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LESSONS OF THE BISHOPWEARMOUTH FATALITY.

The accident in the belfry at Bishopwearmouth, by which Major Robert C. Hudson lost his life, is one of those distressing fatalities which, though rare, are a tragic reminder of the fact that work among bells which are 'up' is always a risky undertaking. Scores of men every week go up among the bells without giving a thought to danger; they move about over the narrow frames and between the bells, which can come 'off,' many of them, quite easily; they turn clappers or make other adjustments involving, perhaps, leaning over the bell itself, and never once do they take count of the risk that is being run. Major Hudson was familiar with the belfry at Bishopwearmouth; for years he had been accustomed to going up among the bells, and the tragedy which has overtaken him probably came when he was thinking least of danger. He will be deeply regretted throughout the Exercise. In his own diocese he was known as a competent and accomplished ringer. He was one who made a name for himself when quite young, and he always maintained a keen interest in the art. But not only will his death be mourned by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association; his loss to the church and town of Bishopwearmouth is equally lamented. Churchwarden and Sunday School worker, he was also a valued officer of the local Territorials, one section of which he commanded during the war.

This fatality is the second within less than a year caused by a bell going over, for only last December an elderly clockmaker was killed while mending the hammer connections at Thetford Church, Norfolk. Can these accidents be averted? Obviously it cannot be said at any time that it is really 'safe' to go among bells that are up. There is never room to spare, and in these days of iron frames the available space is even less than in the old days, when the bell cages were made of stout wooden beams. The foothold is often precarious, and the slightest slip may end in tragedy, as it did in the case of Major Hudson, for it is believed he slipped off the frame, probably on account of some snow caked on his boot. Despite the risks, however, it is often necessary for someone to go among the bells while they are in the 'danger' position, and the most that can be done is to exercise the greatest care.

At present no 'locking' device of an effective nature seems to be on the market, otherwise, we imagine, the bell foundry would have adopted it. They have introduced many 'gadgets,' but this is one which does not yet seem to have been sufficiently explored. Something

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simple and efficient is undoubtedly wanted. Failing this, in the case of heavy bells which have a knack of going up with the clapper on the wrong side, there ought to be provided a device for turning the clapper over. There is such a one in existence, and founders might well be asked to instal it where a bell habitually goes up the wrong way. Another partial safeguard would be to run a handrail above the frames about the height of the average man's head, so that it might easily be grasped by one hand when a person is making his way among the bells. And then there is the question of lighting the bell loft. Often, even in daylight, this is a dark apartment, and in many cases there is no artificial illumination, except perhaps a candle. It is almost inviting accident for a man to go among bells thus equipped, and wherever possible church authorities should be made to see the importance of proper lighting in this part of the tower.

MEMORIAL PEALS.

The following Memorial Peals were rung for the death and funeral of the beloved Queen-Mother.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 10
WILLIAM HEWITT 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 7
JOHN SPARROW 2	HARRY SEAR 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	WALTER SEAR 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 10
FRANK SMITH 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6	EDWARD PUGH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Queen Alexandra, and the crew of the lost Submarine M.I.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WALTER FISHER Treble	*THOMAS HAMMOND ... 7
*REGINALD O. STREET ... 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 8
*ERNEST JONES 3	*JAMES MARTIN 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 10
*JOHN WILKINSON 5	*EDWARD CAUNCE ... 11
*THOMAS C. LARKEY 6	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal of Stedman Cinques. This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung in this tower since March 25th, 1863, by an entire Liverpool company, this being the year that the late Queen Alexandra came to England.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF CHARLES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*REGINALD BEER Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6
WILLIAM WONNACOTT 2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 7
HAROLD ASHTON 3	WILLIAM HISCOTT 8
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 4	ERNEST MARSH 9
WILLIAM RICHARDS 5	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by WARREN S. HORN BROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY PRING Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
RAYMOND C. SEAGER 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	HENRY J. WAY 8
REGINALD GILBERT 4	E. GEORGE TREW 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	JOHN A. BURFORD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS BENNEY Treble	EDGAR C. RUSSELL 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 7
CHARLES J. CHOOET 3	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
CHARLES F. WINNEY 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
GEORGE LARGE 2	ALFRED PARNELL 7
FRANK J. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM HEATH 8
ERNEST HUNT 4	ERNEST COOMBS 9
JOHN DAVIES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. This is the 40th peal on these bells in which S. R. Barker has rung the tenor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	GEORGE WALKER 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	JOHN NEAL 7
STANLEY BRAGG 3	JOHN BRAGG 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	JAMES E. GROVES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted Titmums and Hand-stroke Home positions. The Guild very much regret being unable to ring a muffled peal at St. Martin's, Birmingham, owing to illness near the church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
ARTHUR HAGUE 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
FRED BLACKLIDGE 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 70). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Queen Alexandra, and also to the memory of the late Mr. Sam Thomas, Sheffield, and Mr. George Hollis, Chesterfield, two highly respected brother ringers.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROBERT GRIFFITHS Treble	WILLIAM ASTLE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	WALTER THOMAS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 7
ARSTIN GREGORY 4	ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER Treble	*ALDERMAN LING 5
WILLIAM FLORY 2	WILLOUGHBY F. MAULDEN 6
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 3	JOHN HALL 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4	HARRY HALL Tenor

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT (Bradford).

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal of Major. W. Flory was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HUBERT JONES Treble	H. DANIELS 5
J. A. WAITE 2	W. H. HARRIS 6
F. T. WAITE 3	T. BALDWIN 7
A. A. WAITE 4	T. HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD (SPICED) TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN P. FIDLER Treble	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 7
†HARRY LANGLEY 4	FRED HOLT Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

Rung muffled. * First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Spiced Major. First peal on the new bells.

HOGHTON, PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	† THOMAS CALDERBANK 5
JAMES HARRISON 2	FRED HINDLE 6
MISS M. CLAYTON 3	* WILLIAM ILLSLEY 7
* GEORGE HOOPER 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by A. Tomlinson.

Rung with bells muffled. * First peal. † First peal in the method.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* GEORGE LEA Treble	FRANK FOX 5
† GEORGE F. SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
EDWARD HARRISON 4	* JOHN BENNION, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING Treble	ARTHUR WATKIN 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
THOMAS BUTLER 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	CHARLES TRIBE 6
CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN 4	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FREDERICK G. COLE Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	OWEN H. GILES 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

* ARTHUR HANDOLL Treble	WILLIAM DYER 5
* WALTER C. ROSE 2	CHARLES TOVEY 6
GEORGE WALTERS 3	† JAMES J. CAUSON 7
WILLIAM HALE 4	ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. J. CAUSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal. † First peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTEBILL Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 2	FRED PRICE 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung by the Sunday band, with bells half-muffled.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RALPH MACKRILL Treble	ERNEST H. COOK 5
WILLIAM E. STACEY 2	GEORGE C. ILES 6
HARRY DYAS 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
ARTHUR CUTMOR 4	CHARLES F. W. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL Treble	* CECIL C. MAYNE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal in the method.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

* PERCY ROSE Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS 5
ERNEST R. GLADMAN 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER 3	FREDERICK GOODFELLOW 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 18th, for harvest thanksgiving service, morning, 720 Bob Minor: A. Cummins 1, C. Stiles 2, H. Taylor 3, F. Taylor 4, F. Duffy 5, J. G. Ames (conductor) 6. Evening, 720 Bob Minor: A. Cummins 1, F. Taylor 2, J. T. Brown 3, A. J. Farr 4, F. Duffy 5, A. Riggall (conductor) 6. After service, another 720: H. Gibbard 1, J. T. Brown 2, F. Duffy 3, A. Riggall 4, H. Willerton 5, A. J. Farr (conductor) 6.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

† EDWARD LEVERSUCH Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5
CHARLES DYKE 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6
JOSEPH MILNER 3	* GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7
CHARLES LEMAN 4	ARTHUR BUCKELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. † First peal. * First peal inside.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. 4	HARRY HARRIS Treble

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ARTHUR ROBBINS Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS 5
HERBERT E. ROBBINS 2	CHARLES MASON 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	BERNARD DITCHER 7
JESSE J. MOSS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung with the bells fully muffled. * First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
JOHN S. MORTON 2	FREDRICK A. COLEY ... 6
C. S. M. JAMES BENNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM BOND Tenor

Composed by J. CARRER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

* E. J. BRAGG, Gren. Guards Treble	WILLIAM DENYER 5
† CHARLES DENYER 2	MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. 7
MISS NANCIE DENYER 4	* SGT. W. ROGERS, R. E. ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R. E.

Rung with the bells fully muffled. * First peal. † First in the method with a bob bell. This was an entirely local band and all Sunday Service ringers.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 11th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: J. Howarth (longest length) 1, S. Harrison 2, J. Freeman 3, W. Jones 4, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 5, A. Ridyard 6, J. Ridyard 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5
HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 6
WILLIAM M. J. PEDLEY ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
EDWIN YATES 4	WILLIAM G. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal in the method by all except conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

† FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... Treble	† JAMES EVANS 5
* CHARLES LEE 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung with the bells muffled. The conductor's 60th peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich. * First peal on the method away from the treble. All belong to St. Chad's, Salop, except Mr. F. A. Barnett, churchwarden, of Wem, late of Farham, Surrey. The band tendered their best thanks to Mr. J. Hughes, tower master, of Stretton, for making arrangements and muffling the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

T. HARRY WRIGHT Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3	C. HARRY WEBB 7
* FRED COTTON 4	JOSEPH B. FENTON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

Rung half-muffled. First peal in the Oxford Variation on the bells, and by the ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th. Mr. C. H. Webb has now rung each of these bells to a peal. * 50th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 23, 1925, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED BLACKLIDGE Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
THOMAS STOTT 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
JOHN R. STOTT 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR HANN Treble	ALBERT BOOTH 4
HARRY EYRES 2	JOHN S. ROYLE 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

This is the first peal for 26 years that has been rung by all Sunday Service ringers at this church. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

[A number of other reports of memorial peals are unavoidably held over.]

TEN BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	FRED ALTHORP 6
*JAMES CARTER 2	†GEORGE GORRINGE 7
CHARLES BOWER 3	JOSEPH MELLOR 8
*WILLIAM DYSON 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
*SYDNEY MARSHALL 5	THOMAS JACKSON Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. Samuel Booth, President of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. * First peal.
† First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	ALFRED S. HILL 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CHARLES A. WINNER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HENRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers, in grateful remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

The first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the College Youths was accomplished at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Dec. 4th, 1803. It was thus more than 70 years after the first peal in the method rung at Norwich. Incidentally, the anniversary of the Goslany peal, also rung in 1731, occurs on Saturday.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN BURLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
†FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... 2	ARTHUR CROSS 6
HERBERT WORSFOLD 3	SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER 4	*HENRY NIX Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR CROSS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. The ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor, were proposed members of the association before starting the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR BAXTER ... Treble	GEORGE BLAVELEY 4
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	JAMES HEWSON 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CLIFFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE J. PRICE ... Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 4
EDGAR R. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
*WILLIAM DUFFY 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

* First peal. It is 19 years since W. Duffy visited this tower for his first peal, being then unsuccessful.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST GATER ... Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
FRANK TRINER 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was specially arranged for T. Hurd and E. Gater, who belong to the local company. The others hail from Norton-le-Moors.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.18,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18 in A flat

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 7-8
JOHN SPARROW 3-4	HARRY R. PASMORE 9-10
Cecil J. MATTHEWS 5-6	THOMAS NEWMAN 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.
Umpire: MR. G. A. CARD.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held its last meeting of the year at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Owing to the death of Queen Alexandra the bells were rung half-muffled, and unfortunately it made a great difference to the attendance.

However, some good practice was put it. Grandsire and Stedman Cutters and Cambridge Royal and Major were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat).

After service, tea was served at the Church Hall by Miss Grace Baker. A company, numbering 30, sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Ringing Master and Messrs. J. R. Mackman and C. T. Coles.

At the business meeting which followed, a vote of condolence was passed to His Majesty the King on his sad bereavement, the company standing in silence, with bowed heads, as a tribute to the late Queen.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, hostess and her assistants, and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. F. T. Smith), for their services.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by several members, after which the tower was again visited, and standard methods rung. The meeting closed with the Ringing Master's and hon. secretary's best thanks to all for their attendance and support.

BELL RESTORATION AT COUND, SALOP.

