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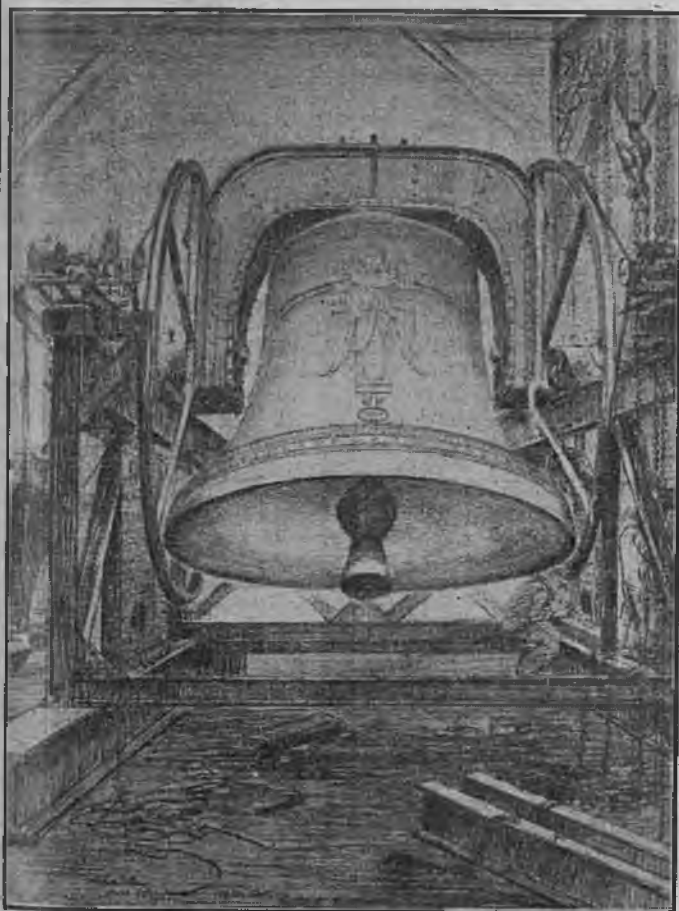
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WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Another stage in the steady march of progress in regard to church bells was reached on Sunday, when the new peal at Worcester Cathedral was dedicated. The growing recognition that nothing but the best should find a place in our belfries and particularly in those of our magnificent shrines, the cathedrals, is a matter of great satisfaction to lovers of bells, and, slow though the process seems to be, there can be no doubt that ecclesiastical authorities are becoming alive to the fact that many of the 'good old peals' can no longer hold their place as masterpieces of an ancient art. Science and mechanical progress have put the large majority of old bells completely in the background. The knowledge which is now applied to the production of bells can give us instruments of a perfection which may have been the dream of old bell founders, but which, with one or two exceptions, they never realised. Even the old continental founders, like the Hemons, who held the key to harmonic tuning, did not attain the results which have now become the daily achievement of our principal bell founders. A modern peal of bells is, indeed, a thing far in advance of the productions of even thirty years ago, and Worcester's new possession is something of which the city ought to be extremely proud. The previous bells which filled the tower for nearly sixty years were the product of a theory which Sir Edmund Beckett held on the subject of bell contours. He was groping after a perfection which his designs could never achieve, and although his bells at Worcester had a certain reputation at their birth, they were really a great failure, and it was only the courage and daring of Mr. John Taylor, sen., that saved St. Paul's Cathedral from a similar fate. Perhaps it was not all loss to Worcester, however. Had the peal of 1868 been even moderately good it is possible they would not have again gone into the melting pot, and Worcester in 1928 would not have had what is undoubtedly one of the finest rings of bells in the kingdom.

Only one thing in connection with these new bells seems to have been disappointing, and that was the manner of their opening. A new peal of twelve bells at a cathedral is a rare event. Except for York, we believe that no complete new ring of twelve has been opened at a cathedral since St. Paul's fifty years ago. Such being the case, the event was one worthy of special prominence, but the dedication at Worcester appeared to be merely an interruption in a Mayor's Day service. Perhaps it was unavoidable that this rare occurrence should be given so little distinction—it was not even referred to in the sermon—yet it would have been a great opportunity of

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impressing upon the civic representatives and the leading citizens of Worcester the importance of the occasion in the history of the cathedral and of bringing home to them the place which the bells take in the history of the city. There is a Mayor's Day every year in Worcester, but in all likelihood there will not be another peal of bells dedicated in Worcester Cathedral for centuries, if ever. The occasion merited a much more special and distinctive ceremony, but the opportunity was completely missed.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6093 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
*JOHN KING 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
†GEORGE WARREN 3	GEORGE BASFORD 8
ARCHIE HENMAN 4	THOMAS R. HENSHER 9
†HARRY WARREN 5	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS SLYMOUR Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER 7
WILLIAM NASH 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 8
THOMAS J. HULL 4	BEN JARMAN 9
THOMAS A. BLOW 5	ERNEST HUNT Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by THOMAS J. HULL.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham, Ringing Master for many years, and churchwarden for 32 years, at St. Peter's, also to Mr. G. W. Debenham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD CROUCH Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 5
CHARLES A. WINNER 2	WALTER BEAUMONT 6
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
†JARVIS L. HARRIS 4	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

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

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*JACK CHARNOCK Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 5
*HERMON NELSON 2	*ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
*EDWARD B. COXHEAD 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
*ADAM BLOGG 4	*EDWARD LAWSON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of four ringers of this tower, and others who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. J. R. KING Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 5
GEORGE FREEBRY 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
CHARLES DRAVER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

