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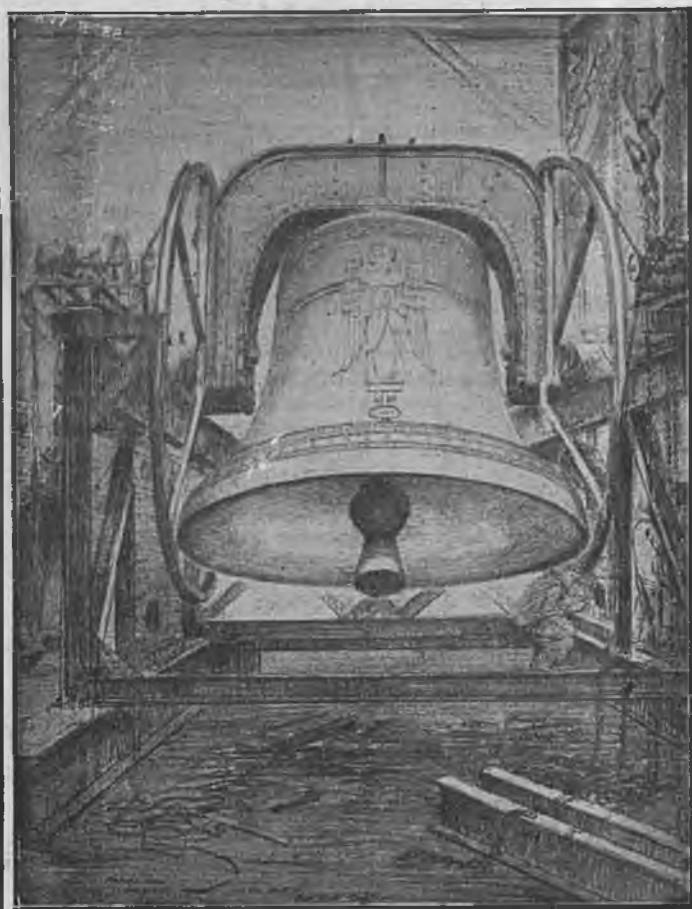
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THE FUTURE.

Our first privilege and pleasure at the opening of the New Year is to wish all our readers health, happiness and prosperity throughout 1931. In the depression and gloom which spread over the year that has just closed many ringers, unfortunately, shared, and the prevailing industrial conditions have hit them severely. We hope that for all the members of the Exercise who have thus suffered and for their families the coming year will bring a speedy return to better fortune and a brighter future.

Broadly surveyed, the year 1930 was no less progressive from a ringing point of view than its predecessor, although in some respects the general condition of affairs throughout the country and the financial straits of many ringers have restricted their participation in the art in various directions. We hope, however, that the 'turning course' has been reached and that with returning prosperity they will soon be able to participate as fully in ringing as their hearts desire.

Except for the lessons that may be learned from it, there is little to be gained from a contemplation of the past. It will serve a better purpose if we look to the future and plan for the days to come. Ringers, individually, and as bands and associations, can do this, and there is useful work at hand in all directions. The determination to progress and to make, and not to wait for, the opportunities to advance; the filling of gaps where companies are not up to full strength; the widening of the scope of methods practised; more efficient service ringing; more regular practice; more loyalty to one's association or guild. These are some of the ways in which ringers can help. There is room for improvement everywhere; let 1931 see a determination made and acted on to effect it.

And while all this is being done, what about the social side? Sometimes we wonder whether ringers make enough of this phase of their association one with another. It is usually in those districts where ringers enjoy fraternal intercourse outside as well as inside the tower that the relations are happiest and the wheels of progress turn fastest. Those who know nothing of the social side of ringing, have missed half the pleasure which the art can provide. The man whose only connection with the Exercise is to rush into the belfry, ring and rush off again, may find a satisfaction in his achievement at the rope-end, but he does not enter fully into the pleasures which ringing can give, and which are got from the more intimate association with kindred spirits by a half-hour spent, after ringing, over a cup of coffee or a glass of something more potent, or by rubbing shoulders with

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scores of others like minded at one or other of the great gatherings held from time to time in various parts of the country. Let one of the new year's resolutions be an endeavour on the part of all to extend the fraternal spirit among ringers outside as well as inside the belfry, and the art, as well as the brotherhood of the Exercise, will be the better for it in the days to come.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5807 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES MEE 2	HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	JOHN W. WARD 9
PERCY MAY 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 10
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING 6	* CHARLES CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal on twelve bells, and hails from Grundisburgh. Mr. J. W. Ward belongs to Melbourn, Cambs.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

