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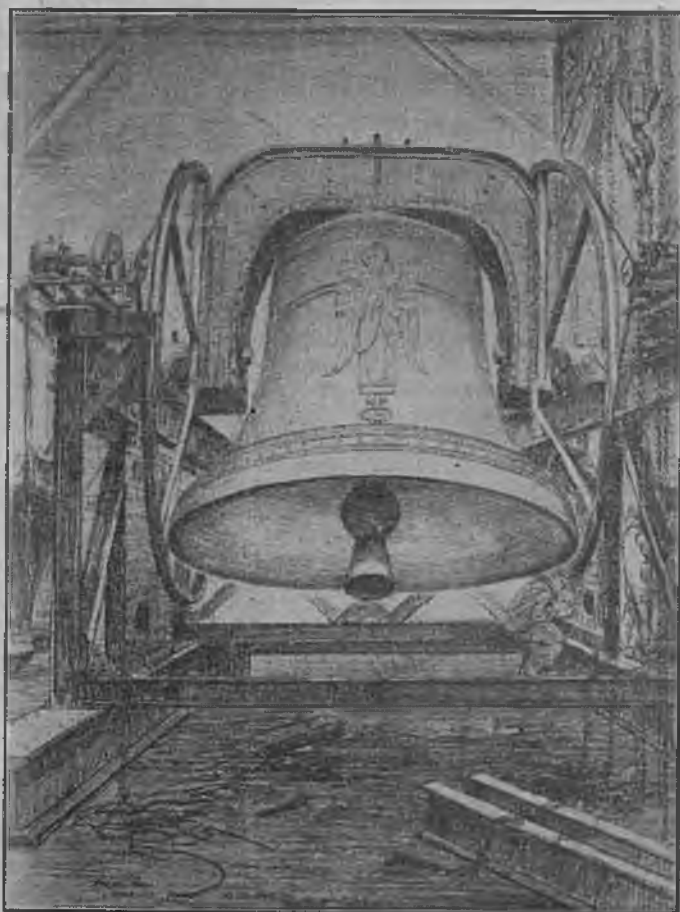
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Lincoln possesses in its Cathedral one of the most beautiful buildings in this country, and it has now gained one of the most delightful peals of twelve bells in the world, set in a tower which has been specially adapted, so that they may be heard to the fullest advantage. Lincoln is likely to become the classic standard for a belfry. The rearrangement of the 'internal economy' of the tower was rendered possible by the great scheme of restoration which has just been completed. Some few years ago St. Hugh's tower was reported to be unsafe and unable to withstand the stresses set up by its eight bells when rung. How unsafe it was was only fully discovered when the work of strengthening was undertaken. A great disaster was saved by a very narrow margin of time, for it is now revealed that at any moment the tower might have collapsed in ruin and brought with it a large part, if not the whole, of the glorious west front. As it was, there was an occasion in the course of the restoration when the men engaged in removing some of the crumbled stone and corroded iron bars hurriedly threw down their tools and left the building, because a large proportion of the apparently solid walls of the great structure began literally to run out, and the workmen felt convinced that the tower was about to collapse.

With the building in such an advanced state of decay, it is difficult to realise what expenditure of effort and money has been involved in its restoration. The Cathedral authorities have carried out a magnificent work, national in character, in that the building is one of our national treasures. If Remegius, the founder of the first Cathedral at Lincoln, and other great Bishops who built the present fabric, are remembered for the great work they did in rearing one of the most glorious churches in the land, Dean Frye will go down to posterity for the part he has played in saving a magnificent heritage from ruin. It is a fitting conclusion to a great undertaking that Lincoln should now be in possession of a worthy peal of bells which, ringing from the very tower that the hand of time had threatened with destruction, will ever be a reminder of the efforts put forward to preserve for centuries yet to come the historic tower of St. Hugh.

Lincolnshire already possesses the lightest ring of ten bells hung in any church tower. It is at Surfleet, the home of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild's Master, the Rev. H. Law James. These bells have a considerable reputation throughout the country, and doubtless the same influence has been a great factor in carrying to maturity the scheme for providing in the Cathedral what is one of

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the lightest rings of twelve in England. Two of the bells have been provided by the Guild as a memorial to the members who fell in the Great War, and Saturday's proceedings were therefore of special significance. They marked the completion of the restoration of St. Hugh's tower, the opening of the first ring of twelve bells in Lincolnshire and the consummation of a gift which has added dignity to the Cathedral and will perpetuate the memory of those heroes from among the ringers of the county who went out in defence of their country but did not return.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT ... ..	Treble	*MISS ELIZABETH FOLK ...	6
HENRY FLETCHER ... ..	2	CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	7
ALBERT H. WARD ... ..	3	CHARLES E. HART ... ..	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	4	*GEORGE WARRINGTON ...	9
*REGINALD H. BOULTON ...	5	CHARLES BRADLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ...	Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS ... ..	6
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... ..	2	FRANK CORNE ... ..	7
*ALBERT R. G. TWINN ...	3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	8
WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	9
GEORGE H. CUTTERIDGE ...	5	WILLIAM HONOR ... ..	Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

\* First peal. First peal of Caters as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	Treble	HARRY PRICK ... ..	6
CLIFFORD SWIDMORE ...	2	HPCTOR G. BIRD ... ..	7
CHARLES WEBB ... ..	3	WALTER FARLEY ... ..	8
*THOMAS HEMMING ... ..	4	ALFRED HACKETT ... ..	9
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	5	WILLIAM BROWN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ...	5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... ..	2	ALBERT WOODVINE ... ..	6
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	3	WALTER LAGO ... ..	7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	4	JOHN H. RIXOM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

\* First peal in the method. Rang for the festival of St. Andrew.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*MISS WINIFRED F. BOLT ... Treble	HERBERT C. ALBROW ... 5
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 2	†DONALD F. BORHAM ... 6
JOHN EVANS ... 3	*ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
†WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	SAM W. CHAPMAN ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JAMES S. HUTCHERY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BROMLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS R. FLINT ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
MISS FRIDA E. ORR ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	ALBERT DIERENS ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. H. HUTCHBY ... Treble	E. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
DAVID S. COLLINS ... 2	*J. FOWELL ... 6
H. WHITTLE ... 3	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 7
*C. A. BOLLARD ... 4	F. H. E. STUBBS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. WHITTLE.

\* First peal inside.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1928, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES**

Tenor 19 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES TYLER ... Treble	THOMAS W. LAST ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... 6
GEORGE FRYKE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
JAMES BRITS ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal by the ringer of the treble.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
*THOMAS ATKINS ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	ARTHUR SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ballard.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES**

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... 5
GEOFFREY MILTON ... 2	HAROLD EDWARDS ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	WALTER THOMAS ... 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mr. W. Thomas. Mr. A. Pritchard is from Wellington, Salop, and was proposed a life member of the Guild.

TUNSTALL, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD ... Treble	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRHEAD ... 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Treble	HENRY JENNINGS ... 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringer of the tenor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DALSTON,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
JAMES BRUNETT ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

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GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	*JOSEPH C. JENNINGS... .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
†FRANK HARRINGTON ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Major. First Surprise peal on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JAMES GROUNDS... .. Treble	†WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 5
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
*JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the 6th ringer. The ringer of the third was elected a member prior to the peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

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

*THOMAS ENTWISTLE ... .. Treble	FRANK TWIGG ... .. 5
†RICHARD E. JONES ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. 3	TOM WILDE ... .. 7
HARRY LANGLEY ... .. 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mrs. Wilde, of Hyde, mother of the conductor.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5
GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 2	ERNEST EVEREST ... .. 6
PERCY G. DENTON ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4	*ARTHUR MAYES... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the Rector's induction to the living of Penshurst, and at its conclusion, he thanked the band for the honour they had paid him.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

HENRY E. COX ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 5
JOHN BUSHNELL ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of William Phillips, who died December 12th, aged 85 years, and was interred at Brampton, near, Ross, on December 15th. He was for over 60 years a ringer at Foy, and for the last eight years a member of the Ross band of ringers.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM MILLARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5
JAMES HUNT ... .. 2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. COLNS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. H. Bosley, who died on the 8th inst. He was for thirty years a ringer at this church.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
JOSEPH SHARP ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 6
HENRY GAYTON... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 7
WILLIAM SHARP... .. 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY GAYTON. Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.

\* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells conducted by a local ringer.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH HARCASLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb

*WALTER SIMONS ... .. Treble	†JOHN ROOTES ... .. 5
EDWARD ASHEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... .. 6
CHARLES COOK ... .. 3	CHARLES DYKE ... .. 7
GEORGE CHESHIRE ... .. 4	†HERBERT COCKRAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on tower bells. † First peal. Messrs. W. Simons and Herbert Cockram were proposed members before the peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BURSLEM, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

AARON BRAMMER ... .. Treble	THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 4
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 5
HARRY BOX ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BOX.

Rung to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. F. E. Keay) on the day of his institution by the Bishop of Lichfield.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Thursday, November 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 20 mins.: A. G. Gaunt 1, Miss E. Lawrence 2, H. G. Grimwood (first 720 as conductor) 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, J. Hey 5, G. Moorhouse 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Loft-house on the birth of a son. Mr. Lofthouse is secretary of the Leeds and District Society.



## LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

JOE STRANGWARD ... .. Treble	JOHN BOURNE ... .. 4
W. E. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE HANKS ... .. 5
IVOR RAWLINGS ... .. 3	* REGINALD ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

## OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	TOM BARTRAM ... .. 4
* JOHN POTTER ... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 5
STANLEY WALLIS ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

\* First peal.

## EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, with 12 different callings and 22 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

* VICTOR LOCKWOOD ... Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS ... .. 3
ALPHRUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 4

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal, and elected a member of the Guild prior to starting.

## EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Grandsire (Pitman's). Tenor 13 cwt.

* HARRY OWENS ... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 5
GEORGE J. R. PRICE ... .. 3	ROBERT G. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells in three methods. Rung for evening service and to commemorate the bi-centenary of the back five bells which were cast by the Rudhalls in 1728.

## CHURCHILL.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's.

* H. HAWKINS ... .. Treble	E. SHALLISH ... .. 4
E. AVERY ... .. 2	G. GILLING ... .. 5
E. NORTON ... .. 3	R. DARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. GILLING.

Checked by F. Fish. \* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled after the funeral of Mr. T. Browning, for over 40 years a ringer at this church.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, eight of Plain Bob, called differently, and thirty of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* WILLIAM HALFORD ... Treble	* FRED HAWKES ... .. 4
* FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 3	† HENRY BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Willan.

## COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

* SYDNEY H. PAYNE ... Treble	FRANK W. PAYNE ... .. 3
JOHN A. PAYNE ... .. 2	THOMAS H. PAYNE ... .. 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

\* First peal, and elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting. The band wish wish to thank the Rector for kind permission, also Mr. and Mrs. G. Bostock for their entertainment after the peal. The above band are brothers.

## KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, eight St. Dunstan's, ten ordinary and sixteen Spliced Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

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

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, recently returned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The 113th tower in the diocese where the conductor has rung peals.

## LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* LESLIE B. HURREN ... Treble	STANLEY V. REES ... .. 4
CHRIS H. HAWKINS ... .. 2	RICHARD G. MICHEAL ... .. 5
GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBBINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal.

## KILNDOWN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Two Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	JAMES BASSETT ... .. 4
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... .. 5
FRANK PATTENDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE WAGHORN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in One Hour and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT 53, SPRING TERRACE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three six-scores each of Stedman and College Single, four of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor size 12 in F.

GEORGE FOSTER ... .. 1-2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3-4
EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Witnessed by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal of Doubles in four methods 'in hand' by the association.

CHICHESTER.—On Wednesday, December 12th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. Marshall, jun., 1, W. Falconer 2, S. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, C. Marshall, sen., 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of the 4th and 7th, also first on the bells.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN DIVISION MEET SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday last, when upwards of 40 members were present from Conisborough, Wortley, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Marie's, Handsworth, and Ranmoor), Wath, Darfield, Rotherham, Arksey, Norton and Treeton. Ringing was carried on until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Scovell), whose address was very much appreciated.

A splendid tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local company, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. The Ringing Master, Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), was unable to be present owing to an accident while at work, and sent an apology. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Firth and W. B. Ingle (Rawmarsh), A. Basford (Handsworth), H. Thorpe (Sheffield Cathedral), and H. Rooke (Warsop).

The chairman having expressed his wish to become an honorary member of the association, his election was heartily carried.

An invitation was given by the Ranmoor company to hold the annual meeting of the district in March next at their tower, and this was accepted, the date fixed being March 16th.

A most hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and his curate and churchwardens, the organist, the ladies for their services at tea, and the local company for the excellent arrangements made, was carried, and replied to by the chairman.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative, Double Norwich Major and London Surprise Minor were among the methods rung.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful district meeting was held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 1st, about forty ringers attending. Several London towers were represented, and others came from Luton, Harpenden, Hatfield, Watford, Rickmansworth, Woodford, Dunstable, North Mimms and the local towers. Meeting at St. Peter's, touches of Grandshire and Stedman Caters were rung, also courses of Cambridge Royal, in which several took part for the first time. This was also the first occasion in which a course had been rung in the tower.

In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. B. Bullock, who gave an interesting address.

The party adjourned for tea, followed by business meeting, the chair being occupied by the president (Mr. G. W. Cartmel). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield on the third Saturday in the new year, providing the work has not been commenced in the tower in connection with the addition of the two new bells.

A vote of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells and to the preacher for his address.

The Cathedral was then visited, and the bells were kept going in various methods, including a course of Yorkshire Surprise. Handbell ringing in the Cathedral tower consisted of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Major, and concluded a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Lockhampton on Saturday, December 8th. The bells were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and much useful practice was obtained by the mixed bands. Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Sear, M.A.), the lesson being read by Capt. Tyre, R.N. (churchwarden and hon. member). The National Anthem was sung to open the service.

After service, the ringers adjourned to the Village Hall, where a splendid tea was in readiness, kindly provided by Canon Sear, with Mrs. Sear in charge, and the local ringers' wives assisting.

The business meeting followed, with Canon Sear in the chair, supported by Capt. Tyre, Mr. G. A. Nock, and 50 members from the following towers: Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Swindon, Badgeworth, Cheltenham (St. Mark's and St. Mary's), Dumbleton, Winchcombe, Elkstone, and Lockhampton, as well as visitors from Evesham, Minchinhampton and Bourton-on-the-Water. Letters of apology were read from Rev. A. D. Pennington, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Sergt. Harding.

The Secretary reported a very successful year and welcomed Canon Sear as a brother ringer. He also reported the loss of two hon. members by death, Sir James T. Agg-Gardiner and Rev. Hill Merryweather, the company standing in silence.—Two new members were elected.

The following officers were re-elected and thanked for their past service: Branch chairman, Rev. A. D. Pennington; branch representative, G. H. Walters; branch hon. secretary, W. Yeond.

At the invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. A. Cooke) Swindon Village was selected for the next meeting in March.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Canon and Mrs. Sear for all they had done to help make the gathering successful, and Canon Sear, replying, said how pleased he was to meet such a gathering of brother ringers. He hoped they would pay him another visit. The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up until 9 p.m.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### FARNHAM DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

On Saturday last the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Aldershot, which proved quite the most successful which has taken place in the district. Although only 19 notified the secretary that they would be present, 32 sat down to tea, and after tea the number was increased to 43. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 4.30 the Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. H. Le Fleming, with a member of the Frensham band at the organ, and a local ringer as 'blower.'

After tea, which the Vicar was unable to attend, he came over to the Parish Hall to welcome the Guild to Aldershot.—He was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of the hon. secretary (Mr. B. Clark) for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

At the business meeting two new members were elected from Farnham, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for the splendid way they carried out the catering arrangements.

An appeal for the Bates Fund met with ready response, and the sum of £1 has been forwarded to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged through Grandshire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Members attended from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Farnborough, Frensham and Seale, while visitors came from West Clendon, Guildford (Cathedral), Maidenhead, and, one who was very welcome, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. To make sure everybody had a ring, the bells were kept going until 9.20 p.m.

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT BRIERLEY HILL.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the Parish Church, Brierley Hill, on Saturday, December 8th, when the beautiful peal of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. A. Smith), who also gave a very interesting address on the ways of calling people to worship in the olden days. The rev. gentleman also said how pleased he was to meet the Guild that day, and he gave the members a most cordial welcome to his parish. He hoped that they would pay another visit in the near future.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness, generously provided by the Rector.