On Saturday, Nov. 14th, six members of St. Chad's Society paid a visit to Cound to test the go of the bells at St. Peter's Church, which have just been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in a new iron and steel frame of the 'A' type, in plain bearings. A set of guides has been put in on account of the long draught of rope. The bells, which are by Abraham Rudhall, have been tuned, and are now a very nice musical ring. Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, acted as clerk of the works for the Restoration Committee. The bells date back to the 17th century, and hang in a very large and massive tower. The committee have had a new frame put in for eight bells, and it is hoped to complete the octave in the near future. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

After the peal rung on them on November 14th, the ringers and some of the local men were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Lambert), who gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The band tendered their thanks to the Rector and to Messrs. Hartland (churchwarden) and Vincent for their assistance.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.**HOW 'HENRY THE EIGHTH' NEARLY BROKE A ROPE.**

'Henry the Eighth' decided we should go North for his anniversary peal this year. So on November 14th we hied us to that place which he had ordained. After groping our way through the fog ('we were led'), trying to view the ancient Abbey with its groined gateway, pointed out to us by the 'Deane of Bolton,' we eventually found 'ye kirk' of Whalley, but no sign of 'the Eighth.' Whilst viewing the stone coffin and very ancient tombstones, a bob loomed up out of the mist, 'Where's t'other' was hurled at it. 'Coomin,' was the reply. So we ascended the tower and pushed the bells oopside down.

'Eh, mon, but you tenor is a gradely bell.'

We sorted ourselves out, Henry planting himself on ye box, with the Knight of Preston for neighbour. Soon we were rolling along to Superlative. 'Ah wonder if yon pair were born on boxes.' We were tapping in grand style when it was observed that all was not well with the 'big un's' rope. He had about six feet too much; and, worse still, a large piece of fluff came floating down, followed by more and more. One and a half hours to go—would it hang on? Several faces were observed to be flat on one side, and a few hearts beat with a wooden clapper until 5-6 came home, followed by the welcome, 'That's all.' But ah felt real sorry for yon rope. Imagine seventeen stone leaning on a single strand. Mon, it were enough to bend it, but 'All's well that ends well,' and yon affair ended orest by Henry taking us to one of those houses where we had something damp, and cheese, bread and pickled onions in the titium position. Well, Sir Harry, many happy returns, and may you have 62 more of 'em, is the wish of

THE SIXTH BEHIND THE NINTH.

HALESOWEN PEAL TABLET.

An interesting event took place in the belfry of the Parish Church on Thursday, Nov. 5th, when Mrs. Kennerley, the wife of one of the churchwardens, unveiled a tablet recording the peal of London Surprise Major rung on the bells on 17th May, 1924, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Elijah White, Halesowen's oldest ringer. The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. A. Colville) dedicated the tablet, after which the non-ringing members of the congregation present in the belfry saw how Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung. Mrs. Kennerley very kindly entertained the ringers and friends to refreshments afterwards.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the memorial peals rung, one of the most noteworthy was that at Liverpool, where a band of Liverpool ringers scored a peal of Stedman Cinques, the first in the method by a resident band in Liverpool since March 25th, 1863—the year in which Queen Alexandra came to England. Such a success as that scored the other day, seemed far distant a week previously, but a quarter-peal rung during the week encouraged the band to make the attempt, and a splendid peal at the first attempt was the reward of their efforts.

In reference to the peal, at St. Clement Danes, in which Mr. Tom Bennet, one of the oldest and most respected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, took part, it is interesting to recall, that previous to this peal, Mr. Bennet's last peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, in the year 1878, conducted by the late Mr. Henry W. Haley.

It will interest members of the Exercise who are Freemasons to know that Mr. John D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberlands, who conducted the half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at Shore-ditch on Saturday, is a member of the 'Rose of Denmark' Lodge, and that this lodge, established in 1863, was named after the Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

Another illustration of 'a way they have in the Army' was forthcoming on Saturday. C.O.M.S. Gilbert, R.E., rang in a muffled peal in the afternoon at Guildford, and the bells came round at 5.35 p.m. At 6 o'clock he was in Aldershot, ten miles away, ready to start for another peal, with his own band, and this also was successful. Some going this! We haven't heard how fast he travelled over the Hog's Back on his motor-cycle.

Master John Roscamp, son of the enterprising Vicar of St. Nicholas' Wallasey, recently gave a lecture on change ringing to his school-fellows at Birkenhead School, in the presence of their Form Master. The lecture was illustrated by pictures and diagrams, and was followed with close interest. The youthful lecturer is 16 years of age. He rings the treble to Minor methods, and hopes shortly to begin the inside work.

On December 8th, 1746, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, and on the same day in 1883, the then record of 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham. Half of the band that rang in this latter peal are still alive.

For the first time, the anniversary of the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung on Dec. 10th, 1881, will find no survivor of that interesting performance, Mr. Ted Horrex having been the last of that company.

A peal of 'Real Double Caters' was rung at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on Dec. 10th, 1770, composed and conducted by George Gross.

At the age of 17 years, Robert Porter called '5,040 Holt's Grandsire Trebles' at Kingston-on-Thames on December 10th, 1780. This was probably a record in youthful accomplishment at that time, for in those days young men were not encouraged to rapid progress, and the art of 'conducting' was made something of a mystery by the men who were the 'bob callers', and their knowledge was only grudgingly imparted to others.

Members of the Surrey Association are advised that the meeting arranged for to-morrow at East Molesey has been postponed to Dec. 12th.

READY SHORTLY.

METHOD-SPLICING

A reprint of the Articles

**'HINTS ON "SPLICING" AND
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By JOHN P. FIDLER,

with an INTRODUCTION
by JOSEPH W. PARKER,

**And a number of Minor Extents in Six,
Eight and Ten Methods.**

TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN A BELFRY.

MAJOR R. C. HUDSON KILLED AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH.

A terrible fatality occurred in the belfry of Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Durham, on Thursday of last week. Major Robert Challis Hudson, churchwarden, and one of the ringers, went to the church to muffle the bells in readiness for the memorial service for Queen Alexandra, which was to be held the next day, and while engaged in the task, apparently slipped on the frame, and pulled the seventh bell over with him, jamming him between the bell and the ironwork, and killing him. The tragic discovery was made by his brother, Mr. Thomas Hudson, who went to the tower when Major Hudson failed to return. It was necessary to obtain the aid of police and firemen with block and tackle to release the body. Needless to say, the fatality caused deep regret in the town, where Major Hudson was well known and highly respected, and widespread sympathy has been expressed with the relatives.

The distressing circumstances were inquired into by the Deputy Coroner on Friday. Mr. Thomas Hudson said his brother was a member of his firm, which carried on business as ironmongers at 314, High Street West, Sunderland. About 11.15 a.m. on Thursday he went to the belfry to muffle the bells in preparation for the memorial service. He went alone, and was familiar with the work, having done it on previous occasions. It was his custom to do it alone. Witnesses heard the noise of the bells being raised while his brother was up, indicating that he was engaged on the work of muffling. As he seemed a long time in returning witness went up among the bells, and saw three of them turned up in position ready to be muffled. He found his brother lying over the framework between the two heaviest bells, Nos. 7 and 8. His head was hanging down into the pit, and the body was jammed between No. 7 bell and some of the ironwork between the bells. He was then quite dead.

