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## A NEW GUILD FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Never, we imagine, has a Guild of Church Bell Ringers been formed under happier auspices than those which have accompanied the inception of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was inaugurated on Saturday and came into being with the first minute of the new year. Twelve months of hard work by a committee has culminated in a new organisation which has been launched not only with enthusiasm among its members, but with expressions of goodwill from all its neighbours. The Guildford Diocesan Guild is the baby of the Exercise; and it is worth putting on record that its birth was witnessed by, among others, official representatives of the three oldest ringing societies in the Kingdom—the College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham (lineal descendant of the aforetime St. Martin's Youths).

It is frequently a complaint that many clergy take little interest in the doings of their ringers or their ringers' organisation. Those who have been responsible for the new Guild have had no exceptional experience in this respect. They have found the ground as hard to till as any of their predecessors, but with the enthusiasm of youth, shall we say, they made sufficient impression on a number of the clergy to induce them to join their ringers at the initial gathering. One of the set policies of the new Guild is to be a determined attempt to break down the invisible barrier which seems to exist in so many churches between the activities of the ringers and the interest of the authorities. How to do it has been a difficult problem for the organisers, but they hope they have done something towards finding a solution by 'attacking' through the Parochial Church Councils.

They have gone directly to the Incumbents and the Councils, and asked them to 'affiliate' their towers (as distinct from the ordinary membership of the ringers), and in doing this they have submitted to the notice of the Church authorities the objects and rules of the Guild, and set out its policy. It was really a bold action, and, while it cannot be said that the scheme has carried through at every point—it is not possible in a matter of this kind to create interest everywhere all at once—there has been sufficient response to show that with tactful and persistent effort there is every possibility of getting for the ringers a greater interest in their work and for the Guild an appreciation of and sympathy with its objects.

The important point in this matter is that it has the backing of the Bishop of the Diocese (whose absence from the inaugural meeting, through illness, was a great disappointment to all concerned). The proposal went out not only with his consent, but with his expressed hope

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that it would be accepted. The affiliation fee has been fixed at five shillings, but it is not the amount that matters. It is the principle of recognition which is important, and the stage to which it has already gone in the Guildford Diocese makes it fairly apparent that it will be accepted in the great majority of the towers in that area. Whatever may have been done to stir up the interest of the clergy in the past, it is safe to say that among the churches in what is now the Guildford Diocese nothing has previously been done which has directed the attention of the authorities as a whole to the position which is filled by their ringers as much as this scheme has. This, however, is only one furrow in the field in which the members have set their hands to the plough. In many other directions there is a great deal of hard work before them if they are to attain to the highest ideals; and it will need something more than the first flush of enthusiasm to carry them through. A good start has been made; but enterprise and steady, efficient labour, not only on the part of the officials, but of the rank and file will be necessary to make the Guild all that the promoters hope it will become in the future.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ... .. Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 7
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... 9
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... 10
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6
ALBERT STOWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3	HENRY FRING ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

The conductor's 300th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer and the conductor.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 2	JOHN T. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	*HAYDN THORPE ... .. 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 4	JOHN THORPE ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. The peal was rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. ABRAHAM ... .. 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 9
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

The ringer of the 4th was elected a life member of the association previous to starting.

## LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY ... .. Treble	FRANK SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 7
*GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 8
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 9
*THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Ring after meeting short for Treble Twelve.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 2	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... .. 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* 200th peal. Ring as a birthday peal for C. Wallater.

## WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 8
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Surprise Royal in Wales.

## WELLS.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 57 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

CHARLES S. DORBIN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL ... .. 3	E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... .. Tenor
	REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

This was the first attempt for a peal by the ringer of the treble, who was heartily congratulated on the excellent way in which he rang his bell. He and the Rev. R. H. Whitford were elected members previous to starting.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES WINNER ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. 8
PERCY SPICE ... .. 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 9
EDWIN F. PIRE ... .. 5	ALFRED HAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CEEGE.

Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

## CARDIFF.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes, 00

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

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*PETER HEATH ... .. Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	*JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
*ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 3	*GEORGE POPEWELL ... .. 8
*ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	GEORGE LARGE ... .. 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal as conductor; first attempt, and first touch as conductor.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6
*W. JACK DOVE ... .. 2	*JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 7
*JOHN KING ... .. 3	HARRY SEAR ... .. 8
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
JOHN R. SHARMAN ... .. 5	*ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. PISTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caterers. Ring as a birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Main.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 5
JAMES HAZELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 6
MISS DOROTHY FRITTER ... .. 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... .. 7
MISS VERA ROBINSON ... .. 4	THOMAS GODDARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

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

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Four Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9680 CHANGES;**

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS... ..	...Treble	*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... ..	5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... ..	2	*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... ..	6
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	3	*EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..	7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	4	*PERCIVAL PRICE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* Longest length. First peal in this variation by all and by the association. It is the longest peal yet rung without bobs.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE ... ..	5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... ..	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... ..	6
JOSEPH L. STANIER ... ..	3	JOHN H. RIXOM ... ..	7
WALTER LAGO ... ..	4	BERTRAM L. JONES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Francis Xavier,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS R. BUTLER ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... ..	5
*ERNEST JONES ... ..	2	THOMAS W. GILMOUD ... ..	6
JOHN WILKINSON ... ..	3	THOMAS C. LARKEY ... ..	7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... ..	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Also first peal of Surprise on the bells. The band would like to thank the Rector, Father Magee, for permission to ring this peal, also Mr. W. Bond, the tower-keeper, who is now retiring from the position after 51 years' service.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ..	5
CHARLES R. BELTON ... ..	2	CHARLES H. BELTON ... ..	6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD... ..	3	FRED COTTON ... ..	7
GEORGE THOMPSON ... ..	4	PERCY YATES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

DAVID HUGHES ... ..	...Treble	†HENRY MARTIN ... ..	5
*JAMES SMITH ... ..	2	†JOHN BRESE ... ..	6
*G. RONALD EDWARDS ... ..	3	†FRANK WINSTANLEY... ..	7
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... ..	4	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Ringer of 4th is only 13 years old. The composition, a 2-part, has the 6th the full extent 'right.' Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Bidston, 5th from Woodchurch, remainder local band. The peal was rung in honour of the marriage (which took place on the same day) of Miss Esther Carrol to Mr. William A. T. Woosnam, late captain of the local band, and cousin of the ringer of the 6th.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, W.,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... ..	5
HARRY MANCE ... ..	2	WILLIAM ESSERY... ..	6
CHARLES J. CHOOET ... ..	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... ..	7
HARRY DYAS... ..	4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dyas. It was Mr. H. Dyas' twenty-fifth peal of Stedman Triples, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM LAWES ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... ..	5
HENRY C. CHANDLER... ..	2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... ..	6
HORACE BELCHER ... ..	3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..	7
CHARLES S. BIRD ... ..	4	*FREDERICK HUMPHRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, to celebrate Mr. Edwards' 50th anniversary as a ringer at Heston Church.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE HASTINGS ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... ..	5
JESSIE GILLET ... ..	2	THOMAS PRICE ... ..	6
GEORGE ORCHARD ... ..	3	FRANK COLE... ..	7
FRANK WAITE ... ..	4	LESLIE BARRY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

