Confirmation service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter: H. Cook 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. C. Eden 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, W. G. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Roberts 8.—On Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): H. Cook (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, A. Parsons (first quarter-peal inside) 2, F. W. Bond 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. E. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, J. Hope (first quarter-peal of Caters) 8, H. C. Bond 9, F. Edwards 10.

# NOTES BY THE WAY. THE EARLY DAYS OF RINGING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A few weeks ago, describing the state of ringing in the middle of the nineteenth century, I said that that period was the most unsatisfactory in the whole history of the Exercise. A book has just been lent me which contains a most striking confirmation of that statement. It is called 'The Wiltshire Magazine,' and is one of those publications written and read by men learned in local history and archæology. The date is 1855, and it contains an article on 'Church Bells,' with some notices of Wiltshire bells, written by the Rev. C. W. Lukis. Mr. Lukis, it will be remembered, was the man who owned, and probably preserved from loss the copy of Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' which is now in the possession of the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and which was for long supposed to be the only copy of this book in existence. He was a great lover of bells, deeply versed in antiquarian bell lore, and shares with the Rev. A. Gatty and the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe the honour of being one of the three men who began the revival of interest in bells which was one of the causes of the present improvement in the condition of ringing and ringers. He was not, it appears, a ringer, but he took an interest in ringing and collected records of early peals.

The book is rare, and as necessarily few if any present ringers can have read this article, I should like to reproduce it in full, but that is forbidden by consideration of space. Part of it deals with the inscriptions on Wiltshire bells, which is of local rather than of general interest; part of it deals with the founding and hanging of bells, and is largely out of date; and part deals with ancient bell foundries. This is very interesting, but most, perhaps all, the information is available elsewhere.

The part which will now interest us most is the descriptions of the state of belfries and bells and of ringers and ringing at the time; and these parts I will reproduce in full. Here is what Mr. Lukis says about ringers and ringing: 'Peal ringing is peculiar to England; it is not known abroad. It was formerly considered not only a healthy, but a gentlemanly recreation. Sir Matthew Hale, and Anthony Wood, who says that "he often plucked at them (Merton bells) with his fellow colleagues for recreation," may be numbered among the amateurs of this art. Anthony Wood learned to ring on a peal of six bells which had then been newly put up at Cassington.

'In our day bell ringers have been ranked among the disreputable characters of almost every parish; but if we are to give credit to Paul Neutzner, a traveller in this country between 1550 and 1560, they had become notorious even at that period. "The people of England," he says, "are vastly fond of great noises that fill the ear, such as firing of cannon, beating of drums and the ringing of bells, so that it is common for a number of them that have got a glass in their heads to get up into the belfry and ring the bells for hours together for the sake of exercise."

'A very curious Latin book published about the year 1600 contains a lawyer's decision whether the number of bells might be increased in a church and whether their ringing could be stopped. It speaks of idle boys being very fond of running to the towers to do the work. When bell ringing was more appreciated than, unfortunately, it is now, there were societies of ringers in Cambridge, Oxford, London—such as the College Youths

(from their practising at St. Michael's on College Hill, London) founded in 1637—Birmingham, and other places. There are some societies of ringers now in various parts of England, and there is among others in London a society of College Youths, but it is said not to be descended from the ancient society above mentioned, which became extinct in 1788. There is, I believe, an excellent society of Norwich Scholars. I do not know where to find a society of ringers in Wiltshire. There are sets of men who ring for what they can get, which they consume in drink; but there is very little love for the science or its music. There is no "plucking at the bells" for recreation and exercise.

'Church ringers with us have degenerated into mercenary performers. In more than one parish where there are beautiful bells, I was told that the village youths took no interest whatever in bell ringing, and had no desire to enter upon change ringing. The whole number of changes that can be rung on any given number of bells is called a "peal," and various series of changes or permutations have been invented which are known by the names of their composers. One such series, called Grandsire Triples, was invented by Mr. Benjamin Anable, who died in 1755; and was subsequently improved by Mr. Holt. Another composer was Mr. Patrick, a maker of barometers in the beginning of the last century. But one of the earliest composers was Mr. Fabian Stedman, who, about the year 1657, invented a complex method of ringing, which has ever since been called "Stedman's Principle."

Mr. Lukis then explains the action of a bell clapper during ringing, and illustrates it with some diagrams. He then proceeds: 'I need hardly state that bell ringing requires extreme care to prevent accidents. Anyone who has handled the ropes knows this; and accidents have frequently happened. In June, 1778, a man of the name of Lilly was drawn up by the rope at Doncaster and killed by the fall. In 1812 a boy sitting near a ringer was caught by the rope and so seriously injured that he died; and was buried in the same grave with a brother who was drowned. On the grave stone is this quaint couplet:—

"These 2 youths, were by, misfortune  
scrounded. One died of his wounds, the other was  
drowned."

'Oxford possesses three fine peals of ten bells, viz., at Christchurch, New College, and Magdalen; and in the last century and up to 1827 had a corps of gallant youths who took intense delight in the science of ringing. I have the record of a series of musical exploits ranging over the space of one hundred and twenty years, with the name of every man who took part in each performance and the time in which it was accomplished. There are few arduous tasks in the present day to be compared with that of ten stout hearted men undertaking to ring six or seven, or even ten thousand changes without a mistake. On May 20th, 1734, six thousand eight hundred and seventy-six changes were rung at New College in four-and-a-quarter hours. On April 19th, 1742, at Magdalen, ten thousand changes were started for, but after ringing seven thousand in fine style, the bob caller by mistake brought the bells round in a little more than four hours. On Easter Monday, March 27th, 1815, at New College, ten thousand and eight Grandsire Caters were rung in six hours and forty-two minutes.