The business meeting afterward took place under the chairmanship of the Rector, supported by Mr. Harry Mason (vice-president), Mr. John Goodman, jun. (Ringing Master), and the secretary.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Dudley, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Brierley Hill, the necessary arrangements for the latter being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. H. Mason, in a happy little speech, proposed, and Mr. John Price seconded, that the best thanks of this Guild be given to the Rector of Brierley Hill, for his kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at his church, for conducting the service, also for his very interesting address, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom, and for his generosity in providing the tea. Needless to say, the proposition was carried with acclamation. Thanks were also given to the churchwardens for their presence and support, to the assistant priest for the part he took in the service, to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort and interest of those present, also to Mr. John Lloyd for the part he played in making the necessary arrangements, and to whom the success and happiness of the meeting was largely due.

The Rector briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

After the meeting, members again ascended the tower and kept the bells merrily going in various methods until eight o'clock, when, owing to a service, ringing had to cease, and brought to a close a meeting in which much enthusiasm was displayed.

## A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Monday, December 10th, at St. Michael's, Braintree, Essex, as a compliment to Mr. H. E. Hammond on his 63rd birthday, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,34 changes): W. H. Hammond 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, H. E. Hammond 3, F. V. Tiplon 4, G. Wiffen 5, H. C. Reason 6, B. Ridgewell 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd and 6th.

Mr. Hammond has been a keen and enthusiastic ringer in Braintree since 1880, and has also been for many years a member of the church choir, and a tenor soloist.

## A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, on Wednesday, December 12th, in 1 hr. 11 mins., 1,928 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blackith 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Blackith.

**DEATH OF AN OLD HEREFORDSHIRE RINGER.**

A veteran Herefordshire ringer, in the person of Mr. William Phillips, died at Ross on December 12th, in his 86th year, after only a short illness. He was interred at Brampton Abbots, near Ross, on Saturday last. His funeral was attended by a large number, including several of his fellow-ringers in the Ross district, and in the evening a half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of Ross Parish Church, where he had been a regular ringer for the past eight years. Mr. Phillips had also been a ringer at Foy for considerably over 60 years, and, after he was well over 80 years of age, would ride his bicycle to the outlying towers in the Ross district to attend the quarterly meetings, where his presence was an inspiration to officials and members alike.

He attended the last quarterly meeting at Llancarven in September, and up to a fortnight of his death was in his place in Ross tower.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he was a general favourite with all the district members.

Mr. Phillips was a carpenter by trade, and retired from business on attaining the age of 70 years. So far as is known to the writer, he had only rung two peals, one of Doubles, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and one of Bob Minor, both of these being rung at Foy.

**TWELVE-BELL VARIETY.**

Few ringers with fifty twelve-bell peals to their credit can have a more varied record than Mr. C. J. Sedgely, of Ipswich. His half-century on twelve includes no fewer than eleven methods:—

	Tower.	H.B.	Total.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ... ..	3	—	3
New Cambridge Surprise Maximus ... ..	1	—	1
Superlative Surprise Maximus ... ..	5	—	5
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	2	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	8	2	10
Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus ... ..	1	—	1
Plain Box Maximus ... ..	1	1	2
Duffield Maximus ... ..	1	—	1
Forward Maximus ... ..	1	—	1
Stedman Cinques ... ..	20	—	20
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	2	1	3
Totals ... ..	44	6	50

Conducted one each of Superlative and Stedman.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****PRESENTATION TO RETIRING VICAR OF GARSTON.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Garston on Saturday, December 8th. The bells were going soon after 3 p.m., and quite a good muster of ringers was in attendance. Several members came along later, and at the service about forty were present. After the service all made their way to the Parish Room, where a bountiful tea awaited them, kindly provided by Canon Rowe.

A short meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. The Branch Secretary reported having received a circular from the editor of the 'Diocesan Calendar,' which stated that he proposed to print a 'Diary of Events' in the next issue of the Calendar, and requested a list of engagements with dates for insertion. This is quite an innovation, as far as this branch is concerned, and the suggestion was heartily welcomed by the meeting.

Mr. Walter Hughes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Rowe for granting facilities for the meeting, and for providing such a bountiful tea. He pointed out to the members that it would be the last occasion on which he would be present as Vicar of Garston, as he was shortly retiring on medical advice. He took this opportunity of asking the Canon to receive a small token of appreciation from the Garston ringers.

The gift took the form of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell.

Canon Rowe, amid great applause, responded. He pointed out that longevity seemed to be order of things in Garston. Many of the churchworkers had held office for long periods. The head teachers of the Church Schools until recently had had many years of service. The ringers themselves had a goodly total. He himself had been Vicar of Garston for 23 years, and although this was the last occasion he could officially welcome the branch to Garston, he hoped to be present at many future meetings.

**A SUFFOLK RECTOR'S FAREWELL.**

On Sunday last, the Rector of Glemsford, Suffolk, who is retiring, preached his farewell sermon, in which he said the ringer was not of parochial importance only, but of national importance.

He has been a great friend to his ringers, who, in turn, have been of great service to their Rector. During the afternoon a half-peal of Minor (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. as a farewell to him. It consisted of 1,080 Plain Bob, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: W. J. Reynolds 1, W. G. Good 2, C. W. Ambrose 3, A. A. Fitch 4, P. L. Johnson 5, T. E. Slater (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A merry Christmas' to all our readers.

Please take note of the fact that next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will have to go to press before Christmas Day. Therefore, send off by the next post to-day any reports or notices that should be inserted in the issue of December 28th.

And, please, do not grumble if anything that might have been sent in this week, but isn't, gets delayed in publication. Usually, a lot of peals are rung at Christmas, and they take a lot of space; therefore, if reports of things which have already happened are not sent in time for the next issue, we must not be blamed if they have to wait a little longer.

A band of five brothers have rung a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Cossington, Leicestershire. They were Messrs. Sydney, John, Frank, Thomas, and Ernest Payne, of Syston.

The report of a peal rung at St. Peter's, Staines, has been sent without mention of the method or number of changes.

His many friends will delight to learn that after nearly 15 months Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has begun to ring again. He is just taking 'light exercise.'

The death has occurred at Churchill of Mr. T. Browning, a ringer for over 40 years, and for some time captain of the local band at the Parish Church. He was laid to rest on December 11th, and afterwards a muffled peal of Doubles was rung.

There appear to be some promising young ringers in the Wirral (Cheshire) district, and ringing in that quarter seems to be taking a new lease of life.

The 'Lambert' peal at Brechley, recorded last week, was not the first eight-bell peal by this family, who had previously rung one at Mitcham, Surrey, but their first peal in the county of Kent.

By a typographical error, the peal of London Surprise Minor at Stapleford, Cambs, on November 22nd, was reported as containing '42 six-scores.' It should, of course, have been 'seven 720's.'

Many notable peals have been rung in the Christmas festival, and among them we would mention the following Boxing Day performances: In 1831, 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland, Yorks; in 1885, 8,064 Double Norwich at Leiston, Suffolk; in 1871, 6,048 London Surprise Major at Bennington; in 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley, Sussex; in 1895, 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham; in 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob at South Wigston, Leicestershire; in 1910, 9,728 Superlative Surprise at Clent, Worcestershire; and in 1923, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow.

Long peals rung on December 27th include 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston in 1904; and 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 1909.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, 'The Ringing World' will have to go to press much earlier than usual next week, and correspondents are informed that the latest time for receiving notices is First Post, Monday.

Those who have other communications should send them to-day.

## A NOTEWORTHY PEAL AT SAFFRON WALDEN. HISTORIC PERFORMANCE RECALLED.

The opening of the four new treble bells on Saturday at Saffron Walden is a reminder that it was at this tower that the first recorded performance of Holt's Original, in which the conductor rang in the peal, took place. This was on Christmas Day, 1753, and the peal therefore takes its place as an historic event.

John Holt himself called it for the first time at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751, but he did it from manuscript.

In 1753, there were rival ringing societies at Saffron Walden, and the following appeared in a newspaper under the heading, 'Saffron Walden, January 2nd, 1754': 'To inform all real Lovers and Professors of the Art of Ringing, that the Society of young ringers of this town, on Tuesday, the 25th of December last, being Christmas Day, did ring the true Peal of Grandsire Triples, composed of 148 Bobs, with two Singles, which they effected in three hours and twenty minutes, and on Tuesday following, being New Year's Day, they completed the same in eight minutes less than before (being the only times the same has been rung there since there has been eight bells) to the no small mortification of their antagonists, who instead of instruction, give them all the obstruction in their power. The ringers which rung the same were: Frederick Sell, Charles Baron (who called the bobs), Richard Whitehead, John Banks, William Barrett, jun., John Bush, jun., John Clark and John Salmon.'



## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL'S RING OF TWELVE

A GREAT TOWER RESTORATION SCHEME.

LINCOLN GUILD OPEN NEW BELLS.

The opening of the ring of twelve bells at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday, was something more than a mere celebration of the augmentation of a peal; it was a thanksgiving for a great work of restoration, which has saved from partial ruin the glorious building which crowns the hill above the eastern city. Only those who have actually been engaged in the work of rendering the Cathedral safe know how perilously near a total collapse has been. It is humanly certain, says the 'Lincolnshire Echo,' that had the repair been much longer delayed, one or both of the western towers would have fallen and torn away a great part of the west front with them.

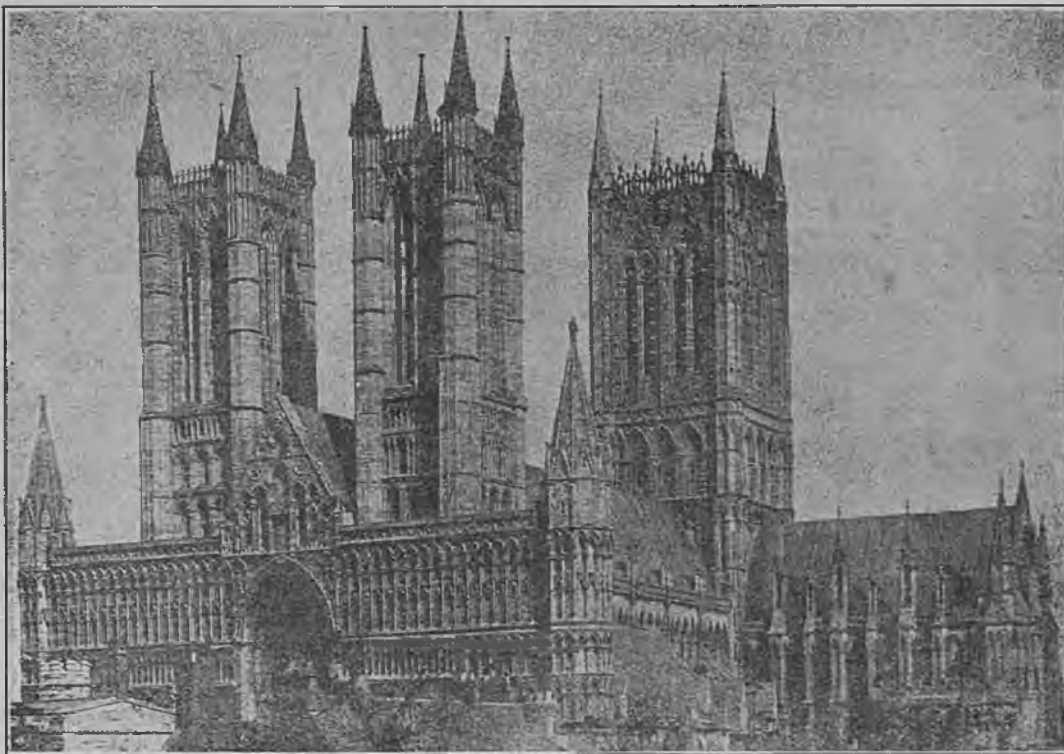
Happily the work was taken in hand just in time. It has been a gigantic task—and it is only one part of the great scheme for the restoration of the Cathedral—but the famous St. Hugh's tower has been saved and rendered safe, it is hoped, for centuries to come. Many years ago the danger to the tower from the weight and oscillation of the bells was realised, and an attempt was made to obviate this by building out corbels about 30ft. up, and from this height carrying up timber piers to bear the weight of the bell frame. In the course of a short time, however, the timbers shrank,

rounding country. It is believed the tower will prove the best belfry in the world, and it is described as now having the properties of a 'giant megaphone.'

As is well known, four new bells have been added to the ring, to make a peal of twelve. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, recast the old eight in 1913, and they have now added the four new bells, the whole comprising a very fine light twelve, the tenor being a bell of only 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

It is believed that there have been bells in existence at Lincoln Cathedral since the completion of the first building erected by Remigius in the eleventh century, and for hundreds of years there have been what have been known as Lady Bells as well as St. Hugh's ring. These, like their big brother, 'Great Tom of Lincoln,' were recast from time to time. In 1834 and 1835 the Lady Bells, which occupied the central tower, and 'Great Tom,' which also was cracked, were broken up and the metal used for the new Big Tom and two new quarter bells. About the same time the treble of St. Hugh's old ring was recast, and it was stated that these bells were in so bad an order that they had not been rung for forty years.

In 1913 a great restoration of the bells was undertaken, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. cast for the Cathedral a beautiful ring of eight. The tenors of the old peal, dated respectively 1593 and 1606, were removed to the north-west tower. The remaining six were



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with the result that the wooden framework rocked with the bells and hammered the masonry like a battering ram, so that the danger became greater than before. A steel bell frame was installed, and the weight of the bells was borne on the masonry from steel girders at a height which, in the then condition of the tower, was not safe. That was the position of affairs when the bells had perforce to be silenced four years ago.

The work which has now been done to the tower consists of the reinforced grouting of the masonry after the method employed in other parts of the Cathedral, and in the construction of great delta bronze reinforced concrete pilasters, anchored to the walls from the height of 84ft. to 101ft. 6in. from ground level, to carry similarly reinforced concrete beams upon which rests the bell frame. The bells themselves have been brought 30ft. lower in the tower, and their weight is carried down by the pilasters another 30ft.

There have been other very notable improvements which render the south-west tower a belfry which is believed to be absolutely unique in its acoustic arrangements. The ceiling and roof of the tower have been removed and replaced by a lantern roof resting on reinforced concrete piers. The lower louvres have been closed, and the sound therefore travels uninterrupted to the top of the tower before escaping. Thus the sound of the bells will be moderated in the near vicinity, but carried in full mellowness far across the sur-

rounding country. Each of these bells commemorates a great Bishop of Lincoln: Alexander the Magnificent, 1123-1148; Christopher Wordsworth, 1868-1885; Robert Sanderson, 1660-1663; Henry Burghersh, 1320-1340; Robert Grosseteste, 1235-1253; St. Hugh of Avalon, 1186-1200; Remigius, 1067-1092.

Of the four new bells, two have been given by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in memory of those members who gave their lives in the war; the other two are the gift of an anonymous American lady, whose identity is unknown even to the Dean, and form part of a larger gift of \$5,000.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—Cym Voce Sonora Thomam Campana Lavdet. (With resounding voice let the bell praise Thomas.) In Hoc Signo Vinces, 1927.

2nd.—Svm Rosa Pvisata Mendi Katerina Vocata. (Being sounded I am the Rose of the world called Katherine.) 1927. The gift of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

3rd.—In Multis Annis Resonat Campana Johannis. (During many years the bell of John resounds.) 1927. The gift of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

4th.—Svm Rosa Pvisata Mvndi Maria Vocata. (Being sounded, I am the Rose of the world called Mary.) Britannia: Columbia: Vna Voce: Vno Animo: 1927.

5th.—ALLELVIA ALLELVIA ALLELVIA. WORDSWORTH.  
 6th.—TE DEVM LAVDAMVS. ALEXANDER.  
 7th.—HOSANNA IN ALTISSIMIS. SANDERSON.  
 8th.—BENEDICTVS QVI VENIT IN NOMINE DOMINI.  
 BURGHERSH.  
 9th.—VIGILATE ET ORATE. SVTTON.  
 10th.—GRATIAS ACAMVS DOMINO DEO NOSTRO. GROSTESTE.  
 11th.—SVRSVM CORDA. HVGH.  
 Tenor.—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. REMIGIVS.

#### THE OPENING OF THE BELLS.

The adage 'Everything comes to those who wait' has again proved true, writes a Lincoln correspondent. It is about ten years since the suggestion was made that a fitting tribute to the ringers of the Diocesan Guild who had made the supreme sacrifice in the war should take the form of the addition of four bells to the almost perfect peal of eight (tenor 23 cwt.) put in by the well-known Loughborough firm of John Taylor and Co. in 1912. After strenuous efforts had been made by the four branches of the Diocesan Guild to secure the necessary funds from amongst the almost purely agricultural districts, an unforeseen difficulty presented itself in the announcement that the fabric of the tower was unsafe. As a matter of fact, it is over four years since the tower was closed for ringing. Notwithstanding the stupendous energy of the Dean and his fellow-workers, it is common knowledge that the towers were on the verge of a total collapse. Again, it is well known that, as the work of restoration proceeded, further defects in the structure were found from time to time which delayed the work. Had the matter been in less capable hands it is a question whether the restoration, as far as the bells and the bell tower are concerned, would have been completed.

When renewing an appeal for further funds toward the general restoration, the anticipation of those particularly interested in the bells was aroused as far back as last October, when the Dean announced that the bells would be ringing before Christmas. Only those practically acquainted with the work knew of the difficult task before the Cathedral authorities, and it is only by the combined efforts of the Dean and Chapter, the consulting engineer, the inventive mind of the clerk of the works, and the skill of the workmen employed upon the fabric, that the bells were ready for a formal opening on Saturday last.

The four new bells were dedicated last April, two being given by the ringers of the diocese, and two being the gift of an anonymous American donor through the forethought of the Dean.

The proceedings on Saturday commenced with a special service in the morning chapel, at which the Dean was present, although he had been seriously indisposed during the week, and it was extremely gratifying to the 80 or more ringers present to see him enter the chapel, wrapped up against cold, and leaning on the arm of his son. The Precentor (Ven. E. R. Blackie) conducted the service, at which there were also present the Bishop of Grantham, Sub-Dean Jendwine, Chancellor Sawley and Canon Sensus. The congregation included Canon W. Hicks, Rev. R. Bond, Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch), Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), the Recorder of Lincoln (Mr. J. S. Pritchett), of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and others.

At the commencement of the service the Precentor made reference to the illness of the King, and invited the congregation to join in special prayer for His Majesty's recovery.

The hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and an appropriate lesson was read by the Precentor. In his homely address Sub-Dean Jendwine reviewed the stages which had brought all the work connected with the tower and bells to the occasion of the opening of the bells, and reminded the congregation of the occasions, both national and domestic, when bells were rung. He emphasised the message sent out by the ringers as 'Come and worship with us' in addition to 'Come to worship.'

At the conclusion of the service the Sub-Dean presented to Mr. I. Vickors (Master of the Cathedral company) the key to the tower, saying he was glad to be able to hand to him that which he had missed for over four years, and which now gave to himself and the ringers access to the tower, where he hoped they would ring for many years!

At the conclusion of the service the tower was thrown open to the members of the Diocesan Guild and their friends, and the bells were rung during the afternoon and evening under the supervision of the Rev. H. Law James, who endeavoured to arrange for everyone who wished to avail themselves of an opportunity to ring upon twelve bells. Access was also given to the visitors, under the guidance of the Cathedral officials, to inspect the interesting alterations, which, very briefly, are the lowering of the bells by some 30ft., and the hanging of the peal in one tier carried on girders supported by massive bronze pillars with concrete. By a clever and thoughtful idea of the clerk of the works, the large louvres have been raised in and lowered in the lead roof which carries the sound away from the Cathedral precincts. Amongst the visitors in the evening was Mr. J. Oldham, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. He must have felt very much gratified with the many congratulations from the practical ringers upon the success of the augmentation, the general opinion being that the old ring of eight were splendid, and that the new ring of twelve were just as good.

#### SUFFOLK GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read in 'The Ringing World' of the 30th ult. that at a meeting of the above Guild, held at Little Waldingfield, secretaries were to be asked to call more meetings in West Suffolk in the coming year, which suggestion is a good one, and I hope will be acted on, as district meetings are practically unknown in this part of the county. For example I will mention one town—Newmarket (which originally was partly in Cambs and Suffolk, but now all in the latter). Here the ringers formerly belonged to the Ely Diocesan Association, but when the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was formed in 1921 or thereabouts, they naturally joined their own Guild. I think I am not far wrong in saying, however, that a district meeting of the Guild has never been held there, and yet the town has two rings of bells, one of which has been spoken of as the best six in Suffolk, and well worth a visit, when ringers outings are being arranged.

I trust, therefore, that secretaries will take note and see to it that West Suffolk gets a 'look in' sometimes, that help and encouragement may be given to the bands on the borders.—Yours faithfully,

ANOTHER SUFFOLKIAN.

#### PETERBOROUGH AND ELY ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

##### THE CONDITION OF WISBECH BELLS.

The above associations held a joint meeting at Wisbech, the capital of the Fens, on Saturday, December 1st. The fine peal of ten bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening, and a large number of ringers attended from Peterborough, Cambridge, Wallington, Shouldham, Market Deeping, Elm and other places, and the local band also took part in their first touches in some of the methods rung. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Crookham, C.B.E.), and he was assisted by Rev. T. Drake, Rev. R. Copeman, and the curate (Rev. H. V. Moore). The Rev. T. Drake gave an excellent and interesting address, laying especial stress on the true spirit of ringing, namely, not only for enjoyment, but as a great act of worship to Almighty God and as work done for the Church.

Tea was served at the White Lion Hotel, and the usual business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. In welcoming the ringers, he said that he had heard a great deal about the bad 'go' of the bells, especially of the tenor, and he hoped ere long, when they came again, that the state of affairs would be altered.

The Rev. T. Drake also spoke, and pointed out the great and urgent need of having something done to the bells, and it was unanimously agreed that if the meeting had done no other good, this at least was a step in the right direction.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Stamford.

A further move was made to the tower, and, later, several members went to Elm with Mr. R. Crofts, the Ringing Master of this tower, who has done such splendid work in training a young band, and touches of Oxford, Kent and St. Clement's were brought round. Plain Bob was rung for the learners' special benefit, and George Hatton, one of the Wisbech ringers, aged 14, rang his first 120 of Bob Minor. This concluded a most enjoyable and well-spent day.

#### TAUNTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The ringers of St. James' Church, Taunton, regret to announce the death of Mr. H. Bosley, who passed away on the 8th inst. at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, after an operation. His death came as a great shock to all his ringing friends, as well as to his near relatives. Having been operated on, he was reported for the five following days as making satisfactory progress. Then, however, a relapse occurred, and he passed away at the age of 85 years. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest at Tolland on the 13th inst., being carried to his last resting-place by four of his brother ringers, Messrs. W. J. Tarr, S. Jarman, E. Priddle and W. G. Gigg. There were many beautiful wreaths from the family and friends, including one in the shape of a bell from the ringers at St. James'.

At Taunton, after the interment, the bells pealed out in their half-muffled language, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung by some 15 or 16 ringers.

Mr. Bosley had been a ringer at St. James' for close on thirty years. He learnt to pull a bell as a lad at Tolland, and had kept in touch with bells ever since. He rang about a score of peals. His last was his only peal of Stedman on an inside bell, and of this he was very proud. He did not care a lot about peal ringing.

Deceased was also very active as a bandsman. Having belonged to the West Somerset Imperial Yeomanry band up to their disestablishment, he joined the Territorials. On the outbreak of war he was drafted to India with the Somersets. Meeting with a mishap he was transferred to England, and made numerous ringing friends in Hampshire. After retiring from military service, he joined the Norton Fitzwarren band. He was also very clever with his box of balls.

On Saturday last a peal of Stedman Triples was rung to perpetuate his memory, and he will ever be remembered by all who knew him as one of the most straightforward and the kindest of men.

## PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your sensible leaders on this question have had a curious and unexpected result, for practically no defence has been put forward for the class of peal to which you object. Instead, leading members of the Central Council have united in attacking a composition which has received the approval of the Exercise for years.

This composition up till now has had nothing but praise; it has been, and is, regularly rung. There was a special request at the last Council meeting that nothing should be done to shut it out, so it can reasonably be said to have been approved by the Council.

Yet at this late day three leaders of thought in the Exercise allege that it does not comply with the last definition passed by the Council. It would appear, on the face of it, that if fault is to be found with other peals which they approve, Mr. Bankes James' wonderful composition must be denied to the Exercise.

The flaw they find is that certain changes are not made, and therefore the 720's are not complete.