*DENIS E. HEGINBOTHAM...Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... ..	5
CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL ... ..	6
†GEORGE ENGLAND ... ..	FRANK GREEN ... ..	7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... ..	*JESSE STONE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

A. E. HOODLESS ... ..	...Treble	*BRIAN BRAY ... ..	5
A. H. EASTOE ... ..	2	G. HOBBS ... ..	6
C. BIRD... ..	3	†J. BROUGHTON ... ..	7
JACK BRAY ... ..	4	A. W. HOODLESS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. The peal was rung to mark the silver wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Hoodless, the band wishing them many future years of happiness. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. H. Eastoe and Miss Kathleen Allberry, members of the local band.



KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Treble	WILLIAM BROOKE ... .. 5
CHRIS CROME ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGELEY ... .. 6
ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... .. 7
JAMES H. RAPER... .. 4	WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER N. ASHEY.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Parish Church,

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

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE HALKSWORD ... .. 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 7
*FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 2nd.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 6
CHARLES J. CHOET ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 7
EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

The band wish to thank Messrs. Cole and Hoing for making all the arrangements.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	HENRY HUTTON ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BERDOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

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

WILLESSEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	†HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

MORETON VALANCE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Stephen,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

LEONARD FERRAR ... .. Treble	FRANK SIMMONDS... .. 4
ARTHUR HARMER... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5
JACK JOYNER... .. 3	THOMAS PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

WALKERN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, New London Pleasure, Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ 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.

First peal on the bells, which were made into six about two years ago, a treble being added by Taylor and Co.

STOURTON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JESSE E. GREEN ... .. Treble	†EDWARD J. ROWE ... .. 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. 2	†LEWIS A. FERRETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 3	FRED A. COWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. COWARD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. This is the first peal of Minor by the North Dorset Branch, also first peal on the bells, which have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his 19th birthday.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FREDERICK J. TITZ ... .. Treble	FRANK LEWIN ... .. 4
JOHN KING ... .. 2	*JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5
HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* One hundredth peal.

THURSTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;**

Being four 1,440 changes, each called differently.

*J. LEE ... .. Treble	J. F. SMITH ... .. 3
W. J. JONES ... .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Tenor	

First 1440 changes Conducted by W. J. JONES, second 1440 by J. F. SMITH, third 1440 by RALPH G. EDWARDS, fourth 1440 by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are aged 13 years, and all are under 21 years.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Monday, December 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Clifton 1, H. Hatfield 2, J. Evans 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, W. Scarrott 6, E. Hims 7, W. Farmer 8.

## UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD LAMBERT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
WILFRED BOOTH ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 5
REGINALD C. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung after meeting two short for Bob Major.

## FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JOSEPH O. LONDON ... .. 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal. Credit is due to the ringers of the treble and tenor for the way they rang throughout the peal. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer, and her first attempt. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Market Deeping, the 3rd from James Deeping, 4th from Rip-pingale. The remainder are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

## ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr.

*REGINALD WORRALL ... Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 4
JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 3
WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 3	ALBERT H. BOOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-stores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY MANSELL Treble	JOHN SEDGLEY ... .. 4
*ARTHUR M. THOMAS ... 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 3	*F. MURRAY ROBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

\* First peal. Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen. Miss Mannell, who is a member of the local company, is the first lady to take part in a peal both for the Truro Diocesan Guild and also in Cornwall. The ringer of the second is from Kenwyn, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor from Truro Cathedral.

## GAMSTON, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. PRESTON ... .. Treble	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. ... .. 4
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	HARRY REVILL ... .. 5
G. FRED BLOOMFIELD ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from Ordsall, and 4th from East Retford. The band wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. E. Paxton) for his hospitality after the peal, also Mr. R. Ashforth for having all in readiness.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Nicholas', 1,280 Kent Treble Bob on the back eight (tenor 39 cwt.): W. Fisher 1, E. Jones 2, J. C. E. Simpson 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Wilkinson 5, T. Larkey 6, E. Caunce 7, R. F. Deal (conductor) 8.

## LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WM. L. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	*HARRY T. S. DUFFIELD ... 4
JOHN R. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	WM. C. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal. The above band consists of father (Mr. W. L. Duffield) and five sons.

## BUXTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	†EDWARD J. BARTON ... .. 4
PHILIP N. BARTON ... .. 2	EDWARD HOWES ... .. 5
†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob by a local band.

## WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sutton, Blythe, Cawthorne, Shelley, Markham, Bolton Abbey and Fountain Abbey.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH ... .. 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. SPOONER ... Treble	*CHARLIE MITCHELL ... .. 4
*MRS. W. C. SPOONER ... 2	†ALBERT HILLS ... .. 5
*ALFRED ARNOLD ... .. 3	F. R. TULLETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by F. R. TULLETT, JUN.

The first peal by the Guild, and rung to celebrate its inauguration. It was also a birthday compliment to C. Mitchell. \* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung at the first attempt.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## LEYTONSTONE.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 74, CECIL ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 1-2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5-6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3-4	WESLEY WATSON ... .. 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: J. BENNETT.

\* First peal on handbells. The conductor has now rung a peal on every date in the year, including February 29th, and December 25th is the only one on which he has not rung a tower-bell peal. All the peals have been rung on either 8, 10, or 12 bells, and, with two exceptions, without any special arrangements being made. He is the first person to do so.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over until next week.)

## THE PEAL AT WELLS CATHEDRAL.

It is generally recognised that it requires two men to ring the tenor at Wells Cathedral to a peal. On the present occasion, with a wholly Bristol band, Mr. Farley, formerly of Wells, being now a resident, a lad from St. Thomas' was asked to assist Mr. Braven with the tenor, the Rev. R. H. Whitford ringing the second. After about 10 minutes' ringing, Mr. Whitford set his bell, and said he was very sorry, but he could not go on as he had little or no power in his right arm. Without much waste of time, the lad from St. Thomas', whose only previous experience of Stedman Caters was a plain course, was put on the treble, and Mr. Whitford kindly took the strap rope of the tenor just to see how far we could go. The numbed feeling eventually went from his arm, and a good peal was rung. The lad rang like a veteran, and had not to be told once about his striking, and only very occasionally did he find difficulty in picking out the bell he had to dodge with.