'Highworth in Wiltshire, produced some good ringers at that time, and in 1787, December 29th, they rang the whole peal of five thousand and forty changes, Grandsire Triples (Holt's method) in three hours and fourteen minutes, which was the very first time they ever attempted to ring this peal. It is recorded that forty thousand three hundred and twenty changes were performed at Leeds by thirteen men in twenty-seven hours, one man ringing eleven and another nine hours; and eight Birmingham youths rang fourteen thousand two hundred and twenty-four changes in eight hours and forty-five minutes. Records of remarkable performances are no doubt preserved in many Wiltshire belfries; but why should there be no memorials there of recent exploits?'

### CHORLEY BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of Chorley, Lancs, which were hung by Warners in 1894, have been to the Loughborough Foundry, where they have been cleaned by the sandblast process, and tuned on the Taylor tone harmonic principle. Thus each bell, besides being in tune with the other bells of the ring, is in tune with itself.

The new frame in which the bells are rehung is a massive cast-iron structure built up from a foundation of heavy rolled girders. Built into the tower walls, the whole of the structure of frame and girders is scientifically designed and built on sound engineering lines. All the fittings are entirely new, and incorporate all the latest improvements in bell-hanging, including patent self-aligning ball bearings, for the main gudgeons, and also in the pulley boxes; specially designed cast-iron headstocks and patent balanced clappers ensuring the correct clapping of the heavy bells. The whole have also been hung lower down in the tower.

The reopening took place on Sunday week, when Mr. J. P. Fidler was present, representing the foundry. He congratulated the ringers at the conclusion of the peal which was rung, and afterwards took a rope in a course of Stedman Triples.

The ringers assured Mr. Fidler that the tone and go of the bells were all that could be desired, and the excellent work is a credit to Messrs. Taylor and Co.

### CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

Touques of Grandsire were rung by the local ringers at All Saints' Parish Church, Lydd, in honour of Mrs. Thomas Finn, who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 23rd.

It will be remembered these bells were reopened and broadcast by the B.B.C. on March 6th last, and it is probably the first time in their history that they have been rung for anyone who has seen a century of years.

Mrs. Finn, who is living in London, has had good health till this last month. She is a native of Lydd, and is to be congratulated on this anniversary.

### Mr. R. RICHARDSON'S 400 PEALS.

Mr. Rupert Richardson rang his 400th peal on Saturday, December 18th, when, with a band of seven ladies, he rang a peal of Bob Major. His list is as follows:

	Tower bells.	Hand-bells.	Conducted.
Doubles in five methods ...	1		
Minor in one to 16 methods ...	84	8	40
Grandsire Triples ...	10	21	
Stedman Triples ...	32	11	
Bob Major ...	37	38	37
Little Bob Major ...	2	2	
Double Norwich Major ...	24	2	8
Double Oxford Major ...	2		
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	7		1
Superlative Surprise Major ...	8		
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	20	2	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	3		
Grandsire Caters ...	11	6	
Stedman Caters ...	12	4	
Surfleet Treble Bob Caters ...	2		
Bob Royal ...	11	21	6
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	4	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal Granta Variation ...		1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	1		
Double Court Royal ...	1		
Double Norwich Royal ...	1		
Double Oxford Royal ...	1		
Double Bob Royal ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal ...	7		
Total ...	282	118	94

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the associations who kindly bring 'The Ringing World' to the notice of their members and urge them to support the paper, is the Kent County Association, which inserts a notice every year in the annual report.

Children of the employees at the Loughborough Bell Foundry had a happy meeting with Father Christmas the other day, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Pryce Taylor.

The peal of Treble Bob at Foxearth was rung on December 11th, and not the 4th, as sent in. The peal of Bob Major at Twickenham on December 18th was 5,168 changes, and not 5,056, as reported.

To-day is the anniversary of two long peals, both rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. On December 31st, 1892, 12,086 Double Norwich Major was rung at Maidenhead; and, on the last day of 1888, 15,011 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton.

The first time the bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, were raised after their hanging was completed, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them. That was on December 31st, 1771.

James Barham rang his one hundredth peal on January 1st, 1793. The aggregate age of the band was 582 years.

One hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow a peal of 8,046 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 5 hrs. 48 mins. It was conducted by W. D. Crofts.

On New Year's Day, 1786, the first recorded peal (Grandsire Triples) on the bells of St. George's, Gravesend, was rung. The church had been burnt down in 1727. After rebuilding, a ring of eight was installed by Phelps and Applebee, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1736. There is no record of any peal rung on them in the first years of their existence.

Next Monday is the anniversary of a 14,480 Bob Major rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, on January 4th, 1748, in 8 hrs. 24 mins.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1866.

On January 6th, 1851, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques was rung in 5 hrs. 24 mins., at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, by the Collegio Youtbs. It was composed and conducted by John Cox. There were some famous men of those days in the band.

