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Secretaries are usually long-suffering people and ringing secretaries particularly so. They spend no end of time and take infinite trouble to arrange meetings for the benefit of the members, and often get badly let down, one way or another, by those whom they are seeking to serve. If they get a big gathering it is more than likely that half those present attend without letting the secretary know beforehand of their intention to do so, with the result that the catering arrangements are upset. But that is the least fault of which secretaries complain. What they are more concerned about is that members, in many instances, fail to support them at the meetings. Many a district secretary's interest and enthusiasm have been broken by the neglect of ringers to take advantage of the facilities which have been gained for their benefit. When pains have been taken to arrange a meeting, it is, to say the least, very disappointing if only a handful of ringers turn up, and particularly if those to whom one looks to set an example fail to back up the efforts of the secretary. For the most part, however, secretaries are a patient and uncomplaining body, but there comes a time when plain speaking is necessary. And at a meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association last Saturday the Secretary hit out. In some plain talking he complained of the indifference of the 'chief ringers' in the area, who neglect to do what might reasonably be expected of them. The Fylde district is not the only one which suffers from this cause. Most associations can point to cases where leading ringers fail not only to give their loyal support to the officials who organise the meetings, but the help which they alone can give to others less advanced who attend these meetings for the purpose of gaining practice and knowledge. It is perfectly true that big meetings are not always best from the point of view of those who go there to learn, because everyone is entitled to share in the ringing, and individual opportunities are reduced in proportion as the size of the gathering increases, but the presence of the more accomplished ringers is necessary if those who are anxious to improve their practice are to get full benefit from the meetings. Moreover, as the Fylde secretary pointed out, there is the question of example. If the 'chief ringers' do not attend the meetings, it is not surprising if the lesser folk also stay away. The impression created is that the meetings are of no importance, and as the influence spreads and the impression grows, the value of district meetings declines. All honour to those stalwarts who year in and year out consistently support their district secretaries at the meetings. No one regrets it more than these men

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if the attendance at successive gatherings grows into a limited circle. The meetings are intended for the benefit of the whole of the members, and the example and influence of the 'chief ringers' go a long way towards securing success. If for no other reason, those who are leaders in the towers should look upon it as a responsibility not lightly to be put aside that they should attend the district meetings and give their support and help to the hard working and, sometimes, long-suffering officials.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONEY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
ROBERT PICKERING 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
THOMAS HILL 6	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Knight, who kindly entertained the band to tea afterwards, and received the good wishes and thanks of the band.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours & Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt, 2 qr. 3 lb.

HUGH R. THORPE Treble	WILLIAM H. WHITING ... 6
P. C. WALTER CLAYDON ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
FRANK JEAL 3	BERNARD H. WELLS 8
*RICHARD V. FULLER 4	FRANK E. CORKE 9
*RONALD A. TUFFIN 5	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Treble	† WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING 8
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 4	† JOHN WORTH 9
* WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 5	HARRY OVERTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method. Mr. Page's 100th peal. The treble and the 8th ringers have now completed the circle in this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
*ALBERT E. BRACEY 2	CHARLES H. MOORE 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
† CEDRIC CURSON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD COLLINS Treble	REGINALD WESTCOTT 5
WILLIAM HUISE 2	JOHN EVANS 6
JOHN WESTCOTT 3	FRANK ROWSELL 7
RICHARD JOHN 4	WILLIAM WESTCOTT Tenor

Conducted by F. ROWSELL.

First peal by all except ringers of treble and seventh. Rung by the local band of Sunday service ringers in memory of the late Vicar, Rev. D. H. Simon. First peal by all in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK CULLUM Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
EDWIN BARNETT 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS 4	*WALTER LEMON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
LEONARD H. BAYBUT 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

The society has now rung Maximus, Royal and Major in this method on the bells of this church as well as at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM 5
MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDERICK BOTTON Treble	GEORGE FARNISH 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	HARRY HALL 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

* First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
*GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN

* First peal in the method.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HARRY KILBY 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MISS IRENE L. HASTIE Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT 5
GEORGE SIBLEY 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR 6
*S. VICTOR CRABB 3	S. PERCY MERSON 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by S. PERCY MERSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT HELLIWELL Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
ARTHUR GILL 2	ALBERT NASH 6
*JOHN R. BREARLEY 3	*JOHN H. SYKES 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	*JOHN H. CHARLESWORTH Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY (No. 10).

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN G. L. GILBERT Treble	JAMES HAYWOOD 5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2	REGINALD PAYNE 6
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	LESLIE HAYWOOD 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Measures, father of the local captain.

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WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	PETER CHARMAN 5
JOHN COOK 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
SAMUEL EYLES 3	JACK BRANCH 7
WILLIAM HOOKER 4	ALBERT CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JOSEPH T. PACK 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	TOM SAUNDERS 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Credit is due to Joseph T. Pack, this being his first attempt for a peal on eight. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in six towers. The composition (No. 228) is rung for the first time.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	ALAN D. STEEL 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
JOHN E. WHEELDON 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Mr. Harding hails from Bath. Rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. C. H. Page, wife of the conductor, also in honour of the conductor receiving the long-service medal of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH, Secretary, North Dorset Branch Treble	
REV. F. L. L. EDWARDS, General Secretary 2	
WILLIAM C. SHUTE, Ringing Master, North Dorset 3	
W. C. WEST, Secretary, Devizes Branch 4	
F. W. ROMAINE, Secretary, Salisbury Branch 5	
SIDNEY HILLIER, Ringing Master, Devizes 6	
F. GREEN, Assistant Secretary 7	
C. D. HEGINBOTTOM, Chairman, Devizes Branch Tenor	

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

Arranged as an officers' peal to celebrate the jubilee year of the Guild.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE, Holy Nativity Treble	
MISS ANNIE BROWN, St. Philip's 2	
RICHARD CLARKE, St. Andrew's, Clifton 3	
ALFRED PEARCE, St. James' 4	
ALFRED E. REEVES, St. Stephen's 5	
HENRY PRING, St. Mary Redcliffe 6	
WILLIAM STOWELL, St. Luke's, Brislington 7	
URIAH W. BRAVEN, St. Luke's, Bedminster Tenor	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE. Rung with the bells muffled as an 'in memoriam' peal to the late Edward Feltham, the donor of the tower and bells, on the second anniversary of his death. First peal on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*GEORGE DIXON Treble	WILLIAM G. CREASEY 5
HAROLD HARPER 2	†GEORGE F. SMITHSON 6
†MISS ETHEL MARSHALL 3	HARRY MORGAN 7
GEORGE HARDWICK 4	*CECIL HOOTON Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRED WALKER Treble	WILLIAM LANGHORNE 5
GORDON WHITAM 2	NICHOLAS NEWBY 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 7
†ALAN FORSHAW 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal away from the treble.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBBY Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 6
JACK BAILEY 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
FRANCIS CONON 4	EDWARD F. GOBBY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBBY.