The band, with the exception of Mr. Farley, travelled by train, owing to the snowfall of the previous day (a charabanc having been cancelled), and it was fortunate they did so. Mr. Farley, with his wife, travelled by car, and had a narrow escape from a very serious accident on the hill leading down into Wells. The car skidded, and Mr. Farley lost control, finally crashing into a stationary motor omnibus and the ditch in such a way that little damage was done apart from lamps and mudguards. But it might have been much, very much worse.

W. A. C.

## LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that the Rev. H. L. James has at last realised, in his production of 'Lincolnshire' Surprise, that coursing order in a method is only an arbitrary definition.

No doubt your readers will have noticed that in 'Lincolnshire' Major, Royal and Maximus there is a five-pull dodge in 1-2, but it is in the Royal only that coursing bells are engaged in the five-pull dodge. In the home lead in Major, 4-7 are engaged, and it follows that in the wrong lead 2-3 will be engaged in a five-pull dodge, but, nevertheless, the extension to Royal and Maximus is quite sound, although not the nearest possible to the Major. On the other hand, there is a nearer Major relation to the Royal, given, in which coursing order bells will be engaged in a seven-pull dodge.

The Rev. H. L. James has yet a lot to learn.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

P.S.—There are four false course ends to 'Lincolnshire' Major: 24365, 26543, 42563, 36245.

## GRIMTHORP'S BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Would you kindly grant me a space in your valuable paper to thank Mr. E. Alex Young for his informative article, and to air my views on Grimthorp's bells? Mr. Young seems to praise a couple of his best peals, but, unfortunately, our Penarth bells which got into his clutches—a peal of six with a 14 cwt. tenor—must have been some of his spoils, and I for one have got to suffer. I am struggling hard to get them where I think all his other bells have gone—back into Taylor's melting pot. I know Mr. Taylor's hands were tied, and he had to work to his instructions. Now I will give credit where it is due. The shape of Grimthorp's bells is perfect, but for tone, for his idea of hanging, and for his ear for music, I think there is much to be desired. The tone puts me in mind of a hurriedly discharged truck of corrugated-iron sheets, and the way Penarth bells are hung is in a very heavy oak frame, with small headstocks stuck on top of high cannons, and low wheels, which cause the ringers to have to keep pulling hard every time to keep the bells up from the treble to the tenor. I have rung Hereford Cathedral tenor (47 cwt.) with much less pulling than ours, and from what I can imagine they never did nor ever can 'draw' under such eccentric ideas. I am speaking not as a professional change ringer, but I have had many years with the late William Greenleaf, that grand old Hereford bell hanger and bell tuner.

As many of your readers know, his ear for a bell note was keen and true. I remember once I rehung a peal of six in a country place, and I had one bell a little clapper short. When they were being tried before the opening, Mr. Greenleaf took me down to a stone quarry, not far away, to listen, and he spotted the fault in a minute, and told me of it. I said, 'Oh, it's near enough for a place like this,' and I shall never forget how he 'went' for me. He said, 'It's not near enough for me, and you will stay and alter it,' and I had to. That taught me a lesson, and I have since noticed there are bells left to go with this defect. There are some around here, lately rehung. I think that is one point that the bell hanger ought to notice.

In conclusion, may I ask, is Mr. Young in favour of thick, heavy, hard-tone bells, like Grimthorp's? That is what Penarth's are. If we can get them sent back to Taylor's Foundry, they will come back a nice ring of eight, with a 12 cwt. tenor. I think it is a great pity that all Grimthorp's bells did not get sent to America, which is near enough for them. There is not one in tune with the other.—Yours faithfully,

A. WEAVER.

Penarth.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our cordial thanks to the many ringers who have sent us their good wishes for the new year.

There is to be a gathering of the clans at Bolton on December 28th, when, in addition to a proposed Ladies' Guild meeting at Holy Trinity Church, there is to be a meeting at the Parish Church to dedicate a peal board commemorating the 11,232 of Superlative Surprise rung at that church on January 29th, 1927. The board will be on view inside the church for several weeks.

The first peal of Surprise Royal in Wales was rung at Wrexham on Boxing Day, and the band would like to associate with the performance the names of Mr. A. E. Pegler and Mr. R. Sperring, who were unfortunately too ill to stand in.

Under doctor's orders, Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, has got to abstain from peal ringing for a few months. It is hoped the rest will restore him to his former health and allow him to pursue his wonted activities.

At a recent meeting of parishioners at Great Bentley, Essex, Mr. W. J. Nevard was presented with an inscribed gold watch on his retirement from the office of churchwarden after many years' service. Mr. and Mrs. Nevard are looking forward to celebrating their golden wedding next November.

Members of the Ladies' Guild are combining in a meeting at St. Clement Danes, London, on January 21st, when it is hoped there will be a big attendance.

What was claimed as the first true peal of Norwich Court Bob rung in London was performed at Bethnal Green one hundred and forty years ago to-morrow.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in London was rung at Southwark on January 7th, 1846.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung by the old St. James' Society on January 10th, 1854.

With reference to the peal of 8,864 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Oxenhope on December 17th, an error was contained in the footnote. This peal was not the first of Oxford on the bells, a peal in that method having been rung on October 8th.

Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, a member of the Central Council, sustained a heavy bereavement in the week before Christmas, when he lost his mother, Mrs. Barton, of Eastry, Kent, who passed away within eight days of her 90th birthday.

To the many interesting and notable achievements of Mr. William Pye has now to be added another. By ringing a handbell peal on Christmas Day, he has now scored a peal on every date in the year, February 29th included. Christmas Day is the only one on which he has not rung a tower-bell peal.

By ringing seven 720's of Minor in a peal at Tempsford, Beds, on Saturday, Mr. Frank Warrington, one of the district secretaries of the Ely Diocesan Association, completed 398 six-bell extents in the last three years. This is really a remarkable achievement. The 720's have been rung in 64 towers in eight counties.

We are glad to be able to record a jubilee peal, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal of the Lancashire Association. Only one member of that first peal band is now alive, and that is Mr. Henry W. Jackson, who is still an active ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, and captain of the band there.

An interesting 'family' peal appears in our columns this week. Mr. W. L. Duffield and his five sons having scored a peal of Bob Minor at Long Stratton, Norfolk.

What would some of the old Masters have said had they been told that a peal of Major, of 9,600 changes, would be rung without bobs? But they did it at Loughborough on Christmas Eve, as will be seen from our peal columns.