* First peal.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN Treble	WALTER ROSE 5
JOHN F. BELLINGER 2	CHARLES TOVEY 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR CANDLE 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERTRAM CORNELL Treble	FREDERICK A. POULSON 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	†GARNHAM BLAXCELL 6
LAWRENCE POULSON 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds has now rung a peal on Lavenham bells on every day of the week, and F. F. Mortlock has now completed the circle. Rung with half-muffled clappers in deep remembrance of all those who fell in the Great War.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON Treble	CECIL NICE 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
BERNARD WELLS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also as a farewell. The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM R. BOND 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	HENRY SIMMONS 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 25 years Primate, and in honour of his golden wedding.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*MISS EDITH M. GOBEY Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
HENRY FLITGBER 3	CECIL J. BAKER 7
†FREDERICK BROWN 4	FRANK TARTLTON Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The conductor has now called peals from every bell in this tower. Rung to celebrate Archbishop Davidson's golden wedding, and as a farewell on his retirement from the Primacy; also in commemoration of the appointment of the Rev. A. W. Bell, Vicar of Ilkeston, as Canon.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE BOTTOMLEY Treble	†HARRY CHEW 5
*WALTER BOTTOMLEY 2	*SIDNEY JACKSON 6
†REGINALD NOBEL 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
*FRANK JAGGER 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by J. GREENWOOD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Watkinson, only son of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A., on the occasion of his marriage to Miss M. K. Morton, at Halifax Parish Church.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
THOMAS HENNING 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE LEA 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JOHN E. RANGLES 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	GEORGE MILTON 7
*EDMUND HUMPHREYS 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal and first attempt.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD 5
JAMES CHINERY 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
ALPHEDUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
*CHARLES STANNARD 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, November 20th, 1928, 720 Bob Minor: A. Adams 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Curzon 3, P. Grace 4, E. Boulstridge 5, J. W. Colton (conductor) 6. First 720 by W. Curzon and A. Adams. The ringer of the 3rd has only been ringing Bob Minor two and a half months.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Cybi,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WENT Treble	ALBERT HAWKINS 5
EDWIN W. LUFF 2	*KENNETH KNOWLES 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	†CHARLES GREEDY 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE RADLEY 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

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

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
THOMAS LAW 2	JOHN HENSMAN 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
HARRY MARLOW 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor, and also to commemorate their 36th and 40th wedding anniversary respectively.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE PARKIN Treble	*ARTHUR CHAMPION 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	ARNOLD HAIGH 6
W. ARMLEY WOOLER 3	J. REDFERN BREARLEY ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	J. HENRY CHARLESWORTH Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIXBY.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

* First peal of Major.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY PARKER Treble	son of CHARLES PARKER ... 5
*WILLIAM SEDGLEY 2	son of CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 3	son of GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
†JOHN F. TILLET 4	son of FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Saturday, November 17th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: S. Sleet 1, H. Chaffey (conductor) 2, D. Sleet 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, G. Sleet 6. All, except the conductor, are local ringers, and it was their first quarter-peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY)

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

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung in honour of the Rev. J. E. Paget, Vicar of Bolsover, being installed hon. canon of Derby.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

LEWIS BYRAM Treble	HARRY SHAW 5
JOSEPH WHITEHEAD 2	CECIL HOYLE 6
SAMUEL WHITEHEAD 3	ALBERT CARTER 7
GEORGE KNIGHT 4	HARRY HOYLE Tenor

Conducted by H. HOYLE.

First peal by all except ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at above church. First peal on the bells by a local band.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*LESTER L. GREY 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
†JOHN BREESE 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

* First peal of Surprise away from treble. † First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Archbishop and Mrs. Davidson. This peal was attempted on November 12th, but was unsuccessful after two hours' ringing.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*JAMES SHRUBB Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6
CRAS. E. READ 3	HENRY ELLIOTT 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	FRANK OAKSHOTT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Joyce Meade, who was for more than 23 years churchwarden at this church, and was laid to rest on the above date.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Tydfil,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

*HARRY PAGE Treble	FRED LASBURY 5
†GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	†WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* 60th peal. † 70th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Ringers of treble, 5th and 6th hail from Ton Pentre, 2nd and 7th from Bedwellty, 3rd from Llanelly, Brecon. 4th from Aberavon, tenor local.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*ALFRED KING 5
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	WALTER STONE 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ERNEST STONE 7
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Guild.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*MISS WINIFRED F. BOLT Treble	*JESSE W. HARRISON 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOHN EVANS 4	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	*GEORGE H. CARTER 5
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 2	GEORGE DAWSON 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	*WILLIAM K. NORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S.

GEORGE COOKE ... Treble	WILLIAM PIKE 5
ALBAN E. SLATTER 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
PERCY JONES 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

Rung for the annual festival of the church.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2	JOHN WOOD 6
STANLEY W. BAYBUT 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
LIONEL H. PAGE 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.
Arranged for ringers 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who hail from Prittlewell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD PRANCLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
†SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 2	ALAC A. RACKHAM 5
*G. ROBERT JONES 3	BRINLEY J. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. A. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a farewell peal to Col. L. Partridge, churchwarden of the above church, who has left the parish to reside in Gloucestershire.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In various callings, including Spliced 240's, as arranged by A. J. Pitman and E. Morris. Tenor 18 cwt. 12 lb.

JOHN BRUNT ... Treble	FRANCIS S. BODYCOTE ... 3
CECIL E. CARR 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 4
HENRY BIRD 3	... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY BIRD.

Rung half-muffled to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice of the Great War. First peal on the bells by a full local band; all are Sunday service ringers. First peal as conductor.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	JOSEPH O. LONDON 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	*HARRY GIBBEARD 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Armistice. * First peal in seven methods.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods, viz., (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROGER W. DANIELS ... Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	*FREDERICK FRENCH 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 3	ALBERT T. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Armistice Day.

THURMASTON, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's and nine Spliced 240's of Plain Bob, ten 120's and five Spliced 240's of Grandsire, all differently called. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

ERNEST F. PAYNE ... Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
JOSEPH NORTON 3	GEORGE H. BOSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged for the tenor man to ring this, his first peal. The band wish to thank the Rev. R. O. Barrett for kind permission.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS ROSE BEARD Treble	NOEL WILES... .. 4
*PERCY C. BONNETT 2	HAROLD BEARD 5
†ERNEST FREEMAN 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal. † First peal inside in four of the methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. C. Bonnett.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London, and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
ALBERT FLEET 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	HORACE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST BATH Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL 4
WILLIAM BALCH 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
*CHARLES FIELD 3	JOHN HOUER Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

*HERBERT ROBERTS Treble	†ERNEST WILSON 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN... .. 2	†HAROLD FRADGLEY 5
HERBERT G. FRETWELL 3	†JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1928, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church Tower.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

*WILFRED ANDREWS 1	FRANK A. TURNER 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2-3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Tuesday, November 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen 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. GARNETT... .. 7-8
CHARLES J. SRDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLEY 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. CATCHEPOLK and PERCY MAY.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

SUTTON VENY BELLS RESTORED.

