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**THE NEW YEAR.**

The year which opens to-day should be a notable one in the long history of ringing. A Coronation is one of the great events in the life of a nation, and in this land of ours the bells for centuries have been used to express the feelings of the people. Next May the ringers will be called upon to play their part in the national celebrations. The 'pealing of the bells' will be expected in every town and village where possible, and it will be the bellringer's great opportunity, not only to share in the rejoicings in his own peculiar way, but to demonstrate the recognised part which the bells play in events of real importance. The more ringers can show that they are ready to discharge these duties on public occasions the more ready will the public be to accept the activities of the ringers on other occasions.

There are two things in this connection to which ringers should forthwith devote their attention. One is that they should see that their bells are in reasonable ringing order. It is not always a question of calling in a bell hanger; a spanner put round the frame and on the nuts on the headstocks will often work wonders, if applied with intelligence. Many a bad-going bell is the result of negligence. The importance of keeping the bolts of the frame and the bells tight is often overlooked. They should be regularly overhauled at all times, but we drop the hint that they should receive special attention now, with the Coronation in view, because good ringing can hardly be expected on bells that go badly.

That leads us to the second point—good ringing. Do not let us imagine that because the bells are to be rung for an occasion of public rejoicing that any kind of ringing will do. Let every band try to put up really good ringing—not only for their own pleasure and satisfaction, but because the public appreciates good ringing. Because the public does not understand our art, let us not run away with the idea that they do not know the difference between good and bad ringing. They do know the difference. It should always be the aim of ringers to improve their striking, and it is as important that the ringing for the Coronation festivities should be good as it is that Sunday service ringing should reach a high level. Let ringers see to it, therefore, that they perfect themselves as far as possible between this and the great event next May. Practise with the definite idea of being able to ring at least one method well for the King's Coronation and thus make the ringing worthy of the occasion.

So, at the outset of what will doubtless prove a memorable year, let the ringers lay their plans in order that in their particular department they may do themselves justice. Let them also lend a helping hand to their

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weaker neighbours who may be struggling to get some sort of efficiency into new and raw material. It may not be an interesting task, but it may be of immense value to some other band. Indeed, if there is one thing we would urge as a 'good resolution' for this new year it is that ringers should not only strive to make themselves more proficient, but should seek out those less able than themselves and help them with practical assistance and moral encouragement. And so we wish our readers a happy and prosperous new year, success in their undertakings and plenty of good ringing.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. 11
SYDNEY O. HOLLOWAY ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's. This composition contains the starting and turning courses of the original peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	*HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 8
CHARLES MEE ... .. 3	†JOHN EUSTON ... .. 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	*ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD ... 10
*SHELFORD SPARROW ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
†FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 6	†JAMES BENNETT ... .. 12 Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.  
‡ 50th peal this year. Fifty years ago on this date the conductor began his ringing career.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. Treble	*ROBERT F. TURNER ... .. 6
HARRY BAXTER ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 8
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 5	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the Accession of H.M. King George VI.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 2½ cwt.

*ALLEN D. STEEL ... .. Treble	*LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 6
†WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 7
†HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 3	†HARRY PARKER ... .. 8
*KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... .. 9
*JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. TEBBS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells.  
L. Clough's 50th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S.

CH-INS. WILLIAM BOTTRILL Treble	P. SERGT. CYRIL PEASE ... 5
EX.-P.C. WALTER CLAYDON 2	P. SERGT. THOS. G. BANNISTER 6
P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 3	P. SERGT. C. WILLMINGTON 7
EX.-P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... 4	EX.-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by Chief Inspector WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORD.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.  
\*ROBERT PEARCE... .. Treble HENRY SYMONDS... .. 5  
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 2 ERNEST SALMONS ... .. 6  
FRED. ARROWSMITH ... 3 WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 7  
ALEC J. TAYLOR ... .. 4 \*JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford on their golden wedding.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Treble	JOHN JACKSON ... .. 5
FRED RIGBY ... .. 2	JOHN T. MILLER ... .. 6
HARRY FRANCE ... .. 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 7
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. J. T. Miller, aged 63, and Mr. Arthur Knights (Chesterfield), aged 77, both of whose birthdays fell on the 17th. Composer and conductor are sons of Mr. Knights. W. Sharples has now completed the circle in this tower.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

JACK PARISH ... .. Treble	FRED C. GINN ... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2	*FRED. C. R. FIELDS ... .. 6
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	JOHN PERKINS ... .. 7
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung to mark the accession of King George VI. Through 'The Ringing World' the band tender thanks to the local company, especially Mr. Pratt, for having everything in order.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	REGINALD WESTCOTT ... .. 5
FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 2	JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 6
JOHN EVANS ... .. 3	FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 7
HERBERT DAVIES... .. 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Rung in honour of the accession of King George VI. Also as a compliment to Mr. M. H. Davies, churchwarden.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PITTSLOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JAMES R. LAMBIN ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
FRANK E. WALKER ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

\* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	†FRANK VERNON ... .. 5
*ARTHUR MULVEY ... .. 2	†HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	JACK MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
LESLIE LUNN ... .. 4	†CLIFFORD VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY... .. Treble	FRED. W. HILL ... .. 5
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2	KENNETH A. ROE... .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	ALEX HUTCHISON ... .. 7
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 4	FRED. H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR ... .. Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 5
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 2	JACK CLEGG ... .. 6
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JAMES BARNES ... .. 7
LEONARD SCHOLES ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the composer, who celebrated his 77th birthday on December 17th. The composition was his No. 303 and contains the 6th the extent in all positions.

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## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

*VICTOR MORLEV ... .. Treble	†VICTOR KERRIDGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 2	GEORGE WHIGHTMAN ... .. 6
AMBROSE MASON ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
ALLEN ANDREWS ... .. 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge. Birthday peal for the ringers of the tenor.

## SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARNOLD RILEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. BRIGGS ... .. 5
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE ... .. 2	*THOMAS H. BROWN ... .. 6
*HARRY SMITH ... .. 3	FRANK RHODES ... .. 7
*JACK HARTLEY ... .. 4	*WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. SUTCLIFFE.

\* First peal.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

BEN. S. THOMPSON ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ERNEST G. SHORTING ... .. 6
*ROBERT G. FISHER ... .. 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 7
ALBERT E. BRACEY ... .. 4	HENRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. TOOKE.