Two youths of thirteen years of age shared in the conducting of a peal of Doubles at Thurstaston on Christmas Eve. All the band were under 21.

## THE WM. D. CROFTS' MEMORIAL DINNER.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As announced elsewhere in this issue, this dinner will take place on the last Saturday in this month, when we hope to be honoured with the presence of the Lord Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Heywood. The Bishop being cousin to the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., will cause the dinner automatically to resolve itself into a memorial to his equally distinguished cousin, and I appeal to everyone who knew and, therefore, respected Sir Arthur to attend, if at all possible. A real live memorial to Sir Arthur is long overdue, and this dinner, having already achieved its object of placing on permanent record W. D. Crofts, the giant of the 18th century, can easily embrace the memory of the most brilliant star of our time, and it is our intention to include a toast to his memory.—Yours sincerely,

A. COPPOCK,  
Master.



## THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Take a piece of paper and on it draw a circle. Then place your pencil on it and move it along the line you have drawn. You will find the possible movement is confined to the following:—

(a) You can move from left to right (clockwise), and, if you continue the movement, you will complete the circle and return to the point from which you started.

(b) You can move from right to left (anti-clockwise), and, if you continue the movement, you will complete the circle and return to the point from which you started.

(c) Having moved some distance in either direction, you can retrace your steps, and again, if you continue the movement, you will return to the point from which you started. You have then moved forward and backward along an arc of the circle.

(d) Having moved some distance in either direction, you can retrace your steps; but before reaching the starting point you can again reverse your path, and once more, by continuing the movement, you will reach the starting point.

Whatever you do, in whatever way you vary your movement, it must consist of one or more complete circles, and (except in (a) and (b)) a number of arcs backwards and forwards.

This exactly illustrates the movement of a bell in ringing. But in ringing there cannot be the movement of a single bell. If one bell moves, it implies the movement of other bells. In the first change, a

movement of all four bells is begun, and this movement, if continued, will return them all to their original positions by a cyclical movement. You will see I have had to use figures as an illustration; but I want my reader to study, not so much the rows as the change between them—i.e., the movement which produces row from row. Better still, to take his mind into the tower and in imagination ring these changes.

Here again, in the first change, a cyclical movement is begun, which, when continued, will bring the bells back to the positions from which they started.

You will notice that essentially there is no difference between these two, except that one is the reverse of the other; just as the clockwise and anti-clockwise movements round a circle are identical, except that one is the opposite of the other. Notice, too, that the places before and behind are integral parts of the movement; they are included and implied in the cycle, and we need not pay any more attention to them than to other steps in the cycle.

Equally, all internal places are parts of some cycle or other, and essentially of no more constructional value than any other step in the movement.

In the first of these two examples the bells move forward one step. They follow it by one step backwards, which takes them back to their original positions. In the second example, the bells move forward three steps, followed by three backward steps, and again they are returned to their original positions.

Here we have a combination of the full cycle (the hunting course and the arc (the dodge)).

These examples illustrate every round block that can be produced when all the bells are at the same time hunting the same way (i.e., all forward or all backward, not, of course, all up or all down, which, obviously, is impossible). It is of these blocks that all ringing is composed.

When the bells are all hunting the same way, they keep a certain order in which they follow each other. This is 'coursing order.' In the science of ringing the term 'coursing order' is strictly limited to these blocks. There is no common coursing order between two changes, one of which belongs to one of these blocks and the other to another. Nor is there any coursing order in any change where some of the bells are hunting forward and some backward—that is, in any change where an internal place is made. In practical ringing the use of the term depends on this meaning, but, as is only natural and right, is used rather more loosely.

When all the bells move in the same direction (either forward or backward) they keep within the hunting course, and no more rows can be had than double the number of the bells—repetition you can get, but nothing outside the hunting course. To get further rows we must make some of the bells move backward, while others are moving forward (or forward while the others are moving backward). This means, since, as we have seen, all movement is cyclical, that we introduce secondary cycles in a part of the bells. The way in which these secondary cycles can be introduced is the whole science of method construction, and a large part of the science of peal composition. It is outside my present scheme to go thoroughly into the question; it would take too long to cover the ground fully. I must content myself with one or two simple illustrations. I can refer my readers to many articles I have published in years past, both in 'The Ringing World' and the 'Bell News,' and I would advise them to study the articles now appearing by 'Minormania,' where, by a coin-

(Continued in next column.)

## A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

The concluding article of 'Minormania's' instructive series is unavoidably held over until next week.

## LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS.

The annual meeting of this association took place at All Saints', Newport, on Boxing Day. Despite the very inclement weather, a good number put in an appearance from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' Churches were made good use of prior to the service, which was held in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock, the Vicar, the Rev. Sidney Morgan, officiating.

Immediately following the service a move was made to the Mission House, where tea, which had been generously provided, was waiting.

After tea various items were dealt with, including restorations, instruction, etc.

A long discussion on members' subscriptions was the item which took most time. It was pointed out that members who were in arrears and not members strictly according to rule were taking part in peals. It was agreed to ask all leaders in the different towers to act as a collector, and thus endeavour to prevent anyone running into arrears.

The next annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, the next quarterly meetings at Llanishen and St. Mellons.

Mr. Jas. C. Perry, of Bridgend, was elected Master for 1928, and the hon. secretary and auditors were re-elected.

Quite a number of new members were elected, and minor matters dealt with.

Ringing was indulged in at both churches after the meeting until late, bringing to a close a pleasant and successful meeting.

## AN 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.

It is a sign of the progress of the times when we are able to announce an 'All England Ringers' Meeting.' The preliminary notice of this appears in our columns this week. It is to take place at the Croydon Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on March 3rd, when the chief attraction will be a peal of ten bells with a tenor of 19 tons! The tenor is one of the additional bells which the firm have cast for the great carillon previously sent by them to America for Mr. J. D. Rockefeller. The recollection of the gigantic 'rally' which took place at Croydon Foundry in the early part of last year will make the coming event one of lively interest.

## FIFTY YEARS A RINGER AT ONE CHURCH.

### PRESENTATION AT HESTON.

An interesting ceremony took place, after the peal at Heston, Middlesex, on Boxing Day (recorded elsewhere). Mr. H. C. Chandler, on behalf of his fellow-ringers, congratulated Mr. Edwards on his wonderful record of 50 years' service at Heston belfry. Mr. Edwards was a most regular attendant at Sunday service ringing, no matter how inclement the weather, despite the fact that he had half-an-hour's walk to and fro—his only means of getting to the tower direct. Mr. Chandler then presented him with a silver-mounted black malacca walking stick, suitably engraved, and expressed the hope that Mr. Edwards would be spared to assist them for a great number of years.

Mr. Edwards briefly acknowledged the big surprise he had received, and said he should with pleasure continue ringing as long as health permitted.

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cidence and from a different point of view, another writer is explaining the same truth. This must be kept clearly in mind—all movement, however, complex it may seem, can be resolved into a number of simple cycles similar to those which I have just described.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent 'A Plain Ringer' must not read into my words what is not there. I was not trying to defend Shipway's Royal nor to discredit the Ipswich Maximus. I am quite impartial on that question. I think Shipway's is a very clever adaptation of Superlative, but not, strictly speaking, an extension, and that for reasons I published many years ago. I was using as an illustration a piece of bad argument. Shipway may have been right or he may have been wrong in making third's and fifth's in the second change. My point was that that particular argument, attractive as it seems at first sight, does not prove him wrong.

And your correspondent rather objects to my saying that those places are made in the second change. He thinks they are made in the third change. But if he will go into the tower and ring the method he will find I was quite right. 21436587 is the second row and 12463578 is the third row. The second change, which includes the places, is the movement, the 'work,' which connects the two. You are not likely to understand the problem of extension of methods unless you realise the difference between a row and a change.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION.

On the last and certainly one of the worst Saturdays in 1927 the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was successfully inaugurated. Although the country was under snow, and cross-country travel was not only difficult but, in many cases, well-nigh impossible, ringers came from all quarters of the diocese to take part in the proceedings which were to establish a new Guild of Ringers in the new diocese. Considerably over a hundred ringers from the diocesan towers were present, many of them accompanied by their clergy and churchwardens, and there were visitors from a number of the neighbouring associations, who came officially to assist in the send-off and to extend their good wishes. The great disappointment of the day—far greater than the weather which kept many away—was the enforced absence of the Bishop of Guildford, who has followed the formation of the Guild with the keenest interest and sympathy. Dr. Greig had been ill during the week, and was unable to leave his house. It was a sad blow to the organisers, but the best was made of the circumstances, and, with the presence of the Archdeacon, who filled the Bishop's place, the Guild made a most auspicious start. At the outset it was announced that 333 members had been enrolled, but this number was swelled considerably during the day, so that at the moment it is not far short of 380.

The inaugural meeting was held in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Mr. Walter Harrison being in the chair. Supporting him on the platform were the Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. L. E. Blackburne), Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, Canon E. C. Kirwan, R.D., Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Woking, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere, Mr. J. D. Drewitt, J.P., Master of the Surrey Association, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Croydon, and Mr. James George, representing St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham. Others attending the proceedings included Mr. W. T. Cockerill, secretary, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, treasurer, of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. John D. Matthews, Master, and Mr. John Sparrow, hon. secretary, of the Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association; Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild; the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. Stafford Green, Kent County Association; and a large number of ringers and clergy from the diocese of Guildford. Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor of Guildford (Cdr. W. R. Philpot); Mr. J. S. Hawkins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. J. T. Rickman, Master of the Sussex Association; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary of the Hertford County Association; Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild; Mr. W. H. Hollier (joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association); Canon Irwin, the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, the Rev. E. R. Brittain (Vicar of Hersham), the Rev. A. E. Hollins (Vicar of Dunsfold), the Rev. H. C. Martin (Rector of Ockley), the Rev. E. C. Usherwood (Ewell), the Rev. G. L. Cole (Rector of Ash), Mr. F. E. D. Adland (Banstead), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), and Mr. T. W. Fairley (Camberley). A message of congratulation and good wishes was also received from the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Mr. E. Guise).

The Chairman said the absence of the Bishop was rather a severe blow to the inaugural meeting, but he was sure the presence of the Archdeacon would be acceptable to them.

Mr. Goldsmith said Mr. Geo. Williams, the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, from which they were separating, had sent every good wish for the success of the new Guild, and hoped it would have long life and prosperity. Mr. Goldsmith said he had received enrolment forms from 15 hon. life members, five life ringing members, 30 hon. annual members, 259 ringing members, and 23 compounding members, making a total of 333 (applause). They were trying to promote an affiliation scheme for towers, and at the moment 17 towers had actually enrolled. They had done well with regard to money, having £36 8s. in the bank.

### THE GUILD IS FORMED.

The Chairman said when a small sub-committee was appointed as a deputation to meet the Bishop, his lordship pitched upon December 31st as the date of the meeting, and he could not help thinking for an assembly of ringers what an appropriate one it was. He was sure when they were ringing out the old year it would be tinged with regret at the separation from Winchester. One thing had been prominent in the minds of the Organising Committee, and that was to raise the status of bellringers—not personally, but to make it more an integral part of the Church's work. Why should they not be thought as much a part of the Church's work as district visitors or a choir? If ever a Diocesan Guild was started on favourable terms that one was. They had any amount of enthusiasm, and were blessed with a Bishop who took a real, kind and hearty interest in the work.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Canon E. C. Kirwan, the following resolution was unanimously carried: 'That this meeting resolves to found, under the title of "The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers," an association, with a view to uniting in one

organisation the separate companies of church bellringers in the diocese; that the Guild come into being on January 1st, 1928; that the Lord Bishop of the diocese be president (ex-officio); and that those persons who have signified in writing their intention of becoming members of the Guild be and the same are hereby enrolled (subject to the approval of the Executive Committee) as foundation members, and shall be so distinguished in future in the records of the Guild.'

In his inaugural address, the Archdeacon confessed that he did not know there were any lady bellringers. He was not surprised, in these days, to find ladies in the bell towers, and he was sure they did their work there as well as they did it elsewhere. He was suffering from a cold, and had got up from his bed to be there. The Archdeacon's lot was not a happy one, as they used to sing about policemen, as he was the person who got most of the kicks and not much of the ha'pence (laughter). One of the kicks in that diocese was that he had frequently to act for the Bishop. If the Bishop had been there, he thought he would have said words of most cordial welcome to their newly-formed Guild. He would also have said that no organisation in the diocese would have his active sympathy to any degree more than would the Guild of Change Ringers. They had to make history with that organisation, but he did not know what history they would make. He knew nothing at all about ringing bells. He hoped in every sense of the word they would make harmony, and he hoped they would realise they could not make harmony unless they had the mind to work harmoniously with their fellow-members. That meeting augured well for the future. He came there rather expecting to see two old men and a fox terrier, but he found an enthusiastic gathering, which was a good augury for the Guild. On behalf of the Bishop he offered them hearty congratulations. They had evidently got the first essential of a successful organisation—a keen, energetic and far-seeing secretary—and so far as he was able to judge they had got such a person, and there was every prospect of success in the work which lay before them.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Guildford, proposed, and Mr. R. Whittington, Cranleigh, seconded, that the objects and rules as approved at the preliminary general meeting on November 19th, 1927, be adopted, and this was carried.

