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NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Archdeacon's invitation to the College Youths to hold a service at St. Paul's on the occasion of their tercentenary is a big step towards the realisation of an idea which has been for some time in the minds of leaders of the Exercise. A great national service for ringers in London's Cathedral would be an impressive event, but hitherto the obstacles have seemed insurmountable. It would have to be a very great success or else it would be a very great failure, for a congregation of less than a thousand is lost in the vast expanse of the dome. Of its value there can be no doubt, and not least in that it would show to the clergy (and some of them need it) that ringers are a force to be reckoned with in the Church. To ringers themselves it would emphasise the fact (and it needs emphasising) that the future of our art depends on the co-operation of the Church and the Exercise. It was not always so. In its beginnings and for most of its history change ringing was a purely secular sport; as secular as cricket or football, though its venue was the church tower. There was nothing strange or wrong in that. Churches were at one time very much more the property of the laity and were very much more the centre of the parish and village life than they are now. Sport in the Middle Ages was intimately connected with the Church and her festivals and continued to be so, though with different circumstances, for long after change-ringing was born. Things have altered now, but change ringing remains in a very great deal of its aspects a secular sport. When we go ringing on a bank holiday we do so in just the same spirit as we should go to play tennis or cricket. When we ring a handbell peal in our own sitting rooms or a tower bell peal at Quex Park or the Loughborough bell tower we do so in just the same spirit as we should ring a peal in the tower of our parish church. And there is nothing in that which is improper, or of which we need be ashamed, or that should be altered. Only there is one thing we must remember. The bells are put up and maintained for other reasons besides giving us an opportunity of enjoying our favourite pastime. Since we have the privilege of practising our art in church belfries we must be prepared to pay the price for the privilege, and the price is that we must give the very best of our art to the service of the Church. And, on the other hand, if the Church is to have her bells rung as they should be for her services she, too, must pay the price, and the price is not to be paid in money, but in giving reasonable facilities for practising the art of change ringing.

The future of the Exercise and the art of ringing depends entirely upon how far we can combine ringing as a

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pastime and ringing as a Church duty. If we neglect the second, if we do not do our utmost for Sunday service ringing we can hardly expect Church authorities to provide and maintain bells for our use. But that in itself is not enough. It is a condition under which a gift is given to a man, that he must love the gift for its own sake before he can make it worthy to be used in the service of religion. Those bands (and there are some such) which are run purely as part of the parochial church organisation, who think of ringing solely as a part of the Church ritual, and who keep themselves apart from the life of the Exercise, never do any good. Their intentions may be excellent, but their performances are poor. The best service ringing is done by the best peal ringers, and the charge which is so often made against those men that they are selfish, falls to the ground when we consider that the skill they gain in peal ringing results in very much better Sunday ringing.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY 1	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
SYDNEY C. LODGE 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
RICHARD V. FULLER 3	THOMAS LANGDON 9
ROBERT W. GREEN 4	HERBERT LANGDON 10
CHARLES S. BURDEN 5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 11
PERCY E. CLARK 6	JAMES H. ROMLEY 12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr T. Langdon.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours & Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT 1	CHARLES CLARK 7
PHYLLIS E. TILLEY 2	*ERNEST E. POPPY 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	†FREDERICK J. SMITH 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HARRY R. ROPER 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 12

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First attempt for Maximus. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Dye, of Grundisburgh.

TEN BELL PEAL

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D flat.

*WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 1	*JOHN W. SPENCER 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	†REV. E. BANKS JAMES ... 7
*JOSEPH HARCASILE 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 4	*GEORGE MARTIN 9
*CHARLES SHARPLES 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON 10

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal outside the British Isles and the first ten-bell peal in Australia.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOODBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	† F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 5
* THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 2	* WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	FRANK WEST 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	JAMES P. HINTON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	† REV. GILBERT THURLOW ... 5
* FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	CHARLES CLARK Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Francis George Drake, member of, and son of the secretary of, the Suffolk Guild; also in memory of Mrs. Clark, mother of the ringer of the tenor, who died the day previously, aged 83.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	* FRED HUTCHINSON 5
* WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... 2	WILLIAM BARTON 6
JAMES COTTERELL ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
* REV. CANON C. C. MARSHALL 4	LEONARD STOKOE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss I. H. Marshall and Mr. P. C. Casebourne, who were married at Calcutta on November 26th. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
FREDERICK DIGBY ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
* THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR 5
STANLEY C. DAVIS ... 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

BURLEY P. MORRIS Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS 5
* STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	JACK STUBBS 6
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
FRANCIS BALL ... 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Martin.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

* RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
SAMUEL PINDER ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3	ERNEST BRITAIN 7
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Not one of the band had previously rung a change in the method.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Patrick N. Cashman.	Hitcham, Bucks.
Norman G. Bristow.	Hitcham, Bucks.
Fredk. C. Nichols.	Grundisburgh, Suffolk.
Ronald Hill.	Bridgerule, Devon.
Harry T. Price	Almeley, Herefordshire.
Silas C. Bone.	Perranwell, Cornwall.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Major on the bells. The 200th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS M. FEATHERS ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 5
†STANLEY NOBLES ... 2	HAROLD DEAN ... 6
THOMAS POTTS ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
WILLIAM GAYES ... 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells away from treble. Rung in connection with the centenary year of the church.

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

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY ... Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JOHN P. PELLOE ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.
First peal of London on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt, in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman.

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On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE LINES ... Treble	*JOHN J. MAWEY ... 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 6
WALTER PERKINS ... 3	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... 7
JAMES T. WARD ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. All except the treble ringer belong to St. Peter's, Irthlingborough.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt, in F.

WILLIAM H. COLES ... Treble	*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 5
PERCY E. JONES ... 2	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	EDGAR HANCOX ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Thomas Collins.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' AND BROOK'S.
Tenor 17 cwt, 13 lb, in F.

JAMES BOCKLEY ... Treble	THOMAS JONES ... 5
*NORMAN HEAPS ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
*SAMUEL HOLT ... 3	BENJAMIN THORPE ... 7
ALFRED FROST ... 4	GEORGE WHITELEGG ... Tenor

Conducted by B. THORPE.
* Seventieth peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells, and rung alternately and arranged by B. Thorpe. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BEDS.)
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt, 21 lb, in A.

*RONALD G. TAYLOR ... Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 5
*JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 2	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 6
†JAMES D. TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
†BEVERLEY T. HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM A. CYSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal with a bob bell. For ages of 1, 2, 3 and tenor, see page 758.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt, in F.

MISS E. C. BAREHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
*ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	CHARLES W. BURTON ... 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	†ERNEST BOWHILL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal of Major. † First Surprise peal. The monthly peal for the division, also a birthday compliment to B. W. Pettitt.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... Treble	* ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... 5
DANIEL D. COOPER ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.
HIGHER WALTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Bro. WILLIAM TAYLOR, P.P.G.M., Loyal Philanthropic No. 1693 ... Treble	
" THOMAS BARKER, V.G., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... 2	
" HARRY FRANCE, P.P.G.M., Leyland and Farrington No. 8499. ... 3	
" ADAM BLOGG, P.G., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... 4	
" FRED S. HARWOOD, P.G., Loyal Useful Friend, No. 921 ... 5	
" FRED RIGBY, V.G., Loyal Peace and Plenty, No. 1208 ... 6	
" ALFRED BLOGG, P.G., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... 7	
" FRED G. BRADLEY, P.P.G.M., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... Tenor	

Conducted by Bro. FRED RIGBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Loyal Useful Friend Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	DR. F. S. POOLE ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	KENNETH A. ROE ... 6
RICHARD F. ROE ... 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
First peal in the method on these bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* RONALD HILL ... Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... 5
FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 6
CHARLES SANGWIN ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
WILLIAM SHEARS ... 4	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Honey, churchwarden and ringer at this church.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—At St. Peter's Church, on November 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Wines 1, G. Page (first quarter in method) 2, W. Page 3, W. Palmer 4, T. Page 5, H. Davies 6, W. Cross (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Lovett 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BECKS.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

* PATRICK N. CASHMAN ... Treble	JAMES D. TAYLOR ... 4
† RONALD G. TAYLOR ... 2	† WILLIAM A. CYSTER ... 5
† JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 3	* NORMAN G. BRISTOW ... Tenor

Conductors—2nd, 1,200; 3rd, 1,320; 4th, 1,320; 5th, 1,200.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Average age of band 14 years 7 months.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BARBER ... Treble	* JAMES RICHES ... 4
GEORGE FILBY ... 2	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 5
LEWIS J. BATLEY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods on the bells, also the first peal on the bells for the Guild.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

TOM BARTRAM ... Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 4
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... 2	CHARLES J. BALL ... 5
* FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.
* 175th peal.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

* F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES DAVIES ... 4
SIDNEY G. MUNTON ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
* WILLIAM FLETCHER ... 3	JACK BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Minor.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge, York, Norwich and Ipswich Surprise, Violet and Duke of York. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK SHUKER ... Treble	THOMAS HURD ... 4
HENRY CARNWELL ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Hurd. The 50th peal in which Mr. J. Walley and Mr. J. E. Wheelton have taken part together.

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On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4
†DOROTHY R. FLEICHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
TONY PRICE ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside' in seven methods. First peal on the bells in seven methods.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Single Court, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	JAMES ATTWOOD ... 5
*LEONARD NICHOLAS ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal for 20 years. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by the Vicar, Canon Lea.

PERRANWELL, CORNWALL.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES NICHOLLS ... Treble	EDWARD SANDERS ... 4
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 3	SILAS C. BONE ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Truro.

BRINDLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
ARTHUR HATCH ... 2	FRED BLACKLIDGE ... 5
*HERMON NELSON ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ELLIOTT COOPER ... Treble	JAMES STANWAY ... 4
WILLIAM CARTER ... 2	WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5
ALFRED M. COTTRELL ... 3	JONAH COTTRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

A birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer, being his 73rd birthday.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 differently called 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY T. PRICE ... Treble	ERIC R. WEBB ... 4
JAMES T. RANDLE ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 3	ARTHUR MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

SUCCESSFUL JUVENILE BAND.



The six members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, who were successful in ringing a peal of Doubles (reported elsewhere) at Hitcham, Bucks, the average age of the band being 14 years and 7 months. The peal had four conductors, and in order that there should be no mistake in the number of six-scores rung they were called thus: 2nd called four, then 3rd four, 4th four, 5th four, then three each, two each, one each, and the odd two six-scores were called by the 3rd and 4th. The band from left to right are Patrick N. Cashman (age 14 years 11 months) 1, Ronald G. Taylor (age 12 years 11 months) 2, John E. Taylor (age 13 years 7 months) 3, James D. Taylor (age 14 years 7 months) 4, William A. Cyster (age 14 years 7 months) 5, and Norman G. Bristow (age 17 years 5 days) 6. Not content with this success, the four above conductors plus four other members went to Goring a week later and rang the first peal on eight bells for the society. Major was started on, but would not shake into good enough compass, so a halt was called, and a very good peal of Triples rung instead.

WHERE YOUTH PREDOMINATES.

The average age of the company of over 40 that attended the East Berks and South Bucks meeting at Cookham was well under 20, and 'G. Gulliver G.' will have to look to his recently won laurels when these midgits get going. Tea was provided through the kindness of the Vicar.

Methods and rounds were rung to suit all, and during the evening Lord Meston paid a visit to the belfry. Another visitor towards the end of the evening was 'The Belle of New York' but all the gay Lotharios had gone, leaving the poor old married men and women to let the bells down in peal. (It was nearly good enough for A.D.B.)

The handbells were also much in evidence. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and 'some' tunes were rung after tea, and more Stedman Triples in the tower, including a 'married couples' course.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS.

Known to a large number of ringers as a capable conductor in advanced methods, Mr. Charles F. Andrews, the captain of the St. James' Society, Trowbridge, received many congratulations on his wedding on November 24th to Miss Hilda M. Gaisford. At the close of practice on November 21st, Mr. Andrews, who is leaving Trowbridge, was presented with a cut-glass salad bowl with silver fittings, the presentation being made by Mr. S. J. Hector. Mr. Andrews was assured of a hearty welcome whenever he could come. Thanking the band for their gift, Mr. Andrews hoped that his departure to his new home would not have any deterrent effect on the local band's enthusiasm. He thanked them for their loyal support and regular attendance at Sunday and practice ringing.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGRITS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—JOHN E. ROOTES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on handbells by all the band and by the association. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

RISE AND FALL OF BELLS. COL. JERRAM AND CORNISH RINGING. *To the Editor.*

Sir,—On reading the Editor's 'Notes by the Way' of your issue of the 23rd, I seem to have missed something, or was a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis inadvertently left out? I do not know why, when, where or in what connection he made his suggestion, but I most sincerely hope that no one imagines for one moment that I or any other Cornish ringer could demonstrate anything which English ringers could not do equally well, or learn to do if they wanted to.

The point is, they don't want to 'rise' and 'lower' any more than the average Cornish ringer wants to learn change ringing. I have frequently heard change ringers state that it is waste of valuable practice time, and, on Sundays, waste of ringing time. So, of course, it is from their point of view.

In actual fact a good rise and fall is rapidly becoming more rare in Cornwall, more's the pity, the two main reasons being (1) the invention of the stay. Before this invention you had to rise and fall. I learnt to ring in a four-bell stayless tower, and we never did anything else. (2) Some more or less modern bell-hanging. Whatever the reason may be, there is no doubt whatever of the fact that it is impossible to get many tenors to double clapper properly or even to go up right way. In my parish we have two rings, one of eight and the other of six. Both are light rings, yet neither tenor will double clapper going up, and the eight-bell one always goes up wrong and the six-bell usually does.

There was some correspondence a while back on this subject, when short clapper-flights were blamed. Not being a mechanic, I can give no reason, but I suggest that consideration might be given to the combined possibilities of short flights plus no cannons, thereby making the bell too short for its size. Anyhow, the fact remains that, whereas old bells were perfect for rise and fall if for nothing else, many new ones are not. A rise and fall to be anything at all must be perfect, and where perfection is a matter of impossibility men will not attempt it. So in a large percentage of Cornish towers to-day bells are either left up or raised singly. For rise and fall and evenness of striking I suppose Pennington's bells are as near perfection as can be obtained, and one finds in consequence the best round ringing in the eastern part of Cornwall and West Devon. However, I mustn't let myself be drawn into my usual bugbear, 'modern gadgets,' so to return to Mr. Lewis' suggestion, I fear that someone will have to finance for a long period the mines, fisheries and farms of Cornwall before we can raise the necessary cash to tour England.

C. F. JERRAM.

Helston, Cornwall.

A FLOURISHING DIVISION.

NORTH ESSEX RINGS 54 PEALS IN PAST YEAR.

A year of good progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association held at Braintree on November 17th. The youngest members were the earliest arrivals, and had an opportunity of trying their hands at a few rounds and some of the simplest methods. As the members increased, the methods advanced until a touch of London Surprise was rung. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Billingham, the lesson being read by the district secretary, and the collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 6s. 6d.

After tea, served in the Church Hall, the meeting took place. The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) presided, and there were 62 ringers present, representing 22 towers. Before the business, the District Master made reference to the recent sudden death of Mr. A. H. Head, of Chelmsford, and as a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) read a short report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 44. Eleven members had been elected and 54 peals had been rung on tower and handbells, viz.: Bob Doubles 1, Minor methods 12, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 2, Bob Major 5, Double Norwich 4, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 4, Superlative Surprise 7, Cambridge Surprise 4, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Bristol 1, London 7. Eighteen persons conducted the peals, Mr. W. Keeble heading the list with 26.

The district secretary read a letter from the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) regretting his inability to attend. The District Master was re-elected. After returning thanks for the honour conferred on him, he hoped he would be able to give the same satisfaction in the future as he had done in the past. The district secretary was also re-elected.

One ringing member was elected, and Finchfield was selected for the next place of meeting on February 9th, 1935. It was also unanimously agreed to hold the annual meeting for the division at Braintree and Booking alternately.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow (general secretary) explained the forthcoming referendum on the proposal to change the name of the Essex Association. He hoped that when the time came every member would vote and carry out the instructions promptly. Mr. W. Keeble suggested that where a grant was made for restoration work from the Bell Restoration Fund someone should be placed in charge of the bells and see that they were not neglected. This should be brought to the notice of the churchwardens.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Who were the B.Y.P. who 'divided a plate' between them?

The peal at Midsomer Norton, Somerset, reported in our last issue, was the first peal of Major on the bells and not the first on the bells.

A stay tried conclusively with one of the midgets at Cookham and lost, but no one noticed him pull the bell more than was necessary.

Another Cornish congratulation. This time to Mr. Silas C. Bone, who rang his first peal on Saturday at Perranwell. He is 67 years of age.

We apologise to our Lancashire friends in describing Ulverston as in Yorkshire in our last issue. Ulverston is affiliated to the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association.

The peal at Woburn was an 'omnibus' one for birthday celebrations. Mrs. Frank Boreham, Mrs. M. Birmingham and Betty, Mary and James E. Hinton all being included in the compliments.

By conducting a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major last Saturday, at Hungerford, Berks, Mr. J. T. Dyke has conducted peals in 200 different towers. Mr. Dyke should be able to tell an interesting story of the belfries of England.

Mr. R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, informs us that 'Holt's Original' was rung 'silent' 25 years ago—on November 20th, 1909—at Christ Church, West Bromwich. Seven of the ringers and one of the umpires are still living. He believes this was the last time it was rung non-conducted.

Two new members were elected to the Herts County Association at the meeting of the Eastern District at Sawbridgeworth on November 17th. There was some good ringing on the fine old ring of bells. Hopes are entertained that this band, once very prominent, may again come to the front.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, at Swansea, Glamorganshire, on November 24th, a quarter-peal was rung by the following: R. Dobbins 1, W. Dobbins 2, D. J. Williams 3, G. Popnell 4, W. J. Cross 5, G. I. Lewis 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, E. Stinch 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The tourists have completed their Australian tour, and, according to a radio message received this week, all are well and are now homeward bound.

The record of the tour is:—

Melbourne two peals.

Hobart two peals.

Ballarat one peal.

Sydney two peals.

On Nov. 25th the first peal on handbells in the Pacific Ocean was rung.

In addition there were peals on handbells rung in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Arabian Sea.

By the ringing of 720 Hull Surprise on November 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, the 41 Surprise methods have been rung this year by the Sunday service band. The band consisted of F. T. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, A. K. Leatham 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. This is the first time all these methods have been rung in the Wirral Branch, and is believed to be the first time they have been rung in the same year by a Sunday service band of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Congratulations!

On November 25th, at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Wm. Dye, was unfortunately lost after an hour's ringing. The attempt was to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dye. Mr. Dye did a lot of ringing and conducting in the early days of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and was the first man in the association to call Holt's Original, at Holmington, on May 10th, 1881. He also called W. Harrison's 10,176 of Treble Bob at Goddenham in 1888 in 5 hours 55 minutes. After the attempt, the band and friends were very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Dye, and many wishes were expressed for their continued long life, health and happiness.

The whole Exercise will congratulate the very clever band who last rang a peal of London Surprise on handbells. It was a triumph of skill, practice and perseverance. They are, of course, not the first to accomplish the feat, though that does not lessen their merit. The first peal in the method in hand was rung at Romford in 1904 by three brothers Pye, with Mr. William Keeble, and in 1920 the four brothers Goffton rang a similar peal at Monkseaton, Northumberland.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

A Great Reception at Perth.

FIRST EXPERIENCE OF COMMONWEALTH HOSPITALITY.

The ringing tourists travelling by the 'Barrabool' touched Australian soil for the first time on Oct. 15th, when they landed at Fremantle and visited Perth, where they rang at St. George's Cathedral and were entertained to lunch. The whole visit revealed the cordial hospitality of the churchpeople of Perth.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

October 18th, 1934.

We have had our first experience of Australian hospitality—and it knocked our pre-arranged programme sideways. Our plan, in the absence of any definite information from Perth, was to get ashore from the ship at Fremantle as early as possible, make for Perth by taxi, do what we could to the bells in the time available, and start for a peal of Bob Major. There are lots of formalities before one can enter Australia, including a medical examination, for which everyone was fetched out of bed at six o'clock in the morning to await the pleasure of the port medical officer, who arrived on board about 7.30. We were through with this and breakfast by nine o'clock, and then a young gentleman in clerical garb came on the ship, requesting us to wait the arrival of the Dean and a small fleet of cars to fetch us up to Perth. The young clergyman was the Rev. Clift, of the Seamen's Mission, whose special business it is to meet the ships in, and he received us with great cordiality. Soon followed the Dean (Canon C. H. Moore), Archdeacon Parry (no relation to the Archdeacon who presides over the destinies of the Diocesan Guild in North Lincolnshire) and another Church dignitary.

The twelve of us in our party were packed into three cars, with our paraphernalia of ropes, spanner, overalls and oil can (borrowed from the ship's engineer), to say nothing of the castor oil and lard brought from England. We were driven to various points of interest along the route, and to the war memorial in King's Park, which overlooks the broad Swan river, with the panorama of Perth laid out on the opposite bank. It was a pleasing picture. The majority of people live in red-roofed bungalows, which spread almost everywhere over the country side between Fremantle and Perth, but with roads well planned, and open spaces, which were once part of the original 'bush.' We took a peep into the grounds of the Church of England College, a new building, whose gardens were aglow with stocks, delphiniums and other flowers which are the delight of gardens at home in early summer.

Then to the Deanery at Perth, where light refreshments were served, but long before this it was obvious that a peal attempt was out of the question. We had been let into the secret of the programme that had been arranged for our benefit, and in addition to a more or less formal lunch in our honour we were to meet at mid-day the local youths who are forming a band of ringers at the Cathedral. As we had to be back on the 'Barrabool,' twelve miles away, by 3.30 p.m., we quickly realised that the courtesies of the occasion demanded at least the abandonment of the peal.

Someone has previously made the remark that the world is small. Mr. and Mr. Richardson had no sooner alighted from the car at Perth than they were approached by old friends who used to visit Rupert's home a quarter of a century ago, but of whom he had heard nothing since. A former ringer of Shere, Surrey, George Dartnall, came to greet me, with, for identification purposes, a photograph cut from a Surrey county newspaper. He had rung with me thirty years ago. Lancashire people came to search out Mr. and Mrs. Sharples, someone from Fareham sought Mr. Linter, and Joe Hardcastle found natives of his country of broad acres waiting for him. We found, too, that, although we did not see him, a brother of Mr. Percy Johnson, of Leeds, is employed with the same firm as the youthful leader of the Perth ringers. George Martin was greeted by an old Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, resident. As soon as we could with decency tear ourselves away from all who desired to welcome us, we investigated the belfry. When it is remembered that Perth is an isolated ring of bells—there are probably no others within a thousand miles—the condition of things was much better than one might have expected. The Cathedral and tower are brick built, about fifty years old, while the bells were added in 1901 as a memorial to Queen Victoria. Once there was a band that could ring Grandsire Doubles, but they faded out years ago, and no change ringing had been done on the bells for something like fifteen years when we arrived.

At present a young band, recruited from the Scout Movement, is being built up, and their ringing chamber was certainly a credit to them. It was also gratifying to find eight ropes in excellent condi-

tion. The bells had been greased, and it only remained to get them up. When the tenor was raised, however, there was an ominous bumping overhead. Investigation showed that the clapper was striking the frame, but Rupert cured this by tightening the nuts on the stock and screwing up the crown staple bolt by quite half an inch. As a peal was out of the question, we wasted no further time in 'bell hanging,' although an hour spent among the bells would doubtless have effected considerable improvement. In the presence of a belfry full of people, the Dean offered short prayers, and we rang the first touch—Grandsire Triples—which revealed a propensity to slip wheel on the part of the third. Then followed Treble Bob Major, which emphasised the fact that in ringing the bells we also had to 'ring' the tower, which, being of brick, displayed a considerable movement, and had we been going for a peal the 'backenders' would have had something of a twisting unless we could have hit a pace that did not synchronise with the oscillation of the building. A touch of Stedman Triples followed, and then a touch of Bob Major was brought home.

And that was the end of the change ringing, for on going to set the bells the tenor, which set abnormally deep, went completely over owing to a new but inefficient slider giving way. It had only been put in on the previous Saturday, and it went like a carrot with the mere weight of the bell. As it happened, not more than one other short touch would have been possible on account of lunch. The front six were therefore lowered in peal.

The square outside the Cathedral had been full of people listening, many of them for the first time, to bells rung in English fashion, and others, with recollections of 'home'—the old country is still 'home' to all her sons and daughters—hearing after long years something which brought back what is probably the most vivid of all their memories of the old country—church bells ringing. Many of them expressed regret that they could not hear more, but with the curtailed time available this was not possible.

At lunch we were entertained by the Cathedral authorities, several members of the Chapter being present, as well as all the local ringers. The Dean presided, and among those present were Mrs. Moore, Archdeacon Huddleston, Archdeacon Parry, Canon L. Marshall, Canon Armstrong, and Mr. J. O. Fisher (diocesan secretary).

The Dean, in a speech of whole-hearted welcome, expressed the great pleasure that he and the members of the Chapter had in entertaining their friends from overseas. They felt, he said, they were more than amply repaid, first by the 'peals' that had been rung, and, secondly, by the inspiration which would be given to the lads who were forming the new team at the Cathedral.

Mr. Fussell, on behalf of the visitors, said that was a unique gathering. That was a gathering for the first time in history of Anglo-Australian ringers. It was a wonderful thing, when they thought of it, that men should travel so many thousands of miles to practise the old English art. As soon as they set foot for the first time in Australia they received a warm welcome from the Dean and Chapter, and he hoped the generous impulse which prompted this welcome and started them on their way, would forward the missionary task which they had undertaken among the belfries of the Commonwealth (applause).

With the few minutes left after lunch, the visitors were to take a look at Perth's fine main shopping thoroughfare, and then they had to be hurried back to Fremantle. On reaching the ship they had something of a shock when they found that Mr. and Mrs. Sharples were missing. They had visited friends in Perth and were expected to find their own way back to the ship. Sailing time drew near, and it was not until a minute or two before the 'Barrabool' cast off that the missing couple were observed running along the quay side—faster, probably, than they have sprinted for many a long day. They had mistaken the time of our departure from Perth. They were greeted with cheers as they came last aboard, and Mrs. Sharples blushed with the warmth of her reception. They were more fortunate, however, than another pair of fellow voyagers who reached the quay after the ship had pulled out into midstream, and were left behind. With luck, they may overtake us at Adelaide.

We were surprised, and, naturally, delighted with the kindness shown to us at Perth, and we came away with the feeling that our visit had been well worth while. The time we were able to spend with the Dean, the church authorities and the young ringers is likely to have much more valuable results than the ringing of a peal. Although our stay was, perforce, limited, the cordiality of our reception was beyond question, and it is hoped that those who make the return journey via Fremantle will have the opportunity of putting

in a few hours of practical work with the Perth band at a later date, as the boat on the homeward journey usually makes a much longer stay at the port.

To-day we have played off the Bellringers' Deck Quoit Championship. It was organised by Jovial Joe, who since he left England has become a boy in spirits. He induced us all to put up our three-pences for prize money; we had a proper draw for order of playing, and then set about the job in real tournament fashion. There were three matches in the preliminary round, the rest having byes. Mr. Sharples, on ship's form, started favourite, but play revealed one or two dark horses, including Old Bill, who was not beaten until the semi-final. Parson James, because he had never played quoits, wanted to scratch after receiving a bye in the first round, but thought better of it, and gave the favourite a nasty shock in the early stages of their second round match. However, he was eventually beaten by 15-11.

In the semi-finals Sharples beat Martin 15-7, and Linter beat Fussell 15-9. The final was over 21 points, and there was a ding-dong struggle (as one would expect from ringers) most of the way. The score was eleven all, and then fifteen-fourteen in favour of Mr. Sharples, who, however, eventually ran out a fairly easy winner at 21-16. We had the true championship climax, when the victor's wife dashed into the ring and embraced her husband, while he was smilingly receiving the plaudits of the assembled company.

But there's a snag for the winner. He takes the entrance fees as a prize, but he has got to stand drinks all round! And lemonade and port in Australian waters is 1s. 7d.! Most of us drink lemonade and port when we want to celebrate an occasion.

The following is the champion's estimated balance sheet over the event:—

Expenditure: Entrance fee 3d., ten lemon and ports 15s. 10d., total 16s. 1d.

Receipts: Prize money 2s. 9d., victory honours, known as deficit, 13s. 4d., total 16s. 1d.

This does not include the cost of his own refreshment (if any). We anticipate that he will go without.

Late News.

Mr. Sharples is sorry Mr. Linter did not win the Deck Quoits Championship. Mr. Linter is glad he didn't. Rupert was cute. He led his opponent up the garden in the first round to 14 all, and then quietly slipped out. He had already realised that to win through would be expensive.

THE EDITOR.

VISITORS REACH MELBOURNE.

The First Peal Success.

The Australian tourists reached Melbourne on October 22nd, and on the 24th scored their first peal in the Commonwealth, all nine of the ringers, with one of the members of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, taking part. The peal (Bob Royal) was rung under the auspices of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, of which all the visitors had been elected honorary members before their arrival.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

Sunday, October 21st.

Our call at Adelaide on Friday, October 19th, provided us with a second illustration of Australian hospitality. The only bells available for ringing in the city are a ring of six at St. Andrew's Church in the suburb of Walkerville, but what our programme was to be was unknown to us until we landed. The 'Barrabool' berthed in the Outer Harbour, about fifteen miles from the city, at 11 a.m., and she was making a stay of 24 hours, giving us ample time for anything we might wish to do. As soon as the ship was alongside the quay, there were the inevitable pressmen anxious to interview and photograph us, and before we left Adelaide we found ourselves pictured and paragraphed in the city's two principal daily newspapers.

Canon Hewgill, the Rector of St. Andrew's, had kindly arranged for four cars to meet us at the ship's side, and came personally with Mrs. Hewgill to greet us. They were accompanied by the Rev. T. G. Ledlow, the curate. When we reached Adelaide the Canon entertained us to lunch, before taking us on to St. Andrew's, where a number of people were awaiting our arrival, including Mr. William Knight, who has been a ringer at the church for 46 years and captain of the band for nearly the whole of that time. Mr. Knight has taught scores of young men to ring, but his experience has been no different to the general state of affairs at home. Very few beginners remain to make proficient ringers, but Mr. Knight has usually been able to muster a band, and at present the bells are rung for services twice every Sunday—an encouraging thing to find at a tower with no other band of ringers within 500 miles.

Another who was there to meet us was Mr. Tom Waterman, who left England in 1895, and who, before that, used to ring at Christ Church, Ealing. Mr. Waterman was accompanied by his son, Mr. A. Waterman, and his daughter. At one time Mr. Waterman and

three or four of his sons rang at Walkerville, but the war broke their connection with the church. Another gentleman, not a ringer, produced a photograph of a peal band and peal board at Isleworth. He was a cousin of that well-known old Middlesex ringer, Mr. Tom Beadle, who was one of the peal band. We also found a link with Painswick. Mr. George Powell, now very advanced in years, had expressed a wish to meet the visitors and hear them ring. He was the son of the late Mr. Jas. Powell, a ringer of Painswick for 50 years, who took part in one of the long peals there. For his benefit a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells in the street, around the car in which he was seated. 'It is more than 50 years since I heard anything like that,' he said as the bells finished amid the plaudits of a large and interested audience.



MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL,

where the first tower bell peal of the tour was rung on October 24th.

The flag of St. Andrew was flying over the church, one of the oldest in Adelaide's suburbs. It was built about 50 years ago, and the six bells, which came from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1886, have a tenor of 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., and a total weight of 50 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. They are hung in a wooden frame and have a rather long draught of rope. The tower is stone and brick built, and the whole church is of a pleasing appearance. The ringing chamber, approached from the vestry by long, straight, open steps, was not sufficiently commodious to contain all who sought to see us ring, but it has only one real drawback, and that is lack of efficient ventilation.

When we reached the church the information was sprung upon us that we had got to broadcast, and the engineers were already busy fixing up the apparatus in the churchyard. We had only sufficient time to try out the bells with 120 of Grandsire Doubles before the ten minutes' broadcast had to begin. This consisted of two six-scores of Doubles, and was sent out from a regional station. Twenty minutes later we had to go 'on the air' nationally, and in order that Australia might hear some good striking we were not ashamed to ring two more six-scores of Grandsire. This was transmitted to Melbourne over 500 miles of land line, before being sent out. After other ringing had been done, the visiting ringers and others were entertained to tea at the Rectory, where various publications of the Central Council were handed to the Rector for the use of the ringers,

by Mr. Goldsmith, who conveyed the Council's greetings to the Walkerville ringers. Mr. Fussell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Rector for his great hospitality, and hoped the visit would encourage the local ringers to take up change ringing.

The Rector expressed thanks for the gifts and the pleasure which was felt at the visit of the English ringers. He asked them to convey fraternal greetings from the band at Walkerville to the ringers of the old country, through the Council.

Six of the company then returned to the tower and rang what is probably the first 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor ever rung out of the British Isles. It was very well struck, and afterwards for the first time the people of Walkerville heard bells lowered in peal. The ringers of the Cambridge were: C. Sharples 1, Mrs. R. Richardson 2, W. Linter 3, J. S. Goldsmith 4, G. Martin 5, R. Richardson (conductor) 6.

Afterwards the party went on to St. Augustine's, Unley, a magnificent modern church, built in stone. The tower contains a very fine chime of 13 bells by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A brass plate records that they were presented by Frederick Hugh and Nellie Lindow, April 25th, 1933. We heard these bells delightfully played by the organist, and they are a crowning glory of a very fine building.

After dinner in Adelaide we were carried off by car to the home of Mr. A. Waterman, at Woodville, where a very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by a programme of music, interspersed with handbell ringing. There were violin and pianoforte duets, songs and recitations, and the handbells were rung out of doors for the benefit of the nursing staff of an adjoining hospital. It was with difficulty that we could drag ourselves away to catch the last train to the harbour, and it was past midnight when we rejoined the 'Barrabool' after a strenuous day.

Our thanks are due to many people for the enjoyable time we spent, but particularly to the Rector of St. Andrew's and Mrs. Hewgill, Mr. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, and to Mr. F. W. J. Staude, one of the ringers, whose car was at our disposal throughout the day, and who gave some of us an opportunity of seeing Adelaide both by daylight and lamplight.

To-day has been chiefly occupied in repacking in preparation for leaving the 'Barrabool,' which has been our floating home for more than five weeks. We have travelled in complete comfort. The Australian Bight, which has a more evil reputation than the Bay of Biscay, smiled upon us, and our trip from the day we left the Thames has been almost perfect. The decks have sometimes heaved under us; winds have blown both hot and cold, and we have sweltered under the damp heat of the Red Sea, but, taken all in all, it would be difficult to get a better voyage—and we are duly thankful. The officers and those members of the crew with whom we have come in contact have been courteous itself and ever ready to assist us, not only in the ordinary affairs which concern the passengers, but in giving us facilities for our handbell ringing; and to them all we are grateful.

There was an incident as pleasing as it was unexpected to-night when we assembled for dinner. A small handbell with ornamental brass handle stood on the table in Mr. Fussell's place, and on a card attached by red ribbon was 'Barrabool. With the compliments of the ship's company. Speech!'

Accordingly, while dinner was in progress, the dinner bell was rung to gain silence for Mr. Fussell, who acknowledged the gift, spoke of the satisfaction of our party with the comfort of the boat and our gratification at the homely and fraternal friendship received from all on board. We had come a long way, he said, to ring the bells of Australia, and our experience was that as long as there were ships like the 'Barrabool' Britannia would rule the waves. The British Colonies had carried on in a small way the traditional bellringing of old England, and the English ringers had come to Australia to encourage it further. On behalf of all the party he thanked the passengers of the 'Barrabool' for their comradeship, and the captain, officers and crew for the manner in which they had carried them safely on the high seas.

The speech was warmly applauded and on behalf of the commander and the ship's personnel, the Ship's Surgeon, who was presiding at dinner, thanked Mr. Fussell for his remarks.

Melbourne

Since our arrival in Melbourne on Monday (October 22nd) all has been rush and bustle. First of all we had to satisfy the inquisition of half a dozen newspaper reporters, who wanted to know all about our trip, our intentions and our art. Meanwhile the Precentor of the Cathedral (Rev. R. Sherwood), with Mr. J. L. Murray (president of the Cathedral Ringers' Society), Mr. Spencer (vice-captain), Mr. A. A. Savage (the hon. secretary), Mrs. Savage, Miss Shimmins (a member of the Cathedral band), Mr. A. Behan (a former English ringer), Mr. J. C. Nolan (of St. Patrick's Society), and others, came aboard to greet us and offer us a warm welcome to Melbourne.

The next business was the negotiation of the Customs. The Australian Customs do not miss much. Some of the gifts we brought out had to pay for admission to the country. They were 'duty free,' but all the same we had to pay 'primage'—I don't know quite what it is, but it seemed to me it was part of the scheme to get back some of the adverse rate of exchange. On top of this we had also to pay

'sales tax,' although nothing we brought was intended for sale, and the queer thing was that it was not on the ringing text books we have brought, but, of all things, on the albums of photographs! The officials were all very pleasant about it, and we paid up as if we were pleased too. But our looks belied our thoughts.

Rupert was in trouble also. He had taken several reels of films on the voyage. But undeveloped films are not admitted to Australia, and he was kept busy all the morning taxi-ing about Melbourne—at a shilling a mile—to get his films released, which eventually, by the goodness of Providence and the kindness of a Government official, he succeeded in doing.

Meanwhile the rest of us had been taken to our Melbourne 'homes.' Most of the menfolk are staying with the headmaster of Trinity Grammar School. The rest are quartered elsewhere.

In the afternoon we paid a visit to St. James' Old Cathedral, which now fulfils the position of a parish church. Piloted by Mr. Murray, we were met by the Vicar (Rev. R. M. Hudson), who gave us the interesting history of the church, and told us a rather lamentable story about the bells. Originally the Cathedral, built nearly a century ago, stood in Little Collins Street. When the requirements of the religious life of the city demanded a bigger building, and at a time when St. James' had grown into a state of considerable disrepair, the present magnificent Cathedral of St. Paul was built nearer to the centre of the city and St. James' Cathedral was taken down and rebuilt elsewhere to serve a growing industrial area. Since then, however, the demands of industry are making inroads upon the district, the workers are being pushed further out, the houses giving way to factories and warehouses, and the population of St. James is gradually but surely diminishing.

The story of the bells is a sadder one. When they hung in the tower originally they were frequently rung. When the church was moved and the bells were reinstated ringing upon them was again begun, but the re-erected tower showed signs of shakiness and soon developed such serious cracks that ringing has been entirely stopped since 1913. The bells are now 'clocked,' and two or three quite keen young men chime tunes on them for Sunday services. The prospect of seeing ringing re-established at St. James' seems rather remote. We did our best to advocate a restoration, and we hope that the subject may be considered, but lack of funds—as in so many other parishes—is the great and immediate stumbling block.

Nevertheless, our reception at St. James' was very cordial, and after we had rung handbells in the ringing chamber and endeavoured to chime Grandsire Triples, we were entertained to tea by ladies of the parish, who in turn were greatly interested in the handbell ringing which was done. Mr. Fussell expressed the visitors' thanks for the hospitality shown them, and the Rev. R. M. Hudson assured the visitors of the great pleasure their visit had given, and expressed good wishes for the success of the tour.

In the evening the party were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murray at dinner before visiting the Cathedral to make their first acquaintance with St. Paul's ringers. First, however, they were shown round the Cathedral itself by Mr. Riddle, one of the lay members of the Chapter. It is a noble building of fine proportions, in two colours of sandstone. One of its most striking features is its reredos, in Venetian inlaid marble, the upper panels depicting the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. The Cathedral was built 50 years ago, but the central and 'western' spires were completed only last year.

It is a steep climb up to the ringing chamber, and there we were enthusiastically greeted by a full muster of Cathedral ringers and other brethren of the craft from St. Patrick's. It was half an hour before we got to the ropes, and when we pulled off the back ten we heard a magnificent ring of bells. They are a peal by Mears and Stainbank, with a tenor of 31½ cwt., and 'go' in a manner that betokens careful attention. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung as a 'feeler,' and thereafter short touches were brought round, in which the visitors were joined by the local ringers. The greatest enthusiasm, however, was shown when a course of Bob Royal was brought round to a great volume of hand clapping and 'bravo's.'

According to our information it was the first course of Bob Royal brought round on the bells. Councillor A. Kane, who has been our link with the Melbourne Centenary Celebration Committee, took the tenor for a course of Grandsire Caters, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung. It was a great day for Melbourne ringing, and we, too, were content to 'call it a day' when we reached our temporary home at midnight. We had had 18 hours of strenuous going.

The day after our arrival we had to meet two social engagements. In the morning we were received at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and in the afternoon we had tea with the Archbishop of Melbourne and Mrs. Head. But more of this anon.

Late News. October 24th.

We have just rung the first ten-bell peal in Australia and the first peal of Bob Royal out of the British Isles. It was our first attempt for a peal on church bells during the tour, and the band was made up by Mr. J. W. Spencer, a former ringer at Groby, Leicestershire, who has been in Australia for 22 years, and took part in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Melbourne in 1925. It was not all easy going, but there was great satisfaction in scoring at our first attempt.

THE EDITOR.

COMBINED MEETING AT LEEDS.**PASSING OF MR. R. C. SQUIRES.**

Previous to attending the joint meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Section) and the Leeds and District Society, a large company of ringers attended the funeral service of the late Mr. R. C. Squires, one of the Leeds Society's bank account trustees and a ringer at St. Chad's Church. Handbells were rung in the church by Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. W. Moorhouse, J. Thackeray and G. W. Slack, jun. When the cortege left the church for the Lawnswood Cemetery, the bells were rung half-muffled by Mr. Squire's own colleagues of St. Chad's.

The ringers' service was held later in the afternoon, being conducted by Rev. C. C. Marshall, M.A., Vicar of St. Chad's and president of the Yorkshire Association.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom. Immediately after, the meeting ceased to be a joint one for a short time, as the ladies retired to an adjoining room for their business meeting. At the Leeds Society's meeting the ringers stood for one minute in silent remembrance of their late colleague. One new member was elected, Rev. C. C. Marshall, of St. Chad's. The following nominations were received too late for confirmation at this meeting: Miss L. K. Bowling, of St. Chad's, Messrs. J. Ward and T. Duffin, of Ossett, J. Broadley and B. Raynor, of Bradford Cathedral. The President proposed the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Chad's for the use of the bells, Miss Bowling for the tea arrangements, the organist and choirboys for their services, and to the local company for the other arrangements. Rev. C. C. Marshall replied.

In order to avoid clashing with the Yorkshire Association's general meeting, the next meeting will be held at Pudsey on January 12th.

Appropriate votes of thanks were also passed at the ladies' meeting to all who had helped towards the day's arrangements. An outstanding feature of the meeting was the splendid result of an appeal for subscriptions.

'MEN'S BELLS' AT OLD HACKNEY.**A REGISTER DATING FROM 1635.**

The ring of eight with a tenor of about 24 cwt. at St. John's Church, Old Hackney, go just badly enough, states a correspondent, to deserve the appellation 'men's bells.' Despite this criticism the meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild on November 17th was very enjoyable, and various methods from call changes to Surprise Major were rung.

The service was conducted by the curate, and in his address he made a very interesting disclosure. He said that a short while ago he was examining the oldest existing register in the parish and had found the rules for the first Hackney Society of Bellringers founded in 1635, two years before the Ancient Society of College Youths! The bells, of course, did not hang in the present tower, which was comparatively modern, but in the old tower still standing in another part of the vast churchyard.

At the business meeting the Master extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, particularly those who had come from some distance—the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, Dorset, Mr. E. H. Bagworth, of Leicester, and Mr. F. J. Reeve, of Tring, Herts. Mr. Edwards briefly replied. A vote of thanks to all those responsible for the arrangements brought the business to a close.

20 YEARS' SILENCE ENDS.**BOSLEY (CHESHIRE) BELLS RING AGAIN.**

After being silent for 20 years, the bells of Bosley, Cheshire, are ringing again. The Norman tower had fallen under the ravages of time and the death watch beetle, and its condition had given rise to danger. The only course open was to restore the tower and rehang the bells in a steel framework, supported by steel girders. This has been done, and the peal of four bells rehung, together with two new ones given in memory of Hannah Maria Goodfellow and Emma Bullock. Through the energy of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Lloyd-Jones) the sum of £350 was raised for this extensive restoration scheme.

The bells were dedicated on November 5th by the Bishop of Chester, who in the course of his address said nothing moved one to exhilaration so much as the sound of a loud and glorious peal of bells, and nothing so deeply touched one with profound melancholy as a muffled peal. The Bishop urged young people to become ringers, for they in a real sense were churchworkers. In travelling through his diocese, he was sometimes a little saddened to find the ringers men over 50 and 60 years of age, and no young ringers amongst them. There should be two sets of ringers, the young and the old, the latter to teach the former so that they could take their place in time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar. Ringers were present from Sutton (St. James'), Macclesfield (St. Michael's) and Christ Church, Old Alderley, Chelford and Gawsorth.

The restoration work and the provision of the new bells were carried out in a satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

DEATH OF MR. G. HOOTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Hooton, of Old Basford, Notts, who passed away on November 3rd. Until recently he was a service ringer of Old Basford. His record of service to Old Basford Church was unique. He had been a chorister for 60 years, choirmaster 20 years, and many years Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Hooton was largely instrumental in getting the bells as a war memorial in the tower. His public service included parish clerk for 40 years, a member of the Board of Guardians and later of the County Council.

The funeral was on November 7th, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Lowndes (Vicar) and the Rev. H. Walton. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on handbells by F. Salter 1-2, A. Coppock 3-4, A. Barratt 5-6, H. R. Cobbin 7-8.

DEATH OF MR. G. T. PEARCE.

The death took place at Milford Sanatorium on November 21st of Mr. George Thomas Pearce, a member of the Chiddingfold band and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at the age of 56. He was a most enthusiastic ringer, although ringing but two peals, his knowledge, especially of Minor methods, being extraordinary. He served in the Surrey police for 26 years.

The funeral took place at Busbridge on November 24th, members of the Guild being present from Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Godalming, Witley and Hascombe, together with past and present members of the County Constabulary. The service was conducted by Rev. A. E. Hollins, Rector of Dunsfold, who gave an appreciative address. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by R. J. C. Hagley 1-2, A. J. Bartlett 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, G. Luff 7-8. A wreath for the ringers was in the shape of a bell.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MARK.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Mark, of Darlaston, Staffs, aged 85. Mr. Mark was a member of the Parish Church band, when the late John Carter joined the band in 1871. He had been connected with the belfry for over 63 years, and attended the usual weekly practice on November 8th. Mr. Mark was present at Wednesbury Town Hall to see his son, Alderman J. Mark, installed as Mayor the following day. He had a seizure on November 12th, and passed away peacefully on November 18th. 720 Plain Bob Minor, with muffled clappers, was rung by the following prior to the funeral: William Parker 1, George Butler 2, George Meath 3, Howard Howell 4, David Hingley 5, Bert Horton (conductor) 6.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Institute and meeting to follow. Special method: Cambridge. For tea notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. You will be missed if you are not there. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at ALDERSHOT. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting (nominations for 1935) in the Parish Hall. All ringers and their friends invited. Plenty of ringing and entertainment. Come and enjoy yourselves. —C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely. —The annual district meeting at Fulbourn on Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. —Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1st. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. —H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. —W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

COLYTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 25½ cwt.), restored, and No. 2 bell, recast by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Hon. the Rev. F. L. Courtenay, M.A., of Honiton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Ringing by the Honiton Deanery Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. —The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rev. Canon Keith, R.D. Tea in Church House 5.15. Sturminster Marshall bells (6) will also be available from 3 to 7.30. —C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.30, at the Greyhound Hotel, to be followed by meeting. Other towers open: Beaminster (8) 2.30 to 3.30 and 4.30 to 8, Bradpole (8), Symondsbury (6), Lodders (6) 2.30 to 4.30. —C. H. Lathey, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. —D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual social will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Oswaldtwistle. Tea and social 1s. 3d. each. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Social commences at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. —The next meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, December 1st (not November 24th as first advertised). Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. —D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. —H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION. — Bushey, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6. Business meeting after. Tower open till 8.30. Cheap fares from all stations by rail or road. Buses stop at church. —C. H. Horton, 63, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m. The ring of 5 has been rehung and a new treble added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Western Branch. —The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Malvern Link. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m., at the Dining Rooms, with business meeting to follow. Service 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 5th. —Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. —The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., at the King's Arms. P.R.H.A. to be followed by business meeting. —G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, from 3 p.m. Ringers proficient in Stedman are asked to assist those who are not, and those who are not are asked to come and try it. We hope to ring other methods, too, so please come in parties. —J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by invitation of the secretary, and a p.c. by Thursday, Dec. 6th, will be appreciated. Buses leave North Bridge bus stand 15 minutes past the hour and run each half-hour direct to the church. —F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service afterwards. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, Dec. 6th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. — J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. H. Herbert). Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, preceded by short service. Shall be glad to know who's coming, but don't stop away if you haven't sent a card.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 8th, with usual arrangements. Business to include nomination of officers for 1935. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Dec. 6th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Dec. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 3rd. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends made welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) and at Yaxley (6) available at 2.30. Tea, at the Horse Shoes, at 1s. a head, at 4.30. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Laverstoke on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Canteen 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify me for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Padbury on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Stourton and Zeals bells also available. Please come!—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Half-fare to members. Maximum 1s. 6d.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea (1s.) provided for those who notify Mr. G. Newton, 1, Walton View, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, 5th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Dec. 8th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d., at

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, December 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Sat., Dec. 8th. Service and tea as usual.—Wilfred G. Wilson, Assistant Secretary, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Middlesex.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—The augmented ring of 8 bells will be opened on Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Morris. The former ring of 6 restored and 2 trebles added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. Canon C. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Dec. 12th? Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Streatham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Leonard's 3.30 to 5.20. Tea at Manor Arms 5.45. Meeting after tea. Immanuel bells after, and a social evening at Manor Arms at 8.45. Bring your voices and send word to the secretary re tea.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's (R.C.), Brownedge, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) arranged for all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's Road. Meeting after tea. All ringers welcomed.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73 Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Sat., December 15th. Bells available 3.0 p.m. Service 5.0 p.m., and tea 5.30 p.m. to all who send in their names to E. Ford, 18, Cloverdale Square, Smithills, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note. No meeting for December.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 12th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

DOVER, KENT.—The St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. R. Millway 1, H. Whitehead 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George 4, E. J. Walker 5, R. T. Clark 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Also rung as a farewell to Dr. Macmillan, who preached his last sermon as Bishop of Dover at this service.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On October 30th, at St. Helen's, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: Thos. Hand 1, Frank Cocke 2, Gerard Rawson 3, Wilson Dobb 4, Les Rawson (conductor) 5, C. Jaques (first quarter) 8.

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