HARRY PHELPS Treble	FRANK COLE 7
JESSE GILLET 2	WILLIAM HALE 8
WILLIAM IERLAND 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	GEORGE CONDICK 10
JOHN AUSTIN 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a golden wedding peal for Mr. Thomas Wright, who has been a member of the Painswick Youths for 52 years, also to celebrate Mr. W. Hale's 50 years as a change ringer.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
* WALTER LAGO 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal on twelve. First peal of Cinques as conductor. Rung for the Christmas festival and as a birthday peal for C. Wallater.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... 7
JAMES F. DOFFIELD 2	NOLAN F. GOLDEN 8
BERTIE J. HOUGHIN 3	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... 9
GEORGE HOUGHIN 4	FRANK H. DAVEY 10
GEORGE MAYERS 5	GEORGE BAILEY 11
* WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6	WILLIAM L. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method, except of Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the hand except the ringers of the 4th and 9th. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. H. Davey.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MRS. PATTENDEN Treble	*CYRIL W. A. BROWN 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	*WILLIAM BUTTON 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	†KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
†LOUIS HEAD 4	†STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
†FREDERICK LEESON 5	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	FRED HAWKES 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING Treble	HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 6
JOSEPH ROWELL 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 3	JESSE B. TYLER 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the building of the tower. This composition in 82 courses contains the 6th the extent (40 courses) each way in 5, 6, and contains 330 bobs and 2 singles. Mr. J. B. Tyler is from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

LESTER L. GARY Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 6
THOMAS W. GILMORE 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
JOHN WILKINSON 3	TITUS BARLOW 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT 9
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

First peal on the bells since recast and augmented from eight to ten. This is the 50th peal rung together by Messrs. H. Davenport and W. Horan. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Ensor) for his hospitality after the peal.

BECCELES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK R. BORRITT Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
CLAYTON PARNELL 2	*ERNEST BAILEY 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	†JAMES SPALDING 8
ERNEST WHITING 4	WALTER BARRETT 9
*CHARLES BAILEY 5	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN FERRY Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	ROBERT PICKERING 7
JOSEPH PIGGOTT 3	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
SIDNEY ELTON 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 5	JOHN WARRILLOW Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 6
JOHN BEAMS 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
*RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on ten tower bells. E. J. Dobbie was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. J. H. B. Hesse's 450th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR HOME Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
*HARRY ALLEN 2	JOHN WOOD 6
ERNEST RENTER 3	EDWARD KEMP 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE J. CLARK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*A. WATTS Treble	W. KEEBLE 5
†A. G. BARTHOLOMEW 2	G. GREEN 6
T. LINCOLN 3	P. GREEN 7
†H. E. PENNACK 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by W. KEEBLE.

Conducted by DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the dedication of the lych-gate erected to the memory of the Crabb family, which took place on December 3rd.

BOW, STRATFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	ALFRED PRIOR 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

* 100th peal for the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Butler.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR DAVIES ... Treble	GEORGE COOK ... 5
HAROLD CASSELLS ... 2	ARTHUR MARTIN ... 6
PERCY JONES ... 3	ALBERT SLATTER ... 7
WILLIAM PIKE ... 4	PHILLIP TREW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT SLATTER.

Rung to commemorate the dedication of a new organ and altar cross, which took place on December 2nd, by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth, Dr. G. C. Joyce.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

DAVID WRIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 5
HERBERT J. SKELT ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
*EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 7
*FRANK JENNINGS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Amos W. Clark upon his recent marriage.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY W. GRICE ... Treble	LEONARD W. JOHNSON ... 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
WILLIAM G. BROOKER ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A welcome peal to the new Rector of Seals, the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, who was inducted the previous evening. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, M.A., J.P., patron of the living and donor of three bells, and to Mr. J. W. Cotton, of the local society. The band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Cotton after the peal, and were joined by the new Rector.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 12.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 2	ALBERT H. WARD ... 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, patron of the living, and also to Miss Joan Radclyffe, his granddaughter, whose birthday falls on the same date. It was also a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, who was inducted to the living the previous evening.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 5
*THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 2	JOHN BROWN ... 6
*EDWIN JENNINGS ... 3	†JAMES MARSH ... 7
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Oxford Major. † 50th peal for the association. Rung as a 60th birthday peal to Mr. Thomas Calderbank.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
*WILLIAM FLATT ... 2	CHARLES LOOME ... 6
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
EGBERT BORRETT ... 4	WALTER BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM PARKINSON ... Treble	*FRED COLLEY ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... 2	JOHN MYLES ... 6
*LEONARD E. BROOKES ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
NORMAN HEAPS ... 4	*JOSEPH STIMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Potter, brother of the conductor, and Amos Heaps.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	KENNETH KNOWLES ... 5
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
JOHN BULLEN ... 3	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... 7
DONALD CLIFT ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially arranged and rung for P.C. Charles Davis, of the Metropolitan Police, who was on a visit.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	†ERNEST MINGAY ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*CHARLES W. BURTON ... 6
*REGINALD W. PYE ... 3	STANLEY PYE ... 7
*JOHN NASON ... 4	FREDERICK J. FLUDDER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Humm, of Feering. Mr. Humm was for many years a regular service ringer at All Saints', Feering. The peal was rung at Galleywood owing to serious illness near Feering Church, where the wedding took place on December 25th, 1880.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On December 27th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *A. J. Boyce 1, *V. E. Swift 2, G. Winter 3, W. A. Swift 4, G. Swift 5, *H. A. Gummer (conductor) 6, F. Green 7, *L. Swift 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM COOK Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First Surprise peal as conductor. Mr. George A. Cook's 50th peal on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANCES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
SIDNEY W. CORDEN 2	*EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WM. WELLING.