After a silence of about eighteen months, the bells of Sutton Veny, Wilts, have been heard again. They were rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Carpenter, of Salisbury, at a service conducted by Canon Bernard Everett, son of a former esteemed Rector. The Archdeacon in his address said: 'Bells to me have a wonderful and mysterious effect because they can almost convey to us thoughts too deep for words. In times of joy, where should we be without our bells—whether private, parochial, or national? In times of sorrow, how much can the bells tell us! It is a pleasure to know that to-night those present include members of a family whom you know so well and who have done so much for their church. I hope now these bells have begun to ring again it will add greatly to the joy of those who live here, and that they will ring a message of welcome to the church. Joy is the great feature of a Christian life and the dominating characteristic of the lives of all Christian men.'

After the service numerous touches were rung, the ringers including some from the Minster Church, Warminster. The restoration work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The concluding feature of the evening's programme was a tea in the schoolroom for the parishioners, who are grateful to the Church Council.

Sutton Veny Church is a very beautiful modern building, erected about sixty years ago at the expense of the Everett family. The bells belonged to the older church, and the following inscriptions on them are copied from the late Rev. W. C. Lukis' book on Church Bells, published in 1857:—

- 1.—'W.C., 1696.'
- 3.—'Noah Wilkins and John Best, Ch.W., W.C. 1741.'
- 4.—'Mr. R. Baily, Rect., IEF LONG R. EXTENG. C.W. 1695.'
- 5.—'Saml. and Stephen Long, Churchwardens. Robert and Jas. Wells, Aldbourne, fecit. 1793.'
- 6.—'Mr. Stephen Long and Mr. John Renall, Ch. Wn. Wm. Cockay cast me 1723.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, November 24th. Despite the very rough weather, twenty members were present, representing the parishes of Rayne, Braintree, Feering, Halstead, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, and members of the local band. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Evans) conducted the service, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) reading the lesson. During the singing of the last hymn a collection amounting to 8s. 7d. was made for the Bell Restoration Fund. After the service, tea was arranged at the White Horse, the Vicar presiding.

At the subsequent business meeting the District Master, Mr. A. A. Saunders took the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard and the district secretary (Mr. W. Arnold).

Both the District Master and secretary were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Witham during February.

The secretary gave a short report of the work of the district during the past year, and Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for his helpful address, also the organist, Mr. Bishop, for his services.

The Vicar, responding, welcomed the association to Hedingham. He greatly admired the work they carried on, and was proud to think that he was an honorary member.

At the close of the meeting a collection was made on behalf of Mrs. Sadler, widow of the late Mr. W. Sadler, of Braintree, the amount realised being £1 3s. 6d. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, this concluding a very successful meeting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

The final meeting of the Lavenham District for the year was held at Little Waldingfield on Saturday, November 24th. During the afternoon and evening several six-scores were rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Old Bob, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Tea was provided in the Parish Room. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Harpur) was voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. H. O. Punched, lay reader, and Mr. S. H. Symonds, district secretary. The Rector, who has taken up change ringing, gave the Guild a real welcome to Little Waldingfield, and Mr. Punched was elected an honorary member.

It was decided to start the series of meetings for 1929 in April. The members present wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing world,' to ask other secretaries in West Suffolk to call more meetings in the coming year.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding, and, on Mr. F. Mortlock's proposition, a vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for the excellent tea given.

WELL-KNOWN RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Sarah Dawe, wife of Mr. Francis E. Dawe, of Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Woking, who passed away suddenly under distressing circumstances on Tuesday, November 20th, at Gillingham, Kent, whither she went a few days earlier to stay with her sister. Mrs. Dawe reached her 70th birthday on Armistice Day (November 11th).

Mr. and Mrs. Dawe were married thirty-five years ago at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, during Mr. Dawe's fifth term of office as Master of the College Youths, and the deceased lady, who personally knew all the 'old school' of London ringers, had always taken a considerable interest in her husband's performances, both in the belfry and on the rifle ranges, he being a skilled 'shot' as well as a prominent ringer. Mrs. Dawe was always proud of her husband's peal ringing achievements, and was delighted to show to visitors the cups and other trophies he had won with the rifle. Mr. and Mrs. Dawe migrated to Surrey about 23 years ago. Many of the older ringers will remember her as a kind hostess, for nothing delighted her better than to entertain whole bands after ringing a peal, and many pleasant hours were spent beneath her and Mr. Dawe's hospitable roof, both in London and the country. Much sympathy will be felt with Mr. Dawe in his overwhelming loss.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the remains being interred in the family grave at Gillingham. The principal mourners were Mr. F. E. Dawe (widower) Mrs. Whittle and Mrs. Pryce (sisters), and there were many beautiful wreaths.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday. No fewer than 37 sat down to tea in the Womersley Memorial Hall, after attending service in the church at Womersley, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Brown).

Members from the following towers in the district were present: Cranleigh, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Shalford, Shere, West Clandon and Worplesdon. There were also visitors from Aldershot, Chertsey, Dorking, Leatherhead, Ottershaw and Seale.

A short business meeting took place after tea.

The members afterwards returned to the two towers, where the methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge and London Surprise.

WEST HALLAM BELLS.**HELP WANTED TO MAKE A PEAL OF EIGHT.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are hoping to complete a scheme, started in 1922, for increasing our ring of six bells to eight. The work which was carried out in that year cost us £650, and shortage of funds and other difficulties prevented further progress.

At a recent meeting of our Council it was decided to go on with the scheme, subject to certain conditions. These were, on my own proposition, that I should undertake responsibility for raising money to meet the cost of one of the bells if the Council would do the same for the other. My proposal was accepted, and the scheme is now to be completed by Christmas, we hope. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been instructed to carry out the work.

So far I have raised £31 towards my £57 required for the one bell.

I am venturing to ask if the readers of 'The Ringing World' could kindly help me in my effort to obtain the balance. If so I should be exceedingly grateful.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. WICKS.

The Rectory,
West Hallam, Derby.