Mr. Trollope endeavours to clinch the matter this week by again telling the old story of the Q sets. Figures do not matter, he says, forgetting that we prove the figures, not Q sets, by other figures. Of course many know the value of changes theoretically, and that extents cannot be got unless certain laws are observed, but it seems to be forgotten that Mr. Bankes James' peal is not composed of seven separate extents all coming round at the end. It is a peal of seven true and complete 720's, and it begins and ends with rounds. The 720's are complete in the sense intended by the Council, i.e., that the 720 different orders of striking shall be rung before the second is begun, and so with the second 720 before the third is commenced, and so to the end.

No argument whatever can disprove facts, and it is an absolute fact that in ringing Mr. James' peal, 720 different orders of striking are first rung out true and complete, and are thereafter followed by other six 720's, at the end of which the bells come round.—Yours faithfully,  
Sunderland. • JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## OLD RULE LOGICAL BUT TOO NARROW.

Dear Sir,—Everyone, I think, agreed, and still agrees with the intention of the resolution about five and six-bell peals. It is only the wording which is beginning to be found out not quite right. The old rule for a Minor peal was a logical one and easily understood, but it proved too narrow. Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge has been accepted by the Exercise and has come to stay. Now, of the seven 720's in that arrangement, six cannot be said to be (each by itself) either true or complete, using these words as they have been used in ringing since the beginning. You have 720 true rows (counting the starting rounds), but you have not 720 true changes, and the bells do not return to the point from which they started. But the arrangement breaks the letter of the old rule, and not the spirit. You must consider the first three 720's as one block of 2,160 changes, each of which is rung three times. Then you have both truth and completeness. Apply the same thing to Pitman's 240 of Grandisle Doubles. There you have 120 true rows at back stroke and 120 true rows at hand stroke. I can hardly see how the Minor can be allowed and the Doubles condemned.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

[Pitman's arrangement has never been condemned, as far as we know. It has been recognised all along that what applied to the Cambridge arrangement applied also to Pitman's 240's of Doubles.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## 'TRUE AND COMPLETE.'

Dear Sir,—With the wonderful lucidity of explanations of which he is such a master, Mr. Trollope has made clear to us the difficulty in admitting the new arrangements of 720's. I thought Mr. Powell's explanation was very good, but Mr. Trollope has managed to improve on it.

But there is one link in his chain which is missing. He has proved that these arrangements are not complete, but he has not proved that the Central Council should therefore ban them. It is a fact that in former days a peal had to be both true and complete, but I do not remember the Central Council ever distinguishing in this way between the terms. What has been decided is whether a peal is to be reckoned a true one only. If we were to decide whether it is to be reckoned a complete one also, the matter should be brought up under those terms, and it should be laid down what constitutes 'completeness.' Evidently that has never yet been done, or Mr. Trollope would not have needed to ask Mr. Law James the question he quotes.

If you take two apples sufficiently similar, and cut each down the middle, and place half of one against half of the other in such a way that the edges exactly coincide, you may call such a spliced apple, a true one, or a complete one, according to the way you define either word. I doubt, however, if anyone would be bold enough to call it a 'true and complete' apple. The Central Council have allowed spliced peals to be recorded as true peals, but it is doubtful if they would call them 'true and complete.'

If you can break up methods to make a spliced peal, why not break up Q sets also?

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NEW CORNISH RING OF EIGHT.  
GENEROUS GIFT TO PHILLACK.

Cornwall has gained a new ring of eight bells by a generous gift to Phillack Church. In memory of his wife and younger son, Capt. Edwin Jenkins has defrayed the cost of recasting the three old bells, which were dated 1751, and adding five new ones, the whole peal, supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, being hung in modern fittings. The bells swing in ball bearings on a steel frame, and there is also an Ellecombe chiming apparatus.

The inscription on the tenor bell, which is reproduced on a bronze plate in the tower, reads:—

'1928. The three largest bells in this peal were recast and five new bells are added by Edwin Jenkins in memory of his dear wife, Eliza Jenkins, who died the 4th day of March, 1924, aged 73 years. Also in proud memory of his younger son, Edgar Vernon Jenkins, who laid down his life in the Great War, France, on the 19th April, 1917, aged 34 years. William Anthony Wills, M.A., Rector; Thomas Osborne and Zachary Belling Mudge, churchwardens.'

The inscriptions on the other bells are: No. 7, 'God preserve this parish. We were cast by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1751.' No. 6, 'Unto the grave I summon all. Prosperity to the Church of England.' No. 5, 'Honour the King.' No. 4, 'Fear God.' No. 3, 'Love the Brotherhood.' No. 2, 'On earth peace among men.' No. 1, 'Glory to God in the highest.'

The new peal was dedicated on Thursday of last week by the Lord Bishop of Truro.

The service was conducted by the Rector, with the assistance of Rev. C. A. Johnson, curate-in-charge of St. Gwithian. Rev. C. L. Bartley, Vicar of Lelant, acted as Bishop's chaplain. Capt. Jenkins was unable to attend, owing to indifferent health, and his son, Mr. E. Jenkins, formally requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells. In addition to dedicating the bells, the Bishop dedicated a new altar in the south chapel.

## WHY CORNWALL HAS NO VERY OLD BELLS.

The Bishop said they had no very old bells in Cornwall. In some parts of England there were bells going back 800 to 900 years, but none, he thought, in Cornwall. That brought in a bit of history. It told the story of the times when Cornwall was in a state of rebellion.

The people said they would not have the English Prayer Book, and they armed themselves as best they could and went to oppose the King and the Government, because they thought the English Prayer Book was to be made compulsory for them. They made a short and gallant fight, but, naturally, they were overpowered by the armies, and a stern order came down that all the bells in Cornwall were to be destroyed, as it was the bells which had called the people together to protest against the new Prayer Book.

The reason for the rebellion was that the Government thought that the people had been accustomed to having their services in Latin, and then they wanted them in English. Therefore, it was decided that they should be in English. They forgot, however, that people did not talk English in Cornwall. They talked Cornish. They were accustomed to Latin services, and they were very much attached to them.

It was no gain to them to have an English service instead of Latin, because most of them did not understand it. They thought they had cause for dissatisfaction, and he, the Bishop, thought the cause was in many ways a very real one.

Further, Cornish people did not like the new ways that were being brought in by the new Prayer Book. That was interesting to remember at a time like the present, when again they had been finding the English Prayer Book not quite satisfactory for all modern needs, and had been trying to improve it, enlarge it, and enrich it.

So the old history joined with the history of to-day. The old bells disappeared about 400 years ago, and it had been a great task from one generation to another to restore the bells to the churches.

A public tea was held after the service. The Rector presided, and the Bishop was amongst the guests. The arrangements were made by the churchwardens, with lady helpers. The ringers were entertained to tea by Capt. Jenkins in the Rectory Schoolroom, the choir of the Parish Church acting as hosts and hostesses.

About 80 ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Gulval, Helston, Gwennap, Redruth, Zennor, Towarduck and Lelant. Ringing was kept up from four until nine o'clock.

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You, sir, would say that to do so is to lower the standard of ringing. This means that we are allowing something to be done which is easier than it should be. Is it easier to compose a peal with broken Q sets? Let the composers tell us.

As for ringing such a peal, to a ringer who just makes the calls when he is told, it is probably neither easier nor more difficult. To those of us to whom the cyclical movement of the bells means more than anything else in ringing, it would clearly be more difficult.

Strictly speaking, the only 'true and complete' peals on five bells is the 120 rows, neither more nor less, and on six bells the 720. By a convention, these are allowed to be repeated in order to make 5,040. But this is not allowed on more bells. If, when a band had completed a 5,040 of Triples, they were to go on to ring another 5,040, or a part thereof, this would not be recognised as a long peal.

A logical solution would seem to be to allow repeated peals, spliced methods, and broken Q sets in Doubles, and Minor, but to allow none of them on larger numbers. HERBERT DRAKE

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### PRESENTATION TO WIMBORNE BRANCH SECRETARY. RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS' WORK.

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch was held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Wimborne, Corfe Mullen, Lychet Minster, Swanage, Christchurch, Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Wyke Regis, Ringwood and members of the local band. The bells, a ring of eight, were available from 2.30, and were kept going during the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. Service, in which the Guild form was used, was conducted by the Rector, who also gave an address. A move was then made to the Church House, where tea awaited the members who were at this point joined by Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector of Corfe Mullen, who is chairman of the branch.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. A. Osman, of Wimborne, and the members stood in silence to mark their regret and their sympathy with the relatives.

The branch hon. secretary (Rev. C. A. Phillips) gave a report of the outstanding features of the past year. Firstly, two bells had been given to make up the octave at St. Giles' by the president of the Guild (the Earl of Shaftesbury), and this was followed by the band joining the Guild. Eight peals had been scored in the branch during the year, six of them being rung by Mr. G. Williams' touring party, while the other two consisted of a peal of Bob Major at Poole and one of Bob Minor at Sturminster Marshall.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for place and date of the quarterly meetings to the secretary, and it was also resolved to hold the first monthly practice at Poole in January, to arrange the practices for the coming year.

Two new members were elected.

Mr. Martin Stewart asked those members who were able to do so to carry their minds back twenty-five years to the time when the Rev. H. Drake was their secretary. On his retiring from office they were faced with having to find someone to fill it, which they did by inducing the Rev. C. A. Phillips to take up the work. Mr. Stewart asked if there was anyone who was present 25 years ago, who thought they were electing a secretary who would still be filling that office and be with them as such a quarter of a century later. Mr. Stewart spoke very feelingly on the Rev. C. A. Phillips' unselfish personality, and expressed the hope that his successor was not yet born. Mr. Stewart asked their hon. secretary to accept a small token of the esteem in which he is held in the branch, and handed to the Rev. C. A. Phillips a beautiful travelling rug and a framed illuminated address, with a list of subscribers.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips, on behalf of himself and his sister, thanked all those who had subscribed in making them this beautiful present. It was, he said, very gratifying to think of all those friends who thought so much of the little bit he did.

Musical honours were accorded the hon. secretary, and brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were afterwards kept going until 9 p.m.

#### DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and later the Guild service was conducted by Rev. Canon Clarke, Vicar. Tea followed, after which the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) presided over a short business meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, Mr. Rowe, of Stourton, Wilts (North Dorset Branch), Messrs. S. Wilshire, E. Trueman and T. Davison, from Chippenham.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) stated that he had received a letter from the Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. W. Noel, regretting that the bells of Christ Church were not available on account of serious illness near the church.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman reported that he had written to the Vicar of Erlestoke, as requested at the last meeting, respecting the condition of Erlestoke bells, and he had received a very nice letter from him, thanking the branch for calling attention to the matter, and requesting that he could be put in touch with the Branch bellfry inspector to see what was required to be done.

The following new members were elected, membership to commence on January 1st, 1929: Rev. H. J. B. Hallam, Vicar of Erlestoke, hon. member; Messrs. Arthur W. Wheeler, Alfred W. Fox, Frank Miles, Reginald Ball, Leslie J. Batliard, and Arthur Sturgess, all of Erlestoke, ringing members.

Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham, Bruton, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Hilberton and Warminster.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.—The Chairman said he regretted that the Vicar could not be present, in consequence of another engagement, as he would like to congratulate him on behalf of the branch on his being made a Canon of Salisbury.

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### A TYNESIDE PEAL RESTORED.

The light peal of six in the tower of St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon-on-Tyne, after being silent for about seven years, have been quarter-turned, tuned, and rehung in a new steel frame with ball bearings and new fittings throughout, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and were rededicated by the Bishop of Durham on Saturday, December 8th.

The bells were originally cast by W. Blews and Sons, of Birmingham, in 1876, the tenor being 6½ cwt., and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have made a very satisfactory job of them, the 'go' being all that could be desired.

For the dedication service rounds were rung by the local band, and immediately afterwards a 720 Bob Minor by the following: Jas. Cliff (Blaydon) 1, E. E. Ferry (president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) 2, W. J. Davidson (Newcastle Cathedral) 3, W. Bennett (Winlaton) 4, H. B. Taylor (Newburn) 5, F. E. Collins (Croydon Bell Foundry) 6.

Although very short notice was given, a good number of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association turned up to try the bells, and they kept them going until late in the evening in various methods.

Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. E. V. Simkinson, M.A., and on the proposition of the president of the association a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness.—In responding, Mr. Simkinson said they were very glad to hear their bells ring out again, and that the whole of the money required had been subscribed.

The bell founders were represented at the opening by Mr. S. R. Roper and Mr. F. E. Collins.

### LINKS WITH A PAST GENERATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last week's issue, in giving an account of the opening of the St. Martin's bells in Birmingham, mention was made of two veteran ringers, Messrs. Dawe and Miller, as being probably the only two men living who could claim to have rung with Haley and Cox, of London. I also can claim that honour, and so can my brother, Martin Routh. I was one of the band who rang 'Holt's Original' of Grandsire Triples called by Haley, sen., on February 20th, 1873, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, London. The band consisted of the following: Haley, Haworth, Hayes, Dorrington, Stockham, myself, Mash and Horrex (tenor). The peal is entered in the College Youths' peal book. I have also rung with Cox, and I feel confident that my brother could mention many peals that he has rung with the veterans of those days.—Yours faithfully,

W. POLE ROUTH.

[It is delightful to know that there are other ringers alive who rang with both Henry Haley and John Cox, but the claim of Messrs. Dawe and Miller is that they rang with Henry Johnson as well.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

In his book on 'Church Bells,' the late Rev. W. C. Lukis draws attention to old peal boards at Bradford and Trowbridge, and expresses regret that the ringers of his time (1857) did not emulate the ringers of those earlier days, but if it were now possible for him to visit those towers and others in the neighbourhood, he certainly would not have cause to regret 'that there were no peals rang in these days.'

The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 5th.

#### BIG DORSET GATHERING.

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Blandford on Saturday, December 8th, when there were 95 present from 27 towers.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Greenwood, who also gave an address on the ministry of ringing. The lesson was read by the Rev. F. B. Phillips and the organist kindly played for the service, though he had to hurry away immediately afterwards. The bells were in constant use before and after service, as also were those of Durweston and Stourfontne.

At the business meeting the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) was voted to the chair in the deeply regretted absence of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, through illness.

The accounts showed a slightly increased credit balance.

A presentation was made by one of the oldest ringers, Mr. Edwin Ridout, to the late secretary, the Rev. R. E. P. Gorrington, who had worked up the branch from a very small thing to its present flourishing and enthusiastic state.

The secretary of the Wimborne Branch was present, and visitors from Wimborne, Swanage, Bournemouth, Wyke Regis, Poole, and St. Thomas, Salisbury.—The Rev. F. B. Phillips welcomed the ringers in the name of the Rector.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS.—On Thursday, November 29th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Edwards 1, H. L. Cook (first 720) 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, W. H. Hayward 6.



**AUGMENTED NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RING.****DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE AT COLD HIGHAM.**

There was a record gathering at the quarterly meeting of the Towcester and District Association on Saturday last, when Bishop Lang dedicated the new treble to complete the peal of six at St. Luke's Church, Cold Higham. Among the visitors were the Revs. Canon W. A. Carroll (Wicken), H. S. Binning (Green's Norton), H. W. P. Dansor (Pattishall), C. E. Green (Lichborough), and E. V. Fenn (Lois-Weedon), Messrs. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), and R. H. Dove (representing the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and seventy ringers from fourteen towers.

The service was fully choral, and the new form of service of the association was used for the first time. During the singing of the second hymn, the choir, headed by the cross bearer, proceeded to the tower, where, after the dedicatory prayer, the bell was raised by the Rector (the Rev. R. Howes, M.A.), and the whole peal was then rung in rounds a few times.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, referred to the history of bellringing in this country, and mentioned particularly some of the oldest bells in Northants.

After the service the visitors were entertained through the generosity of the Rector, while good use was made of the bells till a late hour. Owing to the large number present ringing was also indulged in at the neighbouring Parish Church of Pattishall, where there is a peal of six by the same founders.

There were originally four bells at Cold Higham, and these were recast and augmented to five by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1913, and the whole peal hung with new fittings on an 'H' type frame for six. The new bell is in perfect relationship with the remainder of the peal, while the 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired.

**THE BATES APPEAL FUND.**

The Christmas spirit will doubtless enter into the giving towards this fund during the next week, and we hope we may see it raised to at least £50.

It is proposed to close the fund at the end of the year, so that those who desire to help this most deserving case should give quickly. The following further subscriptions are acknowledged with thanks:—

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**LIGHTING THE TOWER.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are arranging to light Ufford tower with electricity, but there does not seem any recognised practice in the matter, and the lighting company have had no experience of such jobs. I wonder whether any of your readers who have experienced good and bad arrangements would give us their experiences?

With the help of the advice of the company's electricians we are proposing to light as follows: One light hanging from the centre of the ceiling of the 12ft. square ringing chamber, about 10ft. from the floor, with a single 20 watt bulb with an opal shade. In the clock chamber above, one portable lamp hanging about 7ft. up on one wall. In the bell chamber a portable lamp hanging well above the bell frames. In the winding staircase three lights. The switch for the topmost of these will be by the clock chamber door, and will also switch on the bell chamber light. The other two staircase lights and the clock chamber light will be switched on from the foot of the stairs. Any criticism of this arrangement will be welcomed, especially if made promptly.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Thursday evening, December 13th, at the Parish Church, for the confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), composed by R. F. Deal: F. J. Lewis, jun. (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, H. L. Cook (first quarter-peal inside) 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, J. Hayward 10.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**DITCHHEAT.**—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, for morning service on Sunday, December 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Merrifield 1, R. Whitehead 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, H. Sanger 4, R. Look 5, E. Creed 6, W. Crabb 7, J. Vincent 8.

**GOSPEL OAK.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, also for the eleventh anniversary of the 'Fall of Jerusalem,' 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin, 1, T. Bevan 2, R. Newman 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield 5, R. Bevan (conductor) 6. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. H. Spice 1, E. Beer 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, W. E. Spice 4, S. Taylor 5, S. R. Dobbie 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, G. H. Spice 8.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, December 9th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: G. Wiltshire 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, P. Williams 5, W. C. Hunter 6, F. E. Tyler 7, I. Long 8.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Egremont, Cumberland, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: \*Mary Smith 1, W. G. Norman 2, Benn Douglas 3, J. Hutchinson 4, A. Eilbeck 5, W. H. Cook (conductor) 6, J. H. Rothery 7, J. Spedding 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**SALEHURST.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, T. Hoad 3, G. King 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills 6, W. Hoad (conductor) 7, J. Goodsell 8.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Harwood 1, H. Hender (conductor) 2, O. Gilbey 3, T. R. Flint 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.—For evening service, 720 London Surprise: H. Reader 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Craven 1, W. Hammond 2, F. Shackleton 3, W. Stubley 4, J. W. Smithson 5, E. F. Ripon 6, A. Smithson (conductor) 7, E. Thorpe 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 5th and tenor, and first quarter-peal as conductor. This is also the longest touch on the bells, which were recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May, 1928.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,239 Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, T. H. Taffender 2, S. C. Moyo 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. J. King 6, T. W. Taffender 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8, W. Rogers 9, H. H. Peters 10. The ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and 8th hail from Portsmouth.

**BREWOOD, STAFFORD.**—On November 11th (Armistice Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for evening service: A. G. Hunt 1, G. Warner 2, H. E. Booth 3, A. E. Winterton 4, F. R. Blewitt 5, J. W. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Smith (conductor) 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. Scutcher (first in the method) 4, F. King 5, F. Leaks 6, F. Terry 7, W. Rawlings 8.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 59 mins.: A. Taylor 1, G. Taysom 2, T. Taysom 3, W. Taylor 4, G. H. Giblin 5, W. H. Williams (conductor) 6, W. H. Symonds 7, A. W. Davis 8, A. E. Hurcomb 9, H. Taysom 10.

**LISCARD, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, November 11th, 1928, for evensong, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: J. H. Pulford 1, A. Woomnam 2, J. H. Dodd 3, D. Hughes 4, J. Breese 5, J. Hughes 6, F. Winstanley 7, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8. This was rung with the bells open. Half-muffled ringing took place for morning service.

**BELGRAVE.**—On Sunday, November 11th, for evensong, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: L. G. Pratt 1, A. Ballard 2, H. W. Martin 3, S. Johnson 4, G. Tilsen 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, P. Harrison 7, P. A. Graham 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who died in the war.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Sunday, October 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. Turley (first quarter-peal) 1, D. and E. L. Taylor 2, H. J. Ford 3, P. Turley 4, H. Baker 5, H. D. Ford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. Paige 7, H. Comber 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble, 6th and tenor.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—For evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. Rawlings 2, W. Hollamby 3, Rev. J. E. Amies (first in the method) 4, F. Leaks 5, F. King 6, F. Terry 7, F. Scutcher 8. Arranged for the Rev. J. E. Amies, Vicar of Edgecote, Bucks.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a 720 York Surprise: A. W. T. Ginn (first in method) 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

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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. Meeting at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Service in St. John's Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) available. —John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of Forest Branch will take place at Lydney on Boxing Day (December 26th). Bells (8) will be available all day. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, and meeting after in Church Room. All ringers and friends welcomed.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—In connection with the annual meeting of the Forest Branch at Lydney on December 26th, there will be no ringing at Newnham, Tidenham or St. Briavels. —J. W. Davis.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Tuesday, January 1st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Members and other ringers attending, who require tea, please notify me by the morning of the 31st inst. All ringers are welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at South Shields on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. Bells of St. Hilda's available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, for those informing Mr. Robson, 28, Charlotte Street, South Shields, by Dec. 29th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Jan.

5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new diagrams to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at St. Andrew's, Derby. Bells available 2 o'clock. Please be prepared with a nominee for secretary. —Charles Draper.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD.—The 8th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, commence 6 p.m. Chairman the Rev. R. H. Whitford, M.A. Most of the city church bells will be available during the afternoon, and special service ringing is being arranged on Sunday 20th. Tickets 5/6 each, from Messrs. Cave, Knight, Way, Jefferies, Miss E. Smith, all Bristol Guild Secretaries and Mr. Albert Walker, Birmingham, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

F. E. Dawe heartily wishes all ringing friends every blessing this coming Christmas, with prosperity in the New Year; and sincerely thanks all those kind and well wishers who have communicated their sympathy with him in the recent loss of a dear and devoted wife for 35 years.

## GREETINGS.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Will all members of this association and ringing friends accept our best wishes for a Happy Xmas and a most prosperous New Year?

C. S. BIRD, Vice-President,  
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HEREFORD.—On Friday, November 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. H. Symonds 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, W. E. Williams 3, G. W. Taysom 4, A. W. Davis 5, C. Edwards 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor rung in the city. First extent in the method by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

## YOUTHFUL PROGRESS.

Some youthful ringers in North Cheshire have recently been demonstrating their aptitude for the art by scoring their first 720's. At St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, on November 15th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by: Miss G. F. Storer 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, G. R. Edwards 4, F. Banton 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, who is a Sunday service ringer at St. Andrew's, Lower Bebington.

On Monday, December 3rd, at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, 720 Bob Minor: Stewart Bailey 1, J. Gorst 2, W. J. Battle 3, G. R. Edwards 4, R. G. Edwards 5, J. F. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age.

On Monday, December 10th, at the same church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Bailey 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, G. Ronald Edwards 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble.

In addition to the above, five other juveniles from these two towers have rung their first 720 on the treble during the last few months, whilst four of them have also rung a 720 on an inside bell, and three have scored their first peal.

Truly a record of real progress, which we trust will be sustained in the new year, when we hope to have the pleasure of recording further advances by these promising juveniles. The principal credit for the above performances must be given to Mr. J. Cooke, the ringing instructor of the branch, who has been ably supported by Mr. G. Ronald Edwards (assistant ringing instructor), who have both given much time and patience during the year in helping these young ringers over the first difficult steps of the art of change ringing.

## AMBROSDEN BELLS.

On the new bells at Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, on Sunday afternoon, December 16th, the Bicester ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hatfield 1, W. Scarrott 2, J. Evans 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, W. Farmer 8. Everyone agreed that Messrs. Taylor and Co. have made a fine job of them, the tone and 'go' being perfect.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On November 14th, at St. Martin's Church, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: T. Love 1, W. Pike 2, W. Heath 3, G. Poppell 4, P. Jones 5, C. Davies 6, H. R. Broughton (conductor) 7, J. Jones 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of 1st, 6th and tenor.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Monday evening, November 12th, in honour of the golden wedding of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson, 1,056 of Bob Major in 39 mins.: W. T. Earl 1, A. C. Kay 2, P. Page 3, H. C. Castle 4, C. W. Franklin 5, C. W. Everett 6, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 7, T. Tabrett 8.

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