\* First peal at first attempt. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally, Rector of Hethersett.

## BOREHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

REGINALD C. THRIFT ... .. Treble	STANLEY E. EDWARDS ... .. 5
HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 2	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 6
LESLIE H. THRIFT ... .. 3	RICHARD C. CLARK ... .. 7
ERNEST J. RUTTER ... .. 4	LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS.

\* First peal. Rung on the feast of St. Thomas.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KINCHEM ... .. 5
*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 2	*FRED MILES ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	*CHARLES BRASIER ... .. 7
*STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... .. 4	*ARTHUR J. HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... .. Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5
*HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7
*THOMAS EGAN ... .. 4	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman.

## WALTHAMSTOW.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. CORNEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 6
ROBERT J. MAYNARD ... .. 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 7
JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 4	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the 13th anniversary of the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, the longest peal on the bells in this tower.

## ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED ... .. Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 5
*LEONARD KNOTT ... .. 2	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal on the bells since restoration by J. Taylor and Co. The last peal previously rung on them was on January 26th, 1907.

## OUNDLÉ, NORTHANTS.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 25¾ cwt. in C sharp.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
*WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
*FRED WIGMORE ... .. 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD C. KERSBY ... .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 5
*GEORGE GOSBANK ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM S. WOODS ... .. 4	ALDERMAN LING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

## OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

E. DENNIS POOLE ... .. Treble	*REGINALD KYNASTON ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	EDWARD RODENBURST ... .. 6
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 7
GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... .. 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Major. All the band are bachelors.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—For evening service, December 20th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung at the Parish Church by the following: A. R. Paul 1, S. Murphy 2, Rev. E. Banks James 3, W. Young 4, A. Abrams 5, W. Seekings (first as conductor) 6. With the exception of the 3rd, all are of the local band.



## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... .. 2	JOSEPH FARMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	*STANLEY G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

\* First peal.

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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

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

\* 75th peal together. The conductor's 75th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, also his 250th peal for the association. He has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. The composition, No. 432, is rung for the first time.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## KINGSBURY EPISCOPI.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

G. R. MILLS ... .. Treble	H. WESTLAKE ... .. 4
*D. HALE ... .. 2	J. I. LOCKE ... .. 5
G. LOCKE ... .. 3	F. J. LOCKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LOCKE.

\* First peal of Minor and on an 'inside' bell. Rung by members of the Langport band as a compliment to H. Westlake, of Kingsbury, and to commemorate his 20 years as a ringer at Langport.

## HITCHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three 720's of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately).

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*DOUGLAS D. JAYCOCK ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. BERRY ... .. 4
BEVAN O'NEIL ... .. 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 5
EDWARD T. BARRATT ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal other than with cover-bell to Doubles. † First peal with a bob bell. Arranged and rung for and on the 50th birthday of Mr. G. J. Berry (captain of the Hitcham band). After the peal the band were entertained to a sumptuous repast at the residence of Mr. Berry. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 are local, and 2, 5 and 6 are from Burnham.

## TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER ... .. Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Parker. The ringers of the fourth and tenor have now completed 100 peals together.

## UPLYME, DEVON.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, four callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK PRICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. SEUTE ... .. 4
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... .. 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 5
*HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. WHITEMORE.

\* First of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

## HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE SOLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4
WALTER S. EVANS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM DOWNES ... .. 3	*ARTHUR J. GUDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and fifth.

## DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY GIBBARD ... .. Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

## KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

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

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Killamash, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS EDWARDS ... .. Treble	†JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... .. 4
†WILLIAM EDWARDS ... .. 2	GEORGE HULME ... .. 5
†ERNEST TWIGG ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside.' All the above are pupils of Mr. H. Carnwell, the esteemed leader of this tower. Rung in honour of the accession of King George VI.

## BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. GEORGE SMITH ... .. Treble	HARRY VINCE ... .. 4
A. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	OWEN MAWSON ... .. 5
ALDERMAN LING ... .. 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SMITH.

## FRAMPTON, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

JACK GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 5
JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. 3	JOHN R. KEMP ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise by all except ringer of 2nd and his first peal of Cambridge 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. The conductor has now completed the 'circle' of the tower.

MELBURY ABBAS, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents each of St. Dunstan's, Stedman, New Doubles, St. Bartholomew, Reading, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and six of Grandsire, with 42 different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 3
ROBERT SMITH ... .. 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 4

ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal on the bells. First peal in 10 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN ARBON ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4
GEORGE PAYKE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*JOHN A. WARD ... .. 4
ROBERT W. COOKE ... .. 2	EDWARD C. COOKE ... .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3	GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

\* First peal and a member of the local band.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Treble	*JOHN JACKSON ... .. 4
*KENNETH HALL ... .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... .. 5
HAROLD DAVIES ... .. 3	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6

FRED RIGBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RAYMOND J. CARLTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2
*KENNETH G. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*THOMAS R. MOGG ... .. 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to their R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent and on the 31st anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK MORRIS ... .. Treble	†ERIC W. YATES ... .. 4
*ALAN CARPENTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. R. H. Hilton, churchwarden at the above church for a number of years, who died suddenly on Christmas Eve.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

In 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE HEWITT ... .. Treble	STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 4
*MRS. R. W. BARBER ... .. 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 5
†DENNY BYALES (aged 14) ... 3	T. WILLIAM DEVILLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. WILLIAM BARBER.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

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

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury; (3) Single Oxford and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree.

Tenor size 14½ in G sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3-4
JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in 14 methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild. There were 170 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles in this peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1936, in Two Hours,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

**RINGING ON HIS 81st BIRTHDAY.**

As a compliment to Mr. W. H. Lambert, the veteran ringer of Benenden, Kent, his 81st birthday, on December 14th, was celebrated by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (rung after meeting short for Triples), in which the octogenarian rang the treble: W. H. Lambert 1, G. Sims 2, A. Stevenson 3, H. Pope 4, J. Avery 5, W. Gorringer (conductor) 6.

**ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BUSHEY RINGERS.**

On Tuesday, December 22nd, at Sedbergh, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells: G. F. Woodhouse 1-2-3-4, Miss N. Harrison 5-6. No calls were made. It is hoped this may encourage the Bushey 'Spliced Surprise' party to ring their peals 'silent' and 'four-in-hand.'