MARSDEN RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At various times in your paper there have been letters relating to encouragement of young ringers. May I just tell you of the little encouragement we, who have just rung our first local peal, have received at Marsden, Yorks? It is five years since these bells were put in our church, and for about eighteen months we had two tutors, paid by the Church Council, who came for two hours on one night per week! Since the end of that period we have been left to our own resources. What knowledge we have gained has been from books and constant practice. We are not members of any association, for we have never been approached. Visits by good ringers from other towers on our practice nights can be counted on the fingers of both hands quite easily. Had it not been that we were enthusiastic, ringing in Marsden would have ceased long ago. We are quite a young band. I myself am 33 years of age, and many years older than any of the others. As is stated in the report, this is the first peal for five of the members, the other three, myself among them, having rung one previously in a band got together by 'Uncle Joe' (Mr. Joseph E. Sykes), whose home is in Marsden, although he is seldom here. We only wish he could visit us more often.—Yours faithfully,

H. HOYLE.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would once more entreat ringers to be accurate in sending in the reports of peals. We are receiving an increasing number of reports which are deficient in information, thus causing delay in their appearance, while often names are almost indecipherable. If those who send up reports would compare them with the printed details in any issue of 'The Ringing World' they would see at once if all the information to complete the report had been embodied. Care should also be exercised to see that names are plainly spelt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, will celebrate their golden wedding on Wednesday next, December 5th.

Mr. James George celebrated his 75th birthday on Tuesday, and has the congratulations of the whole Exercise.

Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor') has returned to Ilkeston, his native village, to reside among his old friends.

His many friends throughout the country will join in congratulations to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl, North Wales, on his appointment to the post of works inspector of the Bradford district of the L.M.S. Railway. He will be stationed at Lowmoor, near Bradford, and takes up his new duties to-day.

Mr. Hughes has been in North Wales since June, 1903, and has been closely associated with ringing at Bangor up to seven years ago, and at Rhyl for the last seven years as captain and conductor.

We will publish the letter of 'A Young Peal Snatcher' if he will forward his name and address.

The Warwickshire 'Birthday Party' was continued on Sunday, when also the ranks of the 'Tom-tits' were swelled by the initiation of seven new members.

The annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths will take place on January 19th, and members are requested to keep this date open.

We have received an inquiry as to the Barron Bell Trust. Can any reader give us information about it, or the address of the trustees?

The Ipswich band have quickly rung another peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 'in hand,' as will be seen from our peal columns. The anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal occurs on Monday. It was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stroud, where a 5,040 was accomplished on December 4th, 1722, and one of the first peals of Stedman Triples at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on December 6th, 1731.

The 'Regal' Cinema, Marble Arch, London, which was to be opened yesterday, has an organ with a stop which operates a complete carillon. The bells were made at the Croydon Bell Foundry.

The peal at Coddensham, on November 10th was in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. T. W. Last and not of Mr. W. C. Rumsey, as stated in the report.

A large gathering is expected at Birmingham on December 8th, when the new ring of twelve at St. Martin's Church is to be dedicated. The bells are already in the tower, and the bell hangers are putting the finishing touches to them.

MRS. BATES APPEAL FUND.

We publish below the second list of subscriptions to the fund which has been organised for the assistance of Mrs. E. Bates, of Dartford, who by the fatal accident to her husband has been left without means and with three tiny children to support.

There must be hundreds of ringers who, while hesitating to send a small amount individually, would gladly give their aid in a belfry collection, and we suggest that 'the hat' should be passed round in every tower in aid of this really worthy fund. That, of course, will not prevent anyone who desires to give a larger amount from doing so, but every little helps, and it is astonishing how these small sums mount up in the aggregate. Belfry collections all over the country next Sunday would do wonders.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in these columns.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	8	0	0
'A Lady Ringer'	1	0	0
'Wessex'	2	6	
'Something better than sympathy'	1	0	0
A. W. G.	10	0	
Boyne Hill band, per Mr. W. E. Taylor	17	0	
St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, per Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.	5	0	
'Rufus'	2	6	
Mr. W. Story	10	0	
Mr. C. L. Routledge	10	6	
Mr. James H. Blake	2	6	
Mr. W. H. Shuker	2	6	
Mr. Alex Sharp	2	0	
Mr. A. Paddon Smith	10	0	
Total	£13	14	6

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A NOBLE RING FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

Worcester is now in the proud possession of one of the finest rings of bells in the country. The old peal, with its many defects, has gone from the Cathedral, and in its place is a new ring of magnificent tone, the product of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Prior to the year 1868 Worcester Cathedral had a mixed peal of eight bells, which were hung in its magnificent central tower, but about 60 years ago Canon Richard Cattley, with great enthusiasm, launched a scheme for providing the mother church of the diocese with a ring more worthy of the building. The tenor was 49½ cwt. in C sharp, and a peal of twelve were hung for ringing, with an additional flat fourth for use with the chimes (later a flat 6th and flat 8th were added). Whatever may have been the opinion as to the merits of these bells at the time, they have long been recognised as far below the standard of present-day quality of tone. That was no fault of the founders, who merely had to carry out their instructions, but the fact remained that Worcester Cathedral bells were a disappointment. It was left to Dean Moore Ede, prompted by the Worcestershire Association, to effect a change, and there is no comparison between the new and the old bells.



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

from the Severn, showing the massive central bell tower.

It was only in the fitness of things that the Loughborough Foundry, which has always marched with the times, and, indeed, in regard to bell tuning often ahead of them, should be entrusted with the making of the new peal. They have recast all the fifteen bells, the new tenor, of the same weight as the old, being B natural, against the former C sharp—a bell altogether fuller and nobler in tone, whose qualities must be heard to be fully appreciated. All the way up the scale, the other bells are beautifully balanced, and, tuned on the Taylor true-harmonic principle, are, needless to say, perfectly in harmony. That is the great gain which the present age has made over earlier times. Formerly the really good bells were largely the result of 'luck,' and probably not one bell in a thousand, let alone a complete peal of bells, was turned out dead true. Now, thanks to the investigations of Canon Simpson, upon which our modern founders have been able to build and improve, good peals are no longer a mere possibility, but can be made a matter of scientific certainty—the whole of the harmonics can be measured and controlled to a vibration. Worcester are a typical peal of modern Loughborough founding, and no higher praise can be given them than that.

