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A NOTE OF WARNING.

Occasionally there comes to the public ear a note which warns us as ringers to be watchful lest we be taken un-awares, and rights and privileges are so impaired as to do permanent injury to our art. From time to time there flares up in this or that district an outcry against the ringing of church bells. Usually the objectors are few, and the volume of their 'noise,' ventilated through the Press, is in inverse ratio to their numbers. Generally speaking, also, if the complaints concern ringing which has been only reasonable in amount, the objections eventually fizzle out, especially if the objectors are left severely alone. Sometimes it happens that an incumbent, anxious to pacify a few voluble or tiresome parishioners, will give way needlessly to their demands for the silencing of the bells without considering the wishes of the vast majority, and in this way towers have been closed. The policy is a mistaken one. As long as the bells are used for the purpose for which they are intended and facilities given to ringers to practise are within reason, an incumbent is justified in resisting the attempts of a few dissenters to stop the ringing. When he fails to do so it is, more often than not, only because he seeks what he thinks is the easiest way out for himself.

But sometimes the menace may be of a different character. Recently the Commissioners of Crown Lands have sold a plot of land in a parish in Kent on which a Roman Catholic Church is being erected, and it has been made a condition that no bell is to be placed on any part of the premises. The church authorities have protested against the ban, and the question has been raised in Parliament, but without any effect at present. An explanation has been given that the condition has been made in order to preserve the peace of the residents on the estate. Apparently a bell has been allowed in the church 'of another denomination.' We say nothing about the discrimination which seems to have been made; nor does it matter very much to the Exercise whether a new church in one of London's ever-expanding suburbs has a bell or not, but we must be on our guard lest this kind of thing becomes the thin end of the wedge. A department of the Government has declined to permit the use of the bell for the services of a church; animated by the same spirit it might conceivably attempt to stop the ringing of all church bells by an unsuspected clause in a Bill or one of those departmental orders by which we seem to be extensively governed in these days.

For every serious objector to church bells there are a hundred people who like to hear them when properly rung and rung within reason. Those who dislike them are

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usually those who neglect the call to worship, who do not hesitate to make other people's Sundays hideous by swelling the tide of noisy motor traffic through the quiet towns and villages. Some of them need a reminder of the Sabbath. We cannot refrain from quoting the 'Irish Times,' which, in a leader on the Commissioners' action, said, 'It may be that the Commissioners hold that the place already is too well provided with church bells and are striking a blow in the campaign for the abatement of noise. Their action, in that case, is not only invidious, but unintelligent and short-sighted. England and Ireland would be well rid of a multitude of noises, such as the thundering lorry and the midnight motor horn, which echo man's feverish obsession with the world. Now more than ever the one public noise that lifts his thoughts from earth to heaven—the sound of the church-going bell—ought to be precious in his ears. The church bell, whether it sounds from a Protestant or Roman Catholic steeple, is a contact with eternity.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 1	Treble	FRANK BELSEY 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 2		WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
GEORGE KENWARD 3		JOHN HAIGH 8
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 4		CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 9
WALTER BEAUMONT 5		ALFRED HAYLAR 10
Composed by G. HOLIFIELD Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.		

First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells and by all the band except G. Kenward. First peal as conductor on ten bells and first attempt.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES;

JOHN W. JONES 1	Treble	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS 2		WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*FRANCIS E. MAY 3		GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4		RICHARD WHITE 9
F. DONALD BOREHAM 5		CUTHBERT G. WHITE 10
Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.		

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

J. FREDERICK MILNER 1	Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2		ERNEST MORRIS 7
COLIN HARRISON 3		PERCY L. HARRISON 8
F. HORACE E. STUBBS 4		JAMES GEORGE 9
ALFRED BALLARD 5		STEPHEN H. WOOD 10
Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.		

This composition is on an original plan with 'tittums' and 'inverted home' positions, in blocks of alternate five courses. Mr. Hutchby has now rung each bell in this tower to peals.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	* WILLIAM TILLET ... 6
* HARRY R. ROPER ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 8
* HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
* WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 5	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. The conductor has now called peals on eight, ten, and twelve bells in seven different methods.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JAMES RAMFLEY ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 5
MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... Treble	NORMAN HEAPS ... 5
* JOSEPH HALL ... 2	† ERNEST SEDDON ... 6
THOMAS JONES ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
EDWARD MAWBY ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHRIS. GUDGEON.

* Fiftieth peal. † First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	* HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
HARRY LANGLEY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First touch in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS DORIS BLENOWE ... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... 2	JOHN P. PELLOE ... 6
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	* RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	HARRY KILBY ... 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
THOMAS LOCK ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
Rung on the 28th anniversary of the wedding day of Arthur Harding. First peal in the method as conductor.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

* ERNEST SWAIN ... Treble	JOHN WOODS ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	† RICHARD RAINFORD ... 6
* NICHOLAS NEWBY ... 3	* WILLIAM S. BLEASDALE ... 7
THOMAS HANNAN ... 4	* GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal away from tenor.

CAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY NOBBS ... Treble	* ALAN D. STEEL ... 5
WILLIAM GAYES ... 2	HAROLD DEAN ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
JAMES A. MILNER ... 4	JACK WAUMSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. J. Waumsley to Miss M. Cotton. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. V. Rees, a service ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield.

PINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS ABBOTT ... Treble	CHARLES RICHARDSON ... 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... 2	HARRY PETTITT ... 6
* THOMAS GARLEY ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
ALBERT FLOWMAN ... 4	ALBERT BODDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Treble	EDWARD FOSTER ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
FREDERICK HOOPER ... 3	* ALFRED BARRATT ... 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 4	† PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* 50th peal. † 150th peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

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WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	†PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK 3	†JOHN POTTER 7
*MRS. MARY A. TONGE 4	WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal together. First peal rung by four fathers and four daughters. The visitors wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Potter for their hospitality after the peal.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK TARGET ... Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 5
*JOHN E. METCALF 2	*THOMAS J. SETTER 6
*FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
†FRANK LOOKER 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of the completion of the restoration of the tower.

CALDICOT, NONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES GREEDY ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
*GEORGE DAY 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	†HARRY BOLLOCK Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the association, who reached his 67th birthday during the week.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*STANLEY FISHER ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
STANLEY PYE 2	*HENRY NICHOLLS 6
†CHARLES W. BURTON 3	ERNEST MINGAY 7
AMBROSE MASON 4	GEORGE HAYWARD Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar and Mrs. C. B. Howard Knight, on the 38th anniversary of the opening of the original six bells; also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Burton, of Kelvedon, sister of the ringer of the 3rd, and Mr. Percy Green, of Great Barrow.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN C. PERKINS ... Treble	*FRANK SADLER 5
*FREDERICK NURDEN 2	*RALPH HARRIS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	*JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Surprise Major by the branch, and rung as the branch quarterly peal. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	TONY PRICE 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
DANIEL COOPER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of their wedding.

CHURCH, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
JAMES PARR 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
*JOSEPH RILEY 3	WILLIE AARON 7
FRED COCKSHOTT 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. AARON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. All are service ringers at the above church.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
JAMES BRITS 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
*KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLANCHALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS ... Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of London Surprise as conductor. This peal was rung on the fortieth anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise by the Guild, which was rung on these bells on Saturday, December 10th, 1892, conducted by John Evans. F. G. Biggs rang the same bell in both peals.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ALLEN WEATHERLY ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 5
G. HARRY MYERS 2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 6
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 4	GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight bells. The quickest peal rung on these bells. Rung as a quarterly peal for the South-West Branch.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael on Thursday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, H. Wacey 3, P. Bird (conductor) 4, H. A. Wacey 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 6
JOHN W. LAKE ... 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 7
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
*F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 2	THOMAS WALLWORK ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 7
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. PIKE ... Treble	P. JONES ... 5
A. MARTIN ... 2	C. DAVIES ... 6
G. CORKE ... 3	A. E. SLATTER ... 7
REV. F. A. OSWELL ... 4	S. LOVE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Specially arranged for the Rev. F. A. Oswell, and as a birthday peal for the ringer of the 5th.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	† JAMES WOODYATT ... 5
* REGINALD ROWE ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL TANSSELL.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal on eight 'inside.'

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF ORIGINAL MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Treble	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	WILLIAM SEELEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county, and the second yet rung. This composition contains the 120 course-ends three times, each with the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place. It also contains the maximum number of calls yet rung in a peal, viz., 825.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Monday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, N. Leo 4, J. Jackson 5, G. Crowdy 6, F. Hodge (longest length as conductor) 7, T. Broadbent 8. Longest length by all except 3rd and 7th ringers. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY RUSHTON ... Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 2	ERNEST SEDDON ... 6
EDWARD F. MAWBY ... 3	CHARLES OLLIER ... 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

Conducted by C. OLLIER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mawby, and also to Miss V. Smith on her twenty-first birthday. First peal in the method rung at this church by a local band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	HERBERT FULCHER ... 5
SELIM GOODSWEN ... 2	CHARLES LOOME ... 6
FREDERICK ROOPE ... 3	TOWNSEND ADCOCK ... 7
WILLIAM FLATT ... 4	RUSSELL RICHES ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
* MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 3	* EDGAR HANCOX ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE WINES ... Treble	HARRY PAGE ... 5
WILFRED PALMER ... 2	FREDERICK LASSURY ... 6
JOSEPH LOVETT ... 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... 7
HERBERT DAVIES ... 4	TOM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Also first peal in the method by an entirely local band for the association. 50th peal together by ringers of 5, 7 and tenor. All are Sunday service ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
JOHN COOK ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
THOMAS ADAMS ... 3	WILLIAM STANFORD ... 7
PETER CHARMAN ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the Misses Lilian and Doris Smith, twin sisters of the ringer of the fifth, who came of age on December 21st. Also rung for W. Stanford's twin sons, Basil and George, who were 18 on December 13th, and Miss Nellie Stanford, aged 13 on December 17th.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on the back eight, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. George Fisher, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 53 mins.; T. W. Hammond 1, H. Gorringer 2, J. Martin 3, E. C. Birkett 4, E. Caunce 5, J. Ridyard 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, A. Lintott 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CHARLES FIELD Treble	ERNEST TOSSELL 4
*JACK PARKER 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
*FRED GREGORY 3	*CHARLES BUSH Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY TOSSELL.

* First peal and first attempt.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

CHARLES COX Treble	ERNEST COX 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
ARTHUR ALFORD 3	ALFRED T. POULTON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK WEST Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS 4
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	WILLIAM E. REDRUP 5
EDWARD C. AYRES 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal of London by all the band.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BAILEY Treble	BERT JONES 4
LESLIE BARRY 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD 5
WILLIAM JONES 3	WILLIAM MILLS Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROOD BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY RIDDIFORD Treble	THOMAS BAILEY 4
LESLIE BARRY 2	*CECIL HAWES 5
LOUIS MERRITT 3	ARTHUR STOPFORD Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT T. SIMPSON Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
*ROBERT JEFF 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung to commemorate the forty-first anniversary of the installation of the bells.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal in seven methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Swann, wife of the conductor.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
HAROLD V. COOPER 2	JOHN LLOYD 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	JOHN BASS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung for the 101st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

R. AITHERTON Treble	F. READ 4
A. HUTCHINSON 2	A. YATES 5
*F. CARR 3	R. BALDERSTONE Tenor

Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal. Rung for the 27th anniversary of the bells. First peal on the bells by a local band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

THOMAS S. ASTBURY Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

Mr. R. T. Holding's 150th peal, and his first peal of Bob Minor. He has now rung peals of Plain Bob Minor, Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty 120's, six 240's of Pitman's and five 240's of Morris', each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

LEWIS JONES Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	ALFRED GOODING 5
WILLIAM EVANS 3	TREVOR JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a compliment to H. T. Chandler, of H.M.S. 'Glorious,' and W. Richards, both recently married at the above church.

BASINGSTOKE.—On All Saints' Day, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Ballard 1, E. Munday (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, Mrs. M. R. Cross 3, F. Wilson 4, E. Austin (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6, H. Wooding 7, J. Chesterman 8.

BERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 4
CHARLES YOUNG Tenor	

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal on the bells.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY PERRINS Treble	JOHN BASS 4
HERBERT QUARRY 2	PERCY RICHARDS 5
SIDNEY THOMPSON 3	*WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

* First peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

OWEN NEWSON Tenor	WILLIAM SMITH 4
ARTHUR E. SMITH 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ROY A. WOODARD 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by J. H. BEALE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung on the 10th anniversary of the induction to the Vicarate of Wolvey of the Rev. Stanley Morris, B.A. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes

AT 18, WESTBERE ROAD, HAMPSTEAD,

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

*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire—C. W. WOOLLEY. Witness—Mrs. E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. BRIGHT, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 1-2	WILLIAM CHALK ... 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4	ERNEST BRIGHT ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To all our readers we extend hearty greetings and good wishes for Christmas.

We are asked to state, for the benefit of visitors to St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on Tuesdays (7.30 to 9 p.m.), that the Vicar thinks it advisable to put out the lights in the church and lock the doors shortly after 8 p.m. in order to avoid any damage or loss to church property.

The long peal attempts to be made during the forthcoming holidays are a reminder that Christmas has been a favourite time for such performances. Past Boxing Days have seen the achievement of 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley, Sussex (1894), 9,728 Superlative at Clent (1910), 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston (1901), 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham (1901), 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow (1923), and 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland (1831).

Notable long lengths rung on December 27th have been 10,176 Double Oxford Major at Brierley Hill (1909) and 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston (1904).

BAN ON CHURCH BELL.

EXPLANATION IN PARLIAMENT.

The Commissioners of Crown Lands have put a ban on a bell at the new Roman Catholic Church at Mottingham, Kent. They sold the site for the church and inserted a stipulation in the contract that 'no church or other bell or bells shall be placed on any part of the premises.'

The matter was raised in the House of Commons last week, when Major Elliot, the Minister of Agriculture, in reply to a question from Captain Hope, said that the restriction was only imposed in the interest of neighbouring houses, and it was expressly agreed before the purchase of the site on which the church is built.

Although a church of another denomination within a quarter of a mile uses a bell, Major Elliot added that there was no question of religious toleration or discrimination. It was purely in the interests of neighbouring houses.

Major Elliot declined at present to receive a deputation from Roman Catholics in the district.

A LEGAL OPINION.

A writer in the November issue of 'The Estate Magazine,' sought the opinion of the Legal Editor on the subject of church bellringing. It will be noticed that he complains of 'a bell,' and goes on to say that what he objects to is not reasonable ringing before services, but 'practice' and 'bell ringing competitions.' There seems something wrong here. If there is only one bell the ringing of it would not seem to need much practice, neither, should be think, are there many 'competitions' on it. But there it is, so let the letter and the reply of the Legal Editor speak for themselves:—

Sir,—The village church is situated about 100 yards from my house, and has a bell with a loud and penetrating note. When the bell is rung, it is practically impossible for occupants of bedrooms facing the church to sleep at all.

I should be glad of any information as to any legal protection I might have from this nuisance, and by nuisance I do not mean reasonable ringing before services, but for 'practice,' 'bell ringing competitions,' etc.

Would the District Council have any jurisdiction over the activities of 'bellringers'?

Here is the reply: 'This is not a matter over which the District Council has any jurisdiction whatever. The only possible thing to be done (apart from coming to terms with the incumbent) is to endeavour to obtain an injunction to restrain the undue and unreasonable uses of the bells, but if the user is the same as it has always been and you happen to be a newcomer into the village, the chances of obtaining any satisfaction by that means are rather remote, we fear.'

SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Low Moor, Bradford, celebrated their silver wedding on Tuesday. They were married at St. David's Church, Glanadda, Bangor, by the late Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., Cantab, and were the first couple to be married at this church.

Mrs. Hughes is the daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, of Roberts St. Herail, Bangor, and Mr. Hughes, a native of Smethwick, Birmingham, is the eldest son of the late Mr. Joseph Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, who now reside in Rochdale, Lancs. Mr. Hughes commenced work for the old L.N.W. Railway at Bangor in 1903, and was transferred to Rhyl after the war. After spending eight years in Rhyl, Mr. Hughes was again moved, to Bradford, where he holds the position of works inspector in the engineering section of the L.M.S. Railway.

Mr. Hughes learnt to pull a bell on the old peal at Smethwick, and was a member of the first regular Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He is now an hon. member of Bradford Cathedral band.

BOSTON BELLS.

COMPLETION OF A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.

With a deeply impressive service of thanksgiving, the restored tower and recast bells at the famous church of St. Botolph, Boston, Lines, were dedicated on Saturday evening, and the occasion was made the more historic by the fact that not only were the people of these islands able by means of wireless to share in the proceedings, but listeners in America were also able to hear the ceremony. The dedication, therefore, was not only parochial and national, it was international in character, just as the work of restoration itself had been shared by people on both sides of the Atlantic. Indeed, it has been largely owing to the generosity of the inhabitants of the daughter city in Massachusetts, U.S.A., that the completion of the extensive work necessary to the roof of the church and the tower has been made possible.

The magnificent church is one of the finest pieces of ecclesiastical architecture in this country, and, indeed, in the world. It is grandly imposing from its size and appearance of strength, and also sufficiently ornamented for architectural effect, while six centuries have given it a charm that time alone can bring. St. Botolph established the first church on this site, where he founded a monastery, and died in the year 655. The settlement was destroyed in the Danish invasion of 870, but was re-established, and the monks erected a small stone church to replace the original building, which was probably of wood. The present church was begun in 1309. Whilst the fervour excited by the preaching of the friars was still felt, and when the prosperity of the town was at its height, the pious gratitude of the inhabitants led them to plan a building worthy of their faith, the foundation stone being laid by Dame Margery Tilney (whose recumbent effigy still surmounts her tomb in the church), assisted by Richard Stephenson, merchant, and John Truesdale, the Rector, who, according to the old records, each gave five pounds sterling.

This new church originally consisted of nave and aisles, each of seven bays, with fourteen clerestory windows on each side of the nave, and chancel of three bays, with south porch flanked by two chapels—one on the east (now destroyed) and one on the west—all in the decorated style.

THE TOWER.

The tower was built in the perpendicular period, the two turrets, which had formerly flanked the west front, being retained as stair turrets, and the west window altered to form an arch opening into the new tower. In the same period the chancel was lengthened by the addition of two bays, and finally the whole structure was crowned by the erection of the beautiful octagonal lantern on the top of the square tower, about the year 1460, so that the whole edifice took about 150 years to build. The tower rises in stately grandeur to a height of 272½ feet, and stands in the front rank of examples of gothic art. It is divided into four storeys, the bells hanging in the third, with the ringing chamber immediately beneath and over the groined ceiling, which is 156 feet above the floor. The interior of the church gives a remarkable sense of vastness, with its exceptionally wide aisles and the twelve slender and widely-spaced pillars which support the roof. In the chancel are 64 ancient stalls, which, with the miserere seats, carved with many quaint designs, date from about 1390, and form the second largest and one of the most interesting collections in the kingdom.

A few years ago it was found that there was scarcely a sound piece of timber left in the whole of the roof of the nave beyond the main tie beams. This condition had been brought about in the first place by the wood beetle, secondly by the continued leakages of rain water through the lead covering, and partly as the result of a fire in 1803. The tower walls had been cracked for a number of years, and at some recent time a strong iron band had been fixed round the gallery, while, in addition, strong iron cramps had been introduced. The movement of the tower walls had, however, gone on in spite of these precautions, with the result that the cramps had split the stones into which they were embedded, thus forming two additional cracks.

THE BELLS.

Courageously the whole town of Boston set about the preservation of its priceless possession, and in little over six months £10,000 was given or promised. Then the Bostonians of America took up the cause, and with their help the vast scheme of restoration has been carried to a successful conclusion. The scheme has included the recasting of the old bells. Formerly there was an old and mixed peal of eight, with four extra clock bells, cast in 1896 from the small bells, which formed the carillon which used to hang in the tower. Ringing was carried on under difficult conditions. The groined roof of the tower protruded into the ringing chamber, and the ringers, standing in the 'gutter' between the dome and walls, could see only the heads of

each other. They were close under the bells, with deafening results. The authorities were dubious about raising the level of the bells, and various schemes were suggested, even to putting the ringers above the bells and ringing the latter by an additional set of wheels. This, of course, proved an impracticable course, experiment showing that, apart from other difficulties, it was impossible efficiently to take up the slack rope from the back stroke. The late Rev. H. Law James (then Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) were called into consultation, and the latter was able to put forward a convincing scheme, upon which the hanging of the bells has been based, so that not only have the ringing arrangements been vastly improved, but the bells have actually been placed several feet higher in the tower, with greater safety to the structure. The old ringing eight have been recast into ten and rehung in a new iron and steel frame, with, of course, entirely modern fittings. The frame stands on a concrete floor, which helps to strengthen the structure. The stresses on the fabric have been materially reduced, the ringers, with their floor four feet higher than before, more head room, and an additional ceiling between them and the bells, can ring with far less labour and much greater comfort, and the people of Boston have an infinitely finer peal. This part of the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in a manner which adds still further to their world-wide reputation. The four clock bells have been recast, and these four quarter jacks are now in perfect harmony with the ringing peal.

The origin of the old ring of eight will be largely gathered from the inscriptions which have been reproduced on the recast bells. Thus it will be seen that Messrs. Taylor and Co. renew the firm's connection with this famous tower, for in 1758 Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, cast one of the bells for St. Botolph's. It was from this foundry that Joseph Eayre, a brother, migrated to St. Neots, there to set up a business to which, about 1786, Robert Taylor, the first of the line of bell founders, succeeded.

The new tenor, a descendant of one cast in 1657, bears an inscription on one side, surmounted by a Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, cast on shields, indicating the part played in the restoration by the Bostonians of Massachusetts. The connection between the ancient town on the banks of the Wash and the American city is not in name only; they are linked up through the Pilgrim Fathers. John Cotton was Vicar of Boston from 1612 to 1633. Then, owing to doctrinal differences, he and many of his flock were forced to flee the country and, emigrating to America, settled at a village known as Trimountain. The name was changed, and the settlement has grown into the great city of Boston, Mass., where, curiously enough, greater efforts have been made to establish the English form of bellringing than anywhere else in the United States.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The two smallest of the recast bells have 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough,' on the inscription band. On the waist of the treble is inscribed:—

'Play Uppe, Play Uppe,
O Boston Bells.'

And on the 2nd:—

'Ring out the False,
Ring in the True.'

On the back eight have been faithfully reproduced the inscriptions of the old bells, and all except the tenor bear the founder's mark. The inscriptions are as follow:—

3rd.—G. Byron, W. Bowsfield, H. Ingram, Ch. Wardens. T. Osborn, fecit J785. Recast 1899. Again Recast 1932.

4th.—H. Ingram, G. Byron, W. Bowsfield, Ch. Wardens. T. Osborn, fecit J785.

5th.—1772.

6th.—John Gamble, Edward Bell, John Iessop, Chvrchwardens, 1710.

7th.—All glory bee to God on high G+O 1657.

8th.—Ino Calthrop: Vicar. Ino Linton: Lecturer. Robt Wilby: Mayor. Thos Hardwick: Saml Obbinson & Ino Scrimsher: C=Ws. (Just below inscription band): Thos Eayre: Pyrotechnus, de, Kettering, fecit: 1758.

9th.—John Calthrop, Vicar. Thomas Cheyney, John Betts, John Lowe, Church=wardens, 1772. (On waist of bell): Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound.

Tenor (21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.).—On waist of bell:—
G. B. BLENKIN, M.A., VICAR, 1867.

ME FUDDIT.

A. L. J. VANAERSCHODT MAJOR, SUCCESSOR A. L. VANDENGHEYN LOVANI, MDCCCLXVII.

ALL MEN THAT HEARE MY MOVRNEFULL SOVND
REPENT BEFORE YOV LIE IN GROVND.

JAMES PRESTON
ANTHONY BUTLER } WARDENS.
JOHN LETSHAM
1657.

RECAST 1932 BY JOHN TAYLOR & CO., LOUGHBOROUGH.
On opposite side of Bell:—

(An emblem of the Union
Jack and the Stars and Stripes.)
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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT TREASURER ORDAINED AS CURATE.

A highly successful and enjoyable meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and various methods were rung until a halt was called for tea, which was held at a nearby 'Lyons.' On returning to the tower, a short business meeting was held, and the usual routine carried through with a minimum of delay.

A letter from the district treasurer, Mr. P. D. Roberts, who has recently been ordained as curate to the parish of St. Clement's, Toxeth, Liverpool, was read. Mr. Roberts regretted that he would be compelled to resign his office, and it was resolved that the secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior) write to him, thanking him for his services and wishing him success in his ministry.

The secretary then announced that he had received an invitation from the Rev. J. A. Mayo to hold the district annual general meeting at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel. He (the secretary) had accepted this invitation, and the meeting confirmed his action. As is usually the case, the Rev. J. A. Mayo is generously providing tea.

The meeting will be held on January 7th, and it is hoped that it will be well supported. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks to Mr. A. Turner for having everything in readiness brought the meeting to a close, and further ringing took place. The attendance was very good, and the ringing reached a high standard.

Everybody was well catered for, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London. An attempt for Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was frustrated by the breaking of a rope. A meeting like this gives great encouragement to the secretary, and he hopes that the standard set up this year will be well maintained.

BOSTON BELLS—Continued from previous page.
THIS PEAL OF TEN BELLS WAS CAST
FROM THE FORMER PEAL OF EIGHT AT
THE JOINT EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE OF
BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A., AND BOSTON, Lincs.
ALLAN FORBES, CHAIRMAN, BOSTON, MASS.
JAMES TAIT, CHAIRMAN, BOSTON, Lincs.
A. M. COOK, M.A., VICAR.

1932.

On the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th is 'Recast 1932.'

THE DEDICATION.

The service of dedication was followed by one of the largest 'congregations' that has ever shared in such a ceremony. Not only was the great church packed to capacity, but the service was broadcast in this country on the Midland Regional wave length and also to America. While the early part of the service was proceeding a commentator described the restoration scheme, the steps taken to raise the money, and the scene in the church.

During the singing of a hymn a procession, including the clergy, choir and the Mayor of Boston, made its way to the tower, where Mr. James Tait, in whose Mayoralty in 1928 the scheme was launched, on behalf of the Restoration Committee and kinsmen across the Atlantic, who were with them, he said, in spirit at that moment, asked the Vicar to accept the completed work of the tower, of the light in the tower and the recast peal of bells. He did so with the earnest hope and prayer that the tower would stand for many a century, pointing their thoughts upward, that the light might shine over a contented and prosperous community, and that the bells pealing forth their sacred message might herald the age of peace and goodwill, not only in this country and America, but throughout the world. Earlier he had referred with very deep regret to the death of Canon Hutchinson, the former Vicar, whose heart was in the work, but who, like Dean Frye, who did so much for the restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, was not spared to see the consummation of his hopes.

Canon Cooke accepted with deep gratitude the trust placed in their hands. It was, he said, a great happiness that so many could share in that simple service of praise. For more than 500 years the noble tower had looked proudly over town and fen; its presence was part of their being. Boston knew it as a friend, and loved it. No longer now would it be silent, nor shrouded as the night crept on. That night far over the Fens the sound of the bells would be heard, and folk in lonely homes, peering through the darkness, would see its light. For many generations that old town would remember the generosity that had made it all possible. Ties of kinship would be more strongly welded and understanding grow. He prayed God that to all who in any way shared their worship that night there might come new dreams of peace and real hopes of far-flung good-will and resolves, God helping, to spread the love of Christ among men.

The Mayor of Boston made a brief speech and then switched on the light in the lantern far overhead. At the same moment the sound of the bells was heard, and they were rung in rounds for a few moments before Canon Cooke pronounced the dedicatory prayers. The procession returned to the chancel to the singing of another hymn, and at the conclusion of the service the magnificent peal was heard again, rung by the local ringers with some assistance from other members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A MONMOUTHSHIRE RING RESTORED.

The bells of Nash, Monmouthshire, which have been silent for six years, have recently been rebung in a new metal frame with entirely new fittings, and were rung for the first time on Sunday.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Dean of Monmouth (Dr. Phillips) who also gave an eloquent address, in the course of which he paid a fine tribute to the late Mr. Charles Jones, of Goldcliffe House, who in his will bequeathed money for the rehanging of the bells.

The five bells were taken to Loughborough Foundry, and the tenor, being cracked, has been recast. The new frame provides for one more bell, and there is reason to think that at no distant date it will be supplied. The bells have been cleaned and retuned and are now a very pretty ring. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and can only be described as excellent.

After the dedication service, members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

REV. H. LAW JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.

THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount already acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' £29 5s. 6d.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, £1 1s.; Mr. J. Flint, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. Holman, 5s.; Mr. H. Chapman, 4s.; Mr. Geo. Dent, 10s.; Mr. W. Perkins, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. E. Wilkins, £1 1s.; Sheffield Cathedral ringers (per S. F. Palmer), 10s. 6d.; Mr. R. W. Daniels, 5s.; Mr. Stafford H. Green, £1 1s.; Mr. A. H. Ward, £1; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 5s.; Mr. F. Wilford, 5s.; Tydd St. Mary's ringers (per Rev. R. W. Rudgard), £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, 10s.; Rev. A. G. Thurlow, 3s.; Mr. C. I. Davies, 5s.; Mr. J. F. Smallwood, 2s. 6d.; Mr. John Canis, 10s. 6d.; Ipswich St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers (per Mr. G. E. Symonds), 10s. 6d.; total, £39 8s. 6d.

In the last list Mr. A. Hague, 5s., should have read Mr. and Mrs. A. Hague, 5s.

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

ALDERSHOT RINGER KILLED.

RESULT OF MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

As the result of a collision between the motor-cycle he was riding and a stationary car, at Bentley, Hants, Mr. Mark Alfred George Downes, aged 26, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Downes, of Farnham, died on Tuesday of last week in Farnham Infirmary. On the previous evening Mr. Downes took part in a shooting match at Farnham, and afterwards went to the neighbouring parish of Seale for the weekly ringing practice. He then went to Bentley to visit his grandmother, and it was on his return that the accident happened. He sustained a compound fracture of the base of the skull.

Until a few months ago Mr. Downes was actively connected with the Scout movement, and was formerly a member of the choir at St. James' Church, Farnham. Two years ago he took up church bellringing, joining the band at Aldershot, where he learned to handle a rope, and had got on to the stage when he could ring Grandsire. He attended the Guild meetings, and was so keenly interested that he attended the practices at neighbouring towers.

An inquest has been opened and adjourned. The funeral took place on Saturday at Farnham, when the Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), District Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, hon. district secretary, Messrs. W. Denyer, W. Viggers, E. Gower (Aldershot) and E. Gardner (Seale). A wreath was sent by the Farnham District and the Aldershot band, and the bells at Aldershot and Seale were rung half-muffled.

BLIND CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Miss Mary Hayward, a blind woman living at Arlingham (Glos), has received messages of congratulation from the King and the National Institute for the Blind on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday. A special peal in her honour was rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

By an interesting coincidence, the National Institute recently received a legacy under the will of a blind woman of the same name, who left £200 to the Institute 'as a slight acknowledgment of the pleasure derived from their publications.'

DATE TOUCHES.

At Brasted, Kent, on Martinmas, for the Patronal Festival, a date touch of Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 1,212 Plain Bob: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, H. F. Ford 2, *P. Turley 3, *H. D. Ford 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, *F. Paige 6. * Longest length of Minor.

At Hatfield, Yorks, on Thursday, December 1st, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) was rung in 1 hour 10 mins.: H. Rodwell 1, W. Sleight 2, A. Ensor 3, D. England 4, C. H. Thorley 5, J. Thorley 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Rodwell 8. Ringers of 2, 5, 6 and 7 are from Thorne. The rest belong to the local band.

THE SEPTUAGENARIANS' PEAL.

THE CHURCH, THE BELLS AND THE TEAM.

'You young 'uns thinks you knows;
'Us old 'uns knows you don't.'

(Old Berkshire saying.)

In October last it was the writer's privilege to receive a kind invitation to take part in a peal attempt at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, with a band of what Mr. Challis Winney described as 'old fogies.' They endured Stedman Triples for 1 hour 40 mins. on November 12th, when the bells 'got out,' but, quite undaunted, they agreed to meet again for it on December 10th, when 'That's all' responded to their gallant efforts, as recorded in 'The Ringing World' last week.

St. Olave's Church is one of the few that survived the Great Fire of London in 1666, a small building standing at the corner of Hart Street and Seething Lane. It consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, with a western tower, organ chamber and vestry. You go down steps to enter it, and there the tombs of Samuel Pepys and his wife may be seen. As one looks round its dim interior one is carried back three centuries to the period of the plague, the fire and of Fabian Stedman.

I am hoping that some of the readers of 'The Ringing World' have also perused 'Pepys' Diary'—a memorial to the memory of the diarist was unveiled here in 1884—wherein he tells us of a Mr. Sted-



ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH, WHICH ESCAPED THE GREAT FIRE.

man, clerk of commissioners, residing in this district. Who can tell? It may be this refers to the real 'Fabian' the Exercise is most anxious to learn more about.

The bells were made an octave by the addition of two trebles in 1929, the Bishop of London, the Rector and Sir Chas. Wakefield being present at the dedication. Fortunately the old ring of six were preserved. They are dated 1662, and it may safely be assumed that our Stedman rang upon them at a time when so few of the city peals were ringable, waiting for Wren to rebuild the devastated towers. If any Cambridge 'Varsity change ringer can spare the time I would beg him to search the Pepys Library in Magdalene College, Cambridge, whilst the legal help of Mr. R. A. Daniel in searching for the records of the trial of the 'German Princess' may reveal the pedigree of the Stedman known by Pepys.

'A young man's pride is his strength:

An old man's glory his grey hairs.'

The team were called together after several 'old crocks' had declined the honour, quite by accident, only the allotted span—three score and ten—as mentioned in the Bible, being aimed at. As it proved afterwards by examination of their 'birth marks,' their total years as a band exceeded by a century the famous Leeds, Kent, company of 1781, who totalled 491 years. As it happened, too, all the men had rung a peal at least 50 years ago, and eight different societies were represented.

The peal having finished early, that is, by 7 p.m., the band were enabled to take tea together and spend an hour in 'reminiscing.' The chair was occupied by the conductor, and after he had F.E.D., the bill for the repast was settled by the 'boy' of the party by way of his footing.

We supped at Lyons, near the church, a long table being reserved for us, and there the staff of waitresses overran each other in at-

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5,760 ORIGINAL MAJOR.

A PEAL WITH 825 CALLS.

A peal of Original is a rare thing. Until last week only one peal of Major had been rung, a level 5,000 (called by the late Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield), and one peal of Triples (conducted by Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert) in 1926.

On Thursday week Mr. Hibbert called a peal of Original Major, a 5,760, composed by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. It contained 825 calls, the greatest number ever put into one peal. Here are the figures:—

123456	3	4	5	125436	3	4	5	6	132564
452316	—	—	—	432516	—	—	—		A. 165234
321546	—	—	—	521346	—	—	—		B. 153264
514236	—	—	—	314256	—	—	—		B. 136254
243156	—	—	—	245136	—	—	—		A. 152634
134526	—	S	—	163524	—	—	—		B. 123654
									A. 156324
A. 523416	—	—	—	B. 526314	—	—	—		B. 162354
431256	—	—	—	361254	—	—	—		B. 125364
215346	—	—	—	215634	—	—	—		
354126	—	—	—	653124	—	—	—		
125436	—	—	—	132564	—	—	—		

Repeat above, omitting bob at 6, gives 123564. Then repeat the whole twice.

Has the extent of 4-5-6 in 6th's place, and has 819 bobs and six singles.

If a bob 1 is called from the second course-end, the 36th course-end is brought up in two changes for 5,218.

If a single is called at 6 in 4th course, the 49th course-end is produced for 5,040.

Rung in full at Bushey, Herts, on Thursday, December 15th, conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY RESIGNING.

The last meeting of the year of the Southern District was held at Godstone on Saturday, December 10th, when about twenty members put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening from Buckland, Betchingley, Horley, Reigate, Limpsfield, Limpsfield Chart, Mersham, London, and the local band. A sumptuous tea was kindly provided by Mrs. G. Hoare at the Barn Tea Room. After tea a short business meeting was held, when Police Sergt. Hancock, of Godstone, was elected a member.

The next meeting, which is the annual meeting of the district, is to be held at Betchworth on January 28th.

The Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, who occupied the chair, informed the members that he regretted to say that their secretary was resigning, and he hoped that someone would come forward by the next meeting to replace Mr. Bull.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robert Hoare for his assistance in arranging the meeting, and Mrs. Hoare for her hospitality in providing the tea.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grand-sire Triples to Superlative Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The recent practice meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, held at Woodburn, although not exactly crowded out, was quite successful, touches being rung in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. The journeyings of one member round the county in his efforts to find the tower were rather too lengthy to be described in this report.

Adjourning to the Boscobel Tea Rooms, a pleasant surprise awaited the party. The building has been converted from its former use and now looks like a real bit of Old England, with oak beams, minstrels' gallery, holly and mistletoe complete.

After tea, Grandsire and Stedman Triples (and a few tunes) were rung on handbells, which were especially enjoyed by the staff, ensuring the ringers an invitation to come again. Some old friendships were revived, also a few new ones made, thus forwarding the art and still further strengthening the largest branch of the Guild.

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tending to the 'Nippy' wants of the eight stalwarts. The 'heavers' and the bald heads of the party resembled a British Museum committee of archaeologists; their happy smiling faces and gesticulating, animated conversation was good to see. Had they found the missing link, split the atom, or seen Stedman's ghost? No, they were simply glad to be alive, like the 128 old people entertained to tea and a concert at Barking the same evening by the Rotary Club, whose ages totalled 9,029 years, an average of 70½ years, whilst our own average was 74½ per man.

Our sincere thanks to the Rector, Prebendary Wellard, B.D., and the vergers (Mr. H. Willson) were duly conveyed by post. Here we would also state that Messrs. C. Kippen and R. Saunders, with their team of 'children,' greatly contributed to our effort by withdrawing their fixtures on the respective dates of our visits to St. Olave.

W. H. F.

THE 'OPEN LETTER' SEASON.

TO MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

My dear Friend,—I was thrilled to read your affectionate remembrances of me in to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and hasten to assure you of my continued regards. As you know, my dear Armiger, there is a bond of brotherly love, similar to that of David and Jonathan, between us. Ever since you, as a small boy in knickerbockers, taught the Exercise how to ring Bob Triples and Major, I have watched your progress. You have risen to be an Oracle, while the other Forty Thousand of us remained as Carlyle said—mostly fools. As this is the festive season, I must congratulate you on the dizzy heights to which you have climbed.

True, there are disgruntled persons who fail to be converted, but your vast brain will yet dominate them. Indeed, dear Armiger, there have been times when my poor insignificant self—as poor as a star beside the sun—has failed to assimilate your subtle wit and greatness, which makes me think that Shakespeare is lucky to be dead while you are around.

Yet there are one or two things my mind cannot grasp. Of course, I realise that it is totally eclipsed by your own (as, in fact, every other man's must be). One is, you made a slight slip in to-day's 'Ringing World.' You forgot to say that a peal that will not transpose true from any part is not a round block at all, and proves that a 5,040 of Treble Bob Minor cannot be taken 'as a whole.' It would have flooded your argument at the outset, would it not? But trust me, I won't tell a soul. Someone once said the same thing. Now, who was it? Oh, here it is. Well, I never! It is in your own dossier, which I always keep up to date. On September 30th last you wrote in 'The Ringing World': 'Neither the Methods Committee nor any of its members has put forward the argument that any 5,040 on six bells which contains all the 720 changes seven times—no matter in what order they are produced—has an equal claim to be called a peal as a 5,040 comprised of seven true 720's. Personally, I have always contradicted that opinion.' Great Scot, Armiger, you signed that letter! Don't worry if you are called a weathercock, and that you eat your words. Great minds like yours are privileged to change—when the moon is in the full; so you are in good company. That word 'tactics'—should it be 'tictacs'? for it is odds on you getting your way at the Central Council. Perhaps! I watched you at Salisbury, how you cleverly persuaded the president to allow you to make an 'explanation' after a defeat, and that ruse did the trick. What you lost on the swings you gained on the roundabouts. I admire you immensely, and at this season of good-will, here's to you and your colleagues, whoever they are, plenty of corn and wine, but if you are a vegetarian I strongly recommend carrots and thistles. There will now be an interval for refreshments. Cheerio, all the best.

December 16th, 1932.

W. WILLSON.

DOUBLES AND MINOR PEALS.

NEW METHODS BETTER THAN 'FREAK' COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having myself conducted a considerable number of peals of Doubles and Minor, I find myself in hearty agreement with Mr. W. Shepherd when he advocates that tampering with 720's should cease.

The 240's of Grandsire Doubles are not desired by the ringers of them, so much as by the men who quibble about the splitting of straws, and the men who call these freaks. Their introduction has given us the abomination of 'a peal of Grandsire Doubles, being twelve 240's of Pitman's and nine 240's of Morris'!! I consider this a thoroughly retrograde step to calling the standard ten callings. It is much inferior to the calling of 42 six-scores differently with extremes of half a century ago, and even worse than calling two three-part 120's over 21 times. If a band has rung the ten callings they should advance to learning Minor, or, if their bells go too heavy, to other methods of Doubles. And why not a peal of Stedman Doubles with ten callings?

A conductor, whether on six or twelve bells, has a duty to the band who rings with him, and should not conduct things which cast a reflection on his ringers and himself.

If a band has rung 720's of Oxford Treble Bob the conductor should advance to other higher methods instead of tampering with 720's.

And if they can ring Cambridge Minor, why mutilate this instead of learning other Surprise methods to ring with it?

There are now more Minor methods available for six-bell bands to learn than almost any band can ever hope to master, and it is better to learn to ring 720's in new methods than to waste time on freaks.

I must plead guilty to having once conducted a Morris 240, but I considered it then, as I do now, only a freak.

After this discussion, is it too much to ask that conductors will, during 1933, refrain from calling these things, but, instead, call things of merit which will cast no reflection on their ringers or themselves?

We all know that things are often passed at meetings to suit persons who have previously 'quered the pitch,' and others who have the longest tongues and the most domineering manner. They are not always decided by the rights and wrongs of the case.

And the great majority of practical ringers who actually do the ringing have little use for quibbles about 'rows' and changes. But they do know when they have rung an honest 120 or 720 starting from and ending with rounds. Ring out the false, ring in the true.

A COUNTRY RINGER.

KEEP THE 720's TRUE.

Dear Sir,—I am not sure whether the last phrase, 'those who think with him,' in the second paragraph of Mr. Joyce's letter, refers to me or not, but, if so, may I say at once that I can never hope to reach so high a standard in Minor ringing as he has attained? The most that I can do is ring the 48 Surprise methods—with a scramble—about two-thirds of the remainder, and perhaps twenty or thirty others which are not in the Collection, including five or six in the Double Surprise class. But, unlike Mr. Joyce, I am afraid I should have to refer to figures, although I think about thirty seconds would be ample time for me. Then as to conducting, I think I could call any of the extents given in the Collection and from any bell in any of the methods without letting my fellow-ringers down. As to multi-methods ringing, this is out of my class. Nevertheless, I understand a little about that—just sufficient to allow me to give Mr. Joyce, a few years ago, a hint or two how this splicing job was done—perhaps my brain has been plucked. Incidentally, this knowledge was gained upwards of thirty years ago, which I believe was before the late Rev. Law James brought this matter to the front.

As to Major ringing, I have done a bit. It is now about 34 years since I composed, rang and conducted my first peal. Since that time I have taken part in one or two others, one being the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise ever rung, and, like Mr. Joyce, none of the others have any terrors for me. Method construction and proof of same I know very little about, as I have only studied the question for about fifteen or sixteen years. Still, I have one or two rather decent methods, which I may, or not, be persuaded to publish at some future time. However, I think that I am equally as competent to express an opinion on these matters to Mr. Joyce, and I am all out for keeping peals of Minor true—that is, starting from and ending with rounds in each 720.

Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.

A CHRISTMAS PEAL.

Dear Sir,—No doubt, as peal ringers at this season of Yuletide, you'll tide us over this Yuletide season with a merry peal on a peal of bells.

For a peal on a peal of bells by the peal ringers will a-p-peal to most people, and many a peal of bells will peal forth a peal in some method or other by our peal ringers, in a message of peace and good-will, and we all hope good will come of it.

Some peals will contain the change called Queen's, 13572468; some may include the Titmuss change, 15263749; whilst others may have the Whittington's, 12753468.

But no matter how many changes are rung, or the number of times the bells change from one change to another change, the successful conclusion of the peal on the peal of bells by the peal ringers will be as far away as the wind which dried my first shirt, unless the orthodox, inevitable, usual, conventional (or any other old name you care to call it) rounds is rung as the last and final change.

The peal ringers of the peal will not accept it as a peal on the peal of bells, as it will not a-p-peal to them as a peal, and they will require the peal to be re-pealed.

Ring out the false.

Ring in the true.

Brockley, S.E.4.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

'REMARKABLE THEORY.'

Dear Sir,—Will your correspondent, 'Major Ringer,' kindly state when and where I advanced the remarkable theory that he has credited me with? When he has done this, and if he will give us his name, I am quite prepared to enter into a discussion with him as to whether he has correctly stated the number of leads and rows in a 720 of Cambridge Minor. For instance, what is the last row of his 30 heads of 24 rows each? And where does his 720th change occur?

C. T. COLES.

A BALLOT!

A correspondent signing himself 'Not Doped' writes that the trouble with several representatives of the Council is that they are too much inclined to use their own views instead of the views of those who send them. There is only one way, in his opinion, to settle the Minor and Doubles question, and get to know the views of the Exercise as a whole, and that is a vote of all members by ballot! Ye gods!

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you please announce that the spliced peal of Bob Major, Double Oxford and Double Norwich, rung at Erith, Kent, on May 14th, was false? Five leads of a full course in the Double Norwich were also included in the Double Oxford. Such an act of gross carelessness on my part is inexcusable. I can only ask the conductor and the ringers to accept an apology from me.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Wallington 1, A. C. Manning (conductor) 2, R. March 3, W. Hector 4, J. Chester 5, E. Measures 6, N. Bolton 7, W. Wallington 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 6 and 7, who hail from Kibworth.

GRANDSIRE CATERS RECORD.**NEXT TUESDAY'S ATTEMPT AT APPLETON.**

As already announced, an attempt is to be made at Warrham next Monday to ring the late Rev. H. Law James' 14,144 London Surprise Major, which is one lead more than the present record length.

On Tuesday, at Appleton, an endeavour will be made to ring a record length of Grandsire Caters, a peal of 16,271 changes, composed by Mr. G. Hollifield, sen. Here is the composition:—

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63452 87

(a) 35264 2.3.58.

25463 79

45362 79

53462 87

34562 87

54263 79

24365 79

43265 87

32465 87

42563 79

52364 79

23564 87

The last 12 courses repeated, calling (a) 87S., produces 25364.

* Produced by bobs at 1.3.4.

The part ends are:—

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MORE SUPPORT FOR DIOCESAN TITLE.**

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Peter's, Colchester, 24 towers being represented. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Burtin). Afterwards, in St. Peter's Hall, 58 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed the District Master, Mr. E. P. Duffield, presided. Seven ringing members and one hon. member were elected.

A long discussion took place on the subject of changing the name of the association, and Mr. Duffield proposed: 'That this meeting of the North-Eastern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'—This was unanimously agreed to.

Great Tey was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) to the Vicar, organist and those who organised the tea.

Ringling took place on the church bells both in the afternoon and evening.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT AT CRAYFORD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, December 3rd, and although the numbers were small the meeting was voted by everyone as very successful. Various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise, Duffield and Oxford Treble Bob.

The service was kindly conducted by the Rev. W. H. Andrews, who gave a most interesting address. Miss Church (Waltham Cross) presided at the organ.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher taking the chair. Mrs. E. J. Barnett (Crayford) was elected an hon. member, on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Miss C. Hovard.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in London about the end of February.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and for the service, to Miss Church for her services at the organ, and to Mr. E. Barnett for his great assistance in helping to make the meeting such an enjoyable one.

This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower to join the gentlemen in further ringing.

HALESWORTH SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

The bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Halesworth, Suffolk, held their annual meeting on Monday evening, December 5th, at the Church Rooms. The meeting was preceded by a capital hot repast served by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Took, to which full justice was done. The Rector (Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., Rural Dean of North Dunwich) presided, supported by Capt. H. C. Rush, R.N., vice-president, Mr. C. J. Goodwin, churchwarden, Mr. A. J. Orford, hon. member, Messrs. G. Pearl and F. Aldred (Church Council), Mr. F. C. Lambert, hon. secretary, Mr. A. H. Took, hon. treasurer, and the full strength of the Halesworth company, making a total of 21. Having given the only toast of the evening, that of 'His Majesty the King,' the Chairman, as president, welcomed the company, among whom were several new members, who have been learning under the guidance of the secretary and treasurer. He had been privileged, he said, to attend nearly all their meetings during his 15 years' incumbency, and he was glad to see young men taking up the art. He thanked them all for their loyal services.

The Secretary's report noted steady progress, and throughout the year ringing had been well maintained for all Sunday services, also for Christmas, New Year's Eve, the festivals, the King's birthday and the Armistice memorial service. Visiting hands of ringers during the year all spoke highly of the rehung bells, and a special peal of 5,040 changes in four methods had been rung on the bells of Wissett Church, which enabled three of their recruits to score their first peal.

The Treasurer reported an increased balance in hand of £1 9s. for the year, and both reports were adopted.

All the officers were re-elected. Five new members received certificates of membership, and two probationers were also accepted.

A social hour was spent with the handbells, etc., and a hearty vote of thanks to all subscribers and helpers brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEVON GUILD.**EXETER DISTRICT.**

At a meeting of the Exeter District of the Devon Guild, held at St. Thomas', Exeter, service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. B. Nicholls). At the business meeting which followed tea, certificates were presented by Mrs. A. W. Searle to two Bramford Speke men and one Thorverton lad who had passed the qualifying test. She specially complimented the latter (Master Ford), who is only 12½ years and the youngest member of the Guild.

Mr. W. Howe (hon. secretary and treasurer) submitted favourable report and accounts, and they were passed.

The chairmanship was relinquished, at his own wish, by Mr. A. W. Searle, and Mr. C. Glass (Heavitree) was chosen in his stead. Mr. Howe and Mr. W. Wills (assistant secretary) were re-elected. The Dean and Mayor of Exeter were elected hon. members.

A collection for the Mayor of Exeter's Unemployment Fund realised £3 0s. 1d.

Ides was provisionally fixed for the next meeting on February 11th.

Hearty thanks were passed to officers, to the Vicar, the deputy-organist (Mr. L. Wippell) and choir of St. Thomas', the incumbents for use of bells, the caterers, and lady helpers (Mesdames Howe and Goad) at the tea.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was made at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, November 26th, and lost after ringing 3 hours 5 mins., with over 5,000 changes completed. The band consisted entirely of local service ringers: R. Smith 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, M. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Wayman 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Had this attempt been successful it would have been the first peal of Surprise Major ever rung by an entirely local band for the Ely Diocesan Association. Yet for all this, some will say peals are 'cheap.' Except for the tenorman, this is the longest length of Surprise Major ever rung by the company.

A further attempt for the peal was made at St. Ives on December 10th, and lost after 2 hours 51 mins. The band have met five times for the peal, yet, after ringing for a total time of 10 hours 46 mins., they are still without success. They do not agree that Surprise peals are easily got.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

At East Hagbourne, Berks, for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White, on Monday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Balcombe 1, W. V. Webb 2, G. F. James 3, R. G. Rice 4, F. H. Abbott 5, J. Sawyer 6, A. H. Webb (conductor) 7, E. Sawyer 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor and by ringers of 5 and 8.

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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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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. 29th and the Coffee Pot on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.—The recast ring of thirteen bells (tenor 42½ cwt. in C), hung in new cast iron frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon

on Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 3 p.m. The bells will afterwards be available for visiting ringers from approximately 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea-Hurst, Staningley Road, Leeds, 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Church-Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1933. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. John's 4.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6), Southbroom, available for ringing afternoon and evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

PONTESBURY, SALOP.—Ring of 6 bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Special thanksgiving service Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 6.30. Preacher: The Venble. Archdeacon of Ludlow.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Low Bentham, on Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Prince, Low Bentham, near Lancaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to this meeting. A really good attendance is requested, but please notify.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The third annual dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Ringing at St. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 28th, a lecture on 'Bell Towers' will be given by E. H. Lewis, Esq., M.A., President of the Central Council, to which all ringers and others interested are invited. Full particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 12th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933, 6 p.m., at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; A. Walker, Birmingham; G. Nailor, Castle Cary; W. Yeend, Cheltenham; J. Austin, Gloucester; J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton; R. A. Post, Oxford; A. Prince, Bath; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; or from officials, stewards and tower representatives, Bristol Guilds. The Bishop of Malmesbury will attend, and All Saints' (City) (8 bells) will be available from 4.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., after a silence of 15 years. Other arrangements for afternoon will be announced in due course.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

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DUBLIN.—On Sunday, December 11th, at St. George's Church, Dublin, before the 14th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, W. Wilson (president, Irish Association) 2, G. G. Lindoff 3, W. Lynch 4, F. E. Dukes 5, J. Hutchinson, P.C., 6, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., 7, W. McGregor 8.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong on Sunday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Wooloff 1, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, N. Hobden 3, W. Hobden 4, J. Hobson 5, T. Norman 6, F. G. Woodiss 7, A. E. Ghesman 8. First quarter of Bob Major by the local band, and by all the ringers except 2, 7 and 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, A. Mason 2, C. W. Burton 3, C. Button 4, G. Hayward 5, H. Nicholls (first quarter-peal of Kent) 6, E. Mingay 7, F. Fludder 8. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. C. B. Howard Knight as Vicar of Feering on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—For evening service, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,220 changes), rung as a last token of respect to Francis Lister, formerly churchwarden and churchworker for upwards of 50 years: A. Trotter 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh 3, H. Foster 4, Mrs. F. Scayer 5, F. Scager 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, December 18th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Minor: G. Whybrow 1, F. C. Ginn 2, F. Gleaves 3, B. Wayman 4, R. Thoday 5, M. Ginn 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 8, covering. Also 288 changes of Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob as one 'touch.' Rung after meeting short for quarter-peal of Cambridge Major.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, by the local company, 1,306 Stedman Cinques in 43 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, Rev. C. Elliott Wigg 2, F. West 3, G. Hinton 4, G. White 5, E. R. Coles 6, E. Markham 7, R. G. Chapple 8, D. F. Borcham 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, E. Croxford 12. The first quarter-peal of Cinques by Rev. C. E. Wigg, recently appointed to this parish, also a welcome to Mr. R. G. Chapple, a valued addition to the local band.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Pollard 1, J. P. Pollard 2, A. Elliott 3, P. Walker 4, W. A. James 5, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 6, J. W. Stirland 7, W. Beresford 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. M. Whitney 1, F. Stubbs 2, W. Copperwheat 3, F. Kirk 4, S. G. Robinson 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, J. B. Stubbs 7, W. J. Whitmore (first in the method as conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 7. All are members of the local band.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On December 18th, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. E. Nicholls (first 720 of Kent as conductor) 1, E. Harding 2, G. H. Gutteridge, son., 3, E. G. Swift 4, F. Corke 5, W. H. Gutteridge, jun. (first 720 of Kent) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. G. Swift.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, T. H. King 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8. Rung on Mr. C. Davidson's 70th birthday.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, at the Church at St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. S. Toseland 1, G. W. Clarke (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, H. Patrick 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung in honour of St. Edmund's Day.

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