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THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE BELFRY.

A happy note is struck by the writer of a letter, which appears in another column, upon the brotherhood that exists among ringers. There is an indefinable freemasonry among members of the Exercise which has grown up through the centuries, and it is a feature of which we all are proud. Ringers, it cannot be denied, have their faults, and in the tower are often difficult to handle. Sometimes this may be due to misdirected leadership—a point upon which we only recently commented—but when it comes to extending a brotherly hand to a stranger there is no body of men in any pursuit who can claim to excel ringers in the readiness with which they welcome a visitor. When a stranger enters a belfry the first question is, 'Are you a ringer?' A reply in the affirmative immediately produces a rope end, and, a touch rung, the visitor finds himself as much at home as the oldest member of the band. If there are exceptions, they only go to prove the rule. There are, of course, some surly individuals who would never attempt to extend the hand of fellowship, and there may be, here and there, a band who look askance at the appearance of a visitor, but such instances are few and far between. The general experience of ringers is that which has come the way of our correspondent, and ringers make it a point of honour to uphold this happy tradition of the Exercise.

Another feature which is noticeable in the belfry is the equality which reigns. Knight or artisan, professional man or labourer, all are on the same footing when they stand on the ringing floor—never was there a more democratic meeting-place. And what is perhaps equally extraordinary is the perfectly natural way in which exalted or lowly seem to slip into the recognised order of things. Perhaps it is that everyone who approaches the mysteries of the art feels, consciously or unconsciously, an initial ignorance which levels all at the very outset of their ringing career. As knowledge increases, so a bond of sympathy, as it were, springs up among those who follow the art, and this brings in its train that spirit of brotherhood upon which our correspondent dwells.

That we should do all we can to further this spirit goes without saying. The unity of brotherhood is as necessary as the unity of purpose, if the art of ringing is to be promoted, and it is not out of place at the opening of a new year to lay emphasis on this point. We can all do our little bit towards this end, in our towers and in our associations, and if we can, each one, during this coming year increase, by however small a degree, the spirit which marks the Exercise, and is felt by those who have come in contact with it to be an example to other church workers, our labours in 1922 will not have been in vain.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5103 CHANGES:

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*JAMES E. LILLEY 2	†FRANK W. PERRENS 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HARRY A. FARLOW 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	†THOMAS SMITH 9
†WILLIAM A. COOPER 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 10
CHARLES R. LILLEY 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
*GEORGE TUDOR 6	*BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FIGOTT. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques with a working bell. Credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is but 13 years and 11 months old, which probably constitutes a record on 12 bells. Rung as a birthday peal for C. Wallater.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	*JAMES BOUGHTON 6
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 2	†THOMAS BECKETT 7
*CHARLES SAYER 3	ERNEST WHITING 8
†CLAYTON PARNELL 4	ERNEST POPPY 9
*EDWIN GOATE 5	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT HARDY Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 7
BEN. S. THOMPSON 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 8
*WILLIAM E. DUNCAN 4	FRANK R. COPERMAN 9
JOHN MOY 5	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES:

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT V. INNS Treble	DAVID J. NICHOLS 6
ROBERT F. TURNER 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
ERNEST PALMER 3	JAMES E. CHAPMAN 8
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	ARTHUR E. PAYNE 9
CECIL CHAPMAN 5	ARCHIE HENMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal of Grandsire Caters by all the band. First peal on ten bells by all but the ringers of the 6th, 7th and 8th. First peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the association by an entirely local band and rung at the first attempt, this being the first peal rung on the bells since the two new trebles were added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

ALFRED BOWELL, CHURCH BELL FOUNDER, IPSWICH.

SELBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6147 CHANGES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*E. S. FIELD Treble	HARRY RODMELL 6
*THOMAS HAIGH 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7
*FREDERICK CRYER 3	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 8
CHARLES P. BRADLEY 4	*JOHN H. HOWELL 9
HARRY N. IMESON 5	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Caters.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Treble	EDWARD S. FIELD 6
THOMAS S. MORTON 2	†ALBERT E. SELLERS... .. 7
CHARLES F. BRADLEY 3	HARRY RODMELL 8
*JOHN BRAITHWAITE 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON 9
*FRED OSGERBY 5	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
JAMES GEORGE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
HERBERT RANN... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 4	ROBERT J. DAVE 9
*GEORGE W. STOKES... .. 5	*BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. Dawe's 350th peal. It was rung on the 24th anniversary of his wedding day, and was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Hairs.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTRAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM MESSAM Treble	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5
WILLIAM E. OTWAY 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	EDWARD HULL 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. DEAN.

All the ringers belong to Leatherhead.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. PHILIP & JACOB GUILD.)

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK J. PORCH... .. Treble	*PERCY C. WILLIAMS... .. 5
*MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	*FREDERICK E. TYLER 6
FREDERICK W. WADE 3	*HENRY T. HOWELL 7
*EDWIN J. BROWN 4	ISAAC LONG... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the oldest member of the Nether-ton company, Mr. Richard Round.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRED OVERTON Treble	†WALTER GODDARD 5
JOHN WM. SEAMER 2	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 6
THOMAS FITZJOHN 3	CHARLES TAYLOR 7
ALONZO W. LONG 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal on eight bells.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
R. ALDER GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. F. Bailey (late of Leiston), who now hails from Manchester. He was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Annie Reeve (daughter of Mr. Reeve, the respected captain of the Tring ringers) and Mr. T. Jones, which took place on this date. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Reeve for their kind hospitality after the peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	*SAMUEL BURGUYNE 5
HENRY FLETCHER 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	CECIL J. BAKER 7
JAMES F. GEORGE 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Frances K. Gobey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gobey, to Mr. Harry H. Jackson, which took place on the above date at St. John's Church, Ilkeston. This peal, with the methods spliced, is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Treble Bob. The 7th and 8th do not enter the slow throughout the peal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5
SIDNEY HOLT ... 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... 6
THOMAS WALTERS ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
WILLIAM LEWIS ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
*GEOFFREY LEWIS ... 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 3	ERNEST GIBBS ... 7
ERNEST E. BARBER ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
HERBERT RANN ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
GEORGE ADES ... 4	BERT CHALLENGE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERT CHALLENGE ... Treble	JOHN FEIST ... 5
HERBERT RANN ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
JAMES GEORGE ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ALFRED TOMKINS ... Treble	PERCY LANE ... 5
CHARLES EDWARD ... 2	ALFRED TALBOT ... 6
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... 7
JOHN CLARK ... 4	RICHARD THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Ruddall, 1769, and the tenor recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1921.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS ... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