Although massive in appearance, the tower of the Cathedral is too thin towards the top to carry the strain of a ringing peal, and in consequence the bell frame is supported on wooden stanchions, cross braced and tied, which are carried up from the main walls at about the level of the Cathedral roof. This is an extremely interesting feature of the tower, and it says something for the feat of bell-hanging that whereas, under former conditions, all this timber work had considerable movement when the bells were rung, and actually carried with it the floor of the ringing chamber, Messrs. Taylor have so strengthened and braced the old frame that there is now hardly any perceptible movement when the bells are in motion—further evidence of the advances made in the engineering side of the founders' craft.

In addition to recasting the whole of the fifteen bells, Messrs. Taylor and Co. have tuned the old 4½ ton hour bell to harmonise with the new peal, the note having been deepened from B flat to A. Each of the old bells bore a name, and these names have been reproduced on the new bells together with, on each:—
JOHANNES TAYLOR, LOUGHBOROUGH, FVDT MDCCCLXIX,
and 'Recast 1928.'

The rest of the inscriptions are as follow:—
Treble.—S. MATTHIAS. THIS BELL IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTIN ABELL, A KING'S SCHOLAR. B. 1840. D. 1928.

2nd.—S. JVDAS JACOBI.

3rd.—S. SIMON ZELOTES.

4th.—S. JACOBVS ALPHOEI.

Half-tone.—S. PAVLVS.

5th.—S. MATTHEVS.

6th.—S. BARTHOLOMÆVS.

Half-tone.—S. MARCVS.

7th.—S. THOMAS.

8th.—S. PHILIPPVS. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION GAVE ME.

Half-tone.—S. LVCAS.

9th.—S. ANDREAS. THIS BELL WAS GIVEN BY MRS. E. THOMAS AND HER SON, E. P. THOMAS.

10th.—S. JOHANNES. TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF NORMAN OGILVY, PRIEST, SOMETIME RECTOR OF HANBURY IN THIS DIOCESE. BORN OCT. 6, 1839. DIED JUNE 7, 1903. AND OF EMILY, HIS WIFE. BORN NOV. 27, 1841. DIED MAY 12, 1926. AND OF ALICE THEIR DAUGHTER, BORN MARCH 17, 1871. DIED MAY 13, 1926.

11th.—S. JACOBVS. IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF WORCESTERSHIRE, WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR, ESPECIALLY J. ROBERT BLAKE AND EDWARD S. BLAKE, SONS OF THE RECTOR OF ST. HELEN'S, WORCESTER.

Tenor.—S. PETRVS. THIS PEAL OF BELLS WAS RECAST BY JOHN TAYLOR & CO., OF LOUGHBOROUGH, IN 1928.

W. MOORE EDE, D.D.,

DEAN OF WORCESTER.

JOSEPH SMITH,
CLERK OF THE WORKS
OF THE CATHEDRAL.

The dedication of the new bells took place on Sunday, the ceremony being performed in the course of the morning service by the Bishop of Worcester. The occasion was also 'Mayor's Sunday,' when his Worship, with the members of the City Council and other civic dignitaries, a battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, police, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Church Lads' Brigade, and various city organisations marched in procession to the Cathedral for the service. The dedication of the bells, as a result, was a mere incident in the proceedings. The Bishop, after the second lesson, moved with the clergy to a point beneath the tower, pulled a rope which caused one of the bells to ring, and then recited the dedicatory and another short prayer. The vast congregation stood in their places, and for a few moments there was a dead silence. Then, from overhead, came the sound of the beautiful bells, rung in rounds for a few minutes by the Cathedral ringers. Afterwards, the service proceeded to its appointed end, but so far as the preacher was concerned this event of a lifetime might never have happened. There was no reference to the bells from the beginning to the end of his discourse.

Among those present at the service were Mr. E. Denison Taylor, head of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and with him from Loughborough were Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler. The Worcestershire Association was represented by Mr. J. R. Newman (hon. secretary), Mr. Albert Parsons and a few members, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, by the Deputy Ringing Master (Mr. A. Walker) and others, but the fact that there was to be no general ringing doubtless kept many ringers away. After the service a course of Grandsire Cinques and another of Stedman Cinques, in which a few of the visitors were privileged to take part, were rung.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the test of the bells was in the ringing. Despite the unusual method of supporting the bell frame, the bells, in their ball bearings and new fittings, go like the proverbial top, and everyone from treble to tenor can be distinctly heard in the ringing chamber. The job is another triumph for Messrs. Taylor and Co.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD 'COMES OF AGE.'

THE SUGGESTED DIOCESAN STATUS.

Founded in 1907, the Warwickshire Guild is this year celebrating its twenty-first birthday, and to mark the event a very enjoyable gathering took place on Saturday at Coventry. The proceedings began with ringing at Stoke and Allesley Churches, where many visitors enjoyed a 'pull,' and then a large number concentrated at St. Michael's Cathedral to hear a recital on the new bells by Mr. Harry Withers. Memories of the fine old peal that went through the melting pot were conjured up, but the new bells, as far as could be judged by their sounds when used as a carillon, are a most excellent chimie, which do every credit to the Craydon Foundry. Mr. Withers' programme was an impromptu one, and was limited by the restricted range of the bells, but he played a number of well-known airs in characteristic style.

In the evening nearly a hundred members and friends sat down to 'high tea' at the Craven Arms Hotel, under the chairmanship of the Guild's president (Rev. J. L. White, of Nuneaton), who was supported by the Sub-Dean of Coventry, the Vicar of Fillongley (Rev. H. J. Watters) and the officers of the Guild.

The President afterwards referred to the illness of the Bishop of Coventry, and, at his suggestion, a message of sympathy and of hope for his speedy recovery was sent. The Chairman also referred to the absence, through indisposition, of the Archdeacon of Warwick, a past-president of the Guild. No man, he said, had served the Guild better, and he (the speaker) would like their secretary to send to the Archdeacon an expression of their appreciation of all he had done for the Guild, and their hope that he would soon be fit again. Continuing, the President said they were assembled there as a Guild that was twenty-one years old, and as far as he could gather a healthy and good-looking Guild it was (hear, hear). What they wanted was that the Guild should continue to move along the lines which it had moved during these 21 years, banding together men and women, who could ring, in the service of the Church. He did not quite know how it was he became their president, because he could not even make a bell ring, but he felt it a tremendous honour to succeed Archdeacon Back in that office. They owed a great deal to the older men who had carried on all through the years, and he hoped the younger men would carry on the Guild from strength to strength. He expressed thanks to the Sub-Dean and the Rectors of Stoke and Allesley for allowing them the use of the bells that day. They were delighted to have the presence of the Sub-Dean, the more so because it had been said that he and various officials had done some naughty things about the bells of the Cathedral (laughter).