* First peal of spliced Treble Bob. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	†CHARLES H. PULLEN 5
*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
FREDK. K. BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in a Surprise method. † First peal of Superlative Surprise.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	TOM BARTLETT 5
ALFRED MONKLEY 2	ARTHUR SEARLE 6
ARTHUR TRUMAN 3	EDWARD BIFFEN 7
GEORGE BETTS 4	*WILLIAM HOWE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* 50th peal.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qt. 20 lb.

*GEORGE P. ELPHICK Treble	BERNARD SAUNDERS 5
ALFRED J. TURNER 2	ARTHUR CAUSLEY... .. 6
†OLIVER WOOD 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 4	FREDERICK MILES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	*EDWARD S. T. FARR 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

† G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 17.	Tenor 17 cwt.
MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	WALTER WALLACE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER... .. 4	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It was Mr. James George's 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	THOMAS LIGHTFOOT 5
NORAH M. BIBBY... .. 2	BERTRAM BUTLER 6
OSWALD CLAYBROOK 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the reopening of the church after restoration.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDMUND C. CHASTY Treble	† JACK BAILEY 5
*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY... .. 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER 3	FREDERICK J. MILNER 7
FRANCIS COXON... .. 4	*EDWARD F. GOBBY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY. Conducted by E. F. GOBBY.

* First peal of Oxford Major. † 50th peal. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baxter. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HITCHIN.—On Wednesday, November 30th, for Patronal Festival, 1,280 changes of Double Norwich Major: L. Houghton 1, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 2, A. E. Symonds 3, H. W. Else 4, T. R. Scott 5, C. V. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, D. C. Meares (first quarter in method as conductor) 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7840 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON... .. 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	STEPHEN H. WOOD 7
E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 4	† JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 19). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* 650th peal. † 1,150th peal. Longest peal in the method by this association. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, sen., for entertainment on this and previous occasions.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*ERNEST GRAYSTON Treble	THOMAS W. VAREY 4
*GEORGE H. GRAYSTON 2	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 5
*ALAN CASSON 3	GEORGE E. BRAITWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. Carey Ward.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOUGLAS E. RUST Treble	EDWARD HOWES 4
ERIC DURRANT 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells since the 5th was rung by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, the 'go' now being excellent.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 5 cwt.

*CECIL R. READER Treble	MISS F. HUTCHINSON 3
*GEORGE L. HOLMES 2	JOHN F. BALL 4
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a band of Sunday service ringers. All are members of the choir. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. G. Kelsey, who is leaving to take up duties at St. Peter's, Battersea.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	FRED HAWKES 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Quarterly peal for the branch.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Treble	AMOS SMART 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor. The first Surprise peal on the bells.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ARTHUR H. FOX Treble	JACK BRAY 4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN W. HOBSON 5
HARRY RODMELL 3	LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*HENRY J. CORRY Treble	*EDWIN A. TUCKER 4
MRS. POWELL 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
*JOHN ARBURY 3	REV. E. V. COX Tenor

Conducted by the REV. EVERARD S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents in the following methods: College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
AMBROSE MASON 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George. First peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods by all the band except the treble and fifth ringers.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARVEY E. BORRELL ... Treble	*CYRIL R. BURRELL 4
ARTHUR KEY 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT 5
*HAROLD BARSLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 4
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	OLAVE E. BROYD 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor on tower bells. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Amersham, Calverleigh, Haver Alliance, Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, and Belvedere Little Bob, (2) Kelly Alliance and St. Lawrence Little Bob, (3) Kildown Alliance and Belvedere Little Bob, (4) Stevenon Alliance and Little Bob, (5) Cromer Alliance and Little Bob, (6) Walsingham Alliance and Crayford Little Court, (7) Lamas Alliance and Crayford Little Court.

JAMES WAGBORN Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
THOMAS FULLER 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 3	JAMES BASSETT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Waghorn's wedding. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and rung on the 21st anniversary of his first peal.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*F. MORRIS Treble	R. RAWLINGS 4
S. BAKER 2	G. HANKS 5
J. RAWLINGS 3	*R. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by J. RAWLINGS.

* First peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS R. DRACON ... Treble	ERNEST E. PICKERING 3
NORMAN STATHAM 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 4
THOMAS H. WRIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by T. H. WRIGHT.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Rev. O. Philpott, Rector of Kirkby Mallory for the last eight years, who was laid to rest on Wednesday, November 23rd.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY A. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7-8

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by WM. BARTON

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 'GLASSLYN,' SLATER STREET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2	*BERT HORTON 3-4
†DAVID HINGLEY 1-5	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness—MISS R. HORTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal on handbells and also first peal of Doubles.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

PEERING.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Remembrance service at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. Redgwell 2, W. Butler 3, S. Pye 4, E. Mingay 5, F. Pludder 6, G. Hayward 7, E. Bright 8. The ringers of 1, 3, 7 and 8 are ex-Service men.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A WELCOME AT WANDSWORTH.**

The November meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, November 19th, at Wandsworth. Proceedings commenced at Holy Trinity, West Hill, where the splendid ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) by Taylor and Co. were set going to Grandsire Triples. Although the weather was 'put,' some 20 members and friends braved the elements and the hill, and kept the bells going in various methods, a good course of Cambridge being accomplished among other things. Tea was held at the Church Hall, also on West Hill, but half-mile below Holy Trinity Church. During the course of the splendid tea, the Vicar looked in to dispense a welcome, and handshakes here and there, and, tea being over, the business meeting was held, presided over by the District Master, Mr. H. Mance.

Two new members were elected, and the general business included votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Freeman-Irwin, for the use of the bells and Church Hall, and to Mr. Gray, of All Saints' Parish Church, especially for making all arrangements.

An appeal for help at the Parish Church was responded to by four members, and others will be welcome.

At the conclusion of the business a move was made to All Saints', the bells there being made good use of till about 9 p.m., thus bringing to a close a very successful gathering, noticeable for the warm welcome received.

DEATH OF A REDENHALL RINGER.

By the tragic death of Mr. Cecil W. Barrett, as the result of a motor-cycle accident, Redenhall and district loses a very promising young ringer. Deceased was only 23 years of age, and rang his first peal some two years ago.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 16th, at Alburgh, the home of deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrett. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Sneath, the coffin being borne to the grave by six of deceased's fellow-ringers: Messrs. E. Whiting, R. Riches, G. Gower, G. Curson, G. Howlett and C. Barber. Among the large congregation were Messrs. E. R. Goate (Beccles), C. Baker (Pulham Market), S. Copling (Loddon) and G. Walpole (Norton).

Touches were rung on the bells of All Saints', Alburgh, with half-muffled clappers during the afternoon, and in the evening a peal was rung at Redenhall, where deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer.

SELBY ABBEY RINGERS' LOSS.**DEATH OF THE SECRETARY.**

Two members of the Selby Abbey company have passed away during November, the first being Mr. James Jackson, who died on November 6th, after a long illness following a seizure. He was 49 years of age. He had not rung for some years owing to being afflicted with blindness. He was laid to rest on November 8th, and several of the local ringers attended the service in the Abbey.

On November 17th Mr. William Arthur Hall, who held the position of secretary of the Selby company for nearly 30 years, passed to his rest after an illness lasting only ten days. He died from erysipelas, and was buried on Saturday afternoon, November 18th. The first portion of the service was held in Selby Abbey, prior to which the bells, which he loved so much, were rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke. There was a large congregation, and the service was choral, Mr. F. Ellis being at the organ. In the procession to the cemetery were many members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, of which deceased was an official (he had held the position of Provincial Grand Master), and also of his workmates from Rimmington's Printing Office. The ringers from the Abbey, a representative of the Hemingbrough band, and a large number of sympathising friends were also present.

Mr. Hall, when a boy, possessed a very sweet treble voice, and was a chorister in Selby Abbey choir, where he frequently sang solos, and on one occasion sang a solo in York Minster. He had been a Sunday School teacher, and for some few years was secretary of the Abbey Sunday Schools. He was also for a number of years a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Hall was a very good organiser, and his work in connection with raising funds for the bells after the disastrous fire at Selby Abbey in 1906 is well remembered. He, with Mr. Frederick Cryer, the local captain, and the local ringers, raised a sum of considerably over £300, and had the satisfaction of seeing the present fine peal of ten bells placed in the tower.

He went about all his work in a quiet and unassuming manner. He was always happy when explaining the mysteries of change ringing to any learners, and was always ready to do anyone a good turn. The Selby Abbey ringers have lost in Mr. Hall a most conscientious secretary and a staunch friend. His death is most keenly felt by all, and his place in the belfry will be most difficult to fill.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, A. King 2, A. Rushton 3, H. Walker 4, T. Kendall 5, E. Shane 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson set up an almost unchallengeable record in the number of peals of Stedman Triples he rang—something like a thousand—but leaving the former Master of the Oxford Guild out of account, Mr. James George must now be almost, if not quite, leading the field. Last week he rang his 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. George has 'dug himself in' as the 7th man with the Midland Counties Association's Wednesday band, which with almost unflinching regularity rings a fresh composition of Stedman Triples every week.

And now, at the age of 79, this irrepressible youth has marked his 1,150th peal by ringing the 14 cwt. tenor at Stoney Stanton to a peal of 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 4 hours 15 mins.

When the bells of Boston, Lines, which have been recast into a peal of ten, are opened on Saturday week they are to be broadcast to America. The cost of the work has been largely defrayed by contributions from the sister town in Massachusetts.

The Bishop of Guildford will preside at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild which is to be held on January 14th.

With the peal at Stoney Stanton, Mr. Ernest Morris has now called the longest peals for the M.C.A. of Doubles, Minor, Bob Major, Little Bob, Ikeston Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. He also rang in the record Worcester Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Cracks have developed in the walls of Wimborne Minster tower, but anxiety with regard to them has decreased since they have been under observation.

REV. E. G. BENSON'S PREFERMENT. PRESENTATION AT TEWKESBURY.

The Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson, who last week was inducted to the living of Quatford, near Bridgnorth, Shropshire, has been presented with Cecil Albius's beautifully illustrated book, 'Cathedrals of England,' and a cheque by members of the congregation of Tewkesbury Abbey, where he was curate for four and a half years, in appreciation of his ministry.

During his stay in Tewkesbury, Mr. Benson was not only thoroughly keen in his parochial work but also took an intense interest in the great Norman Abbey, and by writing and personal description endeavoured to spread abroad the glories of its architecture.

A member of Cambridge University Guild, Mr. Benson put new life into the ringing at the Abbey, and in place of the 'stoney' ringing which he found there is now a change ringing band.

'IT IS THE ENTHUSIASM THAT MATTERS.' AN ONLOOKER'S VIEWS.

'What I think about bellringing' was the title of an interesting article by Robert Lynd in last Saturday's 'News Chronicle.' As a boy he hated bells, and the story tells of his conversion, 'if not to the love at least to the toleration of bells.' It was all due to 'a little man with a mystical light in his eyes' who entered into conversation with him in a village inn, who induced him to visit the ringing loft, and told him in a hushed voice of the exploits of the village team. 'He told me,' says the writer, 'of great teams of bell-ringers of the past, and pointed to their names inscribed on brass on the walls of the loft. These were to him heroes far excelling the winners of the Ashes in Test cricket or the victors in the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby match or Boat Race. . . . Never before had I seen such simple-minded devotion, such total immersion in the love of the game. Since meeting my little friend, I have never listened to a peal of bells without feeling that, whatever the effect on my own nerves may be, it is making somebody else tremendously happy. One has no more right to object to the noise than to object to the roaring of the crowd at a Cup Final. It is the enthusiasm, not the tintinnabulation, that matters, and so long as men of such selfless enthusiasm as the bell-ringers survive, there is hope for civilisation. If the world is going to tax enthusiasm, it is a bad lookout for the world.'

REV. H. LAW JAMES MEMORIAL FUND. SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount previously acknowledged, £3 18s. 6d. Further list of subscriptions and promises: St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough, 5s.; Rev. E. S. Powell, 5s.; J. H. Brothwell, £1; R. K. Knight, 2s. 6d.; C. Glenn, 2s. 6d.; St. Peter's Society, Nottingham, £1 1s.; W. Story, 5s.; E. and W. H. Lloyd, 3s.; R. Sutterby, 5s.; Mr. G. and Miss Noice, 5s.; G. Williams, 5s.; Canon G. F. Coleridge, £1 1s.; J. W. Jones, 2s. 6d.; W. A. Cave, 10s.; W. Pickworth, 10s. 6d.; P. E. Dawe, 10s.; C. H. Howard, 10s. 6d.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, £2 2s.; Canon H. J. Elsee, 10s. 6d.; Rev. C. J. Sturton, 5s.; Rev. H. Drake, 2s. 6d.; L. A. Holdick, £1 1s.; C. W. Woolley, 10s. 6d.; A. Hague, 5s.; W. E. White, 2s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 10s. 6d.; W. Ayre, 10s. 6d.; Surfleet ringers, £12 5s. 6d.; total, £29 5s. 6d.

Received and acknowledged by National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Spalding, and R. Richardson, Surfleet, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

A REGISTER OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The idea of a register of methods is a very attractive one, and such a collection could not fail to be of great use. Indeed, it is an essential preliminary to the definite Collection of Major Surprise Methods, the publication of which by the Central Council should not be much longer delayed. Much has already been done towards it. I have what is almost a complete collection of all the Major Surprise methods which have been published or rung, together with a mass of others which as yet are generally unknown. Other men have larger or smaller collections, and Mr. Lindoff has, as he tells us, worked out all the Surprise methods with and without second's place being made when the treble is in 3-4.

That was a stupendous achievement, the magnitude of which very few people can realise. Some years ago I began to make some preliminary investigations into the simplest style of methods, and though my job was incomplete and restricted I wrote out some five thousand methods. The task of working them all out is one to daunt the strongest courage.

There is thus no lack of Major Surprise methods. The proportion of those extant that ever will be rung is small indeed. Many of them—probably most of them—are hardly worthy of being rung and are of no value except to the student of method construction, as illustrating some mathematical law or other. But from the mass, given sufficient knowledge and experience, it should be possible to extract about one hundred which would serve the needs of the Exercise for many years to come.

I doubt, however, if that is what was in the minds of those who are asking for this register. What is wanted is some means, more or less infallible, by which the regularly recurring disputes as to authorship and correct naming may be settled. Much as one understands and sympathises with this demand, I doubt very much whether it would be worth while. I fear that such questions never will satisfactorily be answered, because they never can satisfactorily be answered. It is better to face facts and say outright that there is no such thing as authorship or ownership of methods, and that the naming of them is entirely a matter of convenience, which can well be left to the Exercise at large—if you care to say so, to chance. I do not see why, because I choose to call a method by a certain name, other people should be bound to do the same, though I do see reasons for not lightly altering the name under which a method was first rung, or by which people generally call it.

In the early days of the Exercise when methods were few, when the whole field lay as virgin soil before composers, it was natural enough that the man who first wrote out a method should deem himself its author and owner. It was natural enough that John Reeves and his colleagues of 'The Clavis' should call Superlative 'our own'; that Shifway should write about 'his' system of Court; that Duffield should be looked on as Sir Arthur Heywood's method; and so on. It was natural, and it was just, for, without going into what exactly is involved in the use of the word authorship, it is clear that Reeves did give the Exercise something which, so far as it was concerned, he had created and which had not previously existed.

But these days are long since past. No one can say now, in the way that Reeves could say, that he has composed a new Surprise method. Over against any such claim is the statement of Mr. Lindoff that he has already worked them all out. If that statement be true (and there is no reason why we should doubt it), there cannot be such a thing as a new Surprise Major method.

Does it mean, then, that all these methods are Mr. Lindoff's? Well, hardly. There are, for instance, these five thousand methods that I have here before me. They are but a part of Mr. Lindoff's gross total, but since he has the lot necessarily they are a part. And who shall decide (assuming it to be worth while) whose they are—his or mine?

And then, what of the many other people who have been working at methods these many years ago? No one can know now what methods Henry Law James wrote out during the forty years and more he was investigating method construction. And since no one can know that, no one can be sure when any particular method was first composed.

That is not all. If methods were separate, independent things it might be proper to talk about composing and owning them. If a man could make methods as some men can make tables and chairs, each one separate from the other and separate from any that other men can make, and could go on making them indefinitely—then we could properly speak of them as his property. But it is not so. The number of methods, though large, is strictly limited. They are all closely related one to another; for the mathematical laws that produce them are similar and few in number. Hence, though it is an immense task to write them all out in extenso by figures, if we use formulae the job can be simplified immensely. Not only so, but if we have the figures of one or two methods we can from them see many more without going to the trouble of actually writing them down.

But are such methods new and independent things? If, for instance, we ring Peterborough above the treble and Norfolk below, we get what is for all practical purposes a new method. Assuming it has never been published (and offhand I cannot say that it has), should I be justified in calling it mine? According to the old (and, for many

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. FYLDE BRANCH SECRETARY 'HITS OUT.'

A meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday last. Seventeen ringers, members and non-members, were present, a special feature being the piloting of the younger men through various touches with which they were not familiar. The striking, on the whole, was good, the bad running of the tenor requiring special treatment.

At the business meeting the secretary called the attention of those present to the fact that he was entering on his twelfth year as secretary, that during the eleven years he had asked for suggestions and advice from anybody or everybody for more interest in change ringing and increased membership. Among the ringers themselves no one was able to suggest anything tangible. He received every encouragement from the clergy, but, as the old saying is, one can take a horse to the river to drink, but if the horse won't—The secretary blamed the chief ringers for the present poor state of ringing in the Fylde. With one or two exceptions, he said, the chief ringers were the chief offenders in not attending the branch meetings. If the 'head' of the ringers showed no interest, how could one expect the other members to attend? He, the secretary, had decided to take the matter in his own hands and try forcible rather than passive measures. He had already got promise of six new members from Holy Trinity, South Shore. A long letter to the Church Council of St. Anne's had evidently taken effect, as four members from that tower were present at this meeting—a record number from St. Anne's tower during the past eleven years. A letter had been sent to Bispham Church officials, and a promise received of future improvements in ringing matters. For six weeks the secretary had been going to Kirkham, instructing the local band, and they were both keen and enthusiastic. They had all promised to become members when eligible.

At the conclusion of the meeting the secretary was asked to continue discussion of the subject at the next meeting, to be held at Poulton. The secretary promised to give a paper on 'Chief ringers, their duties and obligations.'

A most successful meeting was brought to a close by an admirable 'fall' of the bells in peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION FAVOURS DIOCESAN TITLE.

There was an excellent gathering at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, November 26th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the South-Eastern District. Fifteen towers were represented. A short service was conducted by the Rev. M. M. Martin, who gave the ringers a very warm welcome. The lessons were read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association). A collection in aid of the association's bell restoration fund amounted to £1 5s.

At the business meeting Mr. Howard presided, and the district secretary read a report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held, he said, with an average attendance of 36. Twenty-eight peals had been rung on tower bells, while three non-resident and three ringing members had been elected.

Mr. H. W. Kilton was re-elected District Master, and thanked all those present for the honour conferred upon him.

The District Secretary, Mr. A. E. Coombes, was also unanimously re-elected.—Mr. Coombes said how gratifying it was to have their confidence. He thanked the members for the help that had been given him, and said he would continue to do all he could for the association (applause).

Seven new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Broomfield on February 18th.

The following resolution was then put forward: 'That this meeting of the South-Eastern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the Essex Association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'—This resolution was carried without opposition.

Mr. Howard thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success, and all those who had taken part in peals for his birthday.

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people, present) standards most certainly I should be justified. But is the standard a sound one?

The conclusion of the whole matter seems to be that we must drop all ideas of authorship and ownership and leave these methods the common property of the Exercise for anyone to use as best he can. If a man can work out a good method and get it rung, what signifies it that someone unknown to him had previously written it out? If Mr. Tipler, for instance, can produce a first-class method, it does not lessen his performance that it is already among the thousands in this bulky book before me. The trick of writing out methods is one that anyone can learn in a very few minutes. What is interesting and what is really worth doing is to learn about the laws on which these methods are founded.

One thing I will add (though it has nothing to do with my present subject), and it is this—the definition of a Surprise method, which Mr. Bankes James first drew up and which the Methods Committee (and through them the Exercise) adopted, was one of the biggest mistakes in ringing matters that has ever been made.

THE BI-CENTENARY OF A PEAL. INTERESTING GREENWICH TABLET.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples, of which record remains to us, was rung at St. Alphege Church, Greenwich, by the Society of Kentish Youths, exactly two hundred years ago, and by the courtesy of Mr. Edward W. Thornton (son of Mr. F. W. Thornton, the well-known Greenwich ringer), we are able to reproduce a picture of the ancient and curiously shaped stone tablet.



In the mediæval church, there were four bells, and the tower, which was built in 1617 and survived when the old church fell, was removed and replaced in 1730 by the present steeple to accord with the character of the new church. Apparently the four bells were rebung in the new tower, and in the following year four additional bells were added, cast by R. Phelps. One of these bears the inscription, 'The gift of our most gracious Queen Caroline, 1731.' On December 1st, 1732, the first peal was rung on the bells, and a tablet was provided to record the performance, of which, naturally, the ringers were very proud, for in those days a peal was a great achievement.

In course of time the tablet was lost sight of, but it was brought to light about 70 years ago, when the then ringers, while voluntarily redecorating the ringing chamber, found it hidden by some wood-work. The tablet was renovated and erected in its present position on the wall of the belfry, where Mr. Thornton photographed it.

A PAMPHLET ON CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

Another useful little pamphlet, this time explaining quite simply how to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, has just been published. It describes lucidly the work of the method, which is illustrated by a full course of Minor and Major. Bands and individuals desiring to take up practice of the method will find it of great help, and it is within the means of everyone, being only 7½d. post free. Half a dozen copies can be had for 3s. 6d. It can be obtained from K. Quick, 17, Broad Street, Bath.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. Richard Ekins, who had been churchwarden of Great Staughton, Hunts, for 25 years, was knocked down by a motor-cycle in Cambridge on November 22nd, and died the same evening. After the funeral on Saturday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at Great Staughton with the bells half-muffled: G. Franklin 1, J. Smith 2, H. J. Parker 3, J. Crisell 4, F. W. Lack (conductor) 5, H. Davison 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held in Cambridge on Saturday, the anniversary of the dedication of St. Benedict's bells. Ringers came from Cambridge, Dunmow, Exning, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Luton, Maidstone, Meldreth, Melbourn, Mildenhall, Orwell, Over, Royston, Sawston, Stetchworth, Trumpington and Willingham. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. at the Church of St. Benedict, where service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Essex, who preached an inspiring address, saying that we should use our tongues to give words of cheer and encouragement to those around us. Cheerfulness is badly needed in the sad world of to-day.—Mr. Thurlow very kindly presided at the organ.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry. Miss P. Fordham, of Mildenhall, and Mr. Roger Iredale, of Cambridge, were elected members. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. C. Essex for conducting the service, taking the chair, and for the use of St. Mary's bells, also to the Rev. W. Greenwood for St. Benedict's bells, and for the use of the vestry.

After a 'pull' on the bells of the Roman Catholic Church, the proceedings concluded with an hour's ringing at St. Mary-the-Great.

Will members please note that the next by-meeting is to be held at Melbourn on January 14th. The quarterly meetings for 1933 are as follows: February 25th, Ickleton; May 20th, Bourne; September 9th, Fulbourne; December 2nd, Over.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT BRENTFORD.

It is many years since the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Brentford, and it was, therefore, regrettable that the attendance was so poor. Some twenty members were present during the afternoon and evening and had plenty of practice on the six bells which hang in the ancient tower. Various Minor and Doubles methods were rung, including London and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent, etc. A brief service was held at 5 p.m., when, in the course of his address, the Vicar, Rev. J. Talbot, welcomed the association.

After the subsequent tea, a meeting was held in the Church Hall, where the chief item of discussion was the forthcoming district supper and social on January 14th at Heston.

Three of the local band were elected members, and it was agreed to hold a meeting at Chiswick on the second Saturday in March, 1933. In addition, there would be the supper in January, and the district annual meeting at Isleworth in February.

Thanks were accorded to Rev. J. Talbot for his welcome to Brentford and for the use of his bells, etc., and to Mr. F. James and the local band for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors.

A further visit to the tower concluded quite an enjoyable meeting.

ASHTON VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Mossley, Lancashire, on Monday, November 28th, 81 leads of Bob Major (1,296 changes) were rung at St. George's Church by: R. Taylor 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Clayton 5, E. Garside 6, J. Harrison 7, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 8.

The touch was rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Harrison—a lead for each year—and despite his advanced age the veteran rang without showing any signs of fatigue, and at the finish congratulations were showered on him. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Wolstencroft are from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are regular service ringers at Mossley.

WATFORD'S 'GRAND OLD MAN.'

At the Parish Church, Watford, on Sunday, December 4th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. Jones 1, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 2, W. Paul 3, W. E. Oakley 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, E. S. Edwards 7, R. G. Bell 8. Rung as a compliment to the treble man, Mr. Edward Jones, Watford's 'grand old man' among the ringers, who, in his 83rd year, rings regularly for service at the Parish Church.

TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 2½ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year was held at Denton on Saturday, November 26th. The bells were set going early, and service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. E. Carter), who also gave the address. Ten was provided in the schools by the local ringers' wives, a party of forty sitting down, and the business meeting followed. The Hon. Secretary, in welcoming the Rector to the meeting, spoke of the pleasure the members had always had in visiting Denton on many occasions, and this being the first time they had held a meeting since the present Rector had been there, he was sure they would agree that he had received them just as heartily as his predecessor had always done. The Rector had informed him that he wished to become an hon. member of the Guild, and he had great pleasure in moving that he be elected.—This was seconded and carried with enthusiasm.

The Rector, in expressing thanks, said it was his first experience of a meeting of bellringers, but he could assure them that so long as he was there they would always be welcome. He hoped it would not be long before they came again. He had quite enjoyed the whole proceedings and was struck by the happy spirit which prevailed among them. They must always remember, he said, that they all belonged to the bigger fellowship and do their duty in their respective spheres, whether in the belfry, the pulpit or any other branch of church work.

The places and dates for the meetings in 1933 were decided on as follows, subject to the necessary permission being granted: Annual meeting at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, January 30th; quarterly meetings at Reddish April 29th, Poynton July 1st, Marple September 23rd, and Saley November 25th.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Henry W. Wilde, and the Hon. Secretary, in proposing the resolution, said that not only the Guild but the ringing Exercise as a whole was the poorer for his death.—Mr. Wolstencroft and Mr. Barnes also spoke of the kindness of manner and the great ability of Mr. Wilde.—The hon. secretary was instructed to forward a letter to the widow and family.