C. WOOLLEY ... Treble	*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 5
E. G. HIBBINS ... 2	R. LATHBURY ... 6
W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3	A. MASON ... 7
MISS V. SHORTER ... 4	T. REG. DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

The composition is in 17 courses, with 6th its extent in 5ths, and its extent at home at 13 course ends. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. * First peal in the method away from the treble. Arranged for Mr. A. Mason, of Burwell.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WALTER BINGHAM ... Treble	†HERBERT HAIGH ... 5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 2	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6
SAML. HARRISON ... 3	WM. HARRISON ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. W. Bingham is a local man, Herbert Haigh hails from Worksop, the rest from Bolsterstone.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
GEORGE ELLIS ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	WILLIAM LATTER ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
GEORGE ELLIS ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART

ARTHUR HAGUE ... Treble	FRED GREENWOOD ... 5
WILLIAM WILDE ... 2	JOHN SMITH ... 6
LAURENCE GREEN ... 3	THOMAS CROOKALL ... 7
JAMES BOLTON ... 4	CHARLES SHARPLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HAGUE.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Ring as a tribute of farewell to the Rector (the Rev. Canon Leighton), who is retiring to private life after 36 years Rector of the church, also as a birthday peal to J. Smith. J. Bolton hails from Sacred Heart, Blackpool, C. Sharples from Bispham, the rest are St. John's Sunday service ringers, Blackpool.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE COOK Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN HOYLE... .. 7
JOHN H. WHITE... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This was the conductor's 200th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILFRED SHARPE Treble	JOHN HENSMAN 5
FRED WILFORD 2	BERTIE C. SODEN 6
*WILLIAM CHOWN 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
JOHN METHERELL 4	†SIDNEY FOSKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

S. BINFIELD Treble	*H. PARKES 5
*A. BINFIELD 2	E. CHEESEMAN 6
J. CHEESEMAN 3	P. H. PIERCE 7
W. BIDNELL 4	J. COPPINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CHEESEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
*JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE
SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

SAM THOMAS... .. Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
F. CLIFFORD WILSON... .. 2	THOMAS COOPER 6
ALFRED G. STOCKS 3	HARRY MORTIMER 7
FRANK PICKERING 4	H. KIRK WHITE Tenor

Composed by PETER BRICKELL. Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal by all except ringers of treble and 3rd. First peal by members of the local company.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	SAMUEL TAYLOR 5
SAMUEL R. GARNER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM NYE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

WESTBURY, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 35 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	ERNEST BISHOP 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE CROSS Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN... .. 5
TOM PAGE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
FREDERICK LASBURY 3	JAMES CROSS 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	HENRY CRABBE Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on his silver wedding day. First peal to be rung since the alteration of the title of the Llandaff Association.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	*FREDERICK G. ALLEN ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 6
THOMAS G. SAREL 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and the 69th birthday of the ringer of the 3rd. * First peal in the method.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1921, in Five Hours,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 8336 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	WILLIAM HARRISON 5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 2	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6
SAML. HARRISON... .. 3	GEORGE HILL 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

This is the longest peal by all the band and the longest in the method ever rung. It is also the longest peal on the bells, the previous longest being 8,288 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung by a mixed band on May 19th, 1900. Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th 24 times each in 6th's place. All are local men except George Hill, who hails from Hoyland Swaine.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's & 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

G. LAW... ..	...Treble	*O. G. FARMER	4
B. GUY	2	H. ACOCK	5
J. HOPE... ..	3	P. SERGEANT HASTING ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

*First peal. This is the first peal rung on the bells by a local band. The only peal known to have been rung on them before was conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson on July 23rd, 1898.

BARKSTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*J. SEARSON... ..	...Treble	*A. W. STOKES	4
J. ATKINSON	2	W. E. WOODS	5
A. PALMER... ..	3	A. DRURY	Tenor

Conducted by A. DRURY.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Grandsire and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN FITTON ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE STAFF	4
MISS ROSE BELL... ..	2	WILLIAM CRABTREE	5
MRS. MARTHA INGHAM ...	3	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and second. First peal in four methods by all except conductor.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAYLIS ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM NIBLETT	4
ERNEST E. BARBER	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
ERNEST GIBBS	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ..	Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ROBERT PRATT ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...	#
JOSEPH BARRICK	2	JOHN W. CROWDER	5
*HENRY EDWARD DANNATT	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Crowder, sen., who were married at Barton-on-Humber on Xmas Day, 1871. Mr. Crowder, who was 50 years a ringer, is the last survivor of the "old" band of ringers at this church. Ringers of 4th and tenor are from Barton-on-Humber, the rest being members of the local company.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. SALWAY ... ..	...Treble	H. MAY... ..	4
J. HOWES	2	R. BROOK	5
MISS C. GOODMAN	3	W. COWAN	Tenor

Conducted by R. BROOK.

First peal by all except H. May. First peal on the bells.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE SCOTT ... ..	...Treble	*LEWIS GADSEY	4
*THOMAS KELLEY	2	JOSEPH NORTH	5
*WILLIAM NORTH	3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK	Tenor

Conducted by C. L. SIMCOCK.