COVENTRY BELLS.

The Sub-Dean made a happy speech in reply. He said that he felt highly honoured at the invitation to be present that night. He had expected that he would always appear as a culprit when he came into a company of bellringers, from the circumstances to which the chairman had already alluded, but since he had discovered that the gentleman who led the case against the Cathedral authorities, at the hearing in Palace Yard, had become one of the 'ringleaders' in the scheme for having the bells of St. Martin's recast, he felt that he must have been actually converted by what he heard at Coventry (laughter). That had made it easy for him (the Sub-Dean) to appear among ringers (laughter). He was glad the Guild had shown its forgiveness of the past by consenting to have a recital on the carillon that night, and he hoped it had been a joy to those who had listened. Those who had seen the bells would know that they had not for all time destroyed the possibility of their being rung as a ringing peal (hear, hear). He hoped the success of that Guild would be such that in time it would have sufficient surplus funds to build them a campanile in which the bells could hang and in which they would have the joy of ringing a peal on them (laughter). He was glad, he continued, to come among a body of ringers and see their faces. He had always been able to see the faces of the choir, but he felt as if the bellringers were an unseen part of his congregation, and it always seemed to him that there was some secret exit for them (laughter). It was nice to find that ringers looked like ordinary men and women (laughter). The Sub-Dean added that he did agree with ringers that bell music was only heard at its best when the bells were rung. The pealing of the bells was what really gave them the soul of the bells, and they would never have the soul of Coventry bells until they were pealed (hear, hear). Meanwhile, they were trying to get on without the soul, and those who had charge of them were trying to get the best they could out of them. In conclusion, the Sub-Dean expressed the hope that more of the diocesan clergy would show their appreciation of the work done by the ringers by giving the Guild their support, for the ringers, while unseen, were none the less workers for the church than those who occupied the choir stalls or the pulpit (applause). He wished the Guild 'God-speed' and continued growth in membership (applause).

'MANY HAPPY RETURNS.'

Mr. Frank Smallwood (Derby) proposed 'Prosperity to the Warwickshire Guild.' He was glad, he said, to be able to wish the Guild 'many happy returns' on its twenty-first birthday. There were a good many of those connected with the founding of the

society who were still in evidence, among them being Mr. Chapman, Mr. James George, and one or two others who were present that night. One face he did miss, that of Mr. Arthur Coleman, who did a very great deal in the founding of the Warwickshire Guild. The centre of gravity, continued Mr. Smallwood, seemed to be shifting. They founded the Guild at Warwick, but the centre of gravity now seemed to be Coventry. He had been casting about in his mind for a reason for this change, and he wondered whether it had anything to do with the tradition about the noble lady who rode about the streets in scanty attire. He thought there was some little evidence in support of this, because there seemed a great preponderance of members with the Christian name of Tom (laughter). But whatever the cause, he thought this shifting of the centre of gravity was a move in the right direction. It was time that they became a diocesan association, and Coventry was the centre of the diocese. He rather sensed that recent remarks portended that change, and he thought it would be a good thing for the Guild. They would certainly then have a right to expect that support from the clergy would be forthcoming; it certainly had not been so in the past (hear, hear). Mr. Smallwood referred in an amusing way to some of the spade work which was done when they were endeavouring to form the Guild. Nuneaton, he said, was the place where he found most opposition to the scheme, and it was a long time before he could convince their old friend, Mr. Chapman, that it was either desirable or necessary. Now the position was entirely changed, and they had Mr. Chapman as Ringing Master (applause); they had had a past secretary from Nuneaton, and their present president was Rector of Nuneaton. Nuneaton, indeed, was one of their strongholds, and there had been more peals rung there than in any other tower (applause). The future of the Guild was in good hands, and he wished it all 'good luck' and prosperity (applause).

Mr. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) briefly replied, saying how pleased they were to see so many old and new friends present that evening. With a little more help from the clergy and the younger members, the Guild was assured of a very prosperous future (applause).

Mr. H. Argyle (Nuneaton) proposed 'The Visitors,' whom he welcomed. The very fact that they had so many visitors present that night showed that the Warwickshire Guild was not quite the nonentity that some of them thought they were. Mr. Argyle referred to the friendly relations existing between the Warwickshire Guild and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and said with regard to taking a diocesan title, that it would restrict the Guild to towers in its own diocese, whereas now they covered the whole county. It was a matter which would have to be carefully considered, and it would, he believed, come up at the next annual meeting. Mr. Argyle mentioned that among the visitors that night they had representatives of the three leading firms of bell founders, Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Capt. Freeborn, from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, from Messrs. Taylor and Co. They had visitors from Birmingham, Leicester, Derby, Loughborough, London, and other places, and he was particularly pleased to see among them Mr. Whitehead, who was recovering from the accident which befel him when returning one night to Leicester from Nuneaton. Mr. Argyle said he would also like to include in the toast the ladies, many of whom they had with them that night.

Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) first responded, and expressed congratulations and good wishes to the Warwickshire Guild upon its 21st birthday. He hoped they would see many members of the Warwickshire Guild at the opening of St. Martin's bells on December 8th, and added that social gatherings of that kind were of the greatest possible value in making a prosperous association. They cemented fellowship, while the interchange of views broadened their ideas (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild) also replied, and added congratulations and good wishes.

Votes of thanks to the artistes, to the president and to the committee who had carried out the arrangements, concluded the proceedings.

The musical programme, for which Mr. Frank Perrins was largely responsible, was a varied and delightful one. Mr. Hessian and his party played handbell selections, Mrs. A. A. Hughes contributed handbell solos, songs were given by Mr. A. Wilkerson, Mr. W. C. Dowding, and Mr. Edwards. Mr. Greenway, who acted as accompanist, directed some 'community singing,' which went with great gusto. Mr. Wilkerson gave a recitation, Mr. Harry Withers tapped Erin Cinques on the piano, and a capital course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Pervin, F. Perrins, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, J. Thomas and J. George. A happy evening terminated with the National Anthem.

A MUSICAL SIX.

On Sunday a party journeyed by cars to the village of Great Easton, Essex, to ring upon the very musical peal of six recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Touches of Oxford and Kent and 720 Cambridge Surprise were brought round, the following taking part: Miss E. E. Pettitt, H. E. Hammond, H. C. Reason, A. Wiffen, B. Ridgwell, C. H. Howard and L. W. Wiffen (conductor).

GREAT WITCOMBE CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of Great Witcombe Parish Church, Gloucester, which have been rehung on ball bearings in a new steel and iron two-tier frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were opened on Saturday, November 17th, by the members of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester Foundry, 1777.

2nd.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, July 5th, 1901.

3rd.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, July 5th, 1901.

4th.—F. White and Sons, Bellhangers, Appleton, Berks.

5th.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, July 5th, 1901.

Tenor.—I am the Voice of a crier in the House of God: Com and Kip Heli, 1630.

The service in church was fully choral. The Rector (the Rev. G. R. Taylor) officiated, and the Guild service was used. Mr. E. Hicks Beach (churchwarden) read the lesson, and Miss M. Hayward presided at the organ.

After the service the members adjourned to the Village School-room, where tea had been provided. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Hicks Beach, Mr. Dove (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and Mr. F. C. Collins, who rehung the bells.

After tea the Vicar thanked the ringers on behalf of the parishioners and himself, also the secretary of the Gloucester Branch (Mr. W. H. Harris) for bringing so many ringers to assist at the opening. He hoped that they found the bells to their liking.

Mr. C. J. Taylor (Witcombe), replying, said from expressions he had heard from the members they were all pleased with the way Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had done the work.

Mr. Dove, replying on behalf of the firm, said he appreciated the remarks passed by the previous speaker, and when he returned to the foundry he should be able to give his report to the firm that the work had been carried out to everyone's satisfaction.—Mr. F. C. Collins said when he left the foundry to hang a peal of bells anywhere in the country his instructions were, 'Do the work properly, and spare neither time nor trouble.'

Selections on the handbells were given by various members, which were much appreciated, afterwards the tower was again visited. The cost of the work (£230) is being defrayed by public subscription. A collection on behalf of the fund amongst the ringers realised 30s.

LANCASHIRE RINGERS' DIAMOND WEDDING. PRESENTATION AT ECCLESTON.

A largely attended meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Ecclestone on Saturday, November 24th. The meeting had been postponed from its usual summer date to coincide with the diamond wedding of Mr. R. Rigbye, of Ecclestone.

Mr. Rigbye is one of the oldest active ringers, if not the oldest in the association. He is over eighty years of age, but is still able to take a rope, as he did to a short touch on the present occasion.

During the day the methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise, amongst the ringers present being Canon H. J. Elsee, the president of the association. A splendid tea had been provided by the generosity of the Rector, the Rev. H. Bretherton, who is a life member of the association.

The usual business meeting afterwards took place, Canon Elsee presiding. One new member, John Whittle, of Brownedge, was elected.

The Secretary mentioned the annual social at Higher Walton, and appealed specially to members to write for tickets as early as possible. He also mentioned that he had a stock of new diagrams and certificates with him. Both of these were soon sold out.

Canon Elsee then said there were three reasons why he was pleased to be at that meeting. One was that it gave him an opportunity to meet some members whom he didn't often meet, in an area so wide of Preston. Another reason was that he had been able to hear and also have a pull on the Ecclestone bells, and so add to his knowledge of Lancashire bells. The third and chief reason was that he was pleased to be present and to make a presentation on behalf of the members of the Preston Branch to Mr. and Mrs. Rigbye. He had been present at various functions in connection with bell-ringing during the last forty years or more, but never at so rare an event as a ringer's diamond wedding. He heartily congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Rigbye on their diamond wedding, and handed to them a splendid timepiece on behalf of the Preston Branch members. He hoped they would live long to see and appreciate the gift.

The timepiece bears a plate inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. R. Rigbye, by members of the Preston Branch, L.A.C.B., on the occasion of their diamond wedding, November 26th, 1928.'

Mrs. Rigbye said she thanked the members for their present and kind wishes from the bottom of her heart. Mr. Rigbye also added a few words of thanks.

Canon Elsee then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for so generously providing the tea, to the ladies who had waited on them at the tables, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness.—This was carried in the usual hearty manner, the Rector suitably replying.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting, after which more ringing was indulged in.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If I may venture to suggest it with due respect, the resolution passed at Hereford was put forward in order to raise the standard of these peals without sufficiently considering the conditions of the problem involved. It will be within your recollection that I protested against it both privately and at the Council meeting. As I hope to show, the resolution, so far from doing anything to raise the standard, has the unintended effect of crabbing any device that will do so.

I have not examined Mr. Morris' arrangement, but I have heard that this consists of taking 120 rows twice over and composing them into a touch of 240. In other words, every row occurs twice over, but 120 different rows are not used up as a separate block before beginning again. If this be so, this is on all fours with Mr. Law James' arrangement for certain methods on the Treble Bob principle (notably London Surprise Minor), which was published in 'The Ringing World' at the end of last July.

I do not know to what you are referring at the close of your leading article, but to the best of my belief no system of altering the half-hunt can be employed (or is, indeed, conceivable) in which all the six-scores are rung 'without any other row being included.'

Further, it is certain that the Minor resolution bars Mr. Bankes James' arrangement for Cambridge, as although 720 different rows are rung consecutively there are only 719 true changes (i.e., change from row to row). The 720's are true, but not complete.

It is evident the matter cannot rest where it is, the more so as it is intended to insert in the new edition of Legitimate Methods arrangements on the plans of Messrs. Bankes and Law James, and also arrangements for Grandshire Doubles with varied half-hunts arrived at by breaking in two some or other of the six-scores.

It is a most praiseworthy effort to raise the standard of five and six-bell peal ringing, and, lest it should be thought that I am merely crabbing attempts made by others, I venture to suggest that the most promising solution would be a resolution at Chelmsford next year repealing last year's resolutions and asking for the formation of a committee of members of the Central Council familiar with the conditions of five and six-bell ringing to bring up a report on the whole matter.