The Coroner: What do you think was the cause?

Witness: I think the most likely thing is that he had some snow on his boot, which caused him to slip on the framework. I think he would fall against the wheel, and bring the bell over on to him.

Further questioned, the witness said the bell weighed about 11 cwt. His brother had been connected with the belfry about 35 years. He saw it was impossible to get the body out, and after ringing the bells down for safety he sent to the Ambulance Station for assistance. A block and tackle had to be obtained to get the body released, and it was taken to his residence close by. Witness did not think there would have been any advantage if another person had been there; it might have meant double risk. There was no one else in the church at the time. Drs. P. Hickey and G. Robinson saw the body before its removal from the belfry.

P.C. J. R. Bailes said that at 1.3 p.m. a telephone message was received from headquarters, and he took the ambulance to the church door. He went up to the belfry with Sergt. Harrison and other officers, and found the deceased man fastened between the wheels of the bells. They endeavoured to release him, but without success. A chain block and tackle was sent for, and by this means the bell was moved, and the body released. The injuries were about the chest and back, and there was bleeding from the nose and mouth, indicating internal injuries.

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner, in recording his verdict of 'Accidental death,' took the opportunity of expressing his deep sympathy with the family in their bereavement. By the death of Mr. Hudson they had lost a faithful brother, the Parish Church and Sunday School a zealous worker, and the community a loyal citizen and a patriot. It seemed to have been very unfortunate that he should have met his death while performing a voluntary act to assist in the service of his Church and State, to both of which he had given so much time during his life. It would be some consolation to the family to know that they did not grieve alone, but that there were others that mourned his loss, especially on such an occasion.

The Rector (the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne Willson), who was present said he would like to be associated with those expressions of sympathy. There would be a further opportunity to deal with it, and he only desired to add that the family, the officials and congregation of the Church greatly appreciated the admirable way the police worked to extricate the body.

Mr. T. Hudson: I thank you, gentlemen, for your expressions of sympathy.

Major Robert Challis Hudson, who was born on December 31st, 1873, was the second son of the late Mr. Thomas Hudson, whose father established the ironmongery business in High Street West, with which the deceased gentleman was connected. He was a bachelor, and lived above the shop with a brother and two sisters.

From boyhood he had been connected with Bishopwearmouth Parish Church. For many years he had been in charge of the bell ringers' band there. He was a prominent member of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, which he joined in 1889, and was vice-president for the two years before the war.

Major Hudson started ringing when quite young, and rang his first

peal when 15 years of age. When only 16, he was included in a band which visited the Midlands, and he rang in two peals—at Leicester and Nottingham. He took part in the first peal of Royal by the Association at Newcastle Cathedral in 1892, and the first peal of Maximus by the Association, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1894. In all he rang some 60 peals, but his activities outside his own tower were curtailed in later years by the claims of business. It was he and his father, the late Mr. Thomas Hudson, who taught the rudiments of ringing to the band of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, when the bells were put in 27 years ago.

Major Hudson held several positions in connection with Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, to which he was devoted, and for the last three years he had been people's warden. He was a teacher in the Church Sunday School, and took a keen interest in the Church's Mission work and in work among the young people.

Originally joining the artillery as a private, he afterwards was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and then transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps, where he received a commission.

For many years before the war he had been an officer in the local Transport Section of the Royal Army Service Corps (Territorials), and when war broke out he was Major in charge of the section. In April, 1915, he went to France, attached to the 7th D.L.I. Territorials, for the provisioning of which his section was responsible. Major Hudson served in France until the end of the war, and for some time after, and was twice mentioned in dispatches.

Major Hudson was exceptionally well known in Sunderland and district in Church circles, and among military men, and he was held in the highest respect. He was present on the day before his death at the memorial service at Christ Church to the late Col. Vaux. His tragic death came as a great shock to his many friends, who treasured him for his sunny, warm-hearted disposition, and for his unselfish service to many good causes.

At the memorial service, for which Major Hudson was muffling the bells when the fatality happened, Canon A. McCullagh (Vicar of Christ Church) said, in the course of an address: May I say at the outset what I am sure must be appermost in all our hearts, how deeply we all feel the tragic calamity which took place yesterday within the precincts of this church, and which has cast an added sadness over this memorial service. It is hard for us to realise that only on Wednesday afternoon Robert Hudson was taking part in a memorial service such as this, and that now he has passed 'to where beyond these voices there is peace.' Words are poor things at a time like this, but I feel I must say on your behalf, as I do on my own, how deep and real our sympathy is with those whose home is darkened, and whose hearts are bleeding by this loss. It is with feelings of disappointment, I am sure, that the Rector finds himself unfitted to speak the few words we hoped to hear from him this morning, and it is at his request that I stand in his place.

The funeral took place on Monday.

At St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, 648 Grandsire Caters were rung for evening service on Nov. 29th: G. Wright 1, Miss E. Stephenson 2, S. Cook 3, S. Breeze 4, S. Smith 5, F. Robson 6, E. Burnett 7, H. Champion 8, R. Stephenson (conductor) 9, A. Stone 10. All the above are local ringers, and the bells were rung muffled as a mark of deepest respect to Major R. C. Hudson.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 21st, 53 members being present. A service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), and tea was afterwards served in the Parish Room by the ringers' wives.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), who welcomed the ringers.

The Rev. E. M. Thorpe (hon. secretary and treasurer) wished to resign, after 17 years' service, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the work he had done for the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis, of Newbury, was then elected to the office of hon. secretary and treasurer.

The general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) being present, thanked the Newbury branch for the way they had subscribed to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. Reference was made by the Master in his address, and by the chairman, to the death of Mr. George Davis (foreman of Bucklebury tower), and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect.

Mr. H. W. Curtis proposed a vote of thanks to the Master for his excellent address, also to the Rev. L. R. Majendie for presiding at the organ.

The bells were rung fully muffled during the day as a token of respect to the late Queen Alexandra.

The broadcasting of Bow bells on Sunday was again a great success, and the striking was perfect.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

HENRY HUBBARD'S LAST DAYS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In 1843 Hubbard rang the tenor to 5,248 Oxford Treble Bob at St. Michael's. James Truman, who had now made good his place as conductor, called the bobs. And then, from 1845 to 1852, Hubbard was away from Norwich, and did no ringing of any account. After his return he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Michael's Coslany, and 5,076 Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas', Yarmouth. This last peal also was called by Truman. The composition was by Shipway, and turned out to be false. That was the last peal Hubbard rang with the Norwich Scholars.