### THE OFFICERS.

The following general officers of the Guild were elected, on the motion of the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Rector of West Clandon, seconded by the Rev. J. Hamilton Jackson, Vicar of Shalford: Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock; representative nominated for the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Mr. F. Nye, Bugshot, seconded by Mr. J. A. Crocker, Chertsey, to open an account in the name of the Guild at Lloyds Bank, Woking, and that Admiral Walker be authorised to sign cheques drawn upon it. It was further agreed, on the motion of Mr. F. G. Woodiess, Banstead, seconded by Mr. A. Woodrow, Hersham, that the towers in the diocesan area be grouped into four districts.

The following resolutions, approved at the preliminary general meeting, were agreed, on the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. Thorne, Ockham: (1) 'That members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild residing on December 31st, 1927, in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth be admitted as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild not later than December 31st, 1928, on payment of one shilling'; (2) 'That compounding members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild on December 31st, 1927, be admitted as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild not later than December 31st, 1928, on payment of one shilling'; (3) 'That in view of the opinion expressed at the four preliminary district meetings, the proposal of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, that life members of the Guild at the date of separation shall become members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment, be not entertained'; (4) 'That each tower where the Parochial Church Council pays the 5s. affiliation fee be given a "Certificate of affiliation" to hang in the belfry, and provided with a card to place in the porch of the church, giving particulars of the number of bells in the tower and the days and times of ringing'; (5) 'That the rules of the Guild, with the list of towers with rings of bells in the diocese, together with names and addresses of the Guild officers, and local secretaries, and the days and times of ringing at each church affiliated to the Guild, be printed and a copy supplied to each honorary and resident ringing member.'

At the instance of the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, Vicar of Leatherhead, seconded by Mr. W. Shepherd, Otlands, it was decided to hold a summer festival on the last Saturday in June, 1928, at Epsom, and that the annual meeting of the Guild be held at Guildford not later than April 30th, 1929.

Moving that the Organising Committee be discharged with thanks for their services, the Chairman said they had done their work uncommonly well. All their work had not been entirely free from snags and difficulties. The affiliation clause was a very difficult one. He also moved that the names of the committee be formally placed on the minutes of the inaugural meeting. One name stood out beyond all the others, that of Mr. Goldsmith, to whom the committee made a presentation and to his wife. Special mention should be made on the minutes of his services.

Mr. W. Shepherd seconded as one of the new members of the new Guild, and paid tribute to the work of the committee.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Goldsmith said the committee had worked without friction, although there were divergences of opinion, which were got over in excellent spirit. He wished to publicly thank the committee for the presents they gave to his wife and himself. When they started out, the members of the Winchester Guild residing in that area were not all of one mind, but the difficulties had been smoothed out in a most amicable way, and this led to the successful start. Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the honour which had been done to the new Guild by the presence of so many representatives of other Guilds and societies.

#### A WELCOME INTO THE EXERCISE.

Canon Coleridge offered a hearty welcome to the Guild on entry into the Exercise, and affiliation with the Central Council. He was present, he said, at their meeting on November 19th, and the enthusiasm and heartiness of it struck him as being marvellous. He wished them all prosperity, and was perfectly certain everyone would endeavour to pull together in the bond of peace and in unity, each member striving to do his very best, not with any selfish motive, to further the great cause of that Church work of bell ringing in the diocese.

Mr. Geo. Pullinger, as representing the Winchester Guild, said while his Guild regretted having to part with Guildford, they were delighted at the excellent start that had been made. The jubilee of the Winchester Guild would occur in 1929, and he suggested they might have a united meeting on the border line.

The new Master, Major Hesse, said they would all do their utmost to live up to the advice of Canon Coleridge. He felt they could not pay too much attention to the practices in the individual towers, and if they had unity there it would help the association to go ahead. He would do his best as Master, but he knew he had a big task in front of him. Through him, Mr. Pullinger had conveyed his best wishes, and said that he was getting on well.

Messrs. A. H. Pulling, Guildford, and W. Shepherd, Otlands, were elected by ballot as the representatives of the Guild on the Central Council.

Mr. Shepherd returned thanks for his election.

The Rev. C. F. Carver, Capel, proposed a vote of sympathy with the Bishop, and a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Blackburne. The Bishop, he said, had succeeded in getting into touch with every section of the community in the diocese, which meant they had a sympathetic Bishop.

Seconding, Admiral Walker said they appreciated what the Bishop had done for them. They had been asked on Sunday to ring a special touch from all the 50 odd towers in the diocese, conveying their message to the countryside of honour, joy and gladness that the Guild had been launched by the Bishop.

The chairman was thanked for presiding, on the motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by Canon Coleridge.

#### THE ARCHDEACON'S ADVICE.

A service in the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity followed, conducted by Canon E. C. Kirwan. A special form, which has been sanctioned by the Bishop, for the use of the Guild, was used. An address was given by Archdeacon Blackburne on the words, from Tennyson's famous poem: '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.' The Archdeacon said change was a condition of all life, and whatever could not adapt itself to change was dead. That was the long story of evolution on this planet. God's work was always by way of change. Anything that was new was at once an opportunity and challenge. An opportunity to show forth the kind of stuff of which they were made; an opportunity of bringing out the inherent qualities; challenge, because if those qualities are not there, then death must ensue because it cannot change. Many of them in the new Guildford diocese wanted no change, and at first he believed there were members of their Guild who did not want change and did not want to break away from the Winchester Guild very readily and happily. Signs were not wanting on all sides of the diocese that churchpeople were responding to the opportunity and taking up the challenge, as they looked everywhere with the greatest hope to the coming of the new year. The idea of that service was that they might have a pause in their occupations, between business and the comradeship which, doubtless, they would share in a few moments. Pause that they might realise what that business was that called them together—the real meaning and purpose of the organisation to which they belonged. In a sense they were servants and officials of the Church. It was so very easy to become proficient in the mere conduct of the paraphernalia of the Church's work; it was so easy to become just a capable servant and to forget the service in which they were engaged. He knew their temptations. It was that the bells might sound well, and that they might strike them accurately and well. There was the temptation to think that was the end of their work. They must not be content with the mere superficial efficiency of their work. They must try to get at the real spirit of it, and what a ministry was theirs. They called people to worship, but how could they call them with real sympathy if they did not propose to join in the worship themselves. They must think of their ministry as one of real sympathy. And, finally,

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#### NEW YEAR'S BROADCAST.