*First peal and first attempt.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*W. FAYERS... ..	...Treble	W. HEAD	
H. CORNELL	2	L. POULSON	
J. MARTIN ... ..		...Tenor	

Conducted by W. HEAD.

*First peal on tower bells.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

LEONARD J. WYMAN ... ..	...Treble	*AMOS SMART	4
ARTHUR BELLAMY	2	JOHN R. MAIN	5
GEORGE BASFORD	3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

*First peal with a working bell. Arranged for Mr. A. Smart and rung on Mr. J. R. Main's thirty-eighth birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JAMES CHINERY, 51, GARLAND STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES LEVITT	1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5-6
ARTHUR E. MOORE	3-4	WILLIAM GOODSHIP	7-8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: JAMES CHINERY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Olive Chinery and Miss Ida Levitt.

LONG STANTON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor Size 16 in B flat.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON... ..	5-6
JOHN B. WOOLLEY	3-4	*CHARLES W. COOK... ..	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

*First peal on eight bells in hand.

ALL SAINTS', HEREFORD.

As the first peal on the fine ring of bells of All Saints', Hereford, has been the wish of so many ringers in the diocese, the Ringing Master decided to make it, if possible, a district secretaries' peal, but at the last moment this idea could not be carried out, owing to the sudden illness of Mr. S. T. Rackham, and the hour of starting, 10 a.m., making it impossible for Mr. Mead, of Clun, to reach the city. An excellent peal was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins., and, while the ringing was a little slow, the striking was good. Although it is claimed as the first peal on the bells, the fact must not be overlooked that a peal of Doubles was rung on the middle six about 1913, but, as this did not embrace the full peal of bells, it is deemed wise to claim the Triples as the first peal.

The bells have recently been rehung and tenor recast as a memorial bell for the ringers of the diocese who made the supreme sacrifice. The work of restoration leaves nothing to be desired. The plugging of the clappers is a great improvement, as it prevents metallic jarring, and produces a beautiful hum, so pleasing to the hearers without 'catcalls.' Everyone is so delighted with the result that the Cathedral authorities are now having the Cathedral clappers treated in the same manner. This is likely to produce a little more hum in the ringing chamber, but it is hoped at a very early date to get a deadening floor put in the Cathedral belfry.

The Hereford ringers will be delighted to see visitors at All Saints' on any practice night (Thursday), or at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings, but peals cannot be arranged except on Bank Holidays and special occasions, as the tower is in the centre of the city.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place at Carisbrooke on Tuesday, December 27th, when some 24 ringers were present, representing Carisbrooke, Newport, Ryde, Shanklin and Whitwell. Ringing commenced soon after two.

A service was held at 4 p.m., and this was followed by a sumptuous tea in the Schoolroom, after which the Rev. Stony Busher, Vicar of Carisbrooke, presided at the business meeting.

Further ringing took place after, and good practice was had for beginners in Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. W. JONES.

The bell ringers of St. Basil's Church, Bassaleg, South Wales, were left in no doubt that their services were fully appreciated, when recently they and their instructor, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport (hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild) were entertained to supper in the church room by the church officials and others. The Vicar presided, supported by Messrs. A. R. Jones and J. Williams (churchwardens). Following the loyal toast, Mr. A. R. Jones proposed 'Success to St. Basil's Guild of Bellringers,' mentioning that Lord Tredegar was interested in the bells, and was carrying out certain improvements in the belfry.

Mr. Gould gave a brief history of the church tower. Mr. Will Taylor, father of the present village postmaster, with five of his sons, kept the bells going for over twenty years; and they were followed by a band who kept together for 25 years, led by the late Mr. Geo. Orchard. The bells, however, had been silent for many years.—The toast was supported by the Rev. Ebor Davies.

The Vicar presented to Mr. J. W. Jones a breakfast cnet and a pair of silver vegetable spoons, on behalf of the ringers, sidesmen and the Vicar. The Rev. D. Bowen thanked Mr. Jones for his services. Expert ringers had testified to the great progress of the Guild.—Mr. Jones suitably acknowledged the gift. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Palmer, L. James and D. Sparkes, Miss James presiding at the piano.

Mr. Jones took the hand in hand some eight or ten months ago, and taught them to handle the bells. Since then they have learned method ringing, and can strike Grandsire Doubles right well.

Unfortunately the bells are of cast steel.

A GOOD RECORD.

During the last quarter, viz., from September 29th to December 25th inclusive, 18,751 changes have been rung for Divine services at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, as follows: 7,044 Stedman Caters, 6,149 Grandsire Caters, 2,688 Bob Major, 2,520 Stedman Triples, and 350 Grandsire Triples. On two occasions only have the members failed to complete what was attempted. Those taking part were: S. Best, A. Best, H. Bagshott, H. Croucher, W. Fowler, J. Frampton, E. Hinton, A. Heath, H. Lambert, H. Preston, G. Preston, G. Stone, L. Stone, Miss C. Sparshott, F. Sparshott, R. Street, A. Woolf, S. White, W. Cave, and C. Gordon from Bristol, for whom a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was arranged.

The rest are all local men, and, with the exception of W. Fowler, learnt to handle a bell at the above church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ill-luck has been predominant so far at each attempt made for a peal of Caters on the bells of Llandaff Cathedral since they were made a ring of ten. To honour the old leader of the Cathedral band (Mr. J. Clutterbuck) and one of the pioneers of the Llandaff Association, a peal was arranged, with a band of practically all ex-Masters of the Association. A start was made on Tuesday week, the birthday of Mr. Clutterbuck. All were greatly disappointed to find a shift course had occurred when well on with the peal.