On February 2nd, 1856, he went to live at Leeds, where he passed the remaining twenty-five years of his life. He reached Leeds on a Saturday, and like a good ringer, went the next day to the parish church to ring for service. They were short-handed, and asked him to join them, and for the rest of his days he belonged to the Leeds St. Peter's Society of Ringers. But the St. Peter's, Leeds, band was a very different thing from the St. Peter's, Norwich, band. Some were incompetent, and some were indifferent, and nothing of any account was done all the time he was connected with them. It is related that as one of the band could not master the slow work of Stedman, Hubbard composed touches, and even a peal in which one bell always went in quick. We are not surprised to hear that the peal was never rung. He did ring a few peals in Leeds and the neighbourhood, one of Grandshire Triples, one of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and the rest Kent Treble Bob Major. His last peal which he conducted was 5,088 Kent Major, at Guiseley on August 23rd, 1868, when in his sixty-first year. In 1881, from bad health he had fallen into a state of destitution, and, at a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, a fund was started for his relief. An appeal, signed by Jasper Snowden, was printed in 'The Bell News' (then just started and appearing in monthly numbers); but before all the money was collected Henry Hubbard was dead. He was buried at Hunslet, and after paying the funeral expenses the balance of the fund was devoted to providing a headstone to the grave. It is lettered as follows:—

As a Tribute of Respect to
HENRY HUBBARD, CHANGE RINGER,
Born at Norwich, August 25th, 1810.
Died at Hunslet, October 9th, 1881.
Aged 71 years.

Author of the 'Elements of Campanologia,' twenty years a member of the Society of Norwich Scholars, and afterwards for twenty-two years a ringer at the Leeds Parish Church. This stone was erected by the contributions of change ringers from different parts of the country.

Among the subscribers appear the names of J. R. Haworth, William Banister, C. H. Battersley, H. Johnson, J. Carter, Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. F. Penning.

Hubbard had one son, also called Henry, who rang a few peals. He was born while his father was up in St. Giles' belfry ringing the peal of Double Oxford in 1832.

With the departure of Hubbard from Norwich, the history of the old Norwich Scholars practically came to an end. There was still a first-class band and still first-class ringing, but they were now inclined to rest on their laurels. A peal or two was rung, but nothing worthy of any particular notice. The older men dropped out, and their places were not filled by men of the same capacity. Charles Middleton was the last man of outstanding ability that joined them. Especially they lacked a good leader. If such a man as Melchior or Chestnut or Thurston had appeared, there is no reason why the old tradition should not have lasted unbroken to the present day. But there was no such man. About 1880 ringing in Norwich had reached its lowest ebb. And then, when the bells were relung, the turn came. A younger generation was growing up, and under the leadership of Mr. Frederick Kinghs Norwich once more became a peal ringing centre. Circumstances, however, were now different. In other parts of the country progress was much more rapid, and Manroft had lost and has never recovered the predominant position in the Exercise it held for more than a century and a half.

The Society of Norwich Scholars still exists, but in a feeble and dormant condition. It has now no connection with St. Peter Mancroft. Some years ago a clean break was made with the past, and the Guild that now rings there is a recent society. The property of the old society is held by a small benefit or 'nurse' club, which was originally, and I dare say is still, composed of persons more or less connected with ringing. The property includes a leather trunk made by Porter, the composer of Double Norwich Court Bob, a set of handbells, a set of pewter flagons, a peal book, and several portraits of bygone ringers. As this nurse club has held this property for many years, its title to it is quite good, and so long as the present members are alive there is no fear that it will be lost. It would be a great pity, however, if in the future anything should so happen that it

should be dispersed. The old ringers' jug of brown earthenware did get lost, and after some adventures was purchased by a local antiquary, and re-presented to St. Peter's belfry. It has now been placed among the other church treasures, but in the sacristy at the east end, and not, as it should be, in the tower. One must respect the rights and feelings of the remaining Norwich Scholars, but it would be a very desirable thing if some time in the future all this old and interesting property could be collected and placed in St. Peter's belfry.

THE FIRST PEAL AT CARLISLE CATHEDRAL.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S VISIT.

The lure of the reorganised peal of bells in Carlisle Cathedral tower drew the Newcastle Cathedral Guild to fix their annual week-end vacation so late as November 21st, the new bells having been dedicated only as recently as November 12th. Starting early that Saturday morning, they arrived in time to find the Dean, Dr. Stuart, in consultation with the local saddler in regard to muffles for the bells, to the memory of the beloved Queen-Mother. Here our one and only, W. H. Barber, slipped in and fixed up the right stuff for an efficient half-muffle, and these were fixed in the afternoon while a band had a shot for a peal of Stedman at St. Stephen's. These, too, were muffled beforehand by Mr. Robt. Brown, of the local society, but unfortunately the peal only survived the second part of 'Heywood's No. 6,' and fell to a 'swap-course.'

The event of the visit 'got away' by 5.50 p.m., and a beautifully struck 5,040, necessarily slow, ran home at 9.20, much to the delight of both ringers and listeners. Here we must state our regrets that both Mr. Story, the ex-president of the Association of Durham and Newcastle, and our 'young' friend, Mr. Alf. Hillier, could not stand in the peal, through temporary indisposition, but their places were splendidly filled by Messrs. Payne and Sinclair, the former assuring the Ringing Master that he felt as if he had at last got his 'cap in the county team.' Thus was rung the first peal on the bells, and the first peal of Stedman in Cumberland.

The whole peal is now a most harmonious ring of eight, though there has been no recasting. They are a well-balanced and a perfectly running peal, and do credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who took the work in hand.

On Sunday, the 22nd, we rang for service at the Cathedral in the morning, with the 'whole pull and stand,' to finish, and in the afternoon practically the same band rang for that service also, bringing round three touches of Stedman Triples: J. E. Keen (conductor) 1, A. F. Hillier 2, G. Pickering 3, G. W. Murray 4, J. Foreman 5, W. W. Sinclair 6, R. Thompson 7, A. M. Hall 8. The other six of the 'fourteen strong' went to St. Stephen's, and were joined by two of the local company in a touch of 1,092 Stedman Triples, the first in the method for both these latter for over 13 years: C. L. Routledge (conductor) 1, W. Story 2, A. Payne 3, J. Rowell 4, W. H. Barber 5, Robt. Brown (Carlisle) 6, Oswald Simm 7, John Partington (Carlisle) 8.