The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Badsey on Saturday, December 18th, was the 60th birthday anniversary of Mr. Harry Middleton, of Norton, near Evesham, well known among ringers of thirty years ago. 'Young Harry,' despite an operation four years ago, is still 'going strong.' The band wished him happy returns, and heartily drank his health after the peal, but, owing to a cold, failed to get from him his only and favourite song, 'The Leather Breeches.' Evidently a treat in store.

The report of the peal at Washfield, Devon, has been sent without the name of the conductor. A report of a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Lincoln Guild and conducted by F. S. Fred Holden, has been sent without stating where the peal was rung.

**To all Ringers everywhere,  
A happy and Prosperous New Year.**

**1927.**

The following lines have been sent to the Editor for the perusal of all brother change ringers throughout the 'ringing world' with best wishes for a happy new year:

The week is over, and to-day  
Once more we meet to praise and pray.  
Once more a peace, a holy calm,  
Falls on our troubled hearts like balm.  
For in the week, sure, few could say  
No shadow fell across their way,  
And to some lives how doubly blest  
The quiet of this day of rest.  
In this day's calm my soul shall seek  
A staff to lean on through the week;  
And may each Sunday prove the best  
Till the eternal day of rest.

The author is unknown. The lines were written on the fly leaf of a ragged and torn prayer book found on the rubbish heap near the stokehole of a church in Westmorland in 1925.

December 31st, 1926.

The sender enclosed the MS. of the original lines.—Ed. 'R.W.'

W. H. F.

## THE LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

Another attempt for the London Surprise Major record is to be made on Saturday, January 8th, at Warnham, Sussex. The composition is 14,144, and the starting time will be 10.30 a.m.



## THE SHADE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts: 1,078 tickets distributed to subscribers of ...	53	18	0
Donation, Mr. E. E. Young ...	1	0	0
Total ...	£54	18	0
	£	s.	d.
Expenditure: Printing ...	1	9	3
Postage and carriage on bells to winner of competition ...	18	9	
Balance remitted to Miss Shade ...	52	10	0
Total ...	£54	18	0

I certify that the counterfoils of the tickets disposed of and the tickets unused have been checked by me, together with the accounts of the above fund, which show a balance of £52 10s.

(Signed) A. FRASER.

Woking, December 21st, 1926.

## MISS SHADE'S THANKS.

On receipt of the £52 10s., the proceeds of the competition for the late Mr. I. G. Shade's handbells, Miss Shade, for whose benefit the fund was organised, sent a grateful letter of thanks to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' She asks us to publish the following expression of her gratitude to those who subscribed to the fund:

Dear Sir,—Words fail me to express to all my brother's ringing friends my thankfulness to them for their very great kindness in so kindly helping to dispose of his handbells, which realised such an unexpected amount, for which I am most thankful. It is a great comfort to me in my trouble to know he was so highly esteemed and respected by so many gentlemen from far and near.

M. SHADE.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on the above in the issue of December 24th, I venture to state that most composers are agreed that there is no such method as Superlative Royal, and that the ten-bell method to surprise should have a different title.

It appears to me that the Rev. H. Law James has taken this hybrid Royal from Shipway and extended it to Maximus instead of extending Superlative Major to Maximus, notwithstanding his elaborate explanations.

Mr. James admits that the Superlative Maximus, as extended by the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole, Messrs. Baker, Craven, Lindoff, and, perhaps, scores of others, is interesting. I should like to learn the opinion of some of these regarding Mr. James' version.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

## VARIATIONS OF THURSTAN'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave seems to be a very funny man. He objects to 'A Flat's' remarks. Rightly so, the scamp. In the same letter he suggests the same of me. Now, it would be impossible for me to prove to his satisfaction that Mr. Washbrook ever saw my variation. Further, it is not necessary; but I do know that it was forwarded to him by one of his own pupils, the late Mr. C. H. Fowler.

If Mr. Cave's argument is that any variation with singles for omits and extras solely belong to Mr. Washbrook, then I realise the futility of further argument with him, but still beg to differ.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

## WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I did not put clearly what I intended on the above question. I do not care a scrap what Mr. Dexter claims. It does not alter the fact that it is the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's peal. Mr. Dexter puts forward the theory that Mr. Thurstan's first knew of the peal. Great as Mr. Thurstan was, I have my doubts if ever he built this one. It is hardly likely that he would have hidden it under a bushel, seeing he published a five part with ten singles and ignored this really fine peal with six singles. Ring it who will, starting with what singled blocks you like, and, if you must call it a variation, give the credit to whom it is due—the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and call it a variation of his.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

## NO STEDMAN'S TRIPLES.

Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Cave objects to what I said, but I merely chose a word to designate an erratic statement, which other writers have proved, one by showing figures and the other by statement. Further, Mr. Cave should remember an old maxim, 'No names, no pack drill.' I now make another statement: 'There ain't no such thing as Stedman's Triples.' Wishing all a happy new year, especially the soothsayers and the Chaldeans of the Exercise.—Yours,

A FLAT.

## ANOTHER PEAL OF SIX FOR CORNWALL.

ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTY.

Cornwall has yet another peal of six bells to add to its already long list of this number. The dedication took place on Saturday, December 11th, at the beautiful 15th century church of St. Senara, Zennor, which lies midway between St. Ives and Penzance. Originally there were three pre-Reformation bells at this church, one of which was cracked. The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella, himself a ringer, quickly realised the bad state the bells and tower were in when first coming to the parish about eighteen months ago, and at once took in hand the restoration. With generous gifts and the money subscribed by his 300 parishioners, he was able to invite tenders for the complete restoration and augmentation of the three bells. This has now been completed, and a beautiful ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., hangs in the tower. The bells are hung in a cast-iron frame, and are fitted with all the most modern fittings.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Truro (Dr. Frere) at 11.30 a.m., the service being sung Eucharist. The following clergy were also present: Canon Jennings (Madron), Marsh (St. Ives), and Humphrey (Penzance), the Revs. Sutton (Penzance), Stoner (Sancreed), Whitley (Towedack), Jones (Newlyn), White (Gulval), Pocock (Penzance), Barlett (Halselown), and the Vicar (the Rev. Trewbella).

Immediately after the dedication, rounds were rung by six members of the Truro Cathedral company under the able captaincy of Mr. W. H. Southard. The Bishop then gave a very interesting address on the uses of bells.

After the service, a touch of Grand sire Doubles was rung by the Cathedral band. The bells, up to a late hour, were rung by representative bands from Towedack, Gulval, Ludgvan, Lelant, Madron, Crowan, Truro and the local band. The latter have been practising for some months at the near-by village of Towedack, to be ready for this day. Remembering they are entirely new to ringing, the way in which they ring the bells made one think they had been ringers for years. The arrangements for the enjoyment and comfort of the ringers, in fact, everyone, were admirable. A bounteous cold lunch and tea were provided free, and, after tea, the Vicar thanked the ringers and all those who attended for making the day one of the happiest in his life. He also thanked the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, for giving the parish such a melodious peal of bells, and for the excellence of the whole work. He was very glad that with the dedication of the bells he had a band to ring them.

Dr. Symons, of Penzance (Diocesan Ringing Master) said that there were, he believed, eighty-five peals of six bells in Cornwall, and he congratulated the people of Zennor on possessing what, in his opinion, was one of the best of these eighty-five rings. He said that both the 'tone' and 'go' of the bells were excellent, and he was sure they would like to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and, no doubt, Mr. Roper of that firm, who was with them, would convey those thanks. He, Dr. Symons, said that before the gathering dispersed he was sure they would like him to voice their appreciation of all the kindness the Vicar had shown them, not only for providing a peal of bells which were a delight to ring, but for the splendid hospitality shown them in entertaining such a large number both to lunch and tea. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and his helpers. This was seconded by the Vicar of Crowan, and carried with musical honours.

To conclude what had been a wonderful day, a dance was held in the schoolroom, which was well attended.

## TEN BELLS AT KING'S NORTON.

TWO TREBLES DEDICATED.

For some time King's Norton ringers have been looking forward to a ring of ten in their tower, and now their highest hopes have been realised.

Mr. F. B. Yates, their popular ringing Master, a gentleman well known and highly respected in the locality and the city of Birmingham, a former churchwarden and a generous benefactor of the church, has crowned his generosity by the magnificent gift of two treble bells.

On Sunday, December 19th, at the morning service, the new bells were dedicated by the Very Rev. Dr. Moore-Ede, Dean of Worcester, who at the same time unveiled two tablets, the one commemorating the recasting of the peal of eight in 1924, and the other the gift of the two new trebles.

Immediately after the dedication, the King's Norton band ascended the tower and pulled the bells in rounds for a short time.

The Dean delivered an interesting sermon on the use of church bells, and directed the thoughts of the congregation to the worship of God, who is Love, and whom they worship in church at the call of the bells.

After the service, there were touches of Stedman Caters as the people left the church, the local ringers being assisted by Messrs. A. Walker and Padden Smith (St. Martin's, Birmingham), A. E. Parsons (Old Hill, Worcestershire), and Price Taylor (Loughborough).

Many distinguished people, friends of the donor, were present at the service, including Messrs. P. Hannon, M.P., W. Evans, J.P., A. W. Heath, J.P., W. Malins, B.A., and E. Yates.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have given the utmost satisfaction and produced a peal which is in keeping with the glorious, ancient church—the pride of the King's Norton residents.

## ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

## THE SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Mr. R. G. Black, the hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, writing with reference to Mr. W. H. Shaker's suggestion and our leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 29th, said:

'The list of non-resident members is, as you say, difficult to keep corrected and up to date. Your suggestion of sending reports to all the other secretaries would be a good idea, if sufficient reports were available.

'Our own Guild has not enough spare copies this year to do this, but would it not meet the case if you could publish a list of the names and addresses of the general secretaries of the different Guilds and associations, so that any one of them could write to any or all of the others for information respecting any ringer or ringers who are in the 1925 report as residing in their respective area, with a view to correcting the list or deleting the names if they have passed away?'

We readily comply with this suggestion and append the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations. If there are any errors we shall be glad to be informed, so that the necessary corrections can be made:

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.  
 Barnsley and District Society:—Mr. C. D. Potter, Luda House, 16, Lumber Road, Barnsley.  
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.  
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, N., Dunstable.  
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. E. W. Elwell, Capenhurst, Chester.  
 Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.  
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 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. E. E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.  
 Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pitsoy, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.  
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 33, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.  
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley, Hereford.  
 Hereford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.  
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.  
 Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, The Precincts, Canterbury.  
 Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.  
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.  
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 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cntref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.  
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 Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, and Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Street, W.4.  
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 Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.  
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 North Stafford and District Association: Mr. T. Hurd, 13, Freshold Terrace, Burslem.  
 North Wales Association: Mr. C. H. Jones, 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, North Wales.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Gedlington, Kettering.  
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsworth Road, Ashford, Kent.  
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 Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

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Winchester Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newiman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Wores.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

## LEEK OLD PARISH CHURCH.

## DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE BELLS.

In memory of their father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Watson, of Southfields, Leek, two new treble bells have been given to the Old Parish Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Leek, by Mr. Edward Watson, Mrs. E. Somerville, and Miss M. Watson, and these bells were dedicated by the Rev. R. M. Thompson (Vicar of Leek) at evensong on Thursday, December 23rd.

A beautiful tablet of ebouised wood, with white letters, is placed in the chancel, bearing the inscription: This is to Record a Gift of Two Treble Bells (which augment the present peal of Eight Bells) hung in the Tower of this Church and Dedicated December, 1926, to the Glory of God and in ever loving memory of William Saddington Watson and Margaret Eliza Watson, by their Son, and Daughters.

The work of installing the new bells was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, who have carried out the work to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, the splice being perfect. The bells contain an elongation at the crown, which enables them to be hung lower, thereby giving them a greater sweep and the clapper more power. This effectively prevents them being drowned by the heavier metal of the other bells. They also contain the new huffer device recently developed by the firm, which is also a splendid improvement on the old style of allowing the clapper to rest on the bell after the blow has been struck, the bell thereby losing no resonance whatever.

The original peal of bells was a peal of six, cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1721. These were augmented to eight in the year 1863, by the addition of two new trebles which were cast by John Warner, London. The weights and the inscriptions of the entire peal are as follows:

Treble (4½ cwt.).—'To the Glory of God and in memory of Margaret Eliza Watson.'

Second (5½ cwt.).—'To the glory of God and in memory of William Saddington Watson.'

Third (6½ cwt.).—'The Lord to praise, my voice I will raise.'

Fourth (6½ cwt.).—'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round.'

Fifth (7 cwt.).—'God be our speed.'

Sixth (8 cwt.).—'Reverence my sanctuary.'

Seventh (9 cwt.).—'Glory be to God on high.'

Eighth (10 cwt.).—'Prosperity to all our benefactors.'

Ninth (13 cwt.).—'Prosperity to this town.'

Tenor in E (18½ cwt.).—'On earth, peace, goodwill towards men.'

By this augmentation has been realised a dream over thirty years old, born in the imagination of the present leader at Leek helfry and his young band of ringers, of those far-off days, who to-day still stick loyally together, giving the whole of their energy to their art and encouragement to the younger brood to follow them when their labours are no more. Through the columns of 'The Ringing World' the ringers would like to thank Mr. Edward Watson and his two sisters for their magnificent gift. What nobler gift, indeed, could have been made: what greater tribute to the Almighty in gratitude for the two lives so well and nobly spent, than to follow the command of the Psalmist David, who, in the fifth verse of the one hundred and fiftieth Psalm, exhorts us to 'praise Him on the loud cymbals, praise Him on the high-sounding cymbals.' The dulcet notes of the bells will float over the tomb of those to whose memory they have been given long after those who live to-day have ceased to be. Thus will their names be perpetuated through the ages.

The thanks of the ringers were also due to the Vicar and Churchwarden, whose sympathetic attitude and untiring energy have done so much to bring the happy event to so successful an issue; may their confidence in the ringers be amply rewarded. Truly they are a ringer's Vicar and churchwarden.

The bells will be thrown open to the Stoke and District Association on Saturday, January 1st. Should any ringer be in the district on this date, he will be made very welcome wherever he may hail from. Through the munificence of the donors, tea will be provided free in the Britannia Street schoolroom.

Mr. Cyril Johnston hopes to be present to meet the donors at this meeting. Thanks are also due to the employees of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for their unstinted efforts and long hours to have everything ready for the dedication in the limited space of time allowed them.

E. A. R.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 7th, for Remembrance Day service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal (1,230 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 48 mins.: H. Crabb 1, G. Wines 2, H. Davies 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Page 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Upwards of thirty members and friends attended a meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association, at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, etc. A service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Nunns, and greatly appreciated. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which came the business meeting, the district Master, Mr. L. Gray, being in the chair.

One new member was elected, Mr. John Thorpe, a member of the Loughton band.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. C. Nunns for his interesting address, to the organist, and the ladies who so kindly waited at table, also to Mr. Hayden for having the bells ready.

The company then adjourned to the tower for further ringing until 8.15 p.m., when an excellent touch of Stedman Caters brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

It was very gratifying to those who arranged the meeting to find such a large number present, and it is hoped all members will not fail to support the annual district meeting, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

## ILLNESS OF MR. C. EDWARDS, EALING.

The many friends of Mr. Chas. Edwards, Oakhurst Cottage, Ealing, will be very sorry to know that he is at present an in-patient of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing, having undergone a very serious operation. Although his condition is serious, his progress is satisfactory, and every hope is entertained for his complete restoration to health.

He would gladly welcome a line from any of his ringing friends. Those of us who have been placed in a similar condition know the comfort a letter or card gives. It is quite impossible for him to write to anyone at present. The address is: King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mattock Lane, Ealing, W.S.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

**TIVERTON.**—On Christmas Day, for seven o'clock celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Bray 1, Mrs. C. Knowles 2, Miss Hanson 3, Mr. C. Knowles 4, F. Viney 5, W. Cockram 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, J. Bray 8. Mr. R. Bray comes from Newton St. Cyres.

**BRITH, KENT.**—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. J. Cullum, sen., 1, E. J. Hott 2, S. A. Stagg 3, G. Cullum 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

The ancient custom of ringing for 7 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity was observed at Braintree. Touches of Treble Bob Major were rung and again for matins. For evensong, on St. Stephen's Day, 720 Double Court Bob: G. Welbourne 1, Geo. Wiffen 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, H. Reason (first in the method) 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

**DEVIZES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on December 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Twift 1, W. A. Twift (conductor) 2, G. Twift 3, L. Twift 4, J. Ottaway 5, H. Tutton 6. Rung to celebrate the home-coming of the Twift brothers.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for 11 a.m. service on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Phillips (first quarter) 1, W. Richards 2, W. Heath 3, F. Smith 4, P. Heath (first quarter inside) 5, E. Coombes (conductor), E. Stitch 7, S. R. Barker 8.

## GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps the following arrangement will prove interesting to Grandsire Double ringers. It consists of three equal parts, and contains the possible 24 changes of Bob Singles at the lead-end, producing 240 changes, with only three plain leads.—Yours, etc.,

LESLIE W. C. MORRIS.

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S 5432	S 2534	S 4235
S 3254	S 4325	S 5342
S 4523	S 5243	S 2453
4352	5324	2345

**GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.**—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor, viz., 720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Kent Treble Bob, and 60 of Double Court: J. Jennings 1, A. Piper 2, F. Harrington (Stebbing) 3, F. Suckling (first quarter-peal) 4, E. Townsend 5, W. Piper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6.

## SURPRISE RINGING IN DEVON.

At Stoker Damerel Parish Church, Plymouth, on Thursday, December 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor was rung by the following members of the Devon Guild: John O. Pook 1, Reginald J. Beer 2, William A. Wonnacott 3, William Rundle 4, William G. Hiscott 5, Charles R. Lilley (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 London Surprise Minor to be rung in Devon, and all the ringers are resident in and around Plymouth. First 720 in the method by all the band except the conductor.—Also 360 London Surprise Minor by the following: J. O. Pook 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, James H. Tippet 3, W. Rundle 4, R. J. Beer 5, Thomas G. Myers 6. Longest length by ringers of 3rd and tenor.

## FORTHCOMING MASONIC CEREMONY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago you published an account of the augmentation of Penwortham bells. In the speech of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lancashire (Western Division), reference is made to the ceremony of unveiling a tablet recording the Masonic peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Garston on March 29th, 1924.

I can now inform you that the date fixed for this ceremony is 3 p.m., January 30th, 1927, and that the Bishop of Liverpool and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will (D.V.) take part.—Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE I. DAVIES.

## BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Rishton Parish Church on Sunday, December 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (42 singles) for evening service: A. Yates 1, R. Hall 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, J. Hirst 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. Rung in 22 minutes. All the above ringers are regular service ringers, and none of them being above 18 years of age. They only commenced ringing 19 months ago, under the tuition of Mr. L. J. Williams, now at Churchirk.

On Thursday, December 16th, at St. Mary's Church, Maisey Hampton, Glos., in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Peachey 1, G. Pearce 2, U. Barnfield 3, H. Proplett 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, W. C. Peachey 6. This was the first quarter-peal by all except the ringers of 1 and 5. All are local Sunday ringers, except the conductor, who hails from Fairford.

At St. James' Church, Taunton, for practice, on December 18th, 672 of Cambridge Surprise Major: D. G. Taylor 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, W. H. Coles 4, J. Hunt (conductor) 5, P. Merson 6, et. Coles 7, W. H. Lloyd 8. First touch of Surprise Major by all except Messrs. Hunt and Lloyd.

At Henbury, Gloucestershire, on Friday, December 17th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: Mrs. J. Gould 1, E. Collier 2, R. Devenish 3, C. J. Gould 4, J. Martin 5, E. Davis 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar on being made honorary canon of Bristol Cathedral. First quarter of Triples by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th.

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**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—On Sunday evening, November 6th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Morris 1, F. H. Ballard 2, Cyril Collison (first in the method) 3, H. Markwell 4, S. H. Green 5, B. Collison 6, W. Lutter 7, A. Mays 8. Rung with the bells muffled for Armistice Sunday.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Nicolas, 1,232 Bob Major E. Munday 1, E. Dumper 2, C. J. May 3, W. G. Edwards 4, G. Williams (conductor) 5, E. Edwards (Stoney Stratford) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8. Arranged for ringer of the 6th.

**RISHTON, LANCS.**—On Sunday, December 26th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Yates 1, R. Hall 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, J. Hirst 5, F. Read (conductor) 6.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday evening, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: T. Farr 1, T. Smith 2, W. H. Fussell 3, L. Stilwell 4, S. W. Corden 5, C. W. Pipe 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, G. Adcock 8. Arranged for S. W. Corden, of Prittlewell, Essex.

**RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, December 19th, 1926, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles failed after ringing 960 changes: Percy Thrift 1, William Bunce 2, Harry Ives 3, George M. Kilby (conductor) 4, Thomas Collins 5, Albert Hunter 6. This is believed to be the first change ringing on a Sunday for a good many years on these bells, upon which 'stone' has been the order.

**RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church on Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Bishop 1, B. Chew 2, J. Harper, jun., 3, G. Wilks 4, H. Reid 5, J. Bishop 6, Wm. Bishop (conductor) 7, H. Meek 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late A. Hawker and Rd. Bennett.

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—For evening service on Sunday, December 19th, 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, H. Badger (first touch of Surprise) 2, G. Pullinger 3, C. F. Gray 4, G. Williams (conductor) 5, O. Giles 6, W. Tucker 7, F. Blondell 8.

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—On Sunday, December 19th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Ewens 1, F. Marchant 2, Pte. E. R. Turner (R.T.C.) 3, B. Hawkins (conductor) 4, F. Nye 5, H. Gould 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunt 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, December 19th, at the Church of St. Mathew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. C. Taylor, sen., 1, J. H. Parrott 2, H. Hills 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, F. Smith 6, S. Penfold (conductor) 7, H. G. Taylor, jun., 8.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—On Sunday, December 19th, at All Souls' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. for 'pound' service: C. Pike 1, A. Holden 2, R. Holden 3, H. Wallbank 4, W. Pennington 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, J. Wm. Kay 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—At Charles' Church, on Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: H. Ryder 1, E. Bunker 2, H. Bennett 3, W. H. Marsh 4, L. Moses 5, H. Ashton 6, T. Kitchen 7, W. S. Hornbrook 8, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 9, A. T. Westcott 10.—On Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) in 58 mins.: L. Moses 1, H. Ashton 2, W. S. Hornbrooks (conductor) 3, W. H. Marsh 4, E. W. Marsh 5, W. Rundle 6, A. T. Westcott 7, W. H. Hiscott 8, W. Richards 9, T. Kitchen 10.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Sunday, November 28th, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, jun., 3, W. Upton, 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, W. Scott 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.—On Sunday, December 5th, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Moody (first in the method) 1, W. Scott 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Johnson 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, November 18th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardestale 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. Lee 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Well Street, Marylebone, W., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, B. H. Swinson (first quarter of Surprise) 3, C. F. Winney 4, T. Newman 5, G. A. Card 6, W. Rogers (first quarter of Surprise) 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, Kennington, for a special service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Hardestale 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, G. W. Wild 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, J. Lee 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. C. Sadler 1, A. V. Selby 2, P. L. Miles 3, H. G. Miles 4, A. Outmore 5, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 6, G. C. Rice 7, A. Harris 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, H. Wakelam 10.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for the memorial service for Aquistia, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Cashmore 1, A. J. Green 2, R. Foddy 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Green 8.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Lovell 1, T. Stringer 2, H. Gravett 3, A. J. Feist 4, J. Parsons 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Feist (conductor) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mrs. Stringer, mother of the ringer of the 2nd, who is captain of Burgess Hill.

**BRAMLEY, LEEDS.**—On Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, J. W. T. Holgate 2, S. Helliwell 3, F. Blacketh 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, E. Redshaw 7, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, the conductor of the Bramley company on his return from a holiday in Canada. Longest length as conductor.

**BRAMLEY, LEEDS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 49 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, J. W. T. Holgate 2, S. Helliwell 3, F. Blacketh 4, E. Redshaw 5, F. Jackson 6, J. Guy 7, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, the conductor of the Bramley company, on his return from a holiday in Canada. Longest length as conductor.

**PAIGNTON, DEVON.**—On Sunday evening, October 10th, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: F. Allwood 1, A. D. Green 2, S. H. Ward 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings (conductor) 5, F. E. Parnall 6, H. J. Hole 7, A. L. Pope 8.

**BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—On October 3rd, for evening service, 240 each of Sandacre, Westminster, Allendale, and a plain course of Ipswich: W. Allman (Newcastle) 1, Miss A. Preston (conductor) 2, H. Billings 3, Chas. Bowen 4, R. Preston 5, W. Fradley 6.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—After evensong, on October 3rd, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: G. W. T. Briggs (South Hackney) (first 720 and first attempt) 1, E. Plummer 2, A. Reeve 3, J. Waugh 4, C. Petty 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, before Holy Eucharist, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: H. Wibberley 1, W. T. Neild 2, C. S. Ryles 3, G. E. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, F. Triner 6.—For matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. T. Neild 1, C. S. Ryles 2, W. Corfield 3, J. F. Ryles 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6.—For evensong, 720 Vale Royal: J. F. Ryles 1, O. S. Ryles 2, R. Preston (Bucknall) 3, J. W. Walker 4, F. Triner 5, J. Walley 6. C. S. Ryles was the conductor for the day.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: R. Lister 1, E. G. Kibble 2, E. A. Hull 3, T. G. Deal 4, J. G. Nash (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 5, C. H. Ross 6.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Hughes 1, R. Martin 2, E. Jones (conductor) 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. J. Lawrence, who is leaving the parish to take up the living at Cotes Heath, Staffordshire.

**NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for morning service, on Sunday, September 19th, 720 Bob Minor in 18 mins.: W. Emmett 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. F. Clark 3, H. Belcher 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, H. A. Folkard 6. Also a touch of Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. Emmett.

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**HANDBELLS AT A CAROL SERVICE.**

A Christmas carol service took place at St. Paul's Church, Hounslow, on Sunday evening, December 19th, and at the invitation of the Vicar the ringers were asked to assist on their handbells. The carols selected for accompaniment were 'Ring, happy bells,' by Simper, and 'Ring out, ye bells,' by Wallis. The splendid toned bells were heard to the best advantage by a large congregation.

A quarter-peal was attempted on tower bells for this service, but owing to a miss-call it was not a success. However, in the time available, a touch of 279 Grandsire Triples was rung.

**ILLNESS OF MR. BERNARD MITCHELL.**

Mr. Bernard W. Mitchell, of 58, New Street, Erdington, has been under a very serious operation in the General Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham. His many friends and brother ringers will be pleased to know that at present he is very comfortable, but it may be some time yet before he will be thoroughly convalescent.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Skipton, Yorks, on Saturday, November 6th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: W. Bailey (Skipton) 1, W. H. Birtwhistle (Gargrave) 2, J. Langstroth (Gargrave) 3, R. Bottomley (conductor) (Keighley) 4, W. Billows (Skipton) 5, C. Langstroth (Gargrave) 6, C. Wallace (Skipton) 7, W. D. Hillary (Skipton) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Lawson, one of the ringers of the Skipton company, who was married earlier in the day.

**FIRST ON THE BELLS.**

On the new bell at South Marston, Wilts, on Sunday afternoon, December 19th, 720 Ken Treble Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, G. W. Townsend 2, E. Bishop 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, H. W. Bishop 5, T. Townsend 6. This was the first 720 on the bells.

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**BIRTHDAY BELLS.**

On Tuesday evening, December 21st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, Derby, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 53 mins.: T. Sharman (first quarter in method) 1, W. Wallace 2, H. K. Waterfield 3, G. Freemore (conductor) 4, E. H. Clarke 5, W. Slater 6, H. Carigan 7, P. H. Tate 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and also to commemorate the festival of St. Andrew's Day.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, September 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. A. Hughes 1, R. Wilkinson 2, H. Moxon 3, F. Alleway 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards 6, C. Dyke (conductor) 7, W. Cheshire 8. —On Thursday, September 23rd, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for harvest festival: F. Hill 1, E. Leversuch 2, J. Milner 3, E. Hending 4, C. Dyke 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, G. A. Hughes 7, W. Cheshire 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for evening service, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Oyston (first quarter at first attempt) 1, A. Coates 2, W. Lister 3, W. Broadley 4, A. Hodgen 5, T. Clarke 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. A. Smith 8.

**NOTICES.**

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 1st. The following bells will be available at 2 p.m.: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6). Guild service, St. John's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KING'S NORTON PARISH CHURCH.**—Ringing on the new peal of 10 is arranged for Saturday, Jan. 1st, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. The Ringing Master is kindly providing a meat tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. E. Moore, 175, Northfield Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.

**THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.** Established 1672.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Balance Sheet, Election of Officers, etc. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, Wandsworth, on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Tower will only be open from 4 p.m. till 5 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (10) available from 12 noon.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 3rd, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8.15, and Mondays, the 17th and the 31st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 25th, at 8. The annual meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at St. Clement Danes'. Please reserve date now, as large attendance is desired.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Monday, Jan. 3rd. St. Hilda's bells available after 2.30.—G. S. Taylor, Dis. 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 financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (at 8 p.m.), and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by Jan. 5th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—South-West District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shaugh Prior on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Will those attending please notify secretary before Jan. 5th?—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Important business meeting for the election of local officers and nomination of general officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Jan. 8th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 4th, if you intend to be present.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Headley, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock and meeting at 6. Those intending being present at tea please notify Mr. William Blackledge, 94, Wigan Road, Headley, not later than Jan. 5th. A good meeting requested.—James W. Graunds, Sec.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Barnsley. Further particulars later.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea after service, to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, Jan. 5th. Subscriptions for 1927 can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Wokingham. Service at St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. T. Stubbs, Rector of Easthampstead, followed by meat tea and meeting at St. Paul's Parish Room. Those desirous of being present at tea please notify me not later than Jan. 3rd.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The first meeting of the year 1927 will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3.15, with the usual service, tea and meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD.**—The 6th Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at 6 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol. Chairman, Mr. Henry Way; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Jeffries. Tickets 5/6. University Buildings and Bell (9½ tons) open from 2.30 p.m. (Tea and Buns.) An informal conference will be held. Service, St. Stephen's Church, 5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Guild Secretaries, Stewards, Officials, or direct from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham Jan. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, service at 6 o'clock. Please advise me before the 5th inst., so that arrangement may be made for tea.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall Village.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Service 4.15. Those requiring tea (1s.) are particularly requested to notify me not later than Jan. 4th.—J. W. Clarke, Aldford, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Swan Hotel, to be followed by general meeting and social. All ringers and wives welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting, for the election of officers, will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, in St. Peter's, Derby. Bells available from 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.** Established 1672.—The Fifth Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 29th, 1927, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4/- each, can now be obtained from the Committee or F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Claude I. Davies has removed to 'Caerleon,' Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

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