On the same day, and probably at the very moment the attempt was in progress, a fatal accident occurred in the hunting field to the donor of the two new bells, Mr. J. T. Duncan, J.P., a Cardiff ship-owner, who lived at Oaklands, Llandaff. Mr. Duncan was following the Duke of Beaufort's hounds in Wiltshire. Jumping a wall, his horse, on alighting, pecked, and Mr. Duncan was thrown. He fell on his head, and death was instantaneous, his neck being broken. He was a Churchman, and regularly attended Llandaff Cathedral, of which he was a generous benefactor.

The peal of eight bells at Sandbach, Cheshire, are now in first-class order, having been rehung with all new fittings by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham. The work has given every satisfaction. Mr. Groves has also rehung the peal of six at St. Peter's Church, Elford, Staffs. The peal of eight at Cradley, Staffs, the peal of five at Lock, Warwickshire, and the tenor at Salford Priory, Warwickshire.

Following upon the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' exhaustive analysis of Cambridge Surprise Major which has appeared in our two last issues, we hope next week, if space permits, to give a sketch of the ringing career of Charles Middleton (written by Mr. J. A. Trollope), and a photograph of this veteran Norwich ringer.

KETTERING BELLS AUGMENTED TO TEN.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLES.

On Saturday, December 17th, the Bishop of Peterborough dedicated the two new treble bells which have been added to the present peal of eight at the Parish Church, Kettering. The new treble was given by Mr. George and Mr. Harry Hordon, in memory of their father, the late Mr. William Hordon, who was a valued member of the band of ringers for 20 years.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and they are heartily to be congratulated on making such an excellent splice, while the tone and 'go' of the bells are all that can be desired.

Among those who were present at the service were Mr. Cyril Johnston (bell-founder), Messrs. Wilford, Law, Rogers, Allen, Soden (of Northampton), F. Barber and J. Shafford (Wellingborough), and many others, including the whole of the local band. Ringing was curtailed owing to the death of Mrs. Woodcock (wife of the Rector's warden), who had unfortunately passed away in the morning.

As a mark of respect the bells were rung half-muffled in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

The first peal was rung on the bells on December 27th.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW DUAL TITLE.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at St. Woolo's Church, Newport (the pro-Cathedral of the new Monmouth Diocese) on Monday, December 28th, when a large number of members attended from both the Llandaff and Monmouth Dioceses. The bells were available from 12 o'clock, and full advantage was taken of them. Service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Rev. T. Powell Davies (in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Monmouth), who gave a most useful address. One of the Llanguoyd ringers presided at the organ.

Following the service, tea was served in Waters Lane Mission Room, and was immediately followed by the business meeting.—The Chairman (the Rev. Powell Davies), on behalf of the Archdeacon, welcomed the association to Newport.

In accordance with notice of motion, a discussion followed on the question of the title of the Association, which has arisen owing to the formation of the new diocese of Monmouth. It was eventually unanimously decided that instead of forming a new association the one should remain, to be designated 'The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.'

The election of officers followed, Mr. J. Bailey, of Whitechurch, being chosen as Master for the ensuing year. Mr. J. W. Jones was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Dawe and Hobbs auditors.

The next annual meeting will be held at Llandaff, the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Llantrisant, and the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Bedwas.

Quite a number of new members were elected, including the whole of the ringers of the newly-formed Guild at Bassaleg. The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting. The bells of both St. Woolo's and All Saints' Churches were kept busy during the evening.

BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.**FORMAL OPENING OF THE NEW PEAL OF TWELVE.**

The twelve bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester, were heard for the first time on Christmas Day, when they were rung by the local company for all services. No change ringing was attempted, but well-struck rounds and call changes were rung, and the new beauty and grandeur of the bells, compared with the old peal, were noted by all concerned.

On Tuesday, December 27th, the bells were thrown open to the Exercise, and ringing, which commenced at 10 a.m., was carried on at intervals throughout the day. A huge gathering assembled from all parts of the country, including Birmingham, Bolsover, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Northants, Notts, Twickenham, Warrington, and other places; many of the county towers—too numerous to mention—as well as all the local bands, were represented. The belfry was at times crammed with ringers and visitors, and it is doubtful if Leicester has ever seen such a gathering on an occasion of this kind. An excellent programme was carried through under the direction of Mr. E. Morris, and included courses and touches of Grandsire Triples Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, and what is more unique, a course each of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus. A pleasing feature was, that although only a few names were sent in for tea, the Vicar kindly undertook to find a place for those who wished to attend, and a most excellent tea was provided, 57 sitting down. Many visitors had, however, made their own private arrangements.

After tea, the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, M.A., O.B.E.), said how pleased he was to see such a large company of ringers present on this unique occasion, and he hoped all had enjoyed the new bells, of which St. Margaret's was immensely proud. He was glad to be able to announce the fact that the whole of the cost of recasting, re-hanging and augmentation had been assured before the bells were first rung, and he was proud of his willing helpers in this great achievement. There only remained a few incidental expenses to clear, and any contributions now received would be used to defray these. He was pleased to say he was the first to chime the new tenor publicly, when, with the help of four of his ringers (who chimed the quarters) he had 'bumped' the hour of midnight on Christmas Eve. The Vicar concluded by stating that he would personally bear the whole expense of the tea.

Mr. Ernest Morris, supporting the Vicar on behalf of St. Margaret's ringers, said how pleased they were to be able to invite such a large and representative gathering, and trusted all concerned had been satisfied with the programme carried out, as they were anxious to give everyone a chance of a pull. They at St. Margaret's were proud of their Vicar, who had stood by them in this scheme (as he had in many others), and had encouraged all by his own strenuous efforts to secure such a fine peal as they now possessed. It was through him that the whole scheme was carried out, as, without his influence, the full peal would certainly not have been secured. Mr. Morris announced the fact that the Vicar had granted an hour's extension of ringing, and this would give a further opportunity to those who cared to accept it.

Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton) responded on behalf of the visitors, and, voicing the opinion of all, said they were highly delighted with the arrangements. He congratulated St. Margaret's on securing such a peal of twelve, and thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality in providing tea, which was an unexpected pleasure.—Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) seconded, and apologised for the fact that many had failed to notify their intention to be present, but he assumed that many had not been certain till the last moment whether they could get to Leicester. Birmingham had mustered 14, and they were glad they had come, for they had been 'done well,' and were delighted with the privilege of a ring on St. Margaret's most excellent peal. The tea was a most pleasant surprise, for which they were very grateful to the Vicar. Mr. Walker gave the local ringers some good advice on twelve bell ringing, and trusted all would pull together and become proficient on their added numbers, which at first would be difficult, but the difficulties would be overcome, if they carried on in the right spirit. Birmingham and other centres would watch with interest their progress, and none would congratulate them more than they, when success crowned their efforts.

After the ringing, the evening was concluded by handbell ringing, etc., in a private room at a near-by hostel.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, at the Church of St. Gregory, 560 of Bob Major and 504 Grandsire Triples. The ringers taking part were: W. Lee, M. Silvester, W. Heard, E. Dixon, A. Perry, G. Tatum, C. Clarke, D. Elliott (conductor), A. Scott.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—West Wales Association.—At St. Thomas' Church, on December 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. E. Bloxham 1, J. Hoare 2, *H. Boyer 3, *A. J. Pitman 4, S. Perry 5, *J. Hammond (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Kent.

BROTHERHOOD AMONG RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Travelling recently in the company of a clergyman we naturally talked about bell ringing and bell ringers. The conversation drifted into the subject of brotherhood among ringers, and the reverend gentleman made the following remark: 'There is a silent brotherhood among you ringers—an unwritten law, in fact—that is very remarkable. I do not know of any other hobby or sport in which that wonderful spirit of brotherhood is so prominent and sincere. You set a wonderful example to other branches of churchworkers which should be, but I am afraid is not, a matter of considerable envy.'

Now, Sir, I have been a bell ringer for over thirty years, and I wish to express, through your columns, my hearty agreement with the remark passed by this reverend gentleman. I have travelled fairly extensively; there is hardly a county in England in which I have not rung, and I must say that wherever I have been I have found that wonderful spirit of brotherhood prominent among every member of the noble art of change ringers. I count amongst my greatest and truest friends many bell ringers. It does not matter who one is, what one is, or where one comes from, as long as he is a bell ringer, that is sufficient! 'Take your coat off and get hold!' You are welcomed at once as one of the band, and you are trusted and respected.

To the outside public, this spirit of brotherhood is a revelation, almost astounding; and yet it is silent, never referred to in any way, but it is always there. Especially have I found this so in taking up my new abode in Bristol—the home of change ringing in the West. I have already visited seven or eight towers in Bristol, and everywhere I have gone I have received a real hearty welcome, and an invitation to come as often as I can. To my new Bristol friends I offer my sincere thanks. To my many late London friends I also extend my grateful thanks for their genuine friendship, and my appreciation of the welcome given me wherever I went. We are all ringers together, assembled for a purpose of calling people to do honour to God—and it is only right and fitting that we who follow this calling should set an example to others by attending church as often as we can, and keeping ever in front of us that enviable and beautiful spirit of brotherhood which has been the ringers' silent watchword for so many years past. To you, Sir, and all my ringing friends, old and new—and my enemies, too, if I have any, I offer my hearty wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year. Let that spirit of brotherhood continue, and ringing will never die.—Yours fraternally,

FRANK BALL.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHRISTMAS MEETING IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.**

This was held at Sunderland on Tuesday, December 27th, and as a gathering of the members of the Association it was a huge success. Only a few towers within the district were represented, but no less than 26 members attended. Ringing was timed to commence at 1.30 at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and a few minutes after that the eight bells were ringing merrily. Afterwards a party proceeded to Holy Trinity, and then on to St. Ignatius-the-Martyr (both eight bell towers). The remainder followed in their tracks later, and thus all present had a pull in the three towers. Ringing was carried on until late in the evening, and included Bob Triples and Major for the benefit of the beginners, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

St. Ignatius-the-Martyr Church Institute presented an animated appearance at 5 o'clock, when all gathered together for tea. Everyone seemed to be in a seasonable mood, and it was a happy throng. Mr. George S. Taylor, the vice-president of the district, presided, and he was supported by Mr. Wm. Story (president of the Association), Major Robert C. Hudson, O.B.E., Messrs. Joseph W. Parker (secretary), Allan F. Bailey (one of the famous Leiston brothers), W. H. Pickett, of London, Jas. Kemp, of Leeds, W. H. Barber, J. E. Keen, R. Richards, J. Pickering, and R. Thompson, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, J. Stuart, A. Payne, and T. Kell, of Gateshead, and a representative gathering of Sunderland ringers.

After the smiling faces had been broadened by the good fare provided, the loyal toast was honoured, and reference was made to the honour done to the district by the presence of so many distinguished visitors.

Mr. W. H. Pickett was elected a life member of the Association.

A short discussion followed as to the best means of livening up the district, after which the towers were again visited.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to the tower keepers for having everything in readiness, and to the ladies who attended to the arrangements for tea.

In the report of the centenary peal at Rotherham the number of changes should have been 5,021. It was not Mr. S. Briggs' first peal on ten, as indicated.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

BILLINGSHURST BELLS RE-OPENED.**A SUSSEX RESTORATION.**

On Saturday, December 31st, members of the Sussex Association accepted the invitation of the Vicar of Billingshurst (the Rev. R. C. Johns) to the reopening of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The proceedings began with some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, after which a service was held, at which a suitable address was given by the Vicar, who, before leaving the church, invited the ringers and friends to tea at the Red Lion Inn, where a good company sat down to an excellent repast, with the Vicar at the head of the table.