* First attempt for a peal in this method. A peal of welcome to the Rev. A. E. McCaig, M.A., inducted as Vicar of Old Windsor by the Rural Dean.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HENRY GEORGE OWEN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
MRS. C. C. MAYNE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4	Cecil C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

Mr. Owen's first peal in this method, and rung on the 37th anniversary of his marriage at St. John's Church, Windsor. His longest touch of Stedman was scored at Brighton 38 years ago, conducted by George Williams. He was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Stedman Triples.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES.

CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TEN-PART, No. 81. Tenor 20 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
JOHN A. VAUGH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	*P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method, and elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANCES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM DURHAM Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	*THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (51). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 75th peal together. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	*NELSON ELLIOTT 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 100th peal.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ALBERT E. CHEESMAN Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal of New Cambridge by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

UFFCULME, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANCES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
*SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Tuesday, December 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. T. J. Roberts (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, H. L. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, H. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Wrigley 8.—On Thursday, December 18th, at the Parish Church, for the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, H. Gassor 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis, sen., 5, H. L. Cook 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 5
JAMES INGHAM 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
JOHN CAVANNAGH 3	JAMES PARR 7
WILLIE AARON 4	FREDERICK COCKSHOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with 7.8 covering. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band, who are all service ringers, and the first peal of Cambridge for Blackburn Branch.

MORETON-ON-LUGG, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores, six 240's of Pitman's and five of Morris'.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*THOMAS C. DAVIES Treble	JOHN BOURNE 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	GEORGE R. HANKS 5
IVOR J. RAWLINGS 3	SIDNEY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. With the exception of the treble and third, the ropes fall within four inches of the wall, making it anything but an ideal ringing chamber.

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

On Monday, December 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob, with 12 callings, and 18 of Grandsire with 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
CHARLES YOUNG 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
JOHN ROWLATT 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAM Treble	† ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... 4
*ERNEST DODD 2	JAMES S. REDHEAD 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	† ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY, CRAWLEY.)

On Wednesday, December 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle Surprise, London Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
*ROBERT SWIFT 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM GAYES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JACK TIPPER 2	ERNEST BENNETT 5
ALBERT V. REES 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire, with fourteen different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.)

*SIDNEY ROWE Treble	HAROLD E. BLACKER 4
†CECIL MOGFORD 2	JEFFREY TOSSELL 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	†PERCY BATH Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal, and elected a member of the association before starting.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Old Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRED ROBBINGS Treble	A. PALMER 4
*STAN REES 3	F. WILCOX 5
J. WILLIAMS 4	C. H. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN POWELL Treble	*LESLIE EVANS 4
*THOMAS E. STEAD 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
CHRIS LAW 3	THOMAS G. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. Ringers of treble, second and fourth are local men, third from Kingsland, and fifth and tenor from Kimbolton.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 4
JAMES WATTERSON 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Primrose, London, Wells, Cambridge, Ipswich, and Norwich. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thirty six-scores of Grandsire (ten different callings), and 12 of Plain Bob (four different callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD SEAMARK Treble	LEONARD PATRICK 3
AMOS SMART 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4
EDWARD JONES Tenor	

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble	*ALBERT MASON 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ERNEST MASTIN 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal, and proposed a member of the association before starting the peal.

PECKLETON.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

L. G. JORDAN Treble	†H. A. KNIGHTS 4
*S. L. POCOCK 2	T. M. JORDAN 3
*F. R. DEACON 3	*N. STATHAM Tenor

Conducted by T. M. JORDAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*WILLIAM E. ALLEN Treble	COTTBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	†HERBERT LOUTH Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Ringers of treble and 2nd are father and son. The latter is 16 years of age, and believed to be the youngest ringer to ring seven methods 'inside' in his first peal.

A FAREWELL.

On Boxing Day, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, 1,477 Stedman Caters, rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal: L. L. Gray 1, W. H. Fisher 2, G. R. Newton 3, E. Jones 4, G. R. Edwards 5, T. Hammond 6, E. Caunce 7, C. I. Davies 8, P. W. Cave (conductor) 9, E. Birkett (longest length) 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. W. Cave, who is leaving Liverpool for Derby. His departure is regretted, but he takes with him the good wishes of his ringing colleagues for his future success.