Wireless listeners on New Year's Day found the bells playing their part. At midnight, millions heard Great Peter, of York, for the first time, as that beautiful and sonorous bell, which the Loughborough Foundry recently installed, boomed out the hour which marked the advent of 1928. And then, a few minutes later, as part of the solemn service at the Minster, the bells pealed out their message, not only over the city of York, but literally over the world.

Then in the evening there was an example from Birmingham Cathedral of how bell broadcasting should be done. The bells started out of the silence and continued for about two minutes in rounds, followed by a bob course of Stedman Caters, rounds, and again silence, the sound of the organ coming into the ether a few moments later.

Have the Birmingham men, who were the first to broadcast change ringing, at length taught the B.B.C. how this sort of thing should be done? We hope so. At any rate, they themselves have learnt exactly how to regulate their ringing to fit the programme, if only they are given their full allotted time, and announcers will refrain from superimposing their remarks.

#### ROYAL METHODS.

Owing to the difficulty in explaining by telephone, to the uninitiated, corrections to a printer's proof of matter which appears in these columns, an error was made in the letter of 'Bellitis' under the above heading last week. The short-circuiting lead-heads of Bob Royal are the fourth and seventh.

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he believed that all the finest art in the world had been done, and all the finest things in the world had been made, by men and women because God had inspired them by some measure of their spirit.

In conclusion, the Archdeacon quoted the following lines from Bishop Butler's magnificent hymn: 'Low lies the best; live for the gift that thou thyself has given; low lies the best, till lifted up to Heaven.' In that sense, he said, might they make the bells ring out across the snow, and in that sense might they ring out the false and ring in the true.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

The company subsequently adjourned to the St. Saviour's Parish Hall for tea, at the conclusion of which Mr. Goldsmith thanked members of visiting associations for supporting them in the formation of the new Guild. He mentioned that there would shortly perhaps be bell augmentations at Thames Ditton and at Old Woking, and that contributions to the funds would be welcome in each parish.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Drewitt replied, extending their best wishes for the success of the Guild. The latter said ringers to-day wanted more room, and that was one of the reasons for the inception of their Guild.

Major Hesse thanked Canon Kirwan, his choir and organist for the afternoon's service.

Canon Kirwan said the Bishop was looking forward with considerable pleasure to have addressed them, and he was much grieved to have missed that and other engagements. At Holy Trinity they were anxious to make their eight bells into ten. He wished all a happy and prosperous new year.

Mr. Elliott Kitchener, one of the joint editors, made an appeal for subscribers to the 'Diocesan Gazette.'

On the suggestion of Mr. W. Harrison, it was decided to send a message of congratulation to Mr. Alfred Pulling on his improved health and the news of his election as representative to the Central Council. It was also decided to forward a message of sympathy to the Bishop.

Ringings afterwards took place at St. Nicolas' Church.

#### THE FIRST PEAL FOR THE GUILD.

Special ringing was organised at many of the churches in the diocese on Sunday—the first day of the Guild's existence—to celebrate the event.

The first peal for the Guild was rung on Sunday at Capel, where, years ago, there was a very famous six-bell band. In addition to being noteworthy as the first peal by the new Guild, the performance on New Year's Day had other interesting features upon which the band is to be congratulated. The band was only formed in September last, and it was the first peal by four of the ringers, and the first with a bob bell by another. Moreover, the peal was rung at the first attempt. Mrs. W. Spooner, who rang her first peal, learned to handle a rope only about a year ago, and is the first lady to ring a peal at this church.

At Bagshot, after ringing in the afternoon, the ringers entertained to tea the clergy, churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

At St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins. by Admiral T. P. Walker 1, A. P. Osborne 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, W. H. Edwards 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, H. Greenhill 6.

At St. Andrew's, Farnham, for morning service, and in commemoration of the inauguration of the Guild, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's, 1,260 changes) in 48 mins. by: J. Read 1, E. Kemp 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.



## 'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

## THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The third list of donations given below further reveals the generosity of ringers when an appeal is made to them in a deserving cause. From all parts of the country members of the Exercise, singly or in bands, have shown their readiness to help, and we thankfully acknowledge the various sums which have been received on behalf of Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, who for years was known to our readers only by his nom-de-plume of 'Irenæus Pistor.'

Those who have not already subscribed still have the opportunity of doing so. 'Irenæus' affliction is no mere passing disability. Smitten with permanent blindness, and having inadequate means of subsistence, something more than the relief of immediate necessities is required.

We hope many more companies and individuals will send us their contributions, and help us to raise a fund that, as suggested in a letter printed below, may enable permanent assistance to be given to a family who, until their circumstances became known through 'Nemo,' were carrying on a silent and heroic struggle against adversity.

The fraternal spirit of the Exercise shows itself in many directions; there is no better way in which it can be demonstrated than by support given to this fund.

All contributions sent through the Editor of 'The Ringing World' are gratefully acknowledged in these columns—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	43	5	6
Christmas belfry collections:—			
Leeds Parish Church company ... ..		10	0
Christ Church, Mitcham, ringers ... ..	1	10	0
St. Neots Parish Church ringers ... ..		10	0
Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, ringers ... ..		11	6
St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, ringers ... ..	1	10	0
St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, ringers ... ..		7	0
Coalbrookdale ringers ... ..	1	0	0
Keighley Parish Church bellringers ... ..		8	0
St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, ringers ... ..		10	6
Holsover, Derbyshire, ringers ... ..	1	0	0
St. Andrew's company, Folkingham, Lincs ... ..		10	6
Ringers of St. Botolph's, Boston, Lincs ... ..		10	0
Ringers of Sibsey, Lincs ... ..		2	0
Great Yarmouth Parish Church bellringers ... ..		10	0
St. Thomas' Cathedral belfry, Portsmouth ... ..		17	6
Manchester Town Hall Police bellringers ... ..	1	0	0
Ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead ... ..		7	6
Other contributions:—			
Canon G. F. Coleridge ... ..	1	1	0
'Plain Bob' ... ..		2	6
J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester ... ..		2	6
S. Jones, jun., Eccleston, Chester ... ..		2	6
W. E. Cheater, Ringwood, Hants ... ..		2	6
A. E. Parsons, Old Hill, Staffs ... ..		5	0
'Campanula' ... ..		2	6
From a few of his brother ringers who are left at Ilkeston, and friends: H. Harrison (5s.), E. C. Gobey (5s.), J. E. George (5s.), F. Huften (5s.), R. Dodd (2s. 6d.), Capt. P. Maltby (2s. 6d.), S. Paling (1s.), — Needham (1s.), J. C. (6d.), E. J. C. (6d.) ... ..	1	3	0
A few friends, per Arthur Knights ... ..	1	1	0
'Gy' ... ..	1	0	0
C. Groves, Portsmouth ... ..		2	0
J. D. Harris, Portsmouth ... ..		2	0
W. Brown, Manchester ... ..		5	0
W. Steed, Tonbridge ... ..		5	0
W. H. Waldron, Peterborough ... ..		2	0
C. T. Coles, Higham's Park ... ..		2	6
Miss Mills, Aldershot ... ..		2	0
Mrs. R. T. Hibbert, Reading ... ..		1	0
J. H. Sholker, Ormskirk ... ..		2	6
Anonymous ... ..		1	0
G. Williams, West End, Southampton ... ..		5	0
Anonymous ... ..		2	0
R. Paine, Winchester ... ..		4	0
G. R. Pye, Shadwell Heath, Essex ... ..		5	0
W. J. N. ... ..		2	6
E. Jenkins, Warrington ... ..		5	0
Friends at St. Marie's, Sheffield ... ..		10	0
A. W. Coles, Briston ... ..		2	6
W. Watts, Lower Beeding, Sussex ... ..		2	6
'A Brother Ringer,' Hertfordshire ... ..		5	0
C. V. Ebberson, Snettisham ... ..		3	0
'Sympathiser' ... ..	1	0	0
Anonymous ... ..		2	0
C. I. D. ... ..		2	0
Total ... ..	£64	6	0