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**EDGBASTON'S CHRISTMAS 'SURPRISE.'****GRAMOPHONE BELLS.**

We quote the following from the 'Birmingham Post' of Monday. 'Gramophone bells' may be a change for St. Augustine's parishioners, but the development is not one which ringers—or bellfounders—will appreciate.

'The greater part of Edgbaston had a pleasant surprise this Christmas, when peals of bells were heard from the tower of St. Augustine's Church, which has only one bell.

'No appeal fund for bells had been launched; no wealthy benefactor had announced such a gift; no workmen had been seen hauling tons of metal to the tower. The secret had been well kept, and it provided the main topic of conversation for people over the breakfast table.

'Few guessed the reason why, instead of the monotone call to eight o'clock service, everybody had heard a peal of Stedman Caters, with all the dignity and liveliness of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

'When, before Matins, there was another beautiful peal—Bow Bells this time—curiosity increased. People went early to church to find out what was happening.

'The secret was soon out. The Ven. J. H. Richards, Archdeacon of Aston and Vicar of the parish, had caused recordings of famous peals of bells to be "broadcast," and their music was heard up to half a mile away in each direction.

'On all sides there were enthusiastic comments about the quality of tone, and Archdeacon Richards said last night, after further peals had been rung, that no complaint had been made.

'He added that so far it has been possible to give peals of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters from St. Margaret's, Westminster, and of Bow Bells. By the aid of twin records on an apparatus operated in the vestry, the clergy can cause the bells to ring as long as they desire. At the end of a clock may be made to chime the hour. In the tower are four amplifiers of modern design.

'Very few installations of the kind have yet been made anywhere in the country. The firm producing the apparatus is Birmingham Sound Reproducers, Ltd., of Old Hill.

'The installation is experimental, and the period of "probation" will end with the ringing in of the New Year.

'One reason for the experiment, the Archdeacon said, was that he always regretted it was impossible to have bells for weddings at St. Augustine's. Everybody who was married there wanted bells. When he heard of the new apparatus he resolved to try it, and to do it as a Christmas surprise for Edgbaston people.'

**THE SEVENTY MINOR METHODS PEAL.****CORRECTIONS TO FIGURES.**

Mr. Vernon Taylor, the conductor of the peal rung at Algarkirk in 70 Minor methods, writes to correct some errors appearing in the published figures of three of the 720's printed on page 807 of our issue of December 11th. The five leads credited to Benington Alliance should have been:—

S 62453	Benington Alliance
46325	Benington Alliance
34562	Frampton Alliance
53246	Frampton Alliance
25634	Frampton Alliance

**SOME FURTHER CORRECTIONS TO FIGURES.**

There are some further corrections to the figures which we published on page 807 of our issue of December 11th, in connection with the 70-method peal of Minor.

In the nine-method 720, the first lead of the second part, 42356, should be Gedney Alliance.

In the 12 Alliance-Little-method 720, the fourth lead, 63524, should be without a bob.

In the ten plain-method 720, the 35264 should be bobbed instead of plain.

None of these errors was ours.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****SWINDON BRANCH OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 12th, ringers being present from Aldbourne, Brinkworth, Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Faringdon, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon and Wootton Bassett.

Good use was made of the bells, the ringing ranging from rounds to Stedman Caters. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar of Purton (Rev. N. S. Willis), who is a performing member of the association.

The following officers were elected for 1937: Chairman, Mr. W. H. Trueman; hon. secretary, Mr. W. B. Kynaston; representative on Management Committee, Mr. C. J. Hathaway.

No meeting was arranged for January, but Blunsdon and Highworth were chosen for February and March respectively.

Future meetings of this branch will be held on the second Saturday in each month.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To the list of twelve-bell towers which we published last week should have been added Buckfast Abbey, Devon, where there is a new ring by Taylor and Co., with tenor 41 cwt.

Willenhall, Staffs, is to have a ring of ten bells. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have received the contract for the restoration and augmentation. The work includes new frame and fittings, recasting the existing ring of eight and adding two trebles.

Following a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Marden, Kent, on Boxing Day, the same band had two and a half hours' good ringing for a peal of Double Norwich at Linton, when a splice in one of the ropes pulled out.

At Marden the conductor (Mr. T. E. Sone) rang his 250th peal for the Kent Association and completed the calling of a peal from each bell in the tower. Had the peal at Linton been successful, Mr. Sone would have called a peal from every bell in that tower also. After the Marden peal the band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone, whom they have once again to thank for their kindness.

The new bells of Croydon Parish Church are to be broadcast on Sunday morning at 9.25 on the National (long) wavelength. The method will be Grandsire Caters.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council thanks the Ladies' Guild for the liquid refreshment received in a can, and wishes all the members a happy new year.

A peal of Minor in 14 methods has been rung on handbells at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs. Is this the greatest number of methods in seven 720's rung in hand? If there have been more, we should like to know.

## WELL-KNOWN WEST RIDING RINGER.

### DEATH OF MR. G. H. HARDY.

The death of Mr. G. H. Hardy on December 5th takes from the Exercise another of the famous band of Dewsbury and, later, Earlsheaton ringers. Mr. Hardy was a well-known local and Heavy Woollen District composer and conductor of Treble Bob. He was one of the famous Dewsbury band, who were noted for their consistent striking abilities, and winners of contests when a quarter-peal of Major was the contest length. For the last 35 years of his ringing career he had been with his native village team at Earlsheaton. That team won the Halifax and District Cup no fewer than a score times. He was also a member of the Dewsbury band of tune ringers and helped to win contests at Belle Vue, Manchester. He was always a willing helper in teaching recruits and brought out many at his local tower. He was very keen on good striking. Striking, with him, was the first thing to consider both for the team and the public. He was 76 years of age and had been a ringer for 60 years. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association.

He was interred at Earlsheaton on December 9th and many local ringers attended. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Hy. Dransfield 1-2, G. Bennett 3-4, Herbert Dransfield 5-6, R. Thickett 7-8. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Treble Bob on Boxing Day morning unfortunately came to grief after two hours' good ringing, when the 3rd rope broke. The peal was one of Mr. Hardy's compositions and called from his favourite bell, the sixth. The band consisted of two with whom he learned to ring and the remainder were all his pupils, the band being: W. Idle 1, P. Byram 2, H. Lumb 3, Hy. Dransfield 4, M. Hodgson 5, W. H. Senior 6, Herbert Dransfield 7, Norman Ling 8.

## FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I regret very much to inform you that the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on March 28th last is false. The figures appear in the last issued report of the Lancashire Association, and my attention to their falsity has been drawn by Messrs. C. W. Roberts and A. N. Wood. I sincerely apologise to the band and trust they will forgive me for not exercising greater care. The figures are under my name on page 77.

Liverpool.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

## RECORD PEAL COMMEMORATED.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AND THE 11,111 STEDMAN CINQUES.

Boxing Day was the anniversary of the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 26th, 1901, in 8 hours 2 minutes. Of the band there still survive seven: Messrs. W. Short, H. Middleton, A. E. Pegler, G. R. Pye, W. H. Barber, G. Lindoff and John Barber.

It was decided to attempt a commemorative peal last Saturday and the seven survivors were invited to take part. Only three, however, were able to stand in, Messrs. Short, Middleton and Pegler. Mr. W. H. Barber, who was to have conducted the peal, was prevented at the last moment. Mr. John Barber met the band before the peal and wished them success. As will be seen from the report elsewhere, the peal only 'came home,' the composition including the starting and turning courses of the original peal.

The performance of 1901 is recorded in St. Martin's belfry on a handsome board.



## HOBART'S NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF TASMANIA.

### Completion of the Cathedral.

With impressive ceremony the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, were dedicated on Sunday, December 6th, in the presence of an immense gathering of the public, which filled the Cathedral and all the space surrounding the building.

The blessing of the tower and bells was performed by the Bishop of Tasmania (the Rt. Rev. Dr. R. S. Hay), the ceremony being attended by the Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne, Bishop Reginald Stephen (former Bishop of Tasmania), and the Australian Bishops of Newcastle, Gippsland, Riverina, St. Arnaud, Bendigo and Goulburn. The Governor of the Island (Sir Ernest Clark), the Lord Mayor of Hobart (Mr. J. J. Wignall),

prayer,' and preached a striking sermon from words in Psalm 48, 'Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.'

After the sermon, the hymn, 'The Church of God a Kingdom is,' was sung, and, following a special prayer of thanksgiving and exhortation, the choir rendered Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus.'

Then followed the 'Clipping of the Cathedral,' culminating in the blessing of the bells. In this ceremony there were five processions. Escorted by the surpliced choir, the first, comprising members of the congregation, proceeded through the cloisters round the building, and when the circuit had been completed, they joined hands, thus encircling the Cathedral Church. This was done to the accompaniment of the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' symbolising a further notable achievement by the Church in Tasmania.

The second procession of leading lay officials of Tasmania followed, and was headed by the Governor and the Lord Mayor, followed by the visiting bishops' wives and their hostesses, headed by Lady Clark (wife of the Governor), Mrs. Hay (wife of the Bishop of Tasmania), Mrs. Wignall (Lady Mayoress) and Miss Rivers (sister of the Dean). The third procession was of diocesan lay officials, members of Synod, the Diocesan Council, the church trustees, headed by the Cathedral Board and the Church Advocate. Then followed the visiting Arch-



THE COMPLETED CATHEDRAL.

representatives of the Navy, the Army and civic life shared in the proceedings which formed a memorable occasion in Church history in Tasmania. Incidentally, it was the first time for more than forty years that a ringing peal of bells had been opened in Australia. The new ring forms part of a chime of thirteen, cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the erection of the tower completes the Cathedral building.

### THE BLESSING OF THE NEW TOWER AND BELLS. FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

*By Air Mail.*

The great day has come and gone and will live long in our memories. When the bells of St. David's Cathedral were heard for the first time a crowd estimated at 15,000 was waiting in the vicinity to hear them and were thrilled with the beauty of their music.

All day we had taken part in services both appropriate and significant, which reminded us of the culmination of the years of sacrifice and loyal endeavour which have gone to the completion of our Cathedral.

Sixty-eight years ago the foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid; on this day, Sunday, December 6th, 1936, we met within its walls—vice-royalty, prelates and clergy, representatives of the Army and Navy and of all sections of the community—to thank God for the completed building.

The service began with the processional hymn, 'Rejoice to-day with one accord.' Then the Archbishop of Sydney recited a 'bidding

bishops, wearing their colourful robes, and their chaplains. The last procession was that of the clergy of the diocese of Tasmania, headed by the Bishop.

When all those taking part had taken up their respective stations, the Bishop, who was surrounded by the visiting prelates, blessed the tower and the bells, dedicating their service to God, and handing them into the care of the Dean. It was a short and simple ceremony, but none the less impressive, and its deep symbolical import was not lost on the huge throng of spectators.

The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem and the Blessing. And then for the first time the bells were heard. They were first rung by boys of St. David's, the Dean's servers, who are forming a band. They rang six bells in rounds and a few call changes. Afterwards the ringers of Holy Trinity Church took charge and rang plain courses of Grandsire Doubles on 1.2.3.5.7., with 4.6.8 behind. The striking was good and the performance very creditable, as the bells had previously only been handled with the clappers tied.

We got a tremendous thrill when the sounds broke out overhead. The bells are a truly magnificent peal, worthy of the famous bell-founders who have supplied them. The 'go' is excellent.

The Holy Trinity Association's ringing was done by A. R. Wilson 1, A. Taylor 2, S. Smith 3, T. Le Rossignol 4, S. Taylor 5, J. Lucas 6, J. Quarmby 7, J. Newell 8.

On the following day we finished up with a garden party at Government House with an attendance of 1,100 visitors. Amongst all the Archbishops, Bishops and other celebrities I felt more than proud to be a bellringer, and, most of all, that I represented my dear English friends. The afternoon, being showery, was spent mostly indoors. Sir Ernest Clark will never forget the handbell ringing in the ballroom by the English ringers when they visited Tasmania.

So far the St. David's boys have broken three stays at their practices, but one other incident might have ended in serious catastrophe. About a month before the opening, a boy went up into the tower unauthorised and held down the rope connected with the chiming hammer of the tenor. The bell was being rung down by one of our members, and the chiming hammer was snapped off. The bell was slightly chipped at the lip. It was fortunate that no further damage was done.

RAY WILSON.