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Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our best thanks to all the many correspondents who have sent us their good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Since we went to press last week we have received reports of over 90 peals. We have devoted as much space as possible to them, and the rest will appear in due course.

On Sunday evening, Mr. F. Warrington, of Over, Cambs, rang his 235th 720 for the year.

At Kington Magna Church, Dorset, on Christmas Day, a selection of carols was played by little boys on handbells at evensong, and handbells were used with the organ to accompany the singing of the Magnificat.

An interesting lecture on 'Bells, their uses and abuses, legends and traditions,' was given to Earl Shilton C.E.M.S. on December 16th by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. Handbell selections were given by the Earl Shilton quartette, who are to broadcast on December 31st.

On January 4th, 1784, a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hrs. 24 mins.

Eighty years ago next Tuesday, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques was rung at Cripplegate. At that time it was the longest peal in the method.

Henry Johnson, the famous old Birmingham ringer and composer, died on January 7th, 1890, at the age of 80 years.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques at Cirencester, where the second peal of twelve bells in the country—York being the first—was installed, was rung on January 7th, 1767.

The delays in the Christmas posts caused several notices of meetings to reach us too late for last week's issue. To-morrow's meetings include the following:—

Sheffield and District Society at Killamarsh.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Curry Rivel.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Bristol Branch) at Brislington.

The report of a peal of Bob Major rung at Crayford appears elsewhere. There is no footnote to it, but readers will probably look twice at the time occupied. Two hours seventeen minutes is good going for 5,008 Bob Major on a 12½ cwt. peal.

Nine peals were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, in 1929, viz.: Stedman 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Forward 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1. In 1930 also nine peals were rung, viz.: Stedman 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Pudsey Surprise 3. In addition three peals were rung on handbells. Is eighteen peals in two years a record for a 12-bell tower?

A FIRST 720.

On December 23rd for practice, at St. John's, Bournemouth, a 720 Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Childs (first 720) 1, Miss M. White 2, H. R. Bennett 3, F. Frampton 4, H. Mitchell 5, F. Cole (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells. All are local ringers with the exception of the conductor, who comes from North Stoneham.

SYSTON BELLS RESTORED.

ANOTHER LEICESTERSHIRE RING MADE PEALABLE.

Syston bells rang out once more on Monday, December 22nd, after their temporary silence. Their voices are no longer hard and harsh as hitherto, but have a sweeter and mellower tone after their rejuvenation at Messrs. Taylor's Loughborough bell foundry, where they had been for retuning and rehanging.

The old order of things left much to be desired, the bells being hung in an old wood frame with one above the others. In the ringing chamber a huge clock case formed an admirable knuckle-cracker for the tenor man, who stood beneath it, and the second rope went up an inclined spout which tended to pull the ringer backwards. For several years ringing on them was a question of grit and stamina, and 'one' declared a peal impossible. To prove him wrong, the then 'Leicester firsts' went and rang 5,040 Stedman Triples, whereupon

he felt he must come personally and congratulate the local ringers on their fine achievement, and heartily shook hands with Mr. E. Payne, the leader, on behalf of the band. He also shook hands with 'Mary,' on behalf of the ladies, and wished them all God-speed, a happy Christmas and a glad New Year.

Ringling over, the party adjourned to try another 'bell,' according to the sign over the door, a 'blue' one, owned by one of the local celebrities, Mr. A. Mansfield. A certain well-known tenor man was overheard to remark, 'This is the sort of peal I like. Where's the bell?' The Croftonian had brought his handbells, which were soon in requisition, and selections by Messrs. C. H. Webb, H. J. Poole and E. Morris were boisterously encored. 'J. O.,' by special request, then joined in and gave his famous 'Grandsire quick Triples,' and also a course of Rugby Triples Major!

Everyone was delighted with the restoration of Syston bells, and it was suggested that in the near future an open ringing meeting should be held, which will be duly advertised in these columns.



SYSTON CHURCH.

'one' exclaimed, 'I meant Major!' Then the aforesaid team went again and rang an excellent peal of Bristol, and the writer thus had the pleasure (?) of ringing the tenor to the only Surprise peal on the bells. It was not done without severe pains—both internally and externally—and had not another 'Payne' taken pity at the conclusion, one might have 'collapsed.' Nevertheless, they were a rough handful, but now, in their new iron and steel frame and ball bearings, they are a delight to ring on, and the circle of ropes all that can be desired.

The service of rededication was performed by Dr. Cyril Bardsley, Lord Bishop of Leicester, assisted by the Rev. Avery, Vicar of Syston, and a fairly large congregation assembled for the occasion. Visiting ringers were present from Leicester Cathedral and St. Margaret's, Anstey, Belgrave, Croft, