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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Not many weeks go by nowadays without some new Surprise Major method being rung, and if things go on at this rate, the time will come when there will be no more new methods to ring, and bands, perforce, will have to ring those that have already been practised. Fortunately that will not occur in our days, for the supply is enormous. And yet there is one group which is much smaller than might have been supposed. I mean the really good Surprise methods which have backstroke work only. There are still some of them which have not yet been rung, though I believe they have all been worked out. It is among them we must look for the methods which are likely to take their places alongside Cambridge and Superlative as standard methods. One or two already, such as Rutland and Yorkshire, are beginning to make good their claim. Norfolk has been tried, and if not exactly found wanting, at least not quite of the real quality. It is not easy to say exactly what are the qualities which make up a really good and popular method, but one at least (though not among the most important) is that it should have a good name. As a general rule, the Exercise leaves the naming of new methods to the bands that first ring them, and that lays on those bands the duty of seeing that they have good and suitable names. For more than three hundred years ringers have been producing and naming methods, and on the whole the job has been well done. All our standard methods have good names. London, Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol, Oxford—these are not only important towns, but places intimately connected with the history of the art. Grandsire and Superlative—these we feel to be excellent, why we can hardly say.

But it might not have been so. The earliest ringers of all used names that we should now call ridiculous. Merry Andrew, Wild Goose Chase, My Honey, Non Such, Jack on both Sides, and others like mannered, are samples of seventeenth-century naming. Stedman's Principle was for long known in London as Crambo, and is so styled in one of the standard books. And suppose that the two writers of the two best early books had transposed their names, and that Fabian Stedman had written the Clavis, and William Jones the Campanologia. Should we care about ringing a peal of Jones' Triples? The Exercise seems all along to have had a good instinct in this matter, and all along has refused to adopt names that somehow or other it felt to be unsuitable. We all remember the outcry when it was proposed to give floral names to some six-bell methods, yet even there no general rule was possible, for some, if not many, floral names are good and have survived.

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Perhaps the safest plan is to call the method after the town or village where it was first rung. And that, too, has historical value, but it is not always possible, for more than one new method may have been rung in the same tower. Nor are the names of places of equal value. Generally speaking, place names are the best, but bands should remember that if their new method is likely to be rung by other people, it should have a name which will appeal to others beside themselves. Eastcote and Boveney, for instance, are no doubt very desirable places in themselves, but what have they to do with bells or ringing, or what do ringers as a whole know or care about them? Most of the names of counties have already been taken; those that are left should be reserved for what are likely to become standard methods.

Two ways of naming methods are detestable. One is the made-up or imitative name. To call a method Camdon because part of it resembles Cambridge and part London—that is the sort of thing which may well be left to people who name patent medicines. Or to call a method Londonderry or Londonthorpe because, like many scores of others, it has some features in common with London Surprise—that sort of thing should not be done. And the topical name is just as bad. There was a method rung in 1919 and called Victory Major. The idea in the minds of the ringers was no doubt excellent, but cannot we see now that it was not the right thing? And similarly why call a method Princess Marina? Drop the Princess and call it Marina Surprise and you have a quite good name, but the other won't do.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

G. ARTHUR BAKER Treble	BERT HORTON 7
*HERBERT KNIGHT 2	†ALBERT D. COLLINS 8
†NORMAN H. SMITH 3	§HARRY BOSWELL 9
*ROBERT PICKERING 4	THOMAS SMITH 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
JOHN C. ADAMS 6	FRANCIS BROTHERTON Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* 180th peal together. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve. § First peal of Grandsire Cinques with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as a birthday compliment to G. A. Baker, who kindly entertained the band to tea on the completion of the peal; on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, in the same tower.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
DANIEL T. MATEIN 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	ROGER W. DANIELS 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
FRANK E. HAYNES 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
WILLIAM A. STOTE 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition now rung for the first time. Specially composed and rung in honour of Mr. James George's 81st birthday.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. Mills 1, W. A. Batten 2, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 3, F. C. Shorter 4, W. Grainger 5, T. Wyatt 6, E. J. King 7, H. H. Peters 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

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

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung to welcome the Rev. F. A. Page as Vicar of Northfleet.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

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

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON 6
WILLIAM J. CLOVER 3	HARRY TOOKE 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WALTER R. FARROW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Fiftieth peal as conductor during 1934. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

On the Gabriel Eight.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
ALBERT G. WARNES 3	Cecil V. EBBERSON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in D.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	THOMAS GUEST 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

Rung to commemorate the royal wedding.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... Treble	E. GEORGE MORRAD 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	EDWARD J. BEER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 7
RICHARD A. MUNN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding. Birthday peal for Richard Smith.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding. The composition, No. 406, is rung for the first time. The conductor's second time 'round the circle,' also conducted a peal from each bell in this tower.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*FRED HAZELL ... Treble	CHARLES DYKE 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	EDWARD ASHBY 6
*MISS E. K. FULTON 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
ROY WILKINSON 4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING YOUTHS.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*REGINALD STACEY ... Treble	HERBERT WRIGHT 5
*FREDERICK BARKER 2	WILLIAM BARDWELL 6
*HARRY WEBB 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
*WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE ... 4	*GEORGE SKIPP ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and for the jubilee of the association.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALFRED T. MAGGS ... Treble	BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... 5
*ALBERT C. BAKER 2	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 6
JOHN G. JEFFERIES 3	FRANK SKIDMORE 7
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 4	JOHN COX ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
*JOSEPH LITTLER 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	CHARLES OLLIER 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	T. B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the royal wedding.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. EBBE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

CHARLES COLES Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE HORWOOD 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 6
JOHN R. HARRIS 3	FRANCIS E. MAY 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR
Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

*G. DENNIS DIGHTON ... Treble	CYRIL WILSON 5
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 6
†CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob, also as conductor. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Oxford on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES DAVIES 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 6
*SIDNEY G. MONTON ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal of Triples. Rung in commemoration of the royal wedding.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of All SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5
*HARRY SNERDON 2	THOMAS NORMAN 6
NORMAN HOBDEN 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
JOHN HOBDEN 4	RICHARD V. FULLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS JOAN PEARCE ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MAURICE LING ... Treble	ERNEST DURRANT 5
ERNEST B. SMITH 2	URBAN WILDNEY 6
*ROY MOWFORTH 3	†JOHN CLARE 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY 4	H. A. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, and also the 11th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ling. A farewell peal to Mr. Roy Mowforth, who is leaving the district.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	ERNEST W. PURBANK ... 7
JOHN S. MORTON 4	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Helmore, late secretary of the Kent County Association, on his 83rd birthday.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
JAMES L. WRIGHT 3	E. ROGER MARTIN 7
BENJAMIN H. KNIGHTS ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

First Surprise peal on the bells and rung for the royal wedding. The composition, a two-part, with the 6th the extent R and only four H bobs, is now rung for the first time.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

At the Church of St. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET ... Treble	ERNEST E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE CONDICK 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	HENRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the widow of the late Canon Fowler, late Vicar of this parish.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT G. EDGE ... Treble	*CHARLES H. KING 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HERBERT J. ELDRED ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
*CHARLES W. WARD 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Sumpter, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Davy (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. Gould 2, A. Lane 3, S. Butchers 4, L. Derrick 5, E. Shearn (first quarter of Triples) 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, H. Windsor 8.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY AMOS Treble	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 2	*ALBERT L. WARD 6
WILLIAM HECTOR 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
REGINALD ALEY 4	SIDNEY H. TOWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in celebration of the royal wedding.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. E. PICKERING Treble	C. E. CARR 5
A. BALLARD 2	† W. A. WOOD 6
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 3	P. ALDEAM 7
* F. MEASURES 4	G. A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by J. Cox.

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the royal wedding.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation).

WILFRED COX Treble	CHARLES W. COOPER ... 5
HAROLD J. SHUCK 2	HARRY HUBBALL 6
HARRY WYRE 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
WALTER FARLEY 4	JOSEPH WARR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

* EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM WATHEN 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
† GEORGE W. ABLITT 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 7
KEITH W. WHITEELL 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Triples. † First in method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	* CLAUDE WOODARD 5
JAMES ROSE 2	CHARLES SHEMMING ... 6
* WILLIAM KINSLEY 3	GEORGE MORE 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

R. EDWARD JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
LIONEL CLOUGH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of the above church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

* ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	* WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... 5
† EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
* JOHN H. BOTHAM 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1934, in Three Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE OXFORD BOB, PLAIN BOB, AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Containing 1,632 changes of Double Oxford, 1,792 of Plain Bob and 1,584 Double Norwich.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

JACK RANCE Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Arranged by ALBERT G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in these three methods 'spliced' by all the band and by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT DOWNES Treble	WALTER EVANS 4
ERNEST SALMONS 2	FRANK DOWNES 5
ALBERT HURCOMBE 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

GUISBOROUGH, YORKS.

OLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* G. HUSBAND Treble	G. P. KEMBALL 4
† M. T. PEACOCK 2	† B. PYBUS 5
† J. REED 3	C. ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by C. ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding. Also a farewell peal to the captain of the band, M. T. Peacock, who is leaving the district.

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On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, New Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day, Grandsire and Union, Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST J. LAMBERT Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3
JOHN HIGGINS 2	*FRED LAMBERT 4
ERNEST HILLYER Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal and first attempt. First in seven methods of Doubles by all the band. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY 4
FRANK LORD 2	GEORGE L. HALL 5
ERNEST BRITAIN 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HARRY GIBBARD 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Horton Double Surprise, Cheddleton Double Surprise, and Biddulph Double Surprise and two 720 changes (each called differently), of Hanley Double Surprise and Milton Double Surprise.

CHARLES PRESTON Treble	REGINALD O. PRESTON 4
WILLIAM WHELDON 2	JOHN WHELDON, JUN. 5
FRED WM. GROCOTT 3	GEORGE HY. BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD O. PRESTON.

First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Double Surprise ever rung containing the whole five Double Surprise Minor methods yet published. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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NORTH FERRIBY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. HOBSON Treble	HARRY RODMELL 4
*DERRK M. SHARP 2	LEONARD RODMELL 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	ARTHUR E. WEST Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

KITTY WILLERS Treble	*ERIC CHAPMAN 4
ARTHUR C. WILSON 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
MANSFIELD GINN 3	*EDWARD W. HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. HAYNES.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD BLOCKSIDE ... Treble	†RICHARD INSTON 4
NELSON BLOCKSIDE 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
ALBERT WOODVINE 3	*LEONARD BRAY Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS HARPIN Treble	WALLACE G. CHURCH 4
MISS EVELYN SIZEL 2	*LEONARD WILLIAMS 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

MISS K. V. TORNER Treble	DOUGLAS W. RANSOM 4
FREDERICK J. MARSH 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL 5
MRS. G. W. RENDELL 3	WILLIAM G. DELAMONT Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT W. RENDELL.

First peal and first attempt by all members and first on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK GREEN Treble	†JOSEPH MOORE 4
*JAMES SMART 2	HORACE D. TAYLOR 5
*MAURICE SMART 3	JESSE HALLETT Tenor

Conducted by H. D. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as birthday compliments to Mrs. C. Hallett, mother of J. Hallett, and Mrs. H. Taylor, wife of the conductor.

**MORECAMBE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

PETER ROGERSON Treble	ERNEST SWAIN 4
STANLEY CLIFFORD 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 3	HERBERT PALMER Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in six methods by all the band. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor and 2,880 changes of Bob Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HANCOCK Treble	† FREDERICK HANCOCK ... 4
* GEORGE HANCOCK 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
MRS. M. POWELL 3	JOSEPH DEAN Tenor

Conducted by Rev. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal in two methods on a bob bell. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BOW BELLS RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The record of Bow Bells that the B.B.C. turns on to us every little while we all of us know is stoney, and, in my opinion, not too good. Would it not be possible for the Ancient Society of College Youths to ring a touch of Stedman Caters on these bells for a record and present it to the B.B.C.? It would be much more pleasant to hear from a ringer's point of view, and also give the public some idea of change ringing. R. E. Tenterden.

JUBILEE PRESENTATION AT PUTNEY.

MR. THOMAS BOLTON HONOURED.

On Wednesday, November 28th, during a 'break' in the ordinary practice, at which about 20 members and friends of the St. Mary's, Putney, Association were present, Mr. C. Moody called the attention of the company to the fact that they were there assembled to honour their Master, Mr. Thomas Bolton, on his completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Mary's, 27 of which he has held the office of Master. Mr. Moody called on Mr. J. Herbert (treasurer) to make the presentation.

Mr. Herbert, in a short and happy speech, presented the Master with a fitted smoking cabinet, which will be suitably inscribed. He voiced the hope of all present that Mr. Bolton would be spared many years to enjoy it, and conveying to him best wishes for his future health and happiness.

Mr. Bolton briefly thanked the company for their kindness, remarking that he would treasure the gift, and the spirit of goodwill which prompted it.

During the 50 years many changes (not Stedman) had taken place at Putney, once quite a rural suburb. The Parish Church, formerly a 'stoney' tower, had from the commencement of Mr. Bolton's mastership been pushing onwards with change ringing, till about three years ago a local band rang a peal of Double Norwich. It is not in the peal ringing firmament that the local star is prominent, but in service ringing. Led by the Master, who has generally averaged 97 attendances for Sunday ringing per annum, the other members respond gallantly to the call, some even sometimes surpassing him. Mr. Bolton has rung several peals in standard methods, 'just to show 'em,' but is more happy in the more humdrum weekly round of service ringing and practice, and the pleasure of welcoming visitors and doing his best to provide for their comfort and enjoyment. A peal was rung the next day in honour of Mr. Bolton, which has been recorded in the proper place.

LECKHAMPTON BELLS TESTED.

Leckhampton bells, which have recently been placed on hall bearings, were well tested on December 1st, when, by invitation of the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held their annual meeting there. The service was conducted by Archdeacon Sears, who, with Mrs. Sears, kindly entertained the company to tea. At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks accorded to all concerned. The tower was again visited, and, with the aid of Mr. S. Romans, Master of the association, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, many methods were practised.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Surprise Minor at Leytonstone on November 12th was P. H. Avey.

Mr. J. Pugsley, Minehead, has recently had a peal board put in Milverton tower recording a peal rung 41 years ago. This was the first peal on the bells after being augmented to eight.

In reply to Mr. E. Corner, of Hanley, as to the lowering of bells in peal, this can only be achieved by practice. The main principle is to put a very good man on the treble and for the other ringers to use their ears.

There is a promising young band of ringers at Bognor Regis, who desire the master hand to help them forward. Mr. C. Andrews, of Upwell, Clyde Road, Felpham, would be pleased to hear from Sussex County officials.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Triples at Woburn on November 17th, we are informed that it was the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by Mr. William E. Redrup. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. L. Gutteridge.

Will correspondents sending in reports of meetings and peals kindly note that these should be addressed to 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. The prompt submission of reports will facilitate the production of Christmas issues of 'The Ringing World.'

Through the breaking of the treble rope, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was unfortunately lost at the Priory Church, Leominster, on December 1st. A quarter-peal of Caters was afterwards rung by C. Edwards (conductor) 1, W. Downes 2, F. Downes 3, A. Gwynne 4, G. Giblin 5, W. Taylor 6, H. Symonds 7, A. Hurcombe 8, H. Taylor 9, E. Salmons 10.

From a newspaper cutting in the British Museum: 'January 18th, 1852. The Wiltshire Youths ascended the tower of Leyton Under-shaft Church, Wiltshire, and succeeded in accomplishing a true and complete peal of Stedman Cinques consisting of 5,280 changes in 3 hours and 58 minutes (names follow). Weight of tenor 49 cwt. in the key of C flat. Conducted by J. Davis.' The curious thing is that there never was a society called the Wiltshire Youths, and never a peal of twelve in Wiltshire. If this was somebody's joke, the reason for it is not apparent.

'Ealing' Surprise has brought us many letters from old friends. Mr. E. Jenkins (Bradford, Yorks) reminds us that this peal was composed by the late Mr. Arthur Craven in 1901 and is No. 21 in his collection; Mr. George Williams (Eastleigh) submits that the peal composition 'grewed' from what the late Nathan J. Pitstow used to call 'Washbrook's' 27 courses of Superlative, and that the figures may be found in 'Bell News,' Vol. 5, page 226, July 30th, 1887, '6,048 in three parts,' and also on page 293 in one part of the same volume; Mr. George Baker (Brighton), Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne) and Mr. G. Marriner (Leatherhead) state that the method is identical with 'Horsham' Surprise, discovered June 15th, 1912, by Mr. G. Baker, of Brighton. The same formed part, writes Mr. Marriner, of the combination method 'Leatherhead' Surprise rung in the early part of this year at Leatherhead. Mr. Trollope will deal with this interesting theme next week.

PRESENTATION TO ARCHDEACON HOWSON

The Ven. Archdeacon Howson, who now resides at Putney, visited Liverpool on December 8th to fulfil two or three week-end engagements. The opportunity was taken of presenting him with an illuminated address. The address was beautifully worded and written on vellum, which was on leather and folded like a book. It contained an expression of the appreciation of the members of the Lancashire Association, particularly the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, to the Archdeacon for his many kindnesses to them throughout the past years. The address was handed to the Archdeacon by Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. Archdeacon Howson was greatly pleased with the address and its beautiful wording.

The members of the association are very grateful to Canon Elsee for his work in connection with the address and his kindness in travelling to Liverpool to make the presentation.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Ernest J. Lambert.	Cosgrove, Northants.
Fred Lambert.	Cosgrove, Northants.
Albert G. Edge.	Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Charles W. Ward.	Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Charles H. King.	Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Reginald Blocksidge.	Malinslee, Salop.
Leonard Bray.	Malinslee, Salop.
Derek M. Sharp.	North Ferriby, Yorks.
Miss K. V. Turner.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
Frederick J. Marsh.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
Mrs. G. W. Rendell.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
D. W. Ransom.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
Gilbert W. Rendell.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
William G. Delamont.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
G. Husband.	Guisborough, Yorks.

RISE AND FALL OF BELLS.

CORNWALL DENIES THAT IT IS A DYING ART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being a regular ringer of St. Austell, I cannot refrain from taking Col. Jerram to task when he says that rising and falling is a dying art in Cornwall. I can assure him that it is not so. If he will take a line from Ladoek across Cornwall to Newlyn East, along the north coast to Kilhampton, then by the Tamar to Malher and on the South Coast as far as Fowey and St. Austell, he will enclose the largest half of Cornwall. I believe I am right when I say that every tower band in this circle can rise and fall, and the majority can do it very creditably, especially in East Cornwall, where a ringing festival is occasionally held. This alone makes different bands practise rising and falling, also round ringing and call changes.

I have heard bells rung in the following manner: Rise and get into key of 30 rounds per minute for eight bells, or 32 rounds for six bells, in three minutes; ring rounds for ten minutes; then fall at your leisure. I've heard this done with less than six mistakes. There are invariably three judges. If Col. Jerram desires, I will get a band together all from one tower. I wonder if the Colonel has ever heard the father and five sons by the name of Libby, of Talland, near Looe, ring a peal. If not, I would advise him to try and get in touch with them.

One thing more: Col. Jerram says that if you rise in peal the tenor will not double all the way up; if it does, it gets on the wrong side of the bells. That is wrong. I have rung the tenor in almost every tower in Cornwall and a good many in Devon, and the only one I remember getting on the wrong side in rising is the tenor, Charles Church, Plymouth. At St. Austell, where the tenor is 18½ cwt., we usually have two to rise the bell, and I have never known the clapper to get on the wrong side. I have pulled it up myself with a strapper and not once did it get wrong. I might also say it doubles all the way after the third round. I was captain of a nearby tower of six bells hung by Gillett and Johnston. This tenor I will guarantee will double up and down with Gillett and Johnston patent clapper spring attached. If Col. Jerram would care to come in this district, I can assure him I will get a band together that will convince him that Cornish ringing is not yet dead.

G. R. STEPHENS.

Lancast, Stables, St. Austell.

A WEST COUNTRY EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the leading article in your paper of November 23rd, and would be very interested if Col. Jerram could arrange to bring a band of ringers from the West Country, not particularly Cornwall, to give demonstrations of rising and falling in peal as it should be done.

I remember about the year 1891 I visited Clossworth to ring. The bells were a peal of five, and still are, and, as far as my memory serves me I should think the tenor would be approximately 12 cwt. They were hung in a very ancient oak frame, extremely high off the foundation, and the bells themselves in those days had very long canons, and they were hung right out of their stocks, and I very much regret these canons have been removed, but, since then, they have been rehung, and, in my opinion, the canons could have been very well left on as they were of a particularly ornamented type. The bells were hung right out of their stocks, so that they had a very long swing.

They were fitted with full wheels of very large diameter and hung, as the local ringers called it, 'dead rope,' that means there was no sally pull whatever. The occasion when I visited the tower we raised the bells in peal to about three-quarters way up, and then let them down again, raised them a second time and rang a few call changes. This took some doing, and I can quite well remember I did not make much of a job of it. One of the old local ringers said to me, 'If you want to get over a bell you just have to pull her harder and get over that bell, and if you want to ring closer and cut in a place you just hold her down on the tail end.' The open lead was very noticeable, as naturally the bells swung considerably higher from the one pull on the tail end of the rope. Needless to say, there were no stays or sliders.

These old ringers used to ring these call changes remarkably well, and the way they did it without any handstroke pull was very remarkable.

J. H. B. HESSE.

Olivers, Haslemere.

A ROYAL TIME AT SWINDON.

The fine peal of ten at Christ Church, Swindon, rang out merrily on December 8th on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal, and there was a good attendance, the majority of the towers being represented.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. W. Thomas. After tea the business meeting was held and all the officers re-elected. No meeting was arranged for January, and Blunsdon and St. Mark's, Swindon, were chosen for the February and March meetings.

FROM THE HEART OF WESSEX.

WIMBORNE BRANCH RINGERS AT WIMBORNE.

The venerable Minster Church of Wimborne, with its towers, constructed of a reddish-brown sandstone and partly of a drab coloured stone, was the venue for the Wimborne branch annual meeting on December 1st. The 15th century western tower in its tapering appearance contains a peal of ten bells, the tenor weighing 36 cwt. and bearing a Latin inscription recording the fact that it was made originally by Mr. William Loringe and recast in 1629. The music of these bells went, clear and distinct, soft and muffled, across the stately town. At the customary service the Vicar (Canon A. L. Keith) gave an appropriate address, and the lesson was read by the chairman of the branch (Canon E. Clement Eddrup). A member of the local band played the organ.

At the business meeting, those present, on the initiative of the chairman (Canon Eddrup), stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Bernard Herklots (Rector of Poole). Giving the financial statement, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (secretary and treasurer) mentioned there was a balance in hand of £7 3s. 5d., compared to £7 14s. 7d. brought forward. Of the total receipts of £18 8s. 5d., £8 17s. represented 115 ringing members' subscriptions at 1s. 6d. each, 12s. from six associates and £1 from four honorary members. Mr. Phillips commented on the small number of honorary members, and appealed for greater support in this direction. The statement was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Ivor Davis, seconded by Mr. W. A. Houlton.

The secretary's report gave an interesting resume of the activities of the branch, and towers in particular, during the past year. He pointed out the outstanding events belonged to the county and guild as a whole rather than to the branch, and reference was made to the part taken in the dedication of Sherborne Abbey bells and the great rally at Milton Abbey in June. The branch, as a whole, and the Poole tower in particular, had lost a good friend in the passing of the Rev. Herklots, Mr. Phillips observed. The officers were elected en bloc, Mr. Phillips paying tribute to the constant help of Mr. J. I. Davis, his assistant.

Sympathetic reference was made to the very serious accident which had befallen Mr. W. C. Shute. It was agreed that a message of sympathy, coupled with best wishes for a speedy recovery, should be sent to him.

The meeting agreed to convey to Mr. Williams, of Okeford Fitzpaine, hearty congratulations on the celebration that day of the diamond jubilee of his wedding. Mr. Davis, calling attention to the 25th anniversary of the King's reign next May, expressed the hope that the event would be marked by the ringing of all church bells in the various towers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT DETACHED TOWER.

A meeting of the Truro Branch of the above Guild was held at Illogan on December 1st. The Church of St. Illogan was rebuilt in the year 1848 in another position in the extensive churchyard, but the ancient embattled granite tower, with pinnacles, was left standing north-west of the present church, and contains a clock and six bells, which were recast in 1889 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank from an earlier peal. In 1930 the bells were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

During the afternoon and evening, rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung by those present, who included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary). At the service the singing was led by the choir, and the address given by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Renner). A bountiful tea was generously provided in the Harris Memorial Hall, and the Rector, Mr. T. Slee (local captain) and all the lady helpers were heartily thanked by Col. Jerram. This was seconded by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

As this was the annual district meeting, the officers were elected as follows: Branch chairman, Mr. T. Slee (Illogan); branch secretary, Mr. A. S. Roberts (Truro). St. Agnes' was selected for the next meeting. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTH BUCKS.

Some 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Woughton on December 1st, when it was reported that various meetings had been arranged in some parts of the branch's area to promote the interests of those towers not affiliated to the Guild.

Owing to the illness of the Rector of Woughton, the service was conducted by the Rev. H. Partridge, R.D., Rector of Blethley, and a Woughton ringer presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the Rev. H. Adcane Byard presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. Sear (hon. secretary). The maintenance of the number of honorary members was a matter discussed, and the encouragement and assistance of young bands.

Some good ringing was done after the meeting, Sampson tower being available, and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Steelman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH'S GOOD YEAR.**

Thirteen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on November 17th. The service in the church was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. L. Cooper, R.D.), and the address was given by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch).

A company of 65 sat down to tea in the Parish Room served by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives. At the business meeting the chairman of the branch presided, and an apology was read from the Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge).

Mr. H. W. Curtis (secretary) reported a very successful year. Eight peals had been rung in the branch during the year, and six meetings held. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £15 16s. 10d.—The report and accounts were adopted.

The following officers were re-elected: The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, chairman; Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary and treasurer; Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis, F. Owen and A. Smith, general committee.

Good reports were heard from nearly every tower in the branch, and the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) congratulated the towers upon their excellent reports, and wished them the best of success in the future. Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) congratulated the branch on its successful year.

Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer) reported that the Jenkyn memorial had been dedicated by their present Master, Canon Coleridge, and the total cost of £131 had been met. Mr. C. A. Hawker, J.P., churchwarden, also addressed the meeting. One new hon. member and eight new ringing members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Shaw in February, and the spring meeting for Yattendon in April. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Newbury, Canon W. L. Cooper, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, Mr. Sellick, and to Mrs. Curtis and her helpers, which was carried with applause. The tower was again visited. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

ESSEX RINGERS PLEASED WITH NEW WANSTEAD BELLS

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association at Wanstead on November 17th was fairly well attended in spite of the inclement weather, 40 members being present from Leytonstone, Romford, Walthamstow, Gillingham (Kent), Hornchurch, Colchester, Cumberwell, Bishopsgate, Leyton and Fobbing.