In proposing a vote of thanks, Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, remarked that he was very pleased with the sweet tone of the trebles.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to meet the ringers on that special occasion. It had been his aim ever since he had come to the parish to have the bells improved, but it had been a hard struggle to collect the necessary funds. Thanks, however, to two or three of the ringers, and Mr. James Birdfield in particular, he was now most happy to say he had the whole of the funds in hand. He also wished to thank Mr. Hughes (of Mears and Stainbank) for the generous manner in which the firm had treated them. He could thoroughly recommend the firm to anyone who had trouble with their bells.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in reply, said it was some 30 years ago that his firm supplied the two trebles to the tower, and he was very pleased at having the opportunity of improving the peal. He would be pleased to see a band at Billingshurst able to compare with any in Sussex.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods till eight o'clock.

The bells have been thoroughly overhauled and retuned, the tenor recast, and the whole rehung and fitted with the most modern fittings, including ball bearings, etc. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the excellent tone and 'go' of the bells, which now compare favourably with any peal of eight in the county.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out to the Exercise in general, and to the possessors of Middlesex Association reports in particular, that a peal of 5,043 Stedman Caters, by Mr. C. Charge, published in the 7th report, is false. Mr. Robert Maynard, junr., of Walthamstow, drew my attention to this a short time ago, and I have consulted Mr. W. Pye, the conductor, and examined his peal book, and we find that the composition in question has only once been rung by this association. Fortunately, the peal is not the well-known one of that number with duplicate course-ends, but one with fewer good qualities, and for that reason it would probably not greatly appeal to conductors.

I enclose the figures of the false composition, which was rung by the Middlesex Association at St. Giles', Camberwell, on November 14th, 1903, and published as peal No. 394 in the 7th annual report. The false courses are the first, and that beginning 312465879.

5,043 STEDMAN CATERS, by C. Charge.

231456	4	5	16	513264	5	16
416523*				512463		2
216345	—	—	—	213465	—	3
612543	—	—	—	314265	—	2
413562	—	—	3	415263	—	3
312564	—	—	3	413265	S	3
215364	—	—	2	314562	—	—
514362	—	—	3	312465	—	—
512364	S	3		315264	—	—
214365	—	—	3	512364	—	2
413265	—	—	2	214365	—	3
315264	—	—	3			

Will all holders of the above-mentioned report please mark the composition in question, to avoid its being rung again. It would be as well if some means were adopted of advising conductors of false peals which have been published in Association reports, as there is always a great danger of their being used. If such could be done through the columns of 'The Ringing World' I would gladly furnish a list of such peals in the records of the Middlesex Association.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES.

Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association and
48, Wood Street, E.17. London Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Coles' suggestion is a valuable one, and we shall be glad to publish the references to false compositions which have appeared in the reports of any association.—Ed. 'R.W.'

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.**DOUBLE NORWICH.**

Before dealing with the extension of Double Norwich, it is necessary to remove certain misconceptions. The practical way of ringing the method is well known, and first work is said to consist of a whole pull and a double dodge. Now, this is a very satisfactory statement, from a practical point of view, but we must consider the nature of what we call a double dodge.

The 2nd hunts to lead, leads a whole pull and hunts up into 2nd's place; she then dodges back to lead and hunts up again into 2nd's, she dodges back to lead again and hunts up into 2nd's the second time, so that what we call a double dodge is really two single dodges joined together by a single step of plain hunting, and we must keep this fact clearly before our minds when we come to consider the extension of the method, or else we shall fall into the mistaken idea that double dodging is of the nature of the method, in the same way that it is of the nature of Stedman's Principle.

From what I have said before the extension of a plain method is the extension of the plain hunting only, and so the hunt of one place in Major between the single dodges will become a hunt of three places in Royal, because we have two more bells, and five places in Maximus, as we have four more bells.

H. LAW JAMES.

CLOCK WEIGHT FALLS.**NARROW ESCAPE OF RINGERS AT HODNET.**

On Monday evening, December 19th, several members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild visited Hodnet, with the intention of ringing some short muffled touches as a tribute of respect to the late Sir Beville Stanier, M.P. for the Ludlow Division, who was interred earlier in the day. A start was made to raise the bells in peal, but they had not been ringing long when a clock wire snapped, and the hour weight fell from a height of about 30ft. into the ringing chamber (which is on the ground floor), smashing the flooring tiles, and going several inches into the ground just behind the treble and second ringers, who thought the war had started again, and did a 'quick run out,' amid flying ropes.

However, a start was again made, and after raising the bells, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung (half-muffled), in spite of the heavy go of the bells, by: J. Hayward 1, W. Lycett 2, A. Bayley 3, H. Rixom 4, E. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6. The band afterwards went to Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins.: J. Hayward 1, H. Rixom 2, E. Rodenhurst 3, W. Lycett 4, A. Bayley (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HENFIELD.—Sussex County Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on December 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mrs. Blackburn, of Barrow Hill: W. Markwell 1, F. Parsons 2, C. Barnes 3, G. Gander 4, A. E. Baker 5, G. Payne 6, L. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Gilbert (longest length) 1, G. Andrews 2, A. Bull 3, G. Maxim 4, D. Tucker (longest length inside) 5, R. Smith (longest length inside) 6, F. Jeff (conductor) 7, J. T. Munday (longest length) 8.