We all attended the service, after ringing, by the kindly invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. D. W. Irving). The Dean of Carlisle gave the address, which had as its basis the history of the bells of Carlisle Cathedral.

After the service, we thanked the Dean and the Vicar of St. Stephen's for their kindly hospitality, and for the use of their bells, and wended our way back to the hotel for tea. Thence to the station for home, having spent a most agreeable, successful and happy time in Carlisle. The peal report appeared in last week's issue. C. L. R.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION AT STEYNING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 21st, when there was a good attendance of members from Brighton, Hove, Shoreham, Shipley, Billingshurst, Pulborough, Slinfold, Ardingly, West Grinstead, Henfield, Warnham, and the local band. Owing to the death of the Queen-Mother, the bells were half-muffled. Some excellent courses and touches in the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and the company were entertained to tea at 'The Tea Gardens,' High Street, by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Cox). Before the meal the company stood in silence as a tribute of respect to Queen Alexandra.

There was but little business at the meeting which followed, two members only were elected, viz., Mr. Bowden, of London, and Mr. J. F. Cole, of Godalming. Angmering was chosen as the venue for the next meeting.

Mr. J. T. Rickman (the Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, for granting the use of the bells, and for providing the excellent tea.—After a suitable response from the Vicar, during which he gave a brief history of the ringing of bells in Steyning some 500 years ago, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Hills for making the local arrangements. Another visit was then made to the belfry, and the bells kept going for another hour or so.

A HANTS PEAL RESTORED. SOPLEY BELLS HEARD AT ABERDEEN.

On Saturday, November 28th, the Bishop of Southampton dedicated the restored tower of the ancient Church of St. Michael, Sopley, and the light peal of five bells. A few years ago a serious fissure was found in the tower masonry, owing to the vibration of the loose bell frame. The belfry was cleared out, and with the use of liquid cement grouting the stonework was made sound. In the meanwhile the bells were sent to Croydon, where Messrs. Gillett and Johnston found it necessary to recast the first three and the tenor. The whole peal was originally cast in 1784 by Robert Patrick, a cheesemonger, who married Sarah Oliver, the grand-daughter of the celebrated Thomas Lester of the Whitechapel Foundry. Patrick started an opposition foundry in Whitechapel in 1782, which apparently closed down in 1786. His sole contribution to Surrey is the peal of eight at Reigate, one or two bells in Essex, the treble at Iwer, 2nd and 3rd at Pitstone, both in Bucks, and a few more elsewhere. The new tenor is 11 dia, and weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., the whole peal weighs 26 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs. They were all rehung with new fittings in a new steel frame by the Croydon firm, and the tuning and 'go' of this light ring are admirable.

The dedication service was at 6 p.m., when the church was completely filled with parishioners and others from the district. The Bishop was attended by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Rural Dean of Lyndhurst, and vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, as chaplain. The other clergy present were the Rers. R. F. Pechey (Holy Trinity, Bournemouth), Dr. M. C. Potter (New Milton), W. G. Cobbett (Barton), A. K. Cobb (Bisterne), and the Vicar of Sopley (Rev. J. F. Vallings). The usual dedicatory prayers were said by the Bishop: Psalm 150, hymns 308 and 396, and the Te Deum by Villiers Stanford, led by the choir of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth, were sung.

The Bishop gave a short address, based on Psalm xvi, 12, 'In Thy presence is the fulness of joy.' He dwelt on the joyous voices of the bells in Christian lands, as opposed to the monotonous clang of single bells and gongs in heathen countries (especially Japan), and reminded his hearers of various notes of joy before, in, and after worship in God's church. Might these bells reflect some message of joy and happiness in the hearts of all who heard them, and called them to the House of God.

Mr. George Preston, hon. secretary of the Christchurch district, made admirable arrangements for the opening ringing. After service, various six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung by Miss C. Sparshott, Rev. Dr. Potter, Messrs. A. N. Wooff, G. W. Stone, F. Sparshott, G. Preston, Cyril Johnson, (Croydon), G. Pullinger (hon. secretary of Diocesan Guild), W. Simmonds, W. Robinson, and others.

Ringers attended from Bournemouth, North Stoneham, Bransgore and Christchurch. The service and ringing were broadcast from the Bournemouth wireless station, and distinctly heard at Aberdeen.

The total cost of the restoration work was £1,200.

SEVENTY-TWO YEARS—YOUNG. MR. JAMES GEORGE'S GREAT FEAT.

Wonderful, and still more wonderful, are the feats of that concentrated essence of physical energy—James George, of England. Last Friday he celebrated his 72nd birthday; on Saturday he stood for four hours and seven minutes on the tenor box at Bow, Cheapside, London, and turned in the 53 cwt. bell to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Most men at his age would be resting on their laurels, and talking of what they had done. Mr. George, on the contrary, is adding conquest to conquest, and is talking of what he is going to do—and he has got a lot more in his programme yet.

We cannot say what his tally of peals is, because he goes ahead faster than we can keep count, but up to last Saturday he had rung no fewer than 58 this year. If he had only thought about it in time he might have put in one for every year of his life, but he can see about that next year, when he will have to make it 73. His grand aggregate is—or was—870, it is probably more before this appears in print. Last Saturday he finished 'as fresh as paint, and just as pretty,' and we really believe he would have started for another peal on the same bell the same night if he had had the opportunity. Instead, he had to start for Birmingham.

But, jesting aside, Mr. George is to be congratulated upon his great performance. For a man of his years it is little short of marvellous. Twice, in 1925, within a year of reaching the 'allotted span,' he turned Southwark tenor (50 cwt.) in, and since he passed this memorable milestone, he has rung Sheffield (40 cwt.), Great Yarmouth (30 cwt.) and Bow (53 cwt.) tenors, to peals of Treble Twelve. Saturday's peal had been arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. George, but it was converted into a memorial peal for Queen Alexandra, and rung with the bells half-muffled.

M.P. ON THE SUPPRESSION OF BELLS.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, having written to a prominent M.P. on the subject of Mr. Lewis' proposed legislation, has received the following answer:—

'If the "Society for the Suppression of Expressions of Joy" try it on the bells, they will be sat upon by me and by every right-thinking member of the House. I have heard nothing yet of their activities, but they will hear of me, if they come into the light.'

A PEAL IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL BAND'S SUCCESS.