In forwarding a contribution to the fund, Mr. E. Jenkins, of Warrington, writes: I have nothing but admiration for the very practical manner in which you are coping with the case of our unfortunately (Continued in next column.)

## NOTICES.

**ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING** at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be hung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Staveley, Jan. 6th. Will members desiring tea please advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, as early as possible?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 19th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham (8) Saturday, Jan. 7th, Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Will all ringers concerned please note the new secretary's address?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Inaugural meetings of the proposed New Districts of Southampton, Winchester and Alton.—The first for the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The Winchester District meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th, and the Alton District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock in each case. Ringing arrangements as usual.—W. T. Tucker, Sec. pro tem., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is earnestly desired. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s.) to members. —Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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afflicted brother ringer, and I sincerely trust that the fund will grow until it will be a permanent benefit to our friend 'Irenæus.' Many societies have a 'bell fund'; it would seem that there is an equal need for a ringers' relief fund. That it would be subscribed to is illustrated by the generous response to your appeal on behalf of 'Irenæus.'



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District. — The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 3.30. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells at 2.30. Evensong at 4. Tea and business at 5.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Jan. 7th. Tower open at 3. Those intending to be present are requested to notify the secretary, J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester, not later than Jan. 4th.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, Jan. 5th?—John Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross.

**PHILLOTT MEMORIAL.**—The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will unveil a memorial tablet in St. Mary's Church Tower, Cheltenham, on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 2 p.m., to the memory of the late Mr. Geo. Henry Philloft, who was a co-founder, 50 years ago, on that date. All welcome.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers for 1928 will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Monday, January 8th. Bells (10) available 7 o'clock. All ringers in the district are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Secretary.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Jan. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea arranged as usual. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 14th. Service at 4.20 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Midsomer Norton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3.45. Tea at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Those requiring tea, please send a card by the 11th.—J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A bye-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Horne) on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, January 12th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Secretary, Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who advise me not later than Thursday, Jan. 12th. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Black Boy Hotel at 7 p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their best to be present at this meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Wigan branch members especially invited. Those intending to be present please notify me before Tuesday, Jan. 10th. Reports ready. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Andrew's (8 bells), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will also be available. All visitors are welcome. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., with sermon by Rev. H. Craven, M.A., Rector of Sandhurst. Tea in Church House 4.45, followed by business meeting. Towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's open for ringing before service and after meeting. Tea, 6d., to all who inform me by Monday, Jan. 9th. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel California, Wokingham.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755). — Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.30 p.m., at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 10th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 10th. — C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**PETERBOROUGH AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILDS.** — A joint quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech Branches, will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, by Tuesday, Jan. 10th? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron and H. W. Giddings, Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 14th (Hinckley bells not being available). Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. A good representative meeting is hoped for. Business includes election of district officers, etc. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Will all district members please endeavour to attend? All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Road, Burton.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready early. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Chapel 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please make arrangements easier by making applications for tea before Jan. 10th to C. D. Potter, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley?

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**DEVON GUILD.**—South-West District Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special bus service from Plymouth. All requiring seats please communicate with E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S** Seventh Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 6 p.m., Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Malmesbury will be present. Reception St. Thomas' Church Room 4.15. — Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Central and Southern Districts combined). — A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, W.C., will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this meeting. All requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Elsie L. Hairs, Dis. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service at St. Nicolas' Church 5 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Sir John Herschel). Tea at Prince of Wales Hotel, Woodbridge Road, 5.45. Meeting at 6.30. Bells of St. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as some important business has to be discussed. It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by first post Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Hodgson). Tea provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The third general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Syston. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by general meeting. Those intending to take tea (reasonable charge) must notify Mr. E. F. Payne, 30, Upper Church Street, Syston, not later than the 18th inst. A good attendance is requested, as matters of vital importance will be discussed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Jan. 18th.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner. — The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige.

Ringling: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BEDDINGTON.—All ringing is suspended until further notice.—Charles H. Kippin, Steeplekeeper.

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#### CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At Durham Cathedral on Christmas Day, for the afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Cooper 1, J. R. Temple 2, C. E. Vasey 3, R. A. Johnson 4, E. I. Allison 5, W. H. Johnson 6, E. E. Ferry (conductor) 7, Roulandson, H. Oliver and J. Henderson 8 (30 cwt.). Longest length in the method by all except the conductor, and longest length in any method for the ringers of the treble, 4th, 5th and tenor. All who took part are regular service ringers at the above cathedral. It is the first time a quarter-peal has ever been rung at Durham Cathedral for a service. Change ringing was commenced at this cathedral on October 24th, 1926; previous to that, call changes were the order of the day. The band have the wholehearted support of the Dean and Chapter, and therefore hope for still better things.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: W. L. Gutteridge 1, J. Harrison 2, P. M. Moss 3, R. Turner 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Batting 6, \*H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, W. H. Fletcher 8. \* First as conductor in the method.—On Christmas Day for morning service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins.: R. Buckland 1, C. G. Mayne (conductor) 2, P. M. Moss 3, W. H. Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, H. Wingrove 6, J. Batting 7, A. S. Bagley 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Christmas Eve, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Large 1, J. Atkins 2, A. Rose 3, W. Mumford 4, J. Withers 5, E. Boylin 6, G. Pigott (conductor) 7, S. Freemantle 8.—On Christmas morning, 504 Stedman Triples.

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