As it stands, the Council is pledged to accept as a peal 42 six-scores of Grandshire Doubles, each called 'Plain, Bob, Plain, Bob, Plain, Single' (repeated 83 times), or seven 720's of Bob Minor, all called tenor 'Wrong, Right, Wrong,' with Single half-way and end, and debar conductors from using the knowledge that has been recently placed at their disposal. Meanwhile it is to be hoped (sic) that those who have rung Cambridge Minor peals on Mr. Bankes James' plan will cancel them, though I confess that I have no intention of doing this myself.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter,
November 23rd, 1928.

WORTH FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Dear Sir,—We have been talking over the point raised in your leading article of this week, and we think the matter is worth further consideration. It is somewhat difficult to see how we can allow the incomplete 720's in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge and disallow the 240's of Grandshire Doubles.

H. LAW JAMES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, November 17th, but only seventeen attended from the following towers: Chichester, Brighton, Horsham, Heene, Itchingfield, Warnham and Shoreham, and Mr. Alan Pink, of Dorking. The bells were available from three o'clock, and a short service with an address was conducted by the Rev. J. G. F. Glossop, who gave the association a welcome.

Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master) presided at the business meeting, when it was proposed to hold the next meeting at West Tarring. A vote of thanks, proposed by the Master, to the Rev. J. G. F. Glossop, for granting the use of the bells and his address, also to the lady organist, was carried, and Mr. F. Cripps was asked to convey the same to the rev. gentlemen. Although the meeting was poorly attended, the ringing was successful, as everyone had a full share from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise.

A STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEPARTURE.

At St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, Middlesex, on Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Watson 2, C. Edwards 3, P. B. Clark 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8. Rung as a farewell to C. Edwards, who is leaving the district. He has been steeplekeeper from the time the bells were hung for ringing.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE BELL RESTORATION AT SOUTH ANSTON.

Inclement weather resulted in only a moderate attendance of members of the North Notts Association at the meeting at South Anston on Saturday week, ringers being present from North Collingham, Cuckney, East Retford, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Worksop, Gainsborough, Barnsley, Treeton, and the full company of local ringers. The bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor has been recast, and two new trebles added to make them into the full octave, the splice being an excellent one. During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a number of Minor methods were rung to suit the six-bell ringers, as well as a few rounds for the probationers. Tea was served in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. R. Hodgson), supported by Messrs. Airey and Stenton (churchwardens), Mrs. East (Collingham), the Misses Burchall (Sutton-on-Trent), Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary, Barnsley Association), Mr. H. Morgan (Ringing Master of the Northern District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), and the hon. secretary of the association (Mr. H. Haigh), and others.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar, in a most interesting speech, intimated what a pleasure it was both to the churchwardens and himself to welcome the association to Anston. He had always liked ringing, and had regretted that he had not learned more of the art when he was younger. He had only succeeded in ringing a plain course of Bob Major and a few Minor methods; nevertheless, he much enjoyed it. They had now got their bells at South Anston in good ringing order, with the tenor recast and the peal made into a full octave. Mr. Fowler had had a great deal to do with this, and he hoped the ringers would find every enjoyment in the new state of things, and the excellent splice that had been made. They had not quite got all the money required to pay the bill, but they were not pessimistic about it being forthcoming, and all their friends and neighbours in the district who had helped so well must be remembered by the Anston people when their own bells required restoration and augmentation. There was one peal in the district that required serious attention, and in recognition of what the late secretary had done for the association the church must be helped, and he hoped the Anston people would lend their assistance.

Mr. H. Haigh then handed over to the Vicar a sum of £5 unannouncedly granted by the association for the Anston ringers' pluck and enterprise in having the bells augmented to eight and put in good order.

Mr. Ernest Beckett, of Anston, was elected a performing member, and Mr. C. D. Potter was elected a non-resident life member.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Worksop in January or early February, the hon. secretary being given permission to arrange for a date when he could attend, notice to be given through 'The Ringing World.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Anston for granting the use of the bells, presiding over the tea and meeting, and for his excellent address; to both churchwardens for their attendance, and to the Anston ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—The Vicar suitably replied, and Messrs. Airey and C. D. Potter also spoke a few words of encouragement to members of the association.—Further ringing was afterwards indulged in until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung at Bratton, Wilts; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (conducted by R. L. Patterson) at St. Ignatius', Sunderland; and at Barthomley, Cheshire, after a touch of 546 Grandsire Triples, the bells were 'fired.'

LATE NOTICES.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE (2 miles from Bicester). The Rt. Rev. E. D. Shaw, B.D., Archbishop of Oxford, will dedicate 2 new treble bells, to complete the octave, on Friday, Dec. 7th, at 6 p.m. The tenor bell has been recast and the whole peal rehung in a modern iron frame. Tenor 20 cwt. All ringers welcome.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Sat., December 8th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Will those who require tea let me know by Wed., Dec. 5th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, December 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NOTICES.

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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.—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.—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. 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. 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. Tea 4.45; service 5.30. — 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.

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.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

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.

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. — 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.—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.

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. 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.

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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Augmentation of Farnborough bells.—The augmented ring of bells at Farnborough Parish Church will be available for a combined practice on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m., following the dedication of the new treble on Nov. 27th. All ringers invited and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Mathon. Bells (6); ringing commencing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea provided after service.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 3rd, 17th and 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 6th and 20th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (special business) on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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 4.30 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.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 4th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

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.

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.

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.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30 in Parish Hall. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford or Bushey. Buses stop at church. Number for tea by December 4th. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Ruddington. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Collin Street, Nottingham. — Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

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.

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. — A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Collingbourn, Kingston. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify the secretary, 4.15. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Geddingdon (5) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 4th? — H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 6 till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Parish Room

at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A Wednesday meeting of the association will be held at Chester-le-Street on Dec. 12th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Tea at the Lambton Arms at 5, 1s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present please notify me before Saturday, Dec. 8th. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh as a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association on Dec. 15th, instead of Dec. 1st. Please note alteration of date. — R. Harrison, 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.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise their intention to be present. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present at tea notify me before Dec. 12th? — B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hintlesham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Every ringer welcomed. — G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

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.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Southern Division and the Sheffield District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by Dec. 12th, so that provision may be made?—F. Clark and R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

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