We referred last week to an attempt for a peal of Grandsire that had been made at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. News has now come to hand, via a letter to Mr. George Williams, of Southampton, from Mr. W. P. Madgwick, that another attempt made on Sept. 20th was successful. Reeves' variation of Holt's ten-part was rung on the back eight of the twelve in 3 hrs. 25 mins. This is the fourth peal rung on the bells, and it is 21 years since the last peal was rung there.

Mr. J. H. Guest, the Master of the band, who is 83, rang the sixth, and 'rang it very well.' When it is remembered that the tenor is 31 cwt., and that opportunities to practise long lengths are rare, this will be recognised as a fine achievement on the part of Mr. Guest, who was responsible for forming the first society of change ringers in Melbourne in 1882.

We hope we may receive full particulars of this peal by an early mail.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, November 28th, the annual meeting of the Northern District was held at the beautiful Church of St. Andrew, Earls Colne, and notwithstanding a blinding snowstorm, and the dangerous state of the roads for cyclists, a good number of ringers met, and a very successful meeting was the outcome.

Earls Colne is noted for its connection with the De Vere family, Earls of Oxford and hereditary Great Chamberlains of England. They were also connected with Castle Hedingham, the Castle there being built by Aubrey de Vere (a general who fought with the Conqueror at Hastings), probably between 1088 and 1107. He also, about the same time, founded Colne Priory, where there are preserved four Altar-Tombs to the memory of various De Veres, Earls of Oxford.

The usual ringers' service was held, conducted by the priest-in-charge (the Rev. M. Wontner), who gave an interesting address to the ringers from the words, 'Let all things be done decently and in order.'

After the service, the ringers sat down to tea at the George Hotel, the Rev. M. Wontner being in the chair. Ringers, to the number of 23, were present from Earls Colne, Braintree, Greenstead Green, Feering, Rayne, Sible Hedingham, Great Tey, Halstead, whilst others from Maldon had had to leave earlier.

At the close of the tea, the annual business meeting was held. Mr. L. W. Wiffen, District Master, presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary. The secretary gave a report of the results of the past year in the district, which showed that 11 peals had been rung, viz.: Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Superlative Surprise 3, Cambridge 4, London Surprise 4, on tower bells; and one of Bob Major on hand-bells, all of which had been conducted by Mr. Wm. Keeble, of Feering. During the year six meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 31, and 18 new ringing members and six probationers were elected. The secretary also touched upon the numerical and financial position of the district, and upon two important events; first, the opening of a peal board at Braintree recording four Surprise peals; and, secondly, the reopening of the restored ring at Welbersfield. He also mentioned that Mr. C. Bearman, of Bocking, had passed away in his 88th year, he being one of the original founders of the Essex Association.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen, the retiring District Master, declined, for business reasons, to stand again, and the meeting unanimously elected Mr. F. Claydon, of Earls Colne, to that office, and thanked Mr. Wiffen for his past services.

The district secretary, Mr. W. H. Dyson, was re-elected for the year 1926.

It was resolved that, subject to the approval of the authorities, the first meeting in the New Year be held at Kelvedon.

Votes of thanks were accorded, on the proposition of Mr. C. H. Howard, and seconded by the district secretary, to the Rev. M. Wontner for his helpful address, and for holding the service; to the organisers; and to the Earls Colne band for the arrangements they had made for the meeting.—To this suitable replies were made.

During the day, a number of touches of various methods were rung, the bells being deeply muffled.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DEATH.

A considerable number of muffled peals were rung last week as a tribute to the dead Queen-Mother, and in practically every church, where there is a ring of bells, there has been muffled ringing. Among the large number of touches rung have been the following:—

OFFENHAM, WORCESTER.—On Saturday, Nov. 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a half-muffled peal, in memory of Queen Alexandra, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. C. Perkins 1, Miss N. Johnson 2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3, L. Jelfs 4, E. J. Johnson 5, J. Hall, junr., 6. First 720 Surprise Minor by all the band, and in the Southern Branch.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: E. Webb 1, T. Beadle 2, F. Goddard 3, A. Beckensale 4, J. Milnes 5, W. Liddeter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, E. Hadlow (Gravesend) 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: E. King 1, R. Cornes 2, B. Alcorn 3, F. S. Macey (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, G. Grant 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled for Queen Alexandra, and also for Mr. W. Gyton, a respected member of the Church Parochial Council, who died suddenly on the 16th inst.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Cutter 1, Gentry 2, R. Clark (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, J. Wood 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, P. Timson 7, G. Cooper 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Petty 1, J. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, "A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8. * First quarter-peal with a bob bell. Rung half-muffled.

CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: O. Hallows 1, G. Lea 2, G. F. Sperring 3, E. Harrison 4, S. Burton 5, G. R. Jones 6, R. Sperring (conductor) 7, A. Harrison 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 420 Original, 480 Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire: W. Stockford 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, H. Marlow 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Hales 1, F. Newman 2, W. Faulkner 3, P. Asplin 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with bells muffled, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples; and on Saturday, Nov. 28th, 1,260 from Holt's one-part: A. Cheasley (first quarter on treble) 1, H. Ewin 2, M. Northover (first inside) 3, J. Foster 4, A. Killick 5, H. Jordan 6, G. Hoad (cond.) 7, W. Whitehead (longest length) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service (with the bells half-muffled), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: H. Hooper 1, F. Burnett 2, Mrs. F. Burnett 3, E. Martin 4, P. Giles 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (Farnham), conductor, 7, H. Aitken 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd at the Parish Church, for evening service (with the bells half-muffled), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Barron 1, H. Nobes 2, W. Wheeler 3, C. Barron 4, F. Nobes 5, A. Noble 6, R. Hasted (Farnham), conductor, 7, G. Gunston 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, with the bells muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Springham 1, Dan Haydn 2, C. Beeston 3, H. White 4, F. Bird 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, H. Wacev 8. Also 468 Stedman Triples.

TENTFRDEN, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. E. Pitman 3, H. Baker 4, C. Tribe 5, W. Button 6, W. Wenhan (conductor) 7, A. Baitin 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Baker 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, G. Hodson 3, G. Farr 4, J. Bennett 5, P. Bryant 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, A. Frampton 8.—For evening, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) in the same method: R. Curd 1, G. Farr 2, Mrs. Baker 3, H. Baker 4, J. Bennett 5, G. Hodson 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, T. Lay 8.

LIVERPOOL, YORKSHIRE.—On Monday, Nov. 23rd, with the bells fully muffled, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: C. Blackburn (longest length in the method) 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, T. Scott 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, E. Rattle 7, P. Hodson 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes on Monday, Nov. 23rd, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. N. Eyles 1, J. C. Moya 2, J. Watkin 3, T. Wyatt 4, T. H. Taffender 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.—On Tuesday, Nov. 24th, with half-muffled clappers, at St. Faith's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: F. W. Rogers 1, F. A. Burnett 2, *W. Monk 3, *B. Clarke 4, *M. Marshall 5, R. J. Stone 6, R. Hasted, jun. (conductor), 7, *S. Parsons 8. * First quarter-peal.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Tuesday, Nov. 24th, in 1 hour and 1 minute, a quarter-peal, 1,311 changes Stedman Cinques, with the bells half-muffled: W. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, E. Jones 3, G. R. Newton 4, J. Wilkinson 5, T. C. Larkey 6, T. Hammond 7, P. W. Cave (conductor) 8, J. Martin 9, C. L. Davies 10, E. Canance 11, W. H. Pickett 12. This was the longest length of Stedman Cinques rung by an entire Liverpool band for upwards of half a century.

MITCHAM.—On Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardecastle 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, S. King 4, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, J. H. Rumley 6, W. S. Smith 7, J. H. Lott 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 4th and 8th.

LONDON.—On Friday evening, Nov. 27th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, with the bells half-muffled, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss F. E. Orr 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, H. Langdon 3, E. F. Pike 4, Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna, Dorset), 5, Miss E. E. Hardecastle 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, Mr. R. F. Deal 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. S. Hawkins 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Thursday evening, Nov. 26th, the St. Mary's Society rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins., with the bells muffled: G. Eagles (longest length) 1, R. H. Stevens 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, C. Turner 5, C. R. Walker 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8. Muffled bells were also rung for the special town memorial service, which took place on the following day.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—On Friday evening, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor, which was half-muffled, being 240 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Woodbine, 60 Plain Bob: W. Richardson 1, A. Piper 2, W. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.

AVERAVON.—On Friday, Nov. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Jones (first quarter away from a cover bell) 1, W. Hallit 2, W. Nulton 3, F. E. Stone 4, E. Stith (conductor) 5, J. Weathersby 6. Rung half-muffled.

LADIES RING STEDMAN CATERS.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Sunday, November 29th, prior to the Memorial Service for Queen Alexandra, 1,071 Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, Miss E. Hardecastle 6, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 7, Mrs. R. F. Deal 8, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 9, Miss R. Hawksworth 10.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East were available during the afternoon. Ringing commenced at St. Dunstan's at 3 p.m., and good touches in standard methods and a course of Cambridge Major being brought round. A move was then made to St. Mary Matfelou, where a touch of Stedman Triples was rung prior to service, at which the Rector (the Rev. J. O. Mayo) officiated. Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the kindness of the Rector, about 25 members and friends being present. At the business meeting, the District Master (Mr. Allaway) presided. The tower of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, was decided upon for the annual district meeting on Saturday, January 16th, subject to permission.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. O. Mayo for the use of the bells, and for so kindly providing tea; to the ladies who waited at table; to Mr. Wallage (steepiekeeper), and to the Vicar of St. Dunstan's and Mr. Taffender for the use of that tower.—In his reply, the Rev. J. O. Mayo alluded to the beautiful solemnity of the half-muffled ringing, the bells having been half-muffled during the whole of the meeting as a mark of respect, on the nation's loss in the death of the Queen-Mother.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

On Saturday, November 21st, at Hambledon, Hants, Mr. John Knight was laid to rest in the local cemetery. He had been for upwards of 60 years a ringer in the Hambledon band, and as a last token of respect 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, and 720 open, were rung at St. Peter and Paul's Church by H. Perkins 1, W. F. Hunt 2, W. B. Batts 3, J. Turner 4, W. Boyes (conductor) 5, E. Marsh 6. The bells were again rung half-muffled on the following day, after morning service.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on December 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, St. Magnus on the 10th, and 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, all at 7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, at 8 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 20th, at 6 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year, to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The bells of Lamberhurst Church will be open for visiting ringers on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 3 till 4.30 and from 6 till 8.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 5th (St. Michael's Parish Church). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea advise me as quickly as possible.—C. Beeston, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, King's St., Bishop's Stortford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8 and 10) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicholas' Church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. Palliser David, Rector of Merrow. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall, followed by the annual business meeting. The chair will be taken by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Woking. After the business a smoking concert will be held. All ringers welcome. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at usual terms, and meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Will members endeavour to attend this meeting, being the only 6-bell fixture for the year?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Parish Church bells (10) available from 3.30 to 4 p.m., and All Saints' (8) from 1.30 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea in All Saints' Church Room at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Ringers of kindred associations heartily welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Quorn on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 o'clock. Buses leave Loughborough every five minutes.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at reasonable charge. Good attendance expected.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. The following bells will be available from 3 p.m.: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas and Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. A. L. Keith). Tea at 5 in Church House. The towers of Canford, Corfe Mullen and Sturminster Marshall will be open for ringing.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey, not later than first post Tuesday, Dec. 8th.—F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch) AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE (EVESHAM) GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Evesham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. E. O. Burbidge) at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify either of the undersigned on or before Wednesday, Dec. 9th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham, J. D. Johnson, Guild Sec., Pershore Road, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fifth annual social of the above branch will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Will those who intend going please write for tickets, and state number they require as early as possible, to Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The meeting at East Molesey has been postponed to Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, 10 minutes' walk. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen specially invited.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (being provided by the kindness of the Rector). Meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. If tea required, please write by Dec. 10th to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Vicar). Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Business meeting to follow. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will those wishing to attend kindly let me know by Dec. 7th?—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. The secretary regrets to announce his resignation, owing to working duties.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Second anniversary of the opening of the bells.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea (1s. each) 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held jointly with the M.C.A. at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Business meeting will be held after ringing concludes. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Short service at 4.30 p.m., and tea at the Parish Hall at 5.15 (1s. a head). All wishing to attend the tea, will they notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 9th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) **AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the above-named associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready early at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and Monk Bretton. Tea 1s. each. For tickets, apply C. D. Potter, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley, before Dec. 9th. A hearty welcome is offered to all ringers.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley and District Association.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells of St. Peter's (6) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 2.30. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe at 5. Members intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, Dec. 9th.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Dec. 12th, when the bells will be ready at 3. A short service in church. Tea at the Welcome. Business meeting after. All will be heartily welcomed, members or otherwise.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 8th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Beales and Son, The Cross. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Will all conductors of peals since Easter, 1925, for above association send record of same to me as soon as possible? Future conductors please note and oblige. — W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., St. Mary's Lodge, Newport, Mon.

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