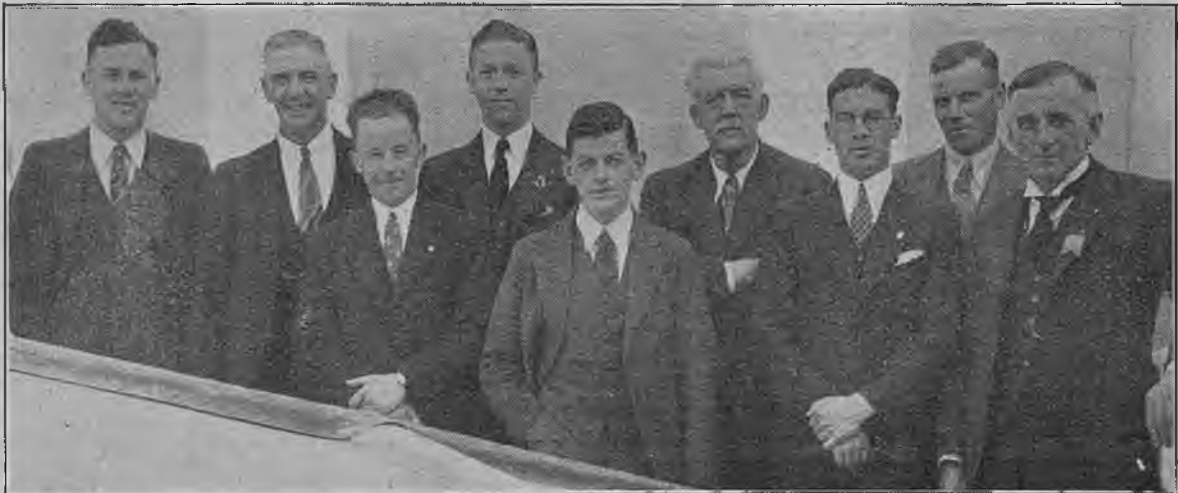
### ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY'S ADDRESS.

Clergy were present at the ceremony from all parts of the State of Tasmania, among them, in addition to the Dean (the Very Rev. A. R. Rivers), being the Ven. Archdeacon D. B. Blackwood, of Hobart, who played so large a part in arranging for the entertainment of the English visitors in 1934, and the Ven. Archdeacon H. B. Atkinson (Launceston).

In the course of his address the Archbishop of Sydney said the erection of the tower had completed a beautiful building situated in the heart of a beautiful environment. In the symbolism of religion, a tower stood primarily for the presence of God in the midst of His people, and all that that presence could mean to them. While it was true that a church tower was not intended to meet a material need or serve material needs, yet, because of the spiritual significance attached to it, it was most fittingly incorporated in the scheme of

have entrusted confidently to us the duty and responsibility of going forward from the point where they had been called away, and so one generation depends upon the faithfulness of another, and this should bring home to us, in special way, a sense of the responsibility which rests on us here and now with regard to the future. We have need to ask ourselves, in a spiritual sense, if we are allowing what others have built to fall into ruin and decay; and if we are leaving in a state of incompleteness some work nobly begun; if we are building, and if we are building unfaithfully work that will stand neither time nor eternity? We are living in a day of superficiality, and we must continually ask ourselves with what materials are we building the spiritual house of God? Is Jesus Christ himself really our foundation stone? Are we building indeed on Him? We must build with the materials God has provided, and we must build in accordance with His plans.

The Archbishop said there was a reminder, too, that the tower, through the ministry of its bells, would speak with no uncertain sound to the community, arresting the thoughts, sometimes careless and forgetful, of all who heard it, into the homes on the mountain-side, over the waters of the beautiful bay, and along the reaches of the wide river their sacred music would extend itself, and through it, in yet another way, the church would speak. The bells were the voice of the church, and their meaning was manifold. The tower and bells would provide not only a memory, but the influence for good of those whose gifts and benefactions made possible their erection and installation.



MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

Who rang Grandsire Doubles at the opening ceremony. From left to right: S. Taylor, J. Newell, T. le Rossignol, A. Taylor, J. Williams (junior member), J. Quarmby (Ringing Master), J. Lucas, S. Smith (Deputy Ringing Master), A. R. Wilson (hon. secretary). They were photographed on the top of the tower after ringing.

church buildings as proclaiming far and wide, with strength and beauty, the message of God's presence, His holiness and His protective love.

'If the citizens of Hobart will look upon this stately tower in that way,' continued Dr. Mowll, 'and if the Church and those associated with it will regard it as a witness for God, then all the wealth that has been spent on it will be repaid a thousandfold, and all the labour put into the effort to upraise it will not be in vain in the Lord.'

'Pointing upwards, it will ever be a reminder that God is for all; rising from its foundations, so close to the touch of the hand, it will ever proclaim that God is in our midst. How beautifully sanctified and how greatly strengthened and certain life would be if that great religious truth were better realised and more seriously taken to heart!'

### MESSAGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE BUILDING.

'The history of this pile,' continued Dr. Mowll, 'is another message for us—a message concerning man's labour's for the expansion of God's kingdom. Like many cathedrals, it was begun by one generation and completed by another. The work of those who laid the foundations has been entered into by other faithful servants of God, until to-day we see the completed structure, a monument of past faithfulness and present zeal, and a challenge also to the generations of the future calling on them to assert themselves vigorously for the building of that spiritual church which the Great Architect himself has planned, and the extension and completion of which still awaits the devoted labours of master builders under His supreme supervision. How great the privilege is ours to-day that we are permitted not only to be fellow-citizens with the great and good men of the past, but also to share in carrying out enterprises which they began. The magnitude of their undertaking begun in faith, hope and courage left much which they could not perform, but they did labour, and, having laid the good foundations and having done their work, they

### THE TOWER AND BELLS.

The fine tower, which now completes St. David's Cathedral, has cost about £15,000 to build. As will be seen from the illustration, it stands a little away from the main building, to which it is connected by a broad corridor, the entrance to which is through the base of the tower. A happy link with English cathedrals is to be found in stones from some dozen or more of them set in the walls of the corridor and each identified by a small brass plate.