Mr. Barnes reported that he had attended a meeting of the general committee of the Guild held at Crewe on the previous Saturday, at which Mr. Elwell had resigned from the office of treasurer. He had received an appointment overseas, and would be leaving this country early in the new year. The hon. secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. Elwell on his appointment, expressing the best wishes of the members for his future welfare, and thanking him for all he had done for the Guild during his years of office.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his welcome and his presence throughout the day's proceedings, to the ladies who had provided tea, and also to the local ringers and organist.

This concluding the business, a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going to various Minor methods for the rest of the evening.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. C. T. Coles advances the remarkable theory that a 720 of Cambridge Minor consists of a first lead of 25 rows, twenty-eight leads of 24 rows, and a final lead of 25 rows. Surely it is apparent that a 720 consists of thirty leads of 24 rows, and that the first lead must commence 123456 and end 153624. Rounds is definitely and irrevocably the first row.

I think the writers on this subject have given little thought, or study, to the matter, and the discussion has so far been of no practical value.

It is, of course, well known that 720 Cambridge Minor may be obtained by means of bobbing 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 Q sets, or, plainly, by means of 9, 12, 15, 18, or 21 bobs. Only five extents are obtainable, but, by means of reversal and variation, the five may be increased to 220.

MAJOR RINGER.

720's CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

The 220 extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor referred to above are produced as follows:—

No. 1. Bobs at 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, P.L., twice repeated.

Reverse, do. 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, P.L., twice repeated.

No. 2. Bobs at 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 2.P.L.

Reverse, do. 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1.

No. 3. Bobs at 1, 1, 1, 5, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 4, 2, 3, 3, 1.P.L.

Reverse, do. 2, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 1, 5, 1, 1.

No. 4. Bobs at 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 2, 5, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2.

Reverse, do. 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 5, 2, 4, 2, 3, 3.

No. 5. Bobs at 3, 2, 5, 3, 2, 5, 3, 2, 5.

Reverse, do. 1, 5, 2, 3, 5, 2, 3, 5, 2, 2.P.L.'s.

The five 720's and their inverts may be varied as follows:—

Nos. 1 and 5 may be commenced at any of the first ten leads, thus giving twenty 720's in each case, ten direct and ten reverse; total, forty.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 may be commenced at any of the thirty leads, giving with the direct and reverse variations one hundred and eighty 720's. The total number of 720's is therefore 220.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE BRANCH HAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The success of the work being done in the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was emphasised at the annual branch meeting on November 26th. There is a ringing membership of 130, and twelve towers were represented, the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry) being among those present. At the service held in the Minster, prayers were said by Rev. A. J. Burgess, the lesson was read by the Master, and an appropriate address given by Canon A. L. Keith (Vicar and Rural Dean). Mr. Alfred Fripp, a member of the Minster tower, was at the organ.

After tea, Canon E. C. Eddrup (Corfe Mullen) presided over the annual business meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Ferndown), a past-Master, seconded by Mr. F. C. Hart (Wimborne), the officers—chairman (Canon Eddrup), hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth), and Ringing Master (Mr. F. W. Townsend, Poole)—were unanimously re-elected.—Canon Eddrup, in reply, observed he thought they were a very happy, progressive branch, and it was pleasing to note, especially in these days, the advance made in the spiritual life of the ringers.—Mr. Phillips expressed appreciation of the help given him by Mr. J. I. Davis (Poole), and the support accorded by all the towers.

The Master message to the branch was: 'Go on as you have been going, and every success to you during the coming year. God bless you' (applause). He congratulated the members on their good sense in re-electing the officers, because the branch had been very successful during the past year, and he was quite sure a great deal of that success was due to the keenness with which the officers had undertaken their work and taken their part in managing the affairs of the branch (hear, hear, and applause). Mr. Gundry also voiced the members' appreciation and gratitude to Canon Keith for his memorable address.

Canon Keith, in acknowledgement, assured the visitors it was always an occasion of delight to welcome the ringers and give them the hospitality of their tower. 'Our anxiety for the tower, I think, has decreased rather than increased, so you need not fear you are adding to the coming crash which possibly might be anticipated if the cracks in the tower get worse,' he added. 'They are under observation, and there is no cause for alarm at present.' The Vicar also paid tribute to the important, sacred, and highly religious work in which the ringers were involved. He hoped that the branch would still further increase in real happiness and devotion (applause).

A GROWING BALANCE.

The Secretary, in his annual report, reviewed the work accomplished during the past year. The Lytchett Matravers company had been reinforced by five lady ringers. The financial statement showed a favourable balance of £6 19s. 11d., compared to £6 1s. 8d. brought forward. Of the receipts, totalling £17 5s. 8d., the sum of £9 7s. 6d. represented 125 ringing members' subscriptions.—The report and balance sheet were adopted, on the proposition of Mr. F. C. Hart, seconded by Mr. J. I. Davis.

On Mr. Davis' suggestion it was agreed that the secretary should convey the branch's congratulations to the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna), hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, on his taking part the previous week in ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques in the same tower at Cheltenham as he rang his first peal of Grand-sire Caters.

Quarterly meetings, it was agreed, should be held at St. Giles (after Easter), Corfe Mullen (June), and Kington (September); and the first of the practices should be held at Wareham in January, others being left to the secretary to arrange.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Dorchester Branch) conveyed the hearty good wishes of that branch to the Wimborne Branch, and mentioned that a noted addition to his branch was Buckland Newton, which, after a lapse of about three years, had restarted. He thought it was the most progressive band they had in the Dorchester Branch, and he was glad to see it represented that day (applause).

Thanks were accorded the chairman and Master, on the proposition of Mr. Martin-Stewart, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) were rung by the ringers of Benwell Parish Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in connection with the centenary of the church on November 26th. For morning service by: J. Richmond 1, C. Franco 2, N. Pearson 3, W. Mann 4, J. H. Clifton (conductor) 5, J. Forster 6. For evening service by: J. Richmond 1, R. Jackson 2, N. Pearson 3, C. Franco 4, J. H. Clifton (conductor) 5, J. Forster 6. They were the first quarter-peals by all except the conductor.

NORTH WALES LADY RINGERS.

A combined practice of the North Wales Association was held in St. David's Church, Bangor, on Saturday, December 3rd, when ringers from Llandudno, Penmaenmawr, Portmadoc and Bangor attended. The lady ringers from Llandudno are making good progress, as are also the younger ones. The methods were Doubles, Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major. The next practice will be held in Llandudno in January.

MINOR PEALS.

A REPLY TO REV. E. S. POWELL.
To the Editor.

Sir,—In to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' is a letter from the Rev. E. S. Powell, in which he says, 'A striking example of really pathetic incompetence is afforded by a letter in your current issue, page 775.'

As mine is the only letter on that page, the attack is meant for me. I cannot allow this to pass. It is a piece of gross impertinence and a calculated insult. Who made him a judge of his fellow-men or of ringing? Is everyone who refuses to adopt the view of E. S. Powell to be considered mentally incompetent? If he considers he is justified, let him ponder a moment.

I was a change ringer before he was born, had rung seven-method peals (true) and long lengths of five figures on the higher numbers before he 'strutted his little hour upon the stage' of ringing, on which he has up to now contributed not an atom of interest. His record is 'nil.' It is the stock-in-trade of the highbrow to belittle the intelligence of his opponent, thinking thereby to embarrass him. It usually succeeds, but it won't go down with me. Mr. E. S. Powell's opinions would be worth more if he were a man of deeds—not words.

I and those who think with me understand the Minor question well enough. We understand, also, the tactics of the Methods Committee. There is no 'problem' for the ringer. The peal columns show that he does not want false peals, but there is a problem for the committee—how to dump the spurious compositions on the Exercise via the Central Council.

Mr. E. S. Powell's latest card of 'playing to the gallery' has been worn threadbare. To assert that 'a peal of Minor is in one piece, not seven,' is mere eyewash, and does not make the assertion true, as he will find who rings seven methods, Plain and Treble Bob.

The committee are in the last ditch, and they know it. Had they rejected the Cambridge Minor at first, it would not have brought trouble in its train. Having accepted it (for personal reasons), when the false Grand sire Doubles came along they had to be swallowed also, then the Treble Bob. It is now sink or swim, and I hope they will sink. I am glad to see that Mr. S. H. Wood has the courage of his opinions, and, whether for or against, I hope he will not allow himself to be either roped or doped by the opposition.

December 2nd, 1932.

W. WILLSON.

'STOP TAMPERING WITH 720's.'

Dear Sir,—Much has been written regarding this question, which has been in the limelight for several years. As you can only get 720 changes on six bells, do not let us tamper with our 720 any more than we should with our complete 5,040. Let us have our rounds to signify the prelude to the peal, then let us have 720 different changes ending with rounds, each complete 720, and after seven of these we can end the final 720 with the usual few rounds, to mark the close of a peal on six bells. Ring what you like in each 720 so long as no falseness occurs, but anything of a freak nature should be ruled out as foreign to the constitution.

The Rev. E. S. Powell says the average member of the Central Council is quite out of touch with the problems of the six-bell ringer. Such a statement is utter rubbish, and can be disregarded in the same way as most of his statements are regarded, viz., worthless from the practical point of view. If we look at the names of those who get elected to the Central Council we find them mostly men of great practical experience on six to twelve bells, and, after all, this is the right type of ringer that is required.

This six-bell question has been a sore for over 50 years, and it should be settled by stopping any more tampering with any 720 in any peal, therefore let us keep our seven 720's true and resolve not to be led away by sets, rows or anything else that tends to side-track the issue.

W. SHEPHERD.

TRUE CHANGES.

Dear Sir,—By stating that I bluntly contradicted myself, 'Adsum' shows himself to be 'one who knows,' and therefore not seeking enlightenment, but an opportunity to show his superior knowledge. For the benefit, however, of those who have an honest doubt on the subject I will try to give as simply as possible my reasons for accepting the new facts, as given many times in letters from the Rev. E. S. Powell among others.

If I were to say that 'rounds' at the end of a 720 was not a change, where do the 720 changes come in? You would say that the rounds is a 'change,' being a change from the preceding row of 124365. Now, at the end of the first 720 in the Rev. E. Banks James' Cambridge, we find 134256. Well, that is a change from the preceding row, which is 143265, being a bob lead, and you will not find that change repeated in the 720, for although the bells struck in the order 134256 once before, the change was from 132465, being a plain lead, so that in one change a bell remained in fourth's while the bells in 2-3 and 5-6 changed places, and in the other a bell remained in second's, causing the others to change in 3-4 and 5-6. Therefore it must be a true change, thus making the 720 true.

In conclusion, I would remind 'Adsum' that the above, in one form and another, has appeared in print before, but like all other circulated knowledge it wants to be studied with an open mind—not narrow-mindedly, from a biased point of view—to grasp the facts it contains.

A. H. SMITH.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After Mr. Powell's very clear explanation of the difference between changes and rows, there is little to add on this matter. Perhaps one might point out that, while most of us roughly agree with Mr. W. Willson's statement: 'To the ringer, rows and changes mean the same thing in practice,' we can hardly do so unreservedly, because the 'practice' is not the same. In the one case it is practice on paper, in the other on bells.

Rows are 'static,' standing still; there they are, all together on the paper. Changes are 'dynamic,' moving, unfolded as we listen to the sounds of the bells unrolling themselves in the predestined order.

A change is not a row. It cannot even be represented by a single row. It takes two rows to represent a change, and then the change is not in either of them, but is the change from the one to the other.

Neither is a row a change. It does not even represent a change. We colloquially say that 213 is a change. This is not really correct. Before 213 we may have 123, or 231, resulting, obviously, in two different changes. Or, again, we may have either of these rows after 213. Therefore, to represent changes, you must always have one more row than there are changes. This is the idea of completeness which we employ to-day. It was not always so, as we shall see presently.

Before answering the question in Mr. W. Willson's puzzle, I will first take Mr. C. T. Coles' request for information as to what is 'a true and complete change.' The answer is that there is no such singular thing. The expression is always used in the plural.

Thus, '720 true and complete changes' meant the extent on six bells, together with a number of rounds as a proper beginning, and also a number of rounds as a proper ending. If the ringing had stopped with only one ringing of rounds, the 720 would not have been completed. I am told that the Woodbridge ringers in past days rang the extent on eight bells. It was achieved in 'parts,' a day at a time. Whether they rang 5,040 true and complete changes' each day, I do not know. I have heard it unkindly suggested that they began one day where they left off on the previous occasion.

In Aldeburgh tower there is a board recording seven true and complete 720's in seven methods. If these had been rung in the way we ring them to-day, the 720's would not have been recorded as complete. In order that there might be no doubt about the completeness of each extent, I am told the ringers took a walk, to show themselves about the town, in between each.

We can now take Mr. W. Willson's puzzle. His question is: 'If rounds is the first row, to what peal does the final row of rounds belong?' Of course, he is referring to the row of rounds which occurs once only between two extents. The answer is to either. You can please yourself to which extent you attribute it, either to the preceding or to the following; but you cannot put it to both. And which ever extent you deprive it of will be an incomplete one.

We have now, I think, reached the conclusion of the whole matter. If we want to go back to the former idea of completeness we can quite well do so, but to be consistent, and to make our ideas clear, we ought to make a rule that each 120, or each 720 must have at least two or three rounds after it. (Three, if the phase of the ringing is to be the same, as it usually is at present. Two rows of rounds only—or an even number—if the phase is to be changed.)

But it must be clearly understood that to do this is to go back to the ways and ideals of our forefathers. About it being a step backwards, there can be doubt whatever.

Or, on the other hand, we can go forward in the same direction as progress has so far been made. The first step was when the completeness of the extents was given up in order to run each extent into the following. As we have seen, this was done by ringing rounds, once only, between each extent. Other steps were those taken by Mr. Morris and Mr. Banks James. A further step is that indicated by Mr. C. T. Coles, when he invites us to treat rounds as no different from any other row, and being no more bound than they are to appear at regular intervals. The final step will be to drop all pretence of ringing 120's or 720's at all. In Minor, for instance, each row must be repeated seven and only seven times, none of which may be consecutive. This opens up a prospect of most difficult and interesting arrangements.

Which is it to be—forward or backward?

HERBERT DRAKE.

A DEVON ENTHUSIAST.

The death has occurred of Mr. James Lovering, who for over 45 years was a most enthusiastic member of the band at Ottery St. Mary, Devon. He was 68 years of age, and his remains were interred at East Barnet, Herts, on Saturday.

As a last token of respect his colleagues rang at Ottery St. Mary a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples with the bells half-muffled: J. Arbury (conductor) 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun., 2, C. Turner 3, F. Stuckey 4, J. H. Godfrey, sen., 5, E. Marks 6, W. G. Burrows 7, R. Wood 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, F. Case 3, A. N. Wood 4, E. C. Lambert 5, T. Roberts 6, R. Foddy 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7, also first quarter of Superlative for a Sunday service on the bells.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 47 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, P. E. Jones 3, C. E. Nicholls (first in the method 'inside') 4, E. Hancox 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, E. G. Swift 7, W. S. Childs 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On November 27th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. J. Bowden 3, N. Tomlinson 4, G. Plator 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Advent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): A. Butler 1, A. E. Newman 2, H. Payne 3, N. Curtis 4, R. Brown 5, H. Reeves 6, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 7, J. L. Hayward 8. This was the first quarter-peal of Bob Major by an entirely local band.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 27th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: F. Harris (first 720) 1, G. Tempro (first 720 away from treble) 2, J. Cooper, sen., 3, V. Darvill 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Watts 1, P. Green (conductor) 2, A. G. Bartholomew 3, Miss W. Linn 4, P. Felton 5, H. Pennack 6, G. Green 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church. This musical touch contains 4-5-6 extent in 4-5-6, and 2nd and 3rd extent at home in 2-3.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes) for evening service: J. J. Turner 1, H. Day 2, K. G. Sheldon 3, E. F. Gobey (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 4, F. F. Hill 5, T. Stimpson 6, F. W. Hill 7, A. Hutchinson 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on St. Leonard's Day, Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Swan 1, W. Bidnell 2, W. Flisher 3, W. J. Bidnell (conductor) 4, W. Fright 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. Amos 7, A. Swan 8.

THE DEVON GUILD.**AYLESBURY DEANERY BRANCH.**

There was a large attendance at the very enjoyable annual meeting of the Aylesbury Deanery Branch, held at Whimple on Saturday. The Rector (Rev. E. A. Jullian), who is chairman of the branch, read the service. The Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Brampford Speke, preached from the text, 'Make Disciples,' and went on to plead for missionary work among towers outside the Guild, for continual advancement in method ringing among change ringers, and for the better service of the church and all that it stands for. Tea was served in the Victory Hall to some 57 members and friends. The Rector, presiding over the subsequent business meeting, said what great pleasure it gave him to welcome the branch to his church, and also to see some of the deanery clergy present.

The President (the Rev. E. S. Powell) spoke of the life and work of the late Mr. Frank Davey for the Guild and for the branch, and those present stood for a moment in silent thought of him.

The Rev. E. A. Jullian was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mrs. E. S. Powell hon. secretary and treasurer. The Rev. Dr. Keene, of Honiton Clyst, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. Alfred Taylor, of Topsham, an associate member.

The next meeting was fixed for February 25th at Withycombe Raleigh. Ringing was carried on during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

NOTICES.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

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LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow at the Cadena Café, Wine Street. The bells of St. Michael's will be rung half-muffled during the evening in memory of the late vice-president.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester St. Peter's on Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m.—James R. Sparling, Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The last meeting of the year will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please make this meeting a success. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., when the Rev. A. Parkinson will dedicate the Haigh Memorial and Association Library. Tea will be provided for those who notify hon. secretary. All ringers and friends of the late Herbert Haigh are invited, and a good attendance is requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea after. All will be heartily welcomed. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Rushmere on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Garland at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington (Norfolk) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Cordial invitation to visitors. Very good bus service from town passes the church. Special methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Somersham, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 3.30. Service 4.30. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and meeting after service at Harris' Restaurant, Corporation Street (Bath Place entrance). —P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1/6) to members. — R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, December 10th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Applications for tea must reach the Hon. Sec. by Friday, December 9th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, Leics.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Next meeting at Banstead on Dec. 10th (both Epsom towers being unobtainable). Tower open at 3 and tea at the Victoria at 5 p.m.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

JUBILEE DINNER OF THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, at 6.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Stoke (8), Hanley (10), Burslem (6), Bucknall (6). Service in Stoke Church at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Monday, Dec. 12th. All ringers cordially invited.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Barnwood Church on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know not later than Dec. 15th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringers, please meet at Holy Trinity at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute 5 p.m., and please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. Ignatius' after tea. A good attendance requested, and all ringers are welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Hailgate, Howden, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, nearby, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. C. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. Just make a real effort to attend and make the meeting 'go.' Methods for special practice: Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, also a special meeting at Weedon (6) Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Dec. 12th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

NASH, MON.—The peal of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co. will be re-opened at a special service on Sunday, December 18th, at 2.45 p.m.

BARKBY, LEICS.—Ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough; special re-opening service on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, SWINDON.—The dedication of the new treble to complete the ring of 6 by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place by the Rev. Canon A. C. Ross on Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Monday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Bells (10) available during the afternoon. Service in St. John's Church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, 3s. each, available from the district officers and committee and Mr. C. T. Coles (N. and E. District). Please book the date.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

MRS. H. W. WILDE and family wish to thank all ringing friends for the kind sympathy shown during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of a dear husband and kind father.—Belgrave, Pulford.

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BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. M. Child (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, H. R. Bennett 2, E. Hendly 3, S. H. Andrews 4, A. G. Rose 5, H. R. Mitchell 6, Miss M. White (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Rung on the dedication festival, also as a birthday compliment to the sister of the conductor.



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