TAMWORTH.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, at St. Editha's Church, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Pratt 1, G. Chapman 2, W. Chapman 3, A. J. Chaplin 4, J. H. Chapman 5, A. J. Marks 6, S. G. Chaplin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Pratt 8.—For evening service, 464 Bob Major: G. Peers 1, C. Chapman 2, W. Chapman 3, A. J. Chaplin 4, J. Pratt 5, A. J. Marks 6, R. P. Brindley 7, S. G. Chaplin (conductor) 8.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Margaret on Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Salway 1, J. Howes 2, Miss C. Goodman 3, H. May 4, R. Brook (conductor) 5, W. Cowan 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by: W. J. Allen 1, *R. B. Bailey 2, W. J. Dove 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. Sturgess 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, *S. Fiskett 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman at first attempt.

REIGATE.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: H. Ewins 1, Miss E. Fisher 2, H. Jordan 3, A. Fillick 4, A. Wood 5, J. H. White 6, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 7, W. Pooley 8. Longest length by the ringers of 2 and 4, who hail from Dorking and Merstham respectively.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on December 31st, for Watch Night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, J. Crowder 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, January 1st, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10½ different callings), in 45 mins.: A. Hoile 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, J. Lawson 3, C. Payne 4, C. Moulton 5, J. Dafters 6, H. Brasher 7, H. Heisterman 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 behind. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all the band.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints', on January 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Woodyatt 1, F. W. Neate 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, S. Holt 4, T. Walters 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8, J. J. Jefferies 9, J. R. Mackman 10. First touch in the method by Messrs. Woodyatt and Camm.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—For early celebration service, on Christmas Day, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Unwin 1, E. H. Spice 2, G. Webb 3, W. E. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, senr., 6.—For 11 a.m. service, 720 Plain Bob: J. Webb 1, E. H. Spice 2, G. Webb 3, J. W. Unwin 4, — Swinyard (Iden, Sussex) 5, W. Spice 6.—For evening service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, December 25th, at the Church of St. Nicholas', for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: H. Durling 1, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 2, P. Brett Smith 3, J. Ford 4, R. S. Goodchild 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, T. Groombridge, senr., 7, F. Groombridge 8.

CARDIFF.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 49 mins.: *A. Parnell 1, F. Smith 2, S. Dawe 3, W. Bolton 4, W. Heath 5, *E. Stith 6, *T. Carter 7, *E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. * First quarter of Caters.

SOLIHULL.—At midnight, on Christmas Eve, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major and 168 Stedman Triples: G. A. Martineau 1, G. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3, H. Bragg 4, H. Shepherd 5, S. Bragg 6, R. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8. This is the first time Treble Bob has been rung for Christmas in Solihull.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Christmas Day, for Matins, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, A. Bradley 5, A. F. Bennington 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, E. W. Pannett 8. Rung after meeting short for Triples, 6-8 covering.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. Bradley 3, J. Crowder 4, E. B. Crowder 5, R. A. Fosdike 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

SPROTBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Stacey 1, H. Harding 2, W. Rowley 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Metcalfe 1, H. Harding 2, E. Short 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6.

ILMINGTON.—Four Shires Guild.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob (1,272 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Terry (conductor) 1, T. Hands 2, S. Russell 3, C. Sabin 4, G. Hands 5.

BARLEY, HERTS.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: W. Mansfield (conductor) 1, F. Hayes 2, W. Tack 3, R. Howard 4, A. Howard 5.

POOLE, DORSET.—At St. James' Church, on Christmas Day, 504 Stedman Triples (42 singles, composed by W. G. Pates (Cheltenham): F. W. Townsend (conductor) 1, J. Davis 2, A. Rose 3, F. Cole 4, T. Wooley 5, H. James 6, H. Baverstock 7, P. Davis 8.—Also 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Rose 1, J. Davis 2, A. Rose 3, A. James 4, H. James 5, H. Baverstock (conductor) 6, F. Townsend 7, P. Davis 8. Also 336 Bob Minor.

THANET.—On Christmas Day, at St. Lawrence, Thanet, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Foster 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, T. Scott 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, J. Blythman 6, A. E. Jarman 7, J. Jarman 8.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On Christmas afternoon, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor: C. Pratt 1, J. Barriek 2, W. Goddard 3, J. W. Crowder 4, E. Dannatt 5, Walter Ayre (conductor) 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Crowder, parents of the ringer of the 4th.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Parker's 12-part peal, was rung in 50 mins.: C. McGuinness 1, R. Chester 2, Rev. R. Bond 3, A. R. Chester 4, C. B. Chester 5, L. Snell (conductor) 6, H. Marcon 7, A. H. A. Marcon 8. Great credit is due to the conductor, this being his first attempt at calling.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Toby 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: B. J. Toby 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, A. J. Pitman 7, A. W. Wright 8.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Muntz 1, P. Wilsire 2, W. Rose 3, J. W. Rose 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, O. H. Jennings 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor: H. H. Player 1, C. Wenham 2, F. Underdown 3, A. Daw 4, F. G. Burt 5, C. W. Player 6.—Also two 120's of Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Player 1, F. Underdown 2, C. G. Player 3, A. Daw 4, F. G. Burt (conductor) 5, C. Wenham 6.

STRETFORD.—Lancashire Association.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a date touch of Minor (1,921 changes), 720 Oxford Single, and 720 and 481 of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 9 mins.: J. J. Moss 1, C. W. Birchall 2, A. Bannister 3, Harold Chapman 4, T. Totley 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except the conductor; also the longest on the bells by local ringers.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—During Christmastide, the tower has had many visitors, and on the 25th several touches of Minor and Major were rung for service. On Boxing Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: C. F. Lenton (Pontefract) 1, W. Birtwhistle (conductor, Gargrave) 2, Miss A. Parkins (Peterborough) 3, F. Metcalfe (Manchester) 4, C. Langstorth (Gargrave) 5, Dr. Wales (Gargrave) 6, Jno. McKell (Gargrave) 7, W. J. Hillard (Skipton) 8. Miss Parkins' longest length of Triples. Afterwards, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major ended a pleasant afternoon's ringing.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Christmas Eve, at midnight, at St. Thomas' Church, 336 Grandsire Triples. — For evening service on Christmas Day, 504 Grandsire: B. Dunn 1, G. H. Pagett 2, A. J. Skelding 3, G. Skelding 4, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. W. Dodd 7, W. A. Pugh 8.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 18th, on the occasion of the consecration of the new burial ground by the Bishop of Hereford, 720 College Single: J. Foster 1, F. Stinton 2, G. Lewis 3, E. W. Turner (conductor) 4, F. Farmer 5, E. Spencer 6. First 720 of Minor by all excepting the ringers of 3 and 4.—For evening service, when various new articles in the church were dedicated, after the restoration, necessitated through fire, and of the memorial to those of the parish who lost their lives in the war, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, with bells half-muffled: J. Foster 1, R. Lewis 2, G. Lewis 3, C. Bowers 4, E. W. Turner (conductor) 5, George Jordan 6. First 720 of Treble Bob for treble ringer. Other touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, other members taking part, which included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Oxford and Double Bob Minor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260): J. Denton 1, J. Medhurst (conductor) 2, F. N. Gurr 3, Miss E. Tomlinson 4, R. Eade 5, A. Maynard 6, J. Maynard 7, J. Warner 8.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on December 18th, 672 Bob Major: Fred Walkerton 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss M. Gough 3, F. Cardwell 4, W. Godden 5, H. Buckler 6, P. Downing 7, J. Garth (conductor) 8. Longest touch by ringers of 2nd, 6th and 7th.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Earnie 1, Wm. Briggs 2, E. Duteson 3, H. Anderton 4, J. Sanderson 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (conductor) 7, J. Lofthouse 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 6th, on the anniversary of his birthday. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, 419 Grandsire Triples: G. Thompson 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, R. Martin 3, J. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Evans 6, W. H. Williams (Hereford, conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.—For morning service, touches of Stedman Triples, conducted by R. Evans and E. Jones.—On Tuesday, December 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, on handbells), in 41 mins.: R. Kynaston 1, H. Hughes 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, W. H. Williams (conductor) 4, R. Evans 5, H. Kynaston 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, December 18th, after evening service, 720 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 480 St. Dunstan): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, O. Farmer 4, H. Acock 5, G. Hastings 6.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting will be held at Coddington on Jan. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided by local friends). Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. A record attendance is requested.—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch committee will meet at the Church Room, Bray, near Maidenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 4 o'clock. Each tower in union should be represented, and subscriptions owing for 1921 forwarded without delay. Tower bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who order it three days previously.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar of Penkridge. Tea (1s.) at 6 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A General meeting will be held at Halesworth on Saturday, Jan. 7th. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., the bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting immediately following tea, which will be served at the Swan Hotel at 4 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each. In accordance with the revised rules, adopted at the annual general meeting held at Norwich in October, the election of officers will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The two new trebles by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of eight, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15.—R. T. Turner, District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Swindon Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and during the evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 4.45, 1/6.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Jan. 9th, 1922. Tower open 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8 p.m., to be followed by special meeting to consider the alteration of rules.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Jan. 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.45, at the Vicarage. All those intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th, or tea will not be provided for them. Please note this.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and Business Meeting following. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's towers before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea please notify by Jan. 7th.—F. Dentry, Branch Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—A meeting will be held at Ohiswick on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.45 p.m., and will arrange tea for 5.30. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. Mary Redcliffe bells (12) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Lady Chapel 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting at St. Thomas' schoolroom. Please notify Hon. Sec. by Jan. 9th, 1922.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton, near Gloucester, on Saturday, 14th Jan., 1922. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea free to all who will notify me by 10th Jan. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid up at this meeting.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting of above will be held at St. Thomas's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 5, 7 to 8. Service at 5. Tea 5.45 at Smith & Vosper's, Castle Road, Southsea, for those who acquaint me by 12th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service in the Church at 4.30. Tea by the Guild at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present at this meeting please signify to me not later than Jan. 10th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Wolstanton, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1922. Please notify me on or before Jan. 9th how many intend to be present.—E. Steele, 109, George St., S. Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wrangle, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 o'clock. Motor buses leave Boston 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.—J. W. Lakin, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Jan. 14th.—Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Address by the Vicar. Tea 5 o'clock at Granville Hotel, 1/6 each.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ordsall, Retford (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price provided sufficient number is sent in for the caterer not later than Tuesday, Jan. 10th.—Members to advise Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting for election of officers for 1922 will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3.30.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster St. George's, on Jan. 21st. Bells ready early. Committee meeting at 4.0. Service at 5.0. Address by the President, the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A. Tea at 5.30, tickets 1/6 each. Only those who notify me before the 17th can be provided with tea. Subscriptions for 1922 are due at this meeting. A good attendance is desired. All ringers and friends welcome.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Henthorpe, Doncaster.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 1922, at 7.30. Bells of St. Martin's available from 6 o'clock to 7.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 20th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Ringing from 7.30 till 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—H. E. Norman, Dis. Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1922. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Priory Church, Leominster, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar, Rev. R. Gillenders. Tea at Hill's, Draper's Lane, at 5.45 p.m.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrokeshire.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea will be arranged at the Woolpack at 6 p.m. at a moderate charge, and I shall be glad to hear from all who intend being present not later than the 18th inst. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1922. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Service, with an address by the Rector, at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow election of officers, &c. Tea at 1/6 per head. Will members requiring same kindly let me know by Jan. 16th.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W. 20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Bulwell and Basford, near Nottingham. Both towers will be open for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. The committee meeting will be at 3.30. Tea will be at 4.30, and general meeting to follow tea, in the Church Hall, Basford. Will those who intend to be present for tea (2/3 per head) kindly notify Mr. T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts, not later than Tuesday, 17th January.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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