The tower is 116ft. high to the top of the turret and a further 18ft. 6in. to the tip of the small spire, making 134ft. in all. The main walls are 3ft. thick and the overall width at the base 32ft. The interior width is 20ft. and the circular staircase is 5ft. in diameter. The tower had previously been carried to a height of 22ft., at which point the floor of the ringing room is laid. The bell chamber floor is 66ft. from the ground, with an intervening floor at the 43ft. level.

The thirteen bells in the tower range in weight and diameter from 1½ cwt. and 1ft. 6in. respectively to 15 cwt. and 3ft. 7in. Five of the bells are hung rigid and the remainder form the ringing peal. They are, of course, equipped with modern fittings, and will, we hope, provide an encouragement for the development of ringing in Hobart.

### PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN OF ST. DAVID'S.

On the evening preceding the dedication a conversazione to welcome the Archbishops and Bishops who were visiting Hobart for the ceremony to mark the completion of the Cathedral was held in the City Hall and attended by a large and representative gathering of citizens. The distinguished visitors were welcomed by the Bishop of Tasmania, who spoke of the bequests which had made the completion of the Cathedral possible, and the enthusiasm shown through the years by the Dean (applause). The Dean not only had shown keen interest, but had inspired others, and the result had been the formation of the Friends of St. David's, who had raised in the vicinity of

£2,000 in the past seven years. The Cathedral stood in the heart of the city, not only as an architectural adornment, but as a witness to God and of the Christian spirit of the people of Tasmania. They were grateful that the Australian Church was represented by so many high dignitaries of the Church on the mainland.

The Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne replied, the former recalling the fact that Dean Rivers was the first Precentor of the Cathedral at Sydney.

During the evening the Bishop of Tasmania, on behalf of the clergy and laity of the diocese, presented a silver tea service and tray to Dean Rivers in recognition of what he had done for the Church and in the building of the Cathedral.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

A letter of congratulation from the Central Council, signed by the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, was addressed to the Very Rev. the Dean of Hobart, in the following terms:—

Sir,—On the occasion of the dedication I send to you, on behalf of the ringers of this country, congratulations on the completion of the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral, with our greetings to the church and ringers of Hobart and our hope that the English art of change ringing may become established in Tasmania. (Signed) E. H. Lewis, President.

#### ENGLISH TOURISTS' MESSAGE TO DEAN.

The following message was sent by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith on behalf

#### SETTING THE COPING STONE.

On October 28th the setting of the coping stone was marked by a ceremony. The Union Jack floated proudly at the scaffolding peak when the last stones were placed in position, and among those who were present at the top of the tower were the Bishop of Tasmania, Dean Rivers, Archdeacon Blackwood and Lady Clark (wife of the Governor of Tasmania).

The day's rejoicing was completed when, at the Imperial Hotel, the Dean entertained at dinner the workmen associated with the building of the tower and afterwards was their host at a theatre party.

#### HOBART BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

The other peal of bells in the city is at Holy Trinity Church, where the tenor is 9½ cwt. These bells were erected in 1847. There has been a Bellringers' Association at this church for 50 years, and a new stimulus has been given to it by the arrival of Mr. S. Smith, a ringer from Staffordshire, England, who is now Deputy Ringing Master.

Here is an interesting extract from 'The Mercury,' Tasmania's principal newspaper, of November 14th, 1886—fifty years ago, recording the founding of the Hobart Bellringers' Association:—

'A meeting of those interested was held on Friday evening last, when it was resolved that an association for the purpose of cultivating the art of bellringing, and for ringing and chiming the bells of Trinity Church be formed, the same to be called "The Bellringers' Associa-



#### COPING STONE CEREMONY.

A group photographed at the top of the tower when the coping stone was set in position. From left to right: Mr. G. Sorell, Archdeacon Blackwood, Mr. A. Johnston (architect), Dean Rivers, Mrs. Hay, Lady Clark, the builders' representative, Canon Wilson, Mr. A. R. Wilson (representing the bellringers), Dr. Hay (Bishop of Tasmania), Mrs. May, the Rev. M. J. May (Precentor of the Cathedral). On the way down, Lady Clark, accompanied by the Bishop and Mr. A. R. Wilson, went into the belfry, and a bell, chimed by her hand, sounded over the city.

of the English ringers who visited Tasmania two years ago, to Dr. Rivers, Dean of Hobart:—

On the occasion of the dedication and opening of your new tower and bells, I am asked by the English ringers who visited Australia two years ago to express our sincere congratulations upon the completion of the project. We are delighted to know that in some small way, perhaps, we were instrumental in securing that an octave of the bells should be hung for ringing. We hope that the bells will prove an added glory to your beautiful Cathedral and a joy to all who hear them. We trust also that men may be found who will learn to ring them and that they may be heard over your city rung at least for the Sunday services.

We shall follow with the closest interest the progress made in the great and ancient art of change ringing by those who have the privilege of handling your bells, and hope that in time to come they may emulate the performances of their brethren in England.

We shall be with you in spirit on December 6th; we trust the day will be a very happy one and, in conclusion, send our warmest greetings and good wishes to the people of Hobart, and particularly to the many friends we made during our never-to-be-forgotten stay in your lovely Island.

#### CONGRATULATIONS FROM MELBOURNE.

Conveying congratulations from the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, to their ringing brethren in Tasmania, Mr. A. A. Savage, the hon. secretary, wrote:—

'You are to be congratulated on having another peal of bells. Hobart will be very rich with ringable church bells; really much better off than we in Melbourne, as those at St. Patrick's Cathedral are a poor lot. I feel a little envious of you! What a thrill you will get when the bells of St. David's ring out for the first time.'

tion." The rules were adopted, and the following officers appointed: President, the Rev. G. W. Shoobridge; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Dobson, A. Crisp, M.H.A., C. H. Grant, W. Lovett and Bryant Webb; master ringer, Mr. E. J. Rogers; assistant master ringer, Mr. H. L. D'Emden; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Lovett; committee, the president, master ringer, assistant master ringer, secretary and treasurer, with Mr. W. F. Turner.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Rogers and Mr. D'Emden, original members of the society, were among those who welcomed the English ringers to Hobart on their visit in 1934. They were also among the Tasmanian ringers who visited Melbourne for the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells in 1889.

#### CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The bells of old England have played their traditional part in celebrating the Christmas festival. In some towers they rang on Christmas Eve for the midnight Mass, in many a town and village they awoke the folk from their slumbers in the early morn, and for the church services later in the day they played their part. Below we print reports of a few of the touches rung for the occasion.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Christmas Day, for the 10 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Bob Maximus (1,320 changes) in 63 mins.: G. Preston (conductor) 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, Miss P. Hodges 3, E. Hinton 4, R. O. Street 5, W. M. Stone 6, G. Stone 7, K. Derham 8, F. Sparshott 9, J. H. Howell (Hull) 10, G. Scragg 11, W. Fowler 12. First quarter-peal of Maximus by all the band.

**WORPLESDON, SURREY.**—For service on Christmas morning, 720 of Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Bob Doubles and Grandsire): R. Petter 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, S. Petter 3, H. Rance 4, G. Chandler (conductor) 5, V. Gay 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 6.



## NEW RING OF EIGHT AT BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

### ARCHDEACON'S QUESTION TO RINGERS.

The Archdeacon of Lewes performed the ceremony of dedication of the ring of eight bells at Balcombe, Sussex, on Saturday, December 5th. Five bells of the original ring of six have been recast, and two new trebles added by the parishioners of Balcombe to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his late Majesty King George V. and Queen Mary.

There was a large congregation present for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. L. Secretan (Rector of Balcombe), who was accompanied by the Archdeacon of Lewes (the Ven. F. H. D. Smythe), the Rev. W. A. Dengate (Vicar of Staplefield) and the Rev. Harold J. Scott (Ardingly). Dr. R. F. H. Newton (churchwarden) was present, the other warden (Mr. H. Faure Walker, J.P.) being unable to attend.

A large number of ringers were present from Balcombe, Crawley, Cuckfield, Lewes, Slaugham, Lindfield, Worth, Turner's Hill, Uckfield, Godstone, and from St. Nicholas', St. Peter's and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton. The number included Mr. H. Meads (Crawley Down), who rang at Balcombe Church on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee in June, 1887.

During the course of his address the Archdeacon said: 'The sound of your bells will go over the land, and I do think we ought to realise what it should mean to us in these days when at least 23,000,000 people in this land are out of touch with organised religion.'

Later he said that the bells were a watchman continually reminding them of the praise and worship in which they should join at the church. They were a witness, sounding a telling plea to the people to come to worship. Let them hope that the ringers would never be ashamed to witness that they, by their worship, followed the call they gave to others. There were 14,000 paid and 33,000 voluntary ringers in this land, and it was quite a serious thing to ask how many did that which they called others to do?

Special hymns were sung, and the service concluded with 'God save the King.'

### RECAST BELLS IN REINFORCED FRAME.

Touches were then rung on the bells by visiting ringers, and at 8.15 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, the visitors being subsequently entertained to supper in the Parish Room by the Rector and churchwardens.

The Rector, in welcoming the ringers to Balcombe, told the company how the scheme had gradually taken shape. He referred to a lifetime's friendship with Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, and expressed the appreciation of the Balcombe people for the excellent work that the bellfounders had done.

The Rector was followed by Dr. Newton, who made an amusing speech and recounted tales of Council meetings and deliberations that night, he said, be almost confidential.

Mr. Johnston thanked the Rector for all that he had said, and he knew that the enthusiasm of the local band would receive the support and assistance of the many expert ringers in the district, so that the accession of the trebles would quickly lead to the practice in the tower of the higher methods in eight-bell ringing.

The proceedings ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for their welcome to Balcombe and their hospitality, ably put by Mr. A. D. Stone, formerly hon. secretary of the Sussex County Association.

The old bell frame has been reinforced in many parts and anchored to steel girders, a new metal frame having been erected to carry the two new trebles. No. 7 bell of the new peal is the only bell of the old ring of six which has not been recast; this bell bears date 1628. No. 5 bell now has inscribed upon it the names of the present Rector and churchwardens. All the bells are fitted with modern improvements, and the new peal is highly praised by the ringers. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are again to be congratulated on producing a fine peal of bells.

### SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE.

At the Parish Church, Skipton, Yorks, on Sunday, December 20th, for evensong, and to commemorate 60 years' service at the church of Mr. W. Billows, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,472 changes) was rung: W. Billows (conductor) 1, E. Metcalfe 2, R. S. Stanforth 3, E. Wharton 4, J. Garlick 5, W. Bailey 6, H. Stanforth 7, J. Smith 8.

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## FOR BEGINNERS—

### AND A WORD TO OLDER HANDS.

### GIVING THE 'YOUNGSTERS' A START.

This is New Year's Day, so to all Beginners, whether they are beginning Grandsire Doubles or Spliced Surprise, or anything that comes in between, we would first of all extend our good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity. For our art may it be a year of unexampled progress, and may it bring a large influx of new ringers, and advance to every one of us already engaged in its pursuit.

New Year resolutions will be plentiful to-day—most of them to be quickly forgotten. But we hope that in every belfry the ringers will make a determination to go ahead; to fill up the gaps, to push on with the art; and, if they themselves are without opportunities of going further, then do their best to raise others less advanced to at least their own standard.

And what about giving some of those youngsters who as yet know nothing about change ringing a little more encouragement and help? They, or others like them, have got to take your places some day, so they ought to be helped along. Besides the quicker they move forward, the sooner you will get their assistance in things which you would like to do, but cannot for want of others to help you. If you find teaching difficult, encourage these youngsters to follow up the articles in this column. The learners can, we think, help themselves a great deal from what appears, and, with your assistance, the stumbling-blocks to change ringing ought to be overcome fairly easily.

With a complete novice, we always think it is essential that he should first understand something of what change ringing is, before he is made to do something in the tower which he doesn't really grasp. We have heard ringers say to the veriest tyro, 'Now, come on, see if you can hunt the treble.'

Except that he knows he has got to do something different to striking over the same bell all the time—which is all he has done up to this stage—he has only the foggiest notion of what is required of him. So the instructor stands behind him and every pull tells him to follow this, that, or the other bell, or to lead, and at the end the beginner is often more bewildered than when he started.

A little preliminary explanation with pencil and paper, or by some other means of illustration, is well worth while. It is not a bad idea to start with a few playing cards. The 'object' of changes can be explained with three; the 'movement' of the bells in changes can quite well be illustrated with the ace, two, three, four and five. The ace, as the treble, can indicate how that bell hunts up and down, and with careful manipulation the work of the other bells can be made plain. If you have an objection to the use of playing cards, get five post-cards and write large on them the figures 1 to 5.

It will give your beginner an interesting exercise to manipulate the cards accurately enough to produce rounds at the end of a given number of changes.

Make it plain to him that two pairs of cards must be changed each time, and that each pair that is changed must be two adjoining cards. Start him first of all changing the two front and the two back pairs alternately and let him see how the 'bells' come round after ten changes.

Next show him that he can extend this ten to thirty, if after No. 1 has appeared twice at the beginning of the line, he changes the front and the back pair, instead of the two front pairs. Don't forget to remind him that he must do this immediately he starts, for No. 1 has already been in the appropriate position.

An exercise like this on the table will go a long way to showing the beginner what he has to do in the tower, and it is helpful if, when he can manipulate the cards successfully, he will copy down in a column on paper the rows as he produces them. The manipulation of the cards will show him the movement of the bells in changes, the record on paper will enable him to examine the detailed effect of that movement. A process that will give a beginner something that he can see and understand from the first will give him an interest in applying it in the belfry and enable him all the quicker to grasp what he is required to do when he is at the rope end.

### RECORD MINOR PEAL NOT ATTEMPTED.

#### ILLNESS KEPT BAND FROM MEETING.

It was not found possible to attempt the record peal of Minor at Felkirk, Yorks, as had been intended on Boxing Day. Through illness the band, as arranged, could not be got together.

However, a company was made up and two 5,040's of Minor rung, one at Felkirk in the morning and the other at Barnsley later in the day. After the peal at Barnsley the company were entertained to 'a good square meal' by their old friend Mr. C. D. Potter, and an enjoyable social evening was spent.

### UNCLES AND COUSINS RING FOR WEDDING.

At St. Martin's Parish Church, Ruislip, on Boxing Day, the Rev. K. Jocelyn, Ruislip's ringing parson, officiated at the wedding of Miss Mary Ive, formerly a ringer at Ruislip, to Mr. Reginald Peckham, of Wembley.

After the ceremony a touch of Bob Minor, with tenor covering, was rung by G. Bunce, C. Poultier, W. Bunce, jun., J. Bunce, W. Bunce, sen., Tom Collins and H. Ive, the ringers being two uncles and five cousins of the bride.



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**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that affiliation fees became due on January 1st.

G. W. FLETCHER,  
Hon. Secretary.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 2nd, 1937, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Creswell Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. For tea, please notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmtown Road, Creswell. (Bristol, for practice.) All welcome. — M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. The address will be given by the Rev. E. W. Morley, Rector of Stockbridge. Important: Please let us know if you are coming. St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church on Jan. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing visitors welcomed. Subscriptions due, reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Herts, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Welcome 5.30.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and election of officers of the West Norfolk Branch will take place at Swaffham on Saturday, Jan. 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Strand, January 3rd, at 10 a.m.; practices, January 4th at St. Clement Danes' at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; January 18th at 7.30 p.m. Please also book date for annual meeting, February 13th; particulars later.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on January 5th, St. Magnus' on the 17th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go to any method.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Jan. 4th? — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, or any District Secretary. S. Nicolas' bells available 3.30 to 5.30.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, Jan. 6th, and oblige?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea arranged at 1s. per head for all who inform Mr. J. Jolles, The Cottage, School Lane, Broughton. Reports now ready.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (9d. each) at 5.30, at the Station Restaurant. Please notify Mr. W. Carbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Wednesday, the 6th. A good meeting is earnestly desired, as Canon Hone, our hon. president, is leaving the district shortly. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5. St. Mary's and St. James' bells also available. For tea, please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 9th. Bells: St. Mary's from 2.30 and again after tea; Holy Rood, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's, after tea. Service St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chantry Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 7th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A special meeting will take place at West Hartlepool on Saturday, January 9th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held, when the Rev. T. H. Lilburn will dedicate a peal board, commemorating Miss Stephenson's peal. Tea in Dale Street Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Please let me know if you require same. A cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Lavendon, Saturday, January 9th. 2.30 begin. 4.15 service. 4.45 tea.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 9th. The bells of St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will commence at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—George Freebrey, Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Broughton (5 bells) on Saturday, January 9th. Important business. Please attend. Please notify for tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Appointment of hon. secretary takes place at this meeting, through the retirement of Mr. L. G. Tanner, who has held the position for ten years, but feels he cannot, through pressure of his business, undertake additional duties.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at Apsley End. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members are asked to attend this meeting. Numbers for tea by the previous Thursday.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission, at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells afternoon and after tea and meeting. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonnet's 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. H. Cole, 58, West Fen Road, Ely, Cambs, number for tea. Look up Major methods and come. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. A fine peal of bells to ring on and a welcome for every ringer. Tower secretaries are asked to bring subscriptions and names for 1937.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Old Chesterton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Please make the first meeting for 1937 a successful one.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be at Ordsall (6) on January 9th. All who can handle a bell welcome. Roll up and make the first meeting in the new year a good one. Please send a card for tea to R. Fowler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute. Service 5 p.m. Wigan Branch specially invited. For tea please notify Mr. G. R. Newton, 4, Langham Avenue, Liverpool, not later than Wednesday, January 6th.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please advise me without fail not later than by Wednesday's post, January 6th? Failure to comply with the request may cause serious inconvenience to those who have kindly undertaken the arrangements.—F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Central Cafe. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea notify me not later than January 7th.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Canon Coleridge. Meat tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket. Members of branch 1s., all others 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea tickets to be applied for by January 11th to W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Owing to the difficulty of arranging tea, it is most essential that names should be sent to Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Wednesday, January 13th. No postcard, no tea. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—Joseph Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**WATFORD.**—Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 3.30 till 8.30. Tea in old school 5.30. Excellent rail and bus service to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts County Association.)

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The fifth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, available from association officers and tower secretaries until January 10th. Ringing at Norwood Green and Heston in afternoon. District annual general meeting at Isleworth on February 6th.—E. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.**—On Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 3 o'clock, the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the new treble of six installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, March 29th. (Full details in due course.) Notice is hereby given that the special committee will present their report with new constitutions of rules. Copies can be obtained from the general secretary now. Will those intending to discuss and debate please avail themselves of a copy soon. This notice is given in accordance with Rule xv. of present rules.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

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