The new peal by Messrs. Taylor's was made good use of previous to the service conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. Birchenough). The was served in the schoolroom, the members being kindly entertained by the Wanstead band.

The business meeting was held under the presidency of the District Master, supported by the Association Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) and the churchwardens. Two new ringing members were elected, and Messrs. Prior and Butler were re-elected District Master and hon. secretary respectively. Hornchurch was the place selected for the next meeting, to be held on January 12th. The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for kindly allowing use of tower and bells and for conducting the service, to the Wanstead band for entertaining the members to tea, and also having everything in readiness.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going till 8.15 p.m., when a move was made for home. During the afternoon touches in various Minor methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise were rung, everybody having a chance to try their favourite method on this splendid light peal of six, which has now taken the place of the old steel bells formerly installed in this tower. Messrs. Taylor and the Church authorities are to be congratulated on the excellence of the new ring.

A LOSS TO THE DEVIZES BRANCH.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place at Rowde on December 1st, when the Rector (the Rev. P. H. Opperman) made the members very welcome. Tea was served in the Institute by Mrs. Watts. Mr. E. F. White presided at the business meeting in the continued absence of the branch chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). The members were pleased to hear that Mr. Heginbotham was progressing towards recovery, he having now returned from hospital to his home. The secretary reported that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chapman, who had put in such a large amount of work at Bretton, were leaving the district and taking up their residence at Keinton Mandeville. The meeting decided that a letter of good wishes should be sent to them from the branch, thanking them for what they had done and wishing them God-speed. A touch of Triples were rung on handbells, and Messrs. Hillier and Winter obliged with a course of Major (four-handed). Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to Miss Wright, organist, also the choirboys. The ringers then returned to the tower, where methods up to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

MORE PROGRESS IN ESSEX.**SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.**

Enthusiasm is unabated in Essex, and a particularly encouraging report comes from the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division at Widford on November 24th, when 50 members were present. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. R. Thurlow), the address being given by Mr. Hussey.

The business meeting followed tea, and was presided over by the retiring District Master (Mr. H. W. Kirtton), supported by the Master of the association (Mr. E. P. Duffield). The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. Head, of Chelmsford.

The hon. secretary, in his report of the year's working, said five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 28. One honorary member and nine ringing members had been elected, and the division had lost by death two ringing members, Mr. H. Dawson, of Great Baddow, and Mr. A. Head, of Chelmsford. There were now 136 ringing members.

The District Master welcomed the Master of the association (Mr. E. P. Duffield), and congratulated him upon his election as Master of the College Youths, to which Mr. Duffield replied. Dr. Spencer-Phillips was elected District Master, Mr. Kirtton wishing to retire, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack was re-elected as hon. secretary. Eight ringing members were elected, viz.: H. Carter and D. Green, of Great Baddow; C. Smith, Ford End; D. Roast, E. Roast, F. Galley, W. Spokes and G. Coppin, of Danbury; also two probationers—T. Abbott and F. Wincott, Danbury.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Springfield on January 26th.

The Master explained the procedure proposed for the referendum on the proposed change of title for the association, which will be taken in February.

The District Master proposed votes of thanks to the Rector, to Mr. Hussey and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

THE REV. A. T. BEESTON MEMORIAL.**ENCOURAGING MEETING AT HYDE.**

Fourteen towers were represented apart from local ringers at the meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Hyde on November 24th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson) officiated at the service, and tea was provided by the local ringers in the Parish Room.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and the chairman of the branch (Mr. Hough) and Mr. Tom Wilde both spoke very feelingly of the loss sustained by the death of Mr. James Fernley. The meeting stood for a few moments in silence as a token of respect. The Secretary (Mr. A. Whiting) announced that he had received £6 8s. towards the Rev. A. T. Beeston memorial, and that subscriptions continued to arrive at an encouraging speed. He also read several extracts from letters wishing the appeal success. The meetings for next year were arranged provisionally as follows: The annual meeting at Stockport, St. Mary's, on January 26th, and the quarterly meetings at New Mills on March 30th, Mobberley on June 29th, Bowdon on September 21st, and Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, on November 16th. It was also decided that practice meetings might be arranged during the summer months at a later date. Votes of thanks were passed to all who helped to make the meeting so enjoyable. During the afternoon and evening ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise methods.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION AT BUXTON.

The North Norfolk Branch held a successful meeting at Buxton on November 24th. The bells of Stratton Strawless were also available, and numerous touches in a variety of methods, including London and Cambridge Surprise, were rung on both peals in the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, kindly provided by the Church authorities in the Village Hall, the Vicar of Buxton, the Rev. H. W. Benson, presided, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer) and Mr. N. Golden (hon. secretary, South Norfolk Branch and hon. secretary pro tem.). Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. C. E. Bishop, Rector of Stratton Strawless, and Mr. P. E. Sewell, of Buxton.

The belfry elections of Miss P. E. Tillet (Ipswich) and Messrs. F. J. Tillet, jun. (Ipswich), C. Clarke (Grundsirburgh) and C. T. H. Bradley (Folkingham) were ratified, and Mr. P. W. J. Fryer, of Wymondham, was unanimously elected a life member of the association.

The annual meeting was fixed for February 2nd at Aylsham with Marsham. The South Norfolk Branch meeting is at Saxlingham on January 19th, while the East Norfolk Branch goes to Lowestoft on February 23rd.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the donors of the tea, the Rev. H. W. Benson for presiding, and the Rev. C. E. Bishop for the use of his bells.

N. G.

NINETEEN TOWERS REPRESENTED.**NORTH DORSET BRANCH'S ENCOURAGING MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Mere, Wilts, on December 8th, when about 50 members and visitors were present. Service was held in the Parish Church of St. Michael, the Rev. I. G. Cameron (Vicar) and the Rev. E. C. Laidlay (curate) officiated, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. A. Charles (curate of Gillingham). Following the service tea was partaken of in the Grove Buildings at the invitation of the clergy and Parochial Church Council, and was admirably served by lady members of the Council and choir.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild) presided at the business meeting, and he was supported by the Rev. I. G. Cameron, the Rev. E. C. Laidlay, Mr. J. H. Allen (churchwarden), the Rev. J. H. A. Charles, the Rev. Deaconess Belfield, Mr. H. J. Ralph (branch hon. secretary), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch). Nineteen towers were represented.

The following officers for 1935 were elected: Chairman, E. W. J. Hellins; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; Ringing Masters, Mr. W. O. Shute and Mr. E. G. Coward; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. J. Ralph; on the Branch Committee, Mr. W. Brown and Mr. Ridout. The quarterly meetings for next year were decided, viz.: Durweston, March; Shaftesbury, June; Child Okeford, September; and Sherborne in December for the annual meeting. Mr. A. H. Chant (Templecombe) and Mr. Coward (Gillingham) were elected members.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and officers of the church, and quoted the words of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, viz., that there were two things which never failed to touch his emotions, and they were the National Anthem and the sound of church bells. On the motion of the chairman, a vote of sympathy was carried and the secretary requested to convey same to Mr. W. C. Shute ('Good old Bill') with the hope of a speedy recovery from his accident. Thanks were given to the visitors and to the officers of the branch. Letters of regret for absence were read from the Masters (the Rev. R. H. Gundry and Mr. W. C. West).

The meeting concluded with a touch of Triples on the handbells by Mere, Poole and Lyme Regis members. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung on the tower bells in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Doubles and Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Minor.

AYLESBEARE ANNUAL MEETING.

Between 50 and 60 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild on Dec. 1st at Topsham. The bells were kept going before and after tea, and the methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor. The service in St. Margaret's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Guy Unliday), and an impressive address was given by the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox), who based his remarks on the inscription on the second bell at the Priory, Christ Church. The wives and friends of the local band kindly entertained the company to tea.

In the absence through indisposition of the chairman (the Rev. E. A. Jullian), the Rev. E. V. Cox presided. The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted. The Rev. E. A. Jullian and Mr. R. Brook were re-elected, respectively, as chairman and hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. Skinner was unanimously elected as Ringing Master for the coming year. Owing to the revision of the rules, three members were elected as representatives to the General Committee, Miss Goodman, Miss Lomas and Mr. John Hayman. The Rev. W. N. Mitchell, Rector of Clyst St. George, was elected an honorary member, and four associate members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Whimble on Saturday, February 23rd. The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and use of the bells, the organist and choir for their attendance, and the ladies who presided over the tea tables. The secretary thanked the president for presiding over the meeting and for his address in the church.

EXETER'S ENCOURAGING YEAR.**SCARCITY OF PEALS THROUGH BELLS NOT AVAILABLE.**

The art of change ringing is progressing in the Exeter District of the Devon Guild. The annual meeting at St. David's, Exeter, on December 8th, was very encouraging. The service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Esdaile Burkill), was followed by tea in the Institute, where 70 were present.

Mr. C. G. Glass (chairman) presided at the business meeting. The secretary's report showed progress. Several hands had learnt to ring something different from Grandsire and Stedman, but peals were scarce through members not being able to get permission to ring the bells. The membership of the branch was well maintained, the youngest member to gain his certificate being just 12 years of age. The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. Glass, chairman; W. H. Howe, secretary and treasurer; W. A. Wills, assistant secretary. The following were elected to the General Committee of the Guild: Mr. E. W. Biffin (St. Thomas'), Mr. J. Ridler (Thorverton) and Mr. E. J. Ryall (Christow). Votes of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success concluded the meeting.

The bells of the various towers in the city, including the Cathedral, were kept busy during the evening.—W. H. H.

SURREY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.

The meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on December 1st, was a very enjoyable affair, some 40 ringers attending. The bells were kept going in a good variety of methods. At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. C. H. Kippin presided, in the unavoidable absence of the District Master. The secretary announced that it was hoped to arrange a mid-week meeting at Mitcham on Wednesday, January 9th, and also that the annual district meeting would be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. The general secretary stated that the augmented peal of eight bells at Lingfield was being dedicated on Saturday, December 15th, and appealed for a good attendance. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies who prepared such an excellent tea, and to Mr. Hardy for making local arrangements and giving the association such a warm welcome to Lambeth. The tower was again visited for some more ringing until 9 o'clock, with a short break at 7.30, when most ringers present attended evensong, the Vicar giving a very appropriate address.

SURREY MEMBERS AT MERSTHAM.

The famous old peal at Merstham was visited by the Southern District of the Surrey Association on December 8th, when about 30 members were present. Those who were not inclined to climb the steep stairs to the belfry spent an interesting afternoon with Major Williams, who gave an account of the history of the church and pointed out the chief features.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) presided at the business meeting, when three new members were elected. Two peals were reported, both being first peals as conductor. The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at St. John's, Redhill, with Mr. W. Claydon as conductor. Notice was given that the next district meeting would be held at Horley in January, if tower available, or as an alternative Betchingley. Members were reminded of the rededication service of Lingfield bells next Saturday.

Mrs. Birt then gave an account of how she spent last Christmas Day in South Africa and the homely feeling produced when the sound of a single bell was heard coming from a mission church about twelve miles away. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Wilkinson) for the use of the bells, to Major Williams and to Mr. and Mrs. Birt for their kindness in inviting the members and their wives to tea.

After some change ringing on the handbells, a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector. Ringing then continued in various methods until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WISKENS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Wiskens, who passed away on December 4th at the age of 66, after a long illness borne with much fortitude. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and was for 41 years a member of the Diss Company. His death took place on the 40th anniversary of his first peal.

The funeral was at Diss Cemetery on December 8th, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by the following: C. J. More 1-2, E. F. Poppy 3-4, G. Archer 5-6, D. Whiting 7-8. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful wreath from his ringing colleagues.

On Sunday afternoon eight members of the Diss Company rang with the bells half-muffled a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as follows: G. Archer 1, F. Roper 2, E. Bennett 3, C. J. More (conductor) 4, A. G. Harrison 5, D. Whiting 6, W. Chenery 7, W. Musk 8.

GOOLE WELCOMES YORKSHIRE RINGERS.

Goole gave a very cordial welcome to the 30 members who attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association on December 8th. Ten towers, apart from the local company, and visitors from Barton-on-Humber and Gainsborough, were present. The service held in church was conducted by the Rev. F. W. H. Jessop, Vicar of Wressle, a former curate of Goole, who gave a very interesting address, telling how he was thrilled by the sound of bells during his ministry in Canada, which reminded him of home. Tea was partaken of at the Sydney Hotel, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. F. W. H. Jessop. One new member was elected, Bernard Hartley, of Easington. On the motion of Mr. F. Dale, seconded by Mr. F. Cryer, York was selected as the place for the annual district meeting, subject to the necessary permission being granted by the Dean and Chapter.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. F. Dale, and responded to by the Rev. F. W. H. Jessop, and a vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by the secretary (Mr. W. S. Morley), seconded by Mr. A. E. West. Mr. Drake, in his reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Goole. The methods rung during the meeting were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Minor, Plain Bob Major and Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

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The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on November 29th, conducted by L. G. Brett.

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BROUGHTON BELLS REHUNG.

December 4th was a red letter day for the people of Broughton, Hampshire, as it saw the completion of the restoration of the church bells, for which the church authorities and villagers have been working to raise funds for some time. The old ring of five have been restored and rehung in modern fittings and a new treble added, making a handy ring of six with a tenor of 12 cwt.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton, and the church was crowded; the opening touch was rung by the King's Somborne ringers, by special request of the Rector of Broughton. Ringers were present from Bishopstoke, King's Somborne, Lockerley, Nether Wallop, Romsey, Stockbridge and Winchester. The bells were available for ringing after the dedication service.

The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in their usual efficient style.

FARNHAM DISTRICT AT ALDERSHOT.

The light peal of eight (tenor 8½ cwt.) at Aldershot was well employed at the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Aldershot on December 1st. The service, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon H. Le Fleming, R.D.). Tea, prepared by the local lady ringers, was very well served in the Parish Hall. At the business meeting, two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. P. Connor and E. Symonds, of Aldershot. The gathering stood in silence to the memory of Canon R. W. H. Stuart, an honorary member, of Bagshot, and Mr. G. T. Pearce (Hascombe). The district's retiring officers were renominated for 1935. Votes of thanks were passed to all responsible for the meeting arrangements. Owing to a church service, the tower was not available until 7 p.m., but handbell ringing, dancing and musical games were enjoyed for about an hour. The bells were rung down, after a good practice of standard methods, at 9 p.m.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

From 'down Somerset way' comes the news this week of the wedding at Winsford Parish Church of Mr. William G. Newberry, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Newberry, of Dulverton, and Miss Dora Frances Veysey, fifth daughter of the late Mr. G. Veysey and Mrs. Veysey, of the Post Office, Winsford. The bride's father was a keen member of the local band of ringers, and Mr. Tom Newberry is one of the old-timers in the Dunster Deanery Association. His son, who lives at Ashted, Surrey, shares his father's enthusiasm. Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells rang out their message of good wishes and happiness. The wedding presents included a mirror from the Leatherhead ringers and a case of spoons and forks from the ringers at Ewell.

BELLS FOR CHURCH.

'Treble's going . . . gone!
The sally leaps from my hand,
And full five hundredweight of metal
Curtseys at my command.
The mighty motion rocks and sways
The tower of the church,
But the gliding ropes are quiet and straight
As a group of sapling birch,
While the tireless sallies soar aloft,
Pause, and come down again,
And over the city chimneys drifts
A rhythmical refrain.
O where is born the music
That arises when we ring?
Not in the ghostly belfry
Where the great bells crash and swing,
Not in the grey begrim'd tower
Where the starlings wheeze and croak,
Not in the silent team of men
With their eye on each other's stroke,
But the angels of God that wait behind
The altar at evening prayer
Spread their pinions and mount above
The steeple and hover there,
And knowing our wish they chant a Heavenly
Summons far and wide
To come and worship the living God
In His house at eventide.

SUSSEX MEETING AT WISBOROUGH GREEN.

As the outcome of a meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association at Wisborough Green, on November 17th, the association is to be asked to provide a printed form of service similar to those in use by other associations. The suggestion was made by Mr. Walter Charman, who presided.

Thirty-seven members attended, and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the following towers being represented: Arundel, Billingshurst, Heene, Kirdford, Lower Beeding, Rudgwick, Shoreham, Turners Hill, Warnham, West Grinstead and the local band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Edwards), who was thanked for the use of the bells.

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ROYAL WEDDING TOUCHES.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On November 30th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,272 changes): Eric Thorpe 1, James Upton 2, Joseph E. Taylor 3, William Thorpe 4, Thomas W. Thorpe 5, Joseph H. Beale (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who has completed 28 years as clerk and sexton at the above church. Longest length in the method by the ringer of the treble. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Cook 1, T. Skinner 2, A. Wiles 3, H. Huntley 4, A. Aylward 5, A. Longley 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, L. E. Everest 8.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral Campanile, on November 29th, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Stovold 1, H. T. Wisdom 2, T. A. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. W. Arthur 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

ROCKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. West 1, *J. Wardle 2, P. Jervis 3, *G. Graham 4, *H. Nelson 5, *W. Haywood 6, A. Tomlinson 7, T. A. Howes-Smith (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard on November 29th, 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob: William Sharp 1, Mark Broomfield 2, Arthur H. White 3, Ernest Trusler 4, Herbert Steele 5, Frank Trusler (conductor) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Diplock 1, G. Mansbridge 2, H. Richardson 3, W. Stenning 4, G. Masters 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Fiest (conductor) 7, J. Woolgar 8. Also as a compliment to W. Stenning on the 44th anniversary of his wedding.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—At the Parish Church on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Dymont (first quarter) 1, R. B. Ford, jun. 2, B. Milford (first quarter) 3, H. Pook 4, H. Corry (conductor) 5, J. Ridler 6, F. Milford 7, R. B. Ford, sen. 8.

HIGHLEY, WORCS.—At St. Mary's Church, a 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Howe 1, J. Davies 2, E. Brown (conductor) 3, W. Turner 4, W. B. Unitt 5, J. Blount 6. First 720 for all except conductor. First 720 to be rung by a local band.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—At St. Leonard's Church on December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: H. Clark 1, P. G. Bonnett (conductor) 2, T. Welch 3, H. Welch 4, P. L. Bazley 5, A. Welch 6. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also as a compliment on the birth of a son and heir to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STURRY, KENT.—As a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and for evening service, on December 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: Miss A. Slingsby 1, R. H. Maile 2, E. Banks 3, W. Thompson 4, R. G. Maile 5, H. R. French (conductor) 6.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church on December 2nd, 720 St. Clement's Minor: W. Feasey 1, W. Puddifoot 2, E. Upton 3, A. V. Good 4, G. Bruce 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. First in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5, and first as conductor in method.

LLANERADACH, GLAM.—At All Saints' Church for patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cassel 1, W. Waters 2, G. Gwillim 3, J. Gwillim 4, S. Bailey 5, G. Morse 6, F. Stevens (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Henrichson 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Frank Hiscork 1, John E. Philbrick 2, Cuthbert W. H. Powell (conductor) 3, Henry G. Keeley 4, Frank Price 5, George H. Whitmore 6, Frank E. Blackmore 7, Walter Sartin 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne for Confirmation.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Waylen 1, F. Townsend 2, Miss F. Child 3, H. Bennett 4, P. Witham 5, E. T. Griffin 6, A. G. Rose 7, H. Mitchell (conductor) 8. Rung on the church's dedication anniversary, and on the occasion of the dedication of the new processional cross.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Major (1,284 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, G. N. Ives, Braintree, 2, D. A. Symonds 3, A. Symonds 4, W. Jarvis 5, A. P. Ballard, Cavendish (first quarter-peal in the method), 6, L. Pryke 7, F. A. Turner 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. A. Burnett 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, C. H. Shepherd 3, F. W. Stemp 4, W. Barlow (Rifle Brigade) 5, E. G. Williams 6, E. R. Warner 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, O. Longley 3, A. R. Gardiner 4, W. Prall 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. A. R. Gardiner, who was on a visit to Springfield from St. Osyth, and also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

STRIKING IN SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Trollope's article re striking of bells, and agree with most of it, but not with the part which seems to suggest that Surprise ringing is conducive to bad striking. I have always found the reverse of that in our own tower, and that ringing the more difficult methods keeps the ringers more alert and better striking results than in the simple methods. Especially is this the case in peal ringing, because in many Surprise methods a little error soon puts a stop to the peal, whereas in Kent Treble Bob or Bob Major, after having a very bad time (even to the extent of a salvo of fring), the bells can be brought into coursing order. The bells then come home in fine style, and the anguish is forgotten in the joy of another peal coming into the (ringing) world. In proof of this some of the best-struck peals in which I have had the pleasure of taking part have been in some of the new Surprise methods rung by our band, while two of the very worst were in the good old Bob Major methods. In my opinion a bad striker in Surprise ringing is a bad striker in any other method, and vice versa. If there is bad striking the fault lies with the individual ringer and not with the method rung.

T. W. LAST.

Helmingham, Suffolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A representative gathering of ringers attended the annual district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry at Fulbourn on December 1st. The Rev. T. H. Hennessey (Rector) conducted the service and afterwards generously entertained the company to tea.

At the business meeting, Mr. C. W. Cook was re-elected District Ringing Master, Miss K. Willers district secretary, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, H. L. Martin and P. Webb to the District Committee. Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith, of the Cambridge University Guild, was elected a member of the association. It was decided to hold a meeting at Old Chesterton on January 12th. Mr. Cook stated that St. Benedict's bells were being rung for morning prayer on alternate Sundays. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, organist (Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith) and to Mr. Martin for blowing the organ. Ringing followed the meeting.

NORTHAMPTON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

By kind invitation of the Rev. R. Howes, a party of ringers from Northampton visited the charming village of Cold Higham on December 1st. On arrival, the Rector conducted the party over the ancient church, describing features of historical interest. During the afternoon and evening the sweet-toned ring of six were kept going to Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Rev. R. Howes, W. Rogers, H. Key, J. Burston, W. Atterbury, G. Bannard, W. H. Ashby and Miss Howes. The party was entertained to tea by the Rev. R. and Mrs. Howes at the Rectory, who were heartily thanked for their kind hospitality by Mr. W. Rogers. Replying, Mr. Howes said he felt indebted to the Northampton ringers for the help given in his effort to master the intricacies of change ringing.

A MYSTERIOUS SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can you or any one of your readers inform me about a society whose headquarters appear to be either in Loughborough or Leicester? They meet once a year about this time at a feed, either dinner or supper—it might be supper, bed and breakfast. Once it was named the Syston Turkey Do, another time the Loughborough Cock Supper, now it has changed to the Leicester Duck Dinner.

The number of birds for this feed appears to be out of all proportion to the number of members present. How can I join the society? Who are its officers? Invitations are issued, but no price for a ticket is required and no one is allowed in without one. I hear on one occasion a non-member was present, a roll call was made, the non-member ran to earth and most unceremoniously ejected. It certainly is one of the most secret and exclusive societies I have come across.

'PUZZLED.'

RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN WEST WORCESTERSHIRE.

All the officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Malvern Link on December 8th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, tea follow at 'The Link' Dining Rooms, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Miss Osborne and other friends, and at the meeting Upton-on-Severn was selected for the spring meeting.

Even-song was attended by the ringers, at which the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Hill) gave a very inspiring address. Afterwards the ringers again visited the tower. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

NOTICES.

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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. Magnus' on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

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.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The last meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at Shilton, near Coventry. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at five o'clock in the school, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Theale on Saturday, December 15th. Preacher, Rev. Canon B. Long, of Whitchurch. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., 9d. Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, number for tea.

LINGFIELD, SURREY. — The ring of eight, augmented from five, and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated on Saturday, December 15th, at 3 p.m., by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Woolwich. All ringers welcome. Tea provided. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. Wallis, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Annual reports ready.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Poolstock St. James' bells will be available after tea. A good attendance is requested.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, December 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meetings after.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

BEDFONT, MIDDLESEX.—The ring of six (tenor 8 cwt.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Middlesex on Sunday, December 16th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—New treble and two new tenors added to complete ring of eight (tenor 11 cwt.); three bells recast and the eight bells hung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. Dedication by the Rev. H. C. Perry, Chaplain of Bedford School, on Wednesday, December 19th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OSSETT, YORKS.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Wakefield at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available 7-9 p.m. The former ring of eight has been recast and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. A Ringers' Day will be announced later.

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ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-SALTASH, CORNWALL.—On Saturday, December 22nd, at 3 p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon of Bodmin will dedicate the ring of six bells which have been restored and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Wednesday, December 26th. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the Cathedral at four o'clock, followed by tea in the Prebendal House. Business meeting afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

CAMBERWELL.—The St. Giles' ringers will be at home on Boxing Day, December 26th, from 10.30 to 1 p.m. All ringers are welcome on this occasion.—W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Gilby's Tea Rooms, High Street. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing after.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Watford, January 19th, 1935. Full particulars later.—C. H. Horton, 63, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

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BIRTH.

CARTWRIGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cartwright, of Harborne, Birmingham, a son, on December 9th.

DEATH.

PEARSON.—At Campsall House, Pontefract, on December 8th, Kate Pearson, aged 75 years, widow of the late William Pearson.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, F. J. Cattermoul 2, W. H. Stevens 3, C. S. Bird 4, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 5, E. R. Gladman 6, D. R. May (first quarter-peal 'inside') 7, W. A. Lewis 8. Composed by E. Behens, of Melbourne, Australia.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Arthur Falding 1, Mrs. Baker 2, Harry Baker 3, Frederick Morris 4, Nelson C. Bourne (conductor) 5, Sidney Harmer (first quarter-peal) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's, Wilton, on November 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. W. Hayward 3, W. T. Clarke 4, S. P. Merson 5, W. A. Sivier 6, S. G. Coles (conductor) 7, H. J. Moggridge 8. Rung to welcome home Mr. A. S. Wyatt, a member of the Wilton band, who was married at Diss, Norfolk, to Miss D. Porcher, on November 26th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. E. Lankester 1, G. M. Kilby 2, Mrs. P. Humphrey 3, T. J. Lock (conductor) 4, W. F. Holloway 5, J. H. Botham 6, E. H. Kilby 7, H. Kilby 8.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—At the Parish Church, on September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Harry Adams 1, Corbet Scarrott 2, Herbert Adams 3, Frederick W. Pritchett (conductor) 4, George Cuss 5, Lennard Lamer (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Lily Adams, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

LLANDOVERY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.—After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Minor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), the first quarter-peal on the bells since being recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1933: G. Copnell (Bedwellty) (conductor) 1, G. Howell (Gorseinon) 2, G. I. Lewis (Cadoston) 3, D. J. Williams (Gorseinon) 4, E. Smith (Aberavon) 5, W. Dobbins (Gorseinon) 6.

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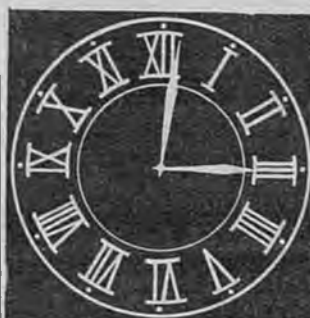
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