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PEALS OF DOUBLES.

It seems necessary to call attention once more to the fact that 5040's of Grandsire Doubles containing 'spliced' 240's on Mr. Morris' plan are not recognised as peals by the Central Council, because each six-score is not true in itself. That these six-scores were ruled out by the resolution passed at Hereford was made perfectly plain. The definition of a peal of Doubles was laid down for the first time and was in the following terms: 'That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 120, . . .'. In Mr. Morris' plan no less than forty changes are repeated in each of the 120's, so that this method of splicing is debarred from peals. There is no reason why this arrangement by Mr. Morris should not be rung for practice if a band desires more variety than can otherwise be obtained, but in a peal the highest standard of truth should be aimed at. Anything but true 720's has long been ruled out of peals of Minor, and there is no reason why the requirements for a peal of Doubles should be less rigid.

There are a few ringers who argue that if you have, as you must, each change on six bells rung seven times in a peal of Minor, it does not matter how you ring them. This is reducing the standard of peal ringing, instead of elevating it, which should be the object of all ringers in these days when peals are so much 'cheaper' than was once the case. If the principle, put forward by the advocates of the system just referred to, were admitted, six and five bell peals could be reduced to an absurdity. It would be possible, for instance, to ring each lead of a six-score of Bob Doubles forty-two times consecutively, before going on to do the same thing with the next lead, and the result could be claimed as a peal. What we need in these days of advanced ringing is certainly not to make peals easier to get.

As a matter of fact, in regard to Grandsire Doubles, there is a way of calling six-scores, by 'ringing the changes' on the 'half-hunt' or 'observation' bell which will give the conductor just as much variety as any of the 'arrangements' which are now practised, and if applied exclusively throughout a peal will probably give him as much to think about as he will require. These provide him with true six-scores and there is no need, therefore, to go to false ones to make up the necessary 5040 changes. It is probable that those who have rung, since the meeting of the Council at Hereford, 5040's of Grandsire Doubles with spliced 240's of Mr. Morris' arrangement have done so in ignorance of the conditions

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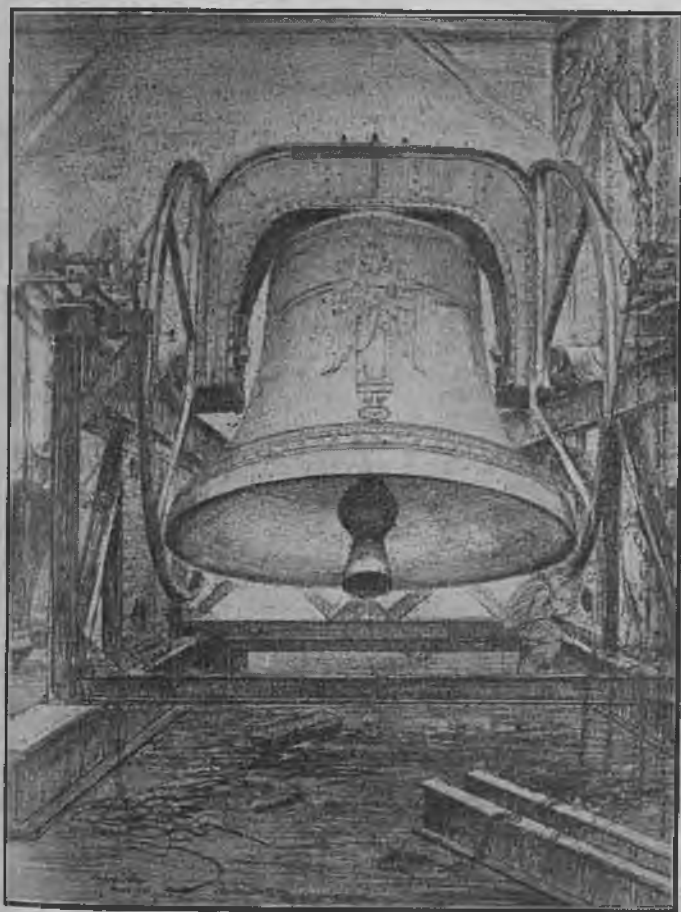
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now required for such peals, despite the attention that was drawn to the matter at the time. Such a peal was rung at Broughton Astley for the Armistice anniversary, and because it may have been rung under a misapprehension, we are publishing it in our peal columns—although the Analyses Committee will not be able to take it into account—but in order to support the efforts of the Council to raise the standard required for peals we shall in future treat such records only as 'miscellaneous performances.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN SPARROW 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	WALTER AYRE 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	GEORGE A. CARD 10
MRS. G. R. FLETCHER 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all except ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
AGREY L. BENNETT 2	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson. The following dioceses were represented in the above peal: Bath and Wells, Exeter, Salisbury and Bristol.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN, PRESTON, WIGAN & FURNESS BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK HINDLE Treble	JAMES HARRISON 6
JOHN BROWN 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 3	JAMES MARSH 8
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
WILLIAM ROBINSON 5	WILLIAM E. WILSON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, and on the bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
JOHN BASS 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
* WILLIAM BROWN 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. First peal of London Surprise on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen, on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the Armistice.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
JAMES BETTS 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY

Rung to celebrate the wedding of William Button (one of the local band), which took place the same day; also in honour of the silver wedding of W. C. Rumsey, and as a birthday compliment to A. J. Berry.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK R. COOMBS Treble	CYRIL BENNETT 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	JAMES FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANK DUFFREY 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung on Armistice Day with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of the men of the British Empire who gave their lives during the Great War.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt, 2 qr.

WILLIAM C. WEST Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
ERNEST J. TRUMAN 2	ERNEST BISHOP 6
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 3	* FREDERICK W. MERRETT 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Lord and Lady Davidson of Lambeth.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY DORLING Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
* THOMAS EMSDEN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 7
TOM BRETT-SMITH 4	EDMUND MOONTER Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal. This peal was arranged to be rung to celebrate the golden wedding of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, president of the association, but owing to the death of Mr. James Harmer Dalton, late churchwarden, and an hon. member of the association, who was buried in the churchyard three hours previous to the peal, it was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a token of respect and sympathy. He loved the bells, and as churchwarden a few years ago threw his heart and enthusiasm into the work of getting them rung.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY HARRIS Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
ARTHUR H. BRAMISH 3	JOHN E. MORETON 7
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 4	ERNEST STONE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH

Rung to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JOHN NEWMAN 2	* FREDERICK J. FLUDDER 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 3	† LESLIE CLARK 7
GEORGE HAYWOOD 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson; also the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of Palmers Road, Ipswich, parents of G. W. Moss; the 60th birthday of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association; and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Armistice Day.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EDWARD JONES Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 6
ERNEST BENNETT 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung as a compliment to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson on their golden wedding day, and on the day of the Archbishop's retirement after twenty-five years as Primate of England.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 80.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN P. TARTON 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	FREDERICK T. ELY 5
MISS ELSIE E. PETTIT 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
HENRY E. HAMMOND 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
HUBERT E. REASON 4	WALTER HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb.

* FRANCIS J. EWENS Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
† JONATHAN CORBETT 2	* HECTOR HUNT 6
BARZALLAI HAWKINS 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	FREDERICK C. NYE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on a bob bell. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. C. Nye.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	JOHN I. KENTISH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung in celebration of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury, president of the Kent County Association.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

Arranged and rung as a silver wedding peal for each of the above ringers, all eight having been married in the year 1903. It was also rung in honour of the golden wedding of the late Archbishop of Canterbury and Lady Davidson, and of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, of Ewell. It was Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden's fiftieth peal together.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WALTER FRANKS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
* JOHN A. W. DOWNING ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung to commemorate the jubilee of the licensing of the church for public worship by Dr. Durnford (Bishop of Chichester), November 17th, 1878. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Livermore for their hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	* WILLIAM PIPER 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	GEORGE PIPER 6
* ARTHUR PIPER 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
FREDERICK SUECKLING ... 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since their increase to eight by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sueckling and W. Richardson, both of whom have been Sunday service ringers at the above church for 43 years. The ringers of the back six in the peal all belong to the local company.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK S. BAILEY ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung as a golden wedding peal to the late Archbishop of Canterbury and Lady Davidson. Mr. S. J. Hector's 150th peal.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. R. FRITCHARD'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM G. CLARKE 2	* WALTER W. BONHAM ... 6
HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 3	* WILLIAM M. J. PEDLEY ... 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to W. M. J. Pedley on attaining his majority.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

* CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. ... Treble	EDGAR C. STACEY 5
ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6
GEORGE CLARKE 3	* FREDERICK CLARK 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal of Major from each bell in the tower.

CROWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
* DENNIS MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal at first attempt.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	* ALBERT J. WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 3	WILLIAM BROWN 7
WILLIAM GREEN 4	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell, and first attempt, Rung to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Simpson.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

R. EDWARDS, Tenterden ... Treble	C. W. FRANKLIN, Ashford... 5
C. W. PLAYER, Stone... 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN, Rye 6
E. G. BUESDEN, Canterbury 3	F. FAIRBEARD, Canterbury 7
C. W. BRETT, Canterbury... 4	H. CASTLE, Ashford ... Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. H. W. Bennion, a respected member of this parish, also with deepest sympathy to the sufferers by the loss of the Rye lifeboat crew.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODHOUSE EAVES.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*C. A. BOLLARD ... Treble	H. MOULT ... 4
†A. L. BENNETT ... 2	J. SADDINGTON ... 5
J. HUTCHBY ... 3	F. J. SUTTON... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. SUTTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and also the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire.

ERNEST MARSH ... Treble	ERNEST BAGWORTH ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL ... 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3	JOSEPH NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER ALLEN ... Treble	†WILLIAM THORPE ... 4
JAMES UPTON ... 2	†THOMAS W. THORPE... 5
†JOSEPH E. TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the 10th anniversary of Armistice. All are regular Sunday service ringers. The ringer of the 4th was re-elected a member of the M.C.A. prior to the peal.

BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

2,520 Plain Bob and 2,520 Grandsire.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS E. M. CUTSFORTH ... Treble	*SAM JONES ... 4
FRED BELL ... 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 5
JOHN TYSON ... 3	*TOM SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by E. CUTSFORTH.

* First peal of Doubles. S. Jones has now rung peals from Doubles to Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day, also for the father of Mrs. Cutsforth, who was buried on the 7th inst.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Treble	WILLIAM NISLETT ... 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes, each of Neasden, Wragby, College Bob IV., Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CLIFFORD THORPE ... Treble	JOHN R. BUCKLEY ... 4
SAMUEL WAREHAM ... 2	CROMPTON HOWARTH ... 5
RICHARD H. BYROM ... 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERWORTH.

Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. Also a birthday peal for the 2nd ringer. All the above are ex-service men, and service ringers at the above church.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

BERNARD BAILEY... Treble	*ERNEST WILSON ... 4
ERNEST MALLENDER ... 2	FRED CLARKE ... 5
VAUGHAN COX ... 3	FRED W. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

Rung half-muffled to celebrate Armistice Day. The conductor served in the Great War in the 3rd North Staffs and four Leicestershire regiments.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
ALAN BROMLEY ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the 44 men of Horsmonden who gave their lives in the Great War, and whose names are on the memorial tablet, unveiled by General Clive the same day.

APSLEY END.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

● AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD S. COOK Treble	JACK STOPP 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	HERBERT GATES 5
*HENRY GOLDING 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in three methods inside. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the golden of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson, and also to mark the completion of 25 years as Primate of All England.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
*CYRIL M. MITCHELL 2	JOHN BURLS 5
GEORGE MORRAD 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods, and first 720 of London at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the golden wedding of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mrs. Randall Davidson. His Grace has been for over 25 years president of the above association. The conductor's 25th peal on the tenor at this tower.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Bankes James' composition.

*E. E. WOODAGE Treble	J. A. BASSETT 4
G. FULLER 2	H. LUCK 5
†J. WAGBORNE, SEN. 3	A. H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor. Rung for the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	JOHN W. WARD 5
*HARRY HOWARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Witnesses: CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE and WILLIAM J. MAYHEW.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells since 1816.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

BILLIONS OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Minormania's' article raises several questions which I should like to say something about.

In the first place, I strongly object to be called 'an expert.' I have only examined a few thousand methods, and as there are 32,454,100,224,000 Treble Bob Major methods, I realise that I only know a very little about the matter, and those people who try to produce theories only succeed in exposing their own ignorance.

Secondly, the short articles which I have written were intended to make people think, and so the explanations were purposely meagre. Let me deal with reverse Bob Minimus, as a little more explanation of that may prove the key to the others.

1234	1234	
2134	2143	
2314	2413	
3214	4321	The tenor is,
3124	3412	of course, the bell
1324	3142	in the hunt.
1234	1324	
	3124	a
	etc.	

I think that this is sufficient for the present, and I will deal with other points in the future.

H. LAW JAMES.

ROUND BLOCKS AND METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate our mutual friend, 'Minormania,' on his article in your recent issue, much of which is perfectly true, and might have been written with equal truth anywhen during the past fifteen years.

Our young friend has shown us that he has some little knowledge of Round Blocks, but in writing of Cambridge Surprise in connection with same he has also shown us that he has very little knowledge concerning the extension of methods.

I am quoting from memory, but I believe it was in August, 1928, when I gave a Single Extension of 'Cambridge' Surprise Minor to Major, Royal and Maximus, in which the Round Block progressions are perfect, i.e., there are never more than two progressions, 3412 and 4321, to infinity.

Our young friend expects to find the same progressions between 'Cambridge' Minor a single method, and 'Cambridge' Major, which is a double method, all but two single places, behind, when the treble is not in that position. He is expecting the impossible. If he chooses to make an irregular method of Cambridge by adding the two single places on all numbers he will then have a double irregular method, and the progressions will be as perfect as in the Single Extension previously mentioned.

I hope 'Minormania' will forgive me for saying that his concluding factors are all wrong.

We will take them in the order that he gives them. 'First factor, the diagram or work.' If 'Minormania,' or anyone who is interested, will write out the first leads of Double Dublin from Minor to Maximus inclusive, he, or they, will find that the first factor won't work, because the diagrams appear to be those of dissimilar methods, and yet Double Dublin is one of the most perfect of existing methods.

'Second factor, the lead-end' (by which he means lead-head) coursing order, and matters practical. The fallacy that a method, to be the same, must have the same lead-head to infinity, has long since been exploded. Double Dublin again comes in as an example to the contrary. Coursing Order is only an arbitrary definition, as instanced by 'Cambridge.' If we make 'Cambridge' into a double method by adding two single places it becomes an irregular and worthless method. Matters practical are surely covered in the diagram and work.

'Third factor, false course-ends and compositive considerations.' These have no bearing, because all Minor methods (Treble Bob or Surprise) must be true, otherwise they will not produce the extent of the changes. Kent Treble Bob is true as a Minor method, Kent Major has several false course-ends; while, on the other hand, Kent Royal, like the Minor, is true.

'Fourth factor, scientific reasons for or against.' True, science admits of no arbitrary definitions. There have been so many arbitrary definitions laid down in connection with change ringing that it is time we left off calling it a science and call it an art only. A fact will always be a fact; a fallacy will always be a fallacy, and no amount of arbitrary definitions can make a fallacy into a fact.

In conclusion, let me add that any method, principle or system of which there is no doubt at all about the Extensions to the higher numbers being correct can be proved to be so by its Round Blocks. They may have more than two progressions, like Single 'Cambridge' Minor, and the method we ring as 'Cambridge' Major, but the progressions will be regular on all numbers, whatever the number of bells, provided the Extension is really correct.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Luton District of the Beds Association was held at Linslade on Saturday, November 17th, when the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea was partaken of in the schools adjoining the church, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. A. King.

Luton was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in December. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the schools, to the local band for making arrangements, and to the ladies who helped to make the tea a success.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A CITY MEETING.**

A meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd. The proceedings started at about 3 p.m., half an hour earlier than advertised, with a band of ringers who had been ringing at Southwark Cathedral earlier in the afternoon. Thus started, the attendance grew apace, and some very good ringing in Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Major was achieved. At 5 p.m., according to the usual custom, a short service was held in the church, followed by tea at a 'Lyons,' arrangements for which had been made earlier in the day.

After tea had been finished, the business meeting was held in the crypt of the church.

Mr. John Crampion, a promising recruit of the St. Mary's, Woodford, band, was elected a member of the Association.

It was decided to give the officers a free hand with the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in December, owing to the great difficulty of obtaining a fixed tower for that purpose.

Mr. A. Reeves, of Woodford, was elected to fill the place of auditor, rendered vacant since Mr. Alleway's election to the office of Master.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the verger for cleaning up the tower in readiness for the meeting, and for arranging for the use of the crypt.

After this a return was made to the tower, where some good ringing was done during the evening, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Surprise being practised. The proceedings were wound up by lowering the front six in peal.

About 35 members and friends attended the meeting, which was quite a success, both in regard to the arrangements and the support accorded to it.

GRAPPENHALL BELLS RESTORED.

On Saturday last the bells of Grappenhall, Cheshire, were reopened after being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Owing, no doubt, to the weather conditions prevailing, the attendance was a poor one, which was to be regretted in view of the arrangements made for the visitors' welfare.

The service was held at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild), and a most able address was given by the Vicar of Thelwal. At the close of the service the bells were rung in rounds for a few moments by members of the local company.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, which was followed by a meeting of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild, after which the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The bells, a peal of eight, have been retuned and hung on ball bearings. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the great improvement made, chiefly with regard to the clapping, which previous to the restoration caused Grappenhall bells to be classed amongst the most 'odd struck' lot in the country.

Considering the difficulties under which the bellhangers had to work, the result clearly demonstrates the reliability of the Loughborough firm.

Mr. John P. Fidler was present in his capacity of official representative, and received congratulations tendered on behalf of his firm.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. The attendance was small, only about twenty members turning up, the following towers being represented: Idle, Bradford, Guiseley, Lindley, Ripon, Birstall, Queensbury, Skipton, Lightcliffe, Drighlington, Headingley, Bramley, and the local company. Tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, and the business meeting was held in the Church Schools, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair.

One new member, K. Brown, of Guiseley, was elected.—There were no invitations for the next meeting to be held in March, and it was decided to leave the arrangements in the hands of the chairman and secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was moved from the chair, and was carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company for the arrangements made.—These were responded to by Mr. T. B. Kendall. The meeting then terminated, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After the peal at Romsey Abbey on Saturday some of the band were very pleased to hear that this fine old ring are shortly to receive the bellhanger's attention.

On November 23rd, 1732, the Society of City Scholars rang a peal of 8,012 Grandsire Caters at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate. There were three men to the tenor. Only four earlier peals of Grandsire Caters are known to have been rung.

That old London Society, the Eastern Scholars, rang a peal of 15,120 Bob Major in 8 hrs. 40 mins. at West Ham on November 25th, 1737.

In the same tower exactly 170 years ago next Tuesday the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,400 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the death of William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, who was a famous ringer. He died in the year 1809.

As it is 112 years since a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung on handbells, it is not necessary to state that the peal rung at Ipswich on November 15th is the 'first ever' rung by the band and by the Suffolk Guild. The St. Mary-le-Tower Society spent considerable time in practice before the peal could be accomplished. On two occasions, October 30th and November 8th, attempts failed after nearly two hours' ringing. A curious feature about this method on twelve bells is that 9-10 course each other about the middle of each course.

This peal was rung almost on the anniversary of the previous peal, which was accomplished at Sheffield on November 24th, 1816.

A RUDHALL RELIC FOR GLOUCESTER MUSEUM.

A relic of the old Rudhall foundry at Gloucester has just been presented to the city. At a recent meeting of the City Council the Mayor read a letter he had received from Mr. F. W. Duart-Smith, a former Mayor of the city, offering the last bell cast by Rudhall's Bell Foundry, Gloucester.

Mr. Duart-Smith wrote that he had acquired from the purchaser at the sale of Alderman Johnston-Vaughan's antiques last month that interesting relic of a former important industry of the city. The bell was mounted on an oak stand, modelled in the form of belfry beams, and was a small replica of one of the church bells for which the foundry was celebrated. It was cast in the year 1848, when the foundry finally disappeared. That date it bore, as well as the names of two workmen—Edward Churchill and John Simpson. In 1829 the bell foundry business, which had been carried on by the Rudhall family from the year 1684, was sold to Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, where the business was still carried on by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, but it was evident that the Gloucester foundry continued to be used until the year 1848.

The Mayor said that the authenticity of the bell had been investigated by the late Mr. H. Y. J. Taylor, whose report in verification was enclosed with the letter. The Mayor expressed the deep gratitude of the Council to Mr. Duart-Smith for the excellent gift. He did not know what they were going to do with it, and perhaps it might be left where it was in the Council Room to be rung to tell members when to leave off.

Dr. Bibby: You will wear it out, Mr. Mayor (laughter).

Subsequently the Mayor explained that it had been decided to hand over the gift to the Museum Committee for preservation and exhibition. He formally moved that their thanks should be given to Mr. Duart-Smith, and that the bell should be handed over to the museum.—This was agreed to by the Council.

THE FIRST PEAL OF 'REAL' DOUBLE NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in your 'Belfry Gossip' in the current issue a statement that the first peal of 'Real' Double Norwich was rung eighty years ago to-day (November 16th) at Woolwich.

If this is correct, I have been labouring under a delusion since 1898. On June 11th, 1898, a peal of Real Double Norwich was rung at Irthlingborough, Northants, composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler.

On publishing the figures it was pointed out by the Rev. E. Banks James that some of the calls were single.

Mr. James published a peal in which every call was in pairs, and this peal was rung at Irthlingborough, conducted by the late James Houghton, jun., on December 19th, 1898. The band (which included myself) were told it was the first peal in the method ever rung with all calls in pairs, and I believe it was published in 'The Bell News' as such. Perhaps Mr. Banks James can give me the information required.—Yours fraternally,

T. R. HENSHER.

[The peal at Woolwich had only five leads when double bobs were made. It is recorded on a tablet in St. Mary's belfry, Woolwich, as 'a true and complete peal of Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major. . . . It was rung in excellent style, and is the first peal of Real Double Norwich in this method ever rung with two bobs in one lead.'—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Tuesday week the following officers were elected for the year:—

Master, Mr. James Bullock; treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. Charles J. Choctel; junior steward, Mr. Edward Sampson; trustees, Mr. Challis F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime; secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

A meeting is to be held at headquarters on December 18th to discuss the alteration of, and addition to, the rules.

AFTER-DINNER QUERIES.

A correspondent, who attended the College Youths' dinner, asks:—
If there was one man who did not enjoy himself?

If the waitresses in the upper room had a good time and why?

Why the members at the end of one table ran short of jelly?

And if it is true a 'heavy end' man is undecided whether to make application for a free pass at the next dinner or to purchase two tickets?

If the wife of a Yorkshire ringer knows that she might have been applying for the insurance money because he nearly lost his head in a Tube?

Why a taxi, chartered to convey a contingent from Fenchurch Street to Whitechapel, deposited them in Warwick Lane?

How the press representative came to lose his escort whilst awaiting a bus?

Did the bosom pal of one of the Brum contingent get him safely home after losing his ticket?

If the faithful few who met at the Southwark Tavern found out where the rest of the party 'dug in.' And if they enjoyed the cold luncheon?

Who was the party that carried his suit case all Sunday and then decided to stay another night? And why?

If there is any truth in the rumour that 'pit head' baths are to be provided at certain city churches?

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT TRUMPINGTON.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Trumpington on Saturday. The members, writes our correspondent, had read 'The Ringing World' editorial, 'Secretaries and their critics.' Members were present from Cambridge, Bourn, Great Staughton, Hemingford Abbots, Ickleton, Kilburn (Mr. E. M. Atkins), Long Stanton, Melbourn, Over, Stapleford, and the local band. The secretary (Mr. F. Warrington) with several members were met at the tower by Miss K. Willers, and afterwards by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Moule). It was not long ere London, York, Beverley, Wells and Cambridge were rung, also some 'rounds' for Messrs. C. N. Austin and M. Ginn, sons of Mr. A. E. Austin, Great Shelford, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, Over. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Moule). Mr. E. W. Haynes kindly presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Green Man, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, seconded by Mr. J. Ward, Long Stanton was selected for the next meeting on December 8th. (Watch the notice columns, please.)

A great deal of friendly controversy then took place as to what was the best procedure to improve the standard of ringing, and Mr. A. E. Austin proposed that a special method should be advertised. This was supported by Mr. J. Ward. Mr. T. R. Dennis and Mr. H. J. Hazell, of the 'Cambridge Youths,' suggested standard methods, making one special method if necessary. Mr. E. H. Finch and Mr. F. Harper held that the meeting should be for standard methods only. Here the Vicar acted as mediator, and it was agreed to advertise standard methods with Superlative as the main objective.

On the proposition of Mr. T. R. Dennis, supported by Miss V. Shorter, a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the bells, for taking the service, and for presiding.—The Vicar suitably replied, stating it was a pleasure to welcome the association, and hoped they would not be so long before they came again. It was five years since the last visit.—The Secretary thanked the Vicar for his remarks, also Miss Wellers for making the arrangements, and Mr. Haynes for his services as organist. This was supported by the whole company.

WAKE UP, SUFFOLK GUILD!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, express my disgust at the insufficient number of meetings in the Sudbury and Clare district of the Suffolk Guild. A meeting has not been held since April 14th, when the secretary was instructed to fix the date for the next meeting to be held at Clare, but it has not yet materialised, and, if it does not very quickly do so now, we shall have it clashing with the reopening at Cavendish. One hears so much nowadays of shortage of ringers; here we have one reason—notably, no meetings to encourage youngsters. I know of one company where the Suffolk Guild is an unknown entity. A campaign with bye-meetings would no doubt improve matters and strengthen the Guild. If the secretary is still 'knocking about,' can we hear something from him in this direction?—Yours truly,

SUFFOLKIAN.

LITTLE AND ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS.

SOMETHING NEW IN 'SPLICING.'

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

From the nature of its construction, neither an 'Alliance' nor a 'Little' method will give the full extent of the changes, and therefore it seemed that, whatever value they may have on eight bells and more, they were useless for Minor. But a few weeks ago I was staying for a short time at Surfleet, and there I had the good fortune to meet the Rev. E. Banks James. We talked—he, his brother, and I—about many things pertaining to the new book on six-bell methods, and among other things he showed me how to get a true 720 by splicing an 'Alliance' and a 'Little' method. I was immensely taken with the idea. I had thought that the present Minor Collection (with the two or three methods which were omitted by error) contained everything worth ringing on six bells, but here was a fresh plan altogether.

It is a delightfully simple plan, and when you come to think of it most of Mr. Banks James' discoveries are the same. Bristol, for instance, and Little Bob, and the seven 720's of Cambridge Minor. You say to yourself, 'Why, of course; but how is it I did not think of it myself?'

The plan is to take an extent of an Alliance method and an extent of a Little method with bobs only and splice them together with Singles. There are three Little methods—Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, and St. Laurence Little Bob ('Hot Tom'). There are three groups of Alliance methods (of the right sort), one of which group will splice with each of the Little methods. When I got home I worked out the extent of these Alliance methods, and the Methods Committee propose to include them in the forthcoming book. We rang a 720 of one of them at Ealing, and touches of another, and here are the figures:—

Harlington Alliance.	Amersham Alliance.
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123456	123456
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214365	214365
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241635	241635
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426153	426153
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462513	246513
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645231	425631
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654213	452813
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562431	546231
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52341	456321
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563214	543612
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We rang our 720 with two Singles, but you can get 720 with many Singles. Every time one is called the method is changed.

The first 720 on the above lines was rung on October 22nd at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, on handbells, the methods being Harlington Alliance and Crayford Little Court: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner (conductor) 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson 5-6.

DEVON GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT CHURSTON FERRERS.

A very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Churston Ferrers on Saturday, ringers being present from Paignton, Torquay, Newton Abbot, Collaton, Brixham, Littlehempston, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Exeter, Crediton, Clyst St. George, Exmouth, Loxton, etc., as well as the local ringers.

The bells, recently increased to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were made good use of during the afternoon, following which a service was held, conducted by Rev. F. J. S. Morris, of Brixham. An inspiring address was given by Rev. W. E. Jenner.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to the Brixham Schoolroom for tea, which was followed by the business meeting, the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton, Torquay) presiding. For the annual meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 26th, Torquay and Paignton were proposed.—On a vote being taken, Paignton was chosen.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. W. E. Jenner for his address, and to the organist and choir. The Rev. F. J. S. Morris suitably replied, hoping they would soon come again. The chairman welcomed the visitors, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. E. Shepherd and E. W. Marsh replying.

One honorary member and three associate members from the Churston band were elected.

This concluded the business, and the visitors adjourned to Higher Brixham Parish Church for further ringing. The methods rang during the afternoon and evening were Graudsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ESSEX MASTER'S CELEBRATION. A BUSY LIFE.

On November 15th, a peal of Double Norwich Major, reported in our peal columns, was rung at Braintree Parish Church to commemorate the 60th birthday of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, which took place on November 5th. It was intended to have rung the peal on Mr. Howard's birthday, but shortly before the start was arranged to be made notice was received of a case of serious illness near the tower, and the projected peal had to be postponed, and November 15th, was the earliest date at which it could be accomplished. On November 5th a peal of Grandsire Triples, in celebration of Mr. Howard's birthday, was attempted at Great Baddow, Mr. Howard's native village, but it came, to grief, unfortunately, after an hour's ringing due to a rope breaking.

On November 9th, Mr. C. H. Howard, in celebration of his sixtieth anniversary, entertained the Braintree ringers to a dinner and social evening at the Nag's Head Hotel. The host presided, and, in addition to the ringers, the Vicar of Braintree and his curate were both present during the evening. The only visitor from outside was Mr. W. Keeble, the well-known ringer from Feering. The health of Mr. Howard, together with the Vicar and curate, were honoured during the evening.

In addition to the position Mr. C. H. Howard holds as Master of the Essex Association—in which office he comes of age next year—he also takes a prominent part in local affairs. For twenty years he has been a member of the Braintree Urban District Council, of which he has four times been elected to the honourable position of chairman, and at the present time he is chairman of four important committees. Mr. Howard has served for eight years as churchwarden at Braintree Parish Church, of which he is now a sidesman, and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Parochial Church Council. For the past fourteen years he has served as hon. secretary to the Braintree Ruri-decanal Conference, is a member of the Diocesan Conference, and of the Diocesan Advisory Board on Churches and Church Treasures. Mr. Howard is also chairman of the directors of the Braintree and Bocking Building Society, and chairman of the directors of the Braintree Mutual Loan Society. In addition, he is a vice-chairman of the directors of the Braintree Market House Company, trustee of the Braintree United Charities, trustee of the Loyal Unanimity Lodge of Oddfellows, Trustee of the Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens, member of the Committee of Management of the Braintree and Bocking Recreation Ground, governor of the County High School at Braintree, a foundation manager of the Braintree Church of England Schools, chairman of the Rating Committee, which at the present time is responsible for the revaluation of Braintree, member of the Braintree Book Society, which is 120 years old, and has a restricted membership of thirty, a member of the Braintree and Bocking Rotary Club, and a regular attendant at the meetings, and keenly interested in the work of St. Mary Lodge 1312 of Freemasons.

With all these multifarious public duties on his hands, it is the position of Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers which lies nearest to Mr. Howard's heart, and he does not allow any of the many other calls upon his time to interfere with the way in which he discharges his duty to the Essex Association. He is a very regular attendant at the various district meetings of ringers throughout Essex, and is to be found every Sunday in his own tower at Braintree, ringing for morning and evening service, and at the weekly practices he is also a regular attendant.

In addition to all the above it may be said that Mr. Howard has carried on an extensive and successful business as a grocer and provision merchant at Braintree for 27 years.

It will be seen that the Master of the Essex Association is a many-sided man, beside being an expert and enthusiastic ringer, and his worthy record well deserved the birthday peal which his brother ringers at Braintree accorded him. Ringers in Essex and beyond the county will unite in wishing Mr. Howard many happy returns, in the hope that he will continue his good work for the art.

SOUTH-EASTERN ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, November 17th. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and were kept going till 4.30, when the Rev. G. D. Douglas conducted the service, and the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) read the lesson. While the last hymn was being sung, a collection was made for the Association Restoration Fund, and amounted to 16s. 9d. The members adjourned to the Vicarage Room, where they found a capital spread awaiting them, prepared by the lady members of the church.

At the subsequent business meeting one new member (Mr. E. C. Johnson, of Maldon) was admitted.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Widford at the end of January. Mr. George Green was re-elected District Master, but Mr. R. C. Clark said that his business would not allow him to carry on the duties of hon. secretary, and Mr. H. W. Kirton was therefore elected district secretary in his place.

The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) thanked the Vicar for his helpful address and for permitting the association to use the bells. He also thanked the organist for accompanying them at the service, and the ladies for putting on a substantial tea. Mr. C. H. Howard also

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SILVER WEDDING BELLS.

UNIQUE PEAL AT EWELL.

A unique gathering took place at Ewell, Surrey, on Saturday, when eight ringers celebrated their own silver weddings by ringing a 'silver wedding' peal. It was not a little remarkable that within a comparatively small radius of this tower it was possible to find a band all of whom will have this year reached this interesting event in their lives. The peal was arranged by Mr. John Beams, of Ewell, and the company was completed by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford), Messrs. J. Hoyle (Ashted), C. W. R. Grimwood (Tooting), W. H. Pasmore (Merton), J. S. Hawkins (Kensington) and J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). The peal created quite an interest in Ewell, where the occasion of the ringing had been made known by the Vicar. Many were the good wishes expressed for success, and a fine pot of white heather 'for luck' had been placed in the tower. A capital peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, much to everyone's satisfaction, and a numerous party, including all the ringers' wives and some of their children, with other members of the Ewell band and their wives, then sat down to tea together. This was served in the Music Room at the Old Rectory, kindly placed at the disposal of the company by Sir Arthur Glyn, who came himself to preside over the gathering, and was supported by the Vicar of Ewell (Rev. E. C. Usherwood) and Mrs. Usherwood, who very kindly distributed 'wedding favours' in the shape of buttonholes of white heather to the ringers of the peal. A fine wedding cake, complete with miniature bells, the gift of an anonymous donor, occupied a place of honour on the well-laden tables, and was later cut by Mrs. Usherwood.

Afterwards, Sir Arthur Glyn, in a kindly speech, referred to the auspicious occasion which had brought the party together, and, on behalf of the Ewell band, handed to Mr. John Beams a case of silver fish knives and forks, with their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Beams on the occasion of their silver wedding. Sir Arthur added that he hoped they would all live to meet again to celebrate their golden weddings, and although he did not know much about Treble Bob, which had been rung that day, he thought the most appropriate method they could ring twenty-five years hence was a method which he believed they called Grandsire Triplets (laughter).

Mr. Beams suitably acknowledged the gift, and said how delighted they all were that the peal had been successful.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells for the peal, to Mrs. Usherwood for her kindness in providing the white heather, to Sir Arthur Glyn for giving them the use of the room, and to all three for their welcome presence. He added that he thought the men ought also to thank their wives for having put up with them for so long (laughter), but at the same time the wives ought to be profoundly thankful that they had such fine husbands, who had stood by them all those years and had not left them widows or to marry other men not half so good (laughter).

The Rev. E. C. Usherwood, who replied, said Ewell felt proud to have been selected as the place for that unique peal, and he joined in Sir Arthur Glyn's hopes that they might all be spared for a golden wedding celebration.

During the evening, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, Miss Beams played piano and violin solos, and Mr. C. Reed kindly brought a gramophone. The happy party broke up about nine o'clock with thanks to Mr. Beams and the local ringers for the arrangements.

DARKNESS ENDS A WEDDING PEAL.

On Saturday last, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, an attempt was made for a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Richard Lane and Miss Cox, of Loughborough. The ringers found that the electric light in the campanile was under repair, but it was hoped that it would be made right before darkness set in, and ringing therefore commenced. Unfortunately, however, it proved a longer job than was expected, and when it had grown dark a trip occurred in the ringing which could not be put right, and 'stand' had to be called. Before the ringers could get coats and hats the light came on! It proved, however, only temporary, and while tea was in progress the lights went out again, and the meal was finished by candle light.

The ringers, who expressed their good wishes for the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, were: E. C. Gobey 1, J. S. Hutchby 2, W. Thornley 3, A. Barrett 4, N. Hemmington 5, L. Chadburn 6, A. E. Adamson 7, G. West 8. It is hoped to ring the peal at a later date.

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thanked the officers for the good work they had done during the year.—The Vicar (Rev. G. D. Douglas) responded, and welcomed the Essex Association to Great Baddow.

A collection was made on behalf of Mrs. W. Saddler (widow of a noted Braintree ringer), which amounted to £1 1s. 0d.

The 45 members present were from Great Baddow, Bromfield, Writtle, Springfield, Galleywood, Maldon, Rettendon, Prittwell, Leigh-on-Sea and Braintree.

Handbell ringing followed, and then the ringers adjourned again to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major kept the bells going till nine p.m.

RETIREMENT OF MR. HARRY CHAPMAN.

PRESENTATIONS AT MANCHESTER.

A presentation was made on Saturday week to Mr. Harry Chapman, who has just retired from his position as leader of the band of St. Thomas', Pendleton, which he has held since 1890. Some months ago Mr. Chapman, upon his doctor's advice, left Manchester and took up his abode in his native village, Kevston, Huntingdonshire. Having now reached the retiring age limit allowed by the Manchester Corporation electricity department, by whom he has been employed as building department foreman since 1893, Mr. Chapman visited Manchester for his 'official' retirement on November 12th, his 65th birthday. On that occasion the superintendent of the department handed to Mr. Chapman a magnificent gold watch, and, for Mrs. Chapman, a cut-glass and silver biscuit barrel, tokens of the affection in which he is held by the employees, to whom he is known as 'the grand old man.'

Needless to say, the Pendleton ringers were not disposed to let their old leader retire without some token of regard for Mr. Chapman's long service at St. Thomas'. Friday, the practice night, had been selected for the presentation, it being understood that Mr. Chapman would be present. Unfortunately, however, it was such a foggy night that Mr. Chapman, not caring to risk his new-found health in a Manchester fog, after the clear atmosphere of Huntingdonshire, and not having been forewarned, did not appear at the practice. Representatives were present from several towers, including Stretford, West Didsbury, Miles Platting, Middleton, etc., and all left their kindly wishes for Mr. Chapman. A peal attempt had been fixed for Mr. Chapman on the following day, and it was therefore decided to make the presentation after the attempt, which, as it happened, remained an attempt only; in other words, the ringing broke down.

The presentation was made by Mr. Sam Greenhalgh, an almost lifelong ringing comrade of Mr. Chapman, the gift from the company being a ringer's gold badge in the form of a pendant, suitably inscribed: 'St. Thomas', Pendleton, 1890-1928.' Mr. Greenhalgh referred to Mr. Chapman's untiring efforts to raise and instruct a method-ringing band in the early days, and, not least, of the enthusiasm and persistence displayed by his old friend twenty-two years ago, in persuading the authorities to have the bells recast and rehung, a persistence that was crowned with such success that one had to look far for a better ring of eight than St. Thomas'.

Mr. Chapman, in acknowledging the gift, thanked Mr. Greenhalgh for his kind remarks and the company for their token of regard, which he said would remind him, as it dangled from his watch chain, of good old times at Pendleton. Indeed, he should wear it with that object in mind. Continuing, he said it seemed fitting to him that the peal attempt should fail, for he had, he said, a rough start with his ringing when he first came to Pendleton: now he had come to a rough finish, which seemed to him quite in order. Mr. Chapman said that what gave him most pleasure was the progress visible under his successor, Mr. Allen F. Bailey, who was training a young band with such success that service ringing of a high order was a certainty now, and peals in various methods only a matter of a few months. He hoped they would continue as they were doing, and never weary in making and keeping the tower a centre of good ringing in the Manchester district. He had no fears for the future if they stuck together.

After this the company adjourned to a place where ringing is easy (to talk about). A general discussion as to whether extension is really expansion or not, and a chat over old times, brought a memorable evening to a close.

P. L.

JOSEPH'S 'MENTAL ABERRATION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One can readily understand the fact that many contributors to your columns choose to remain anonymous for the reason that, should the identity of the various writers be established, the long-suffering readers thereof might suitably reward the efforts mentioned. One such letter appeared in your issue of October 19th, and has reference to a peal of Minor rung at Sutton-on-Hull on April 19th, 1928, being signed 'The Conductor.' The conductor in question is Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, and the circumstances surrounding the letter are such that I feel that further comment is called for. The letter states that the ringers failed to elect Mr. Sykes as a member of the Yorkshire Association previous to starting for the peal, but I have a letter before me from Sutton-on-Hull, where the peal was rung, stating that the Sutton band were under the impression that the would-be conductor was a member of the Yorkshire Association. This mental aberration might be excused, but I find that some time ago Mr. Sykes paid a visit to Whiston, near Rotherham, where the band, after splicing ropes, etc., started for a peal of Bob Major, with a young conductor attempting to call his first peal. The attempt failed, but, some time afterwards, the band ascertained that Mr. Sykes was not a member of the Yorkshire Association, and in the event of the peal attempt having been successful, the disappointment of the conductor can be imagined, as the difficulty of registering it as an association peal can easily be seen. Mr. Sykes, in recent years,

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THE FUND FOR MRS. E. BATES.

We give below the first list of subscriptions to the fund for the relief of Mrs. E. Bates and family, of Dartford, who have been left in straitened circumstances by the fatal accident to Mr. E. Bates. The children are of tender years—one aged four, and twins six months old—and consequently she is unable to do anything towards earning her own livelihood. The case is a tragic one for, owing to illness and domestic troubles, the dependants were left almost penniless when the accident cut off their sole means of support.

Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 124, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent.

In sending a donation to the fund, Mr. W. Willson wrote to Mr. Groombridge as follows, and we heartily endorse what he so well expresses: 'I hope you will not rest until the case has been given the utmost publicity. It is bad enough for a man to be left, but when the breadwinner is taken and the woman alone has to bear the burden of filling the empty space, only those who have known poverty fully realise the ghastly tragedy. There are hundreds of ringers who think nothing of spending anything from ten shillings to a pound on a single meal at a ringers' dinner. The winter is upon us, and these children are fatherless. Shall we eat our Christmas dinner with only a thought of self? I think not. The heart of the Exercise is sound; witness the splendid response to the appeal for a blinded brother ringer. This case is just as sad. There is a tender spot in every heart, and I pray to God that these words of mine may find it. Shall we act the Samaritan, or pass by on the other side? The time for action is NOW. Somewhere in the good old book are two messages pregnant with meaning, and they impress me at this moment. One is, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, my little ones," and the other, "Is it nothing to YOU?"'

The subscriptions already received are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
J. H. B. Hesse ...	...	5	0
E. H. Oxenham ...	...	5	0
C. Edwards, Ealing ...	...	2	6
J. S. Goldsmith ...	...	10	0
Amos W. Clark ...	...	2	6
C. B. ...	...	4	0
E. S. A. ...	...	5	0
J. Bennett ...	...	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent ...	...	5	0
W. Idle ...	...	2	0
St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, per F. Watkinson ...	...	7	0
Anon. ...	...	1	0
Robert I. ...	...	2	6
St. George's, Beckenham, per Walter Smith ...	...	7	6
Mrs. P. and H. W. F. ...	...	2	0
A. R. Brackpool ...	...	2	6
E. Bishop ...	...	10	0
H. Pates ...	...	5	0
W. Willson ...	...	2	0
T. Groombridge, sen. ...	...	3	0
Richard Smith ...	...	3	0
G. Pound ...	...	2	0
L. Head ...	...	2	0
W. J. Jefferies ...	...	2	0
Charles Slingsby ...	...	5	0
Bob Minor ...	...	1	0
Total ...	...	£8	0

100 PEALS ON THE TENOR.

Mr. Uriah W. Braven, of Bristol, has just completed one hundred peals. The peals have been rung upon tenor behind on various weights up to 52 cwt., and his record is believed to be the first hundred peals rung upon covering bell only. The peals are as follow: Grandsire Triples 3, Grandsire Caters 14, Stedman Triples 18, Stedman Caters 58, Stedman Cinques 3, Erin Caters 4; total 100.

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either intentionally or otherwise, has caused great trouble to us here in Yorkshire, by the watch we have had to keep on his performances, to see that he was a qualified member, and though Mr. Cotterell (the Yorks Association treasurer) wrote to Mr. Sykes some weeks ago, with reference to the Sutton peal, no reply has been received to date.

We feel that the time has come when visitors should realise that they are under a compliment to local hands who arrange peals for them, and, having personal knowledge of the welcome that visitors get when visiting Sutton-on-Hull, I feel that a much more handsome apology is due from Mr. Sykes to our Sutton friends than the grudging anonymous contribution previously referred to. I regret the length of this letter, but I must plead the aggravating nature of the cause, and not the undue prolixity of

PERCY J. JOHNSON,
Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Archbishop Davidson and Lady Davidson, which coincided with his resignation from the Primacy, called forth universal expression of affection and good will. Bells throughout England were rung in honour of the wedding jubilee, and in farewell to the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury. Many peals were recorded, and in hundreds of towers touches were rung. Here are reports of some of them:—

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral, on November 12th, 778 Stedman Cinques: W. Andrews 1, G. G. Jenkins 2, F. G. Brett 3, E. G. Buesdon (conductor) 4, C. W. Brett 5, P. Paine 6, J. W. Unwin 7, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 8, W. Spice 9, F. A. Fairbaird 10, M. W. Pierce 11, G. Simpson 12.—Also 499 Stedman Caters by: W. Andrews 1, F. G. Brett 2, W. E. Pitman 3, F. Weller 4, J. W. Unwin 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor) 6, W. Spice 7, E. G. Buesdon 8, M. W. Pierce 9, G. Simpson 10.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Monday, November 12th, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. H. E. Lane 1, Miss E. E. Emm 2, F. Speed 3, C. Millard 4, A. Speed 5, W. G. Moon 6, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 7, H. F. Moon 8. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells by a local band.

ELVEDEN.—On Monday, November 12th, at the Memorial Tower, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins.: W. G. Paul 1, F. Levett 2, B. Roper 3, W. Paul 4, J. Paul (conductor) 5, W. Bowers 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On November 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Shane (first in the method) 1, A. King 2, A. J. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, E. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

LAUNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Marriott, jun. (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Sharpe (conductor) 2, J. Marriott, sen., 3, R. Castle 4, J. Massey 5, J. Ancis (first quarter-peal) 6.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (consisting of 720 Double Court, 720 Plain Bob Minor): M. White 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. Paget 4, R. Sharpe 5, S. Forward (conductor) 6. This was the longest touch rung by the first four ringers, and the longest length on the bells. The ringer of the treble is only 15 years of age, and he has been learning only two or three months.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, November 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers who took part were T. R. Flint, H. Reader, J. Brown, O. Hilbey (conductor), H. Brown and F. Keech. This was also a birthday compliment to Canon H. P. and Mrs. Thompson, who have just passed their seventieth year.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Culley 1, W. Sear (conductor) 2, A. Crane 3, W. Mead 4, D. Green (Market Drayton) 5, S. Smith 6, H. Sear 7, J. Marks 8.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 of Stedman Triples, Thurstans': A. J. Wyatt 1, J. Hunt (conductor) 2, A. H. Reed 3, P. H. Sparkes 4, W. Gigg 5, W. H. Coles 6, E. Priddle 7, W. H. Farr 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd and 5th.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: C. G. Alderman 1, T. C. Walters 2, J. E. Whitlock 3, H. Cowley (Whaddon, Bucks) 4, A. Edey (conductor) 5, T. H. Bird 6. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, the attendance numbering 45. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a special service was held in church conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Harding, whose excellent address was much appreciated. At this service a collection was taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the association, and amounted to the very useful sum of 10s. 5d. Tea was provided in the Parish Room in a very liberal manner by the Rector. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The following new members were elected: Messrs William Price and Henry Wigley, of Twineham; also Miss S. Thursfield, of Kettering, as a non-resident member.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address, and his generous hospitality to those present concluded the meeting.

Ringling was again resumed and continued until close on nine o'clock, and must have totalled something like 4 or 4½ hours' practice, beginners and advanced all having a turn from Doubles to Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Miss S. Thursfield taking part in the Cambridge Major in a very capable manner. The following towers were represented: Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, Ditchling, Heane (Worthing), Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield and Twineham. It was a pleasure to see one of the association's veterans—Mr. G. Walder, of Bolney—who had made a special point of attending this meeting, and who was justly gratified to have recently assisted in getting three 'colts' through their first 500 in his tower at Bolney.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Notice of motion was given on Nov. 13th for a meeting at headquarters on Dec. 18th to discuss alteration of and addition to the rules.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service has been arranged for 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who will require tea please notify me in order to facilitate catering?—D. C. Meares, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Southwold Parish Church on Nov. 24th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—E. Grindell, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Basford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 5 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Womersley (6) and Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells at each tower available from 3 p.m. Service at Womersley at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—N. V. Harding, Hon. Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at St. Mary de Lode (Gloucester) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). All ringers welcome. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify me by the 24th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—21st Anniversary, Nov. 24th.—Stoke and Allesley towers will be open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be a recital on the Coventry Cathedral bells by Mr. H. Withers from 5.15 to 5.45. Tea at 6 p.m. prompt at the Craven Arms Hotel, where there will be plenty of room for visitors, who will be most welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The re-cast bells at Worcester Cathedral will be dedicated and opened on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at 11 a.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Upwey Barr's Road, Old Hill. Ringing, except at the opening by the Cathedral Guild, will not be possible.—James R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Poplar (10 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Short service, with address by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at Lyons' Restaurant, opposite Blackwell Tunnel, at 5. Meeting in belfry at 7.30. Will all who require tea advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, without fail?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Street, Southport, before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Stony Stratford. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 28th? All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting of the district will be held at Goodnestone, near Wingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. The secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for the Wingham tower to be at the disposal of ringers in the evening.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. A. W. Clark, 209, Purley Way, Waddon, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.15, to be followed by the business meeting. All those intending to be present kindly inform me not later than Thursday, Nov. 29th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Dec. 1st. Service at 4 p.m. All members welcome to tea at the Buller Hall, which will be followed by a business meeting. Kindly notify F. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by meat tea in Parish Room, at 1s. 9d. per head. Short business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, please.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

ELY & PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Ely and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Wisbech branches, will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m., also East Woodhay (5) and Highclere (8) available after tea. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. Rex, Yew Tree Cottage, Woolton Hill, Newbury, by Nov. 28th.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 29th. All ringers will be welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Dec. 1st. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, before Nov. 28th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.

—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those who notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Carr's Row, Earl Shilton, Leicester, by Thursday, Nov. 29th. Tea at 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present. A frequent service of buses from Nuneaton, Hinckley and Leicester is available. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.

—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Dec. 1st. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 p.m. Cathedral bells available at 6.30. Short service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.

—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 2.45. Other arrangements as usual. Every ringer welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by invitation of the Rector (Canon F. W. Sears, M.A.). Notification for tea by the 4th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—The recast bells of St. Martin's will be dedicated and opened at 3 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing from 4 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Social evening later at St. Martin's Hotel. The bells will be broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 8 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.

—The eighth annual social of the above branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. The bells, 8 (newly rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea on tables 4.45. It is important that those requiring tickets should write for them as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th, to Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton. Tickets 2s. 6d. each adult; children half price.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Address by Rev. H. B. Woolley. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by 6th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.

—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Those intending to be present notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. Special attention Oxford Bob Triples. A good muster is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.

—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Room 5.15. Wilton (6) available from 2 p.m. to 4 and after tea. Meeting arranged as a farewell to the Rev. L. J. Coursey, chairman of the branch. All those who will require tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.

—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Towers available: Blandford (8), Bryanston (6), Durweston (6), Stourpaine (5). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Please inform me how many will attend by Nov. 29th at the latest.—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.

—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, and not Nov. 24th, as first arranged. Fuller notice later.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.

—The next meeting of this district will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea after service, at 1s. per head, at the Parish Room. Kindly notify not later than Tuesday, Dec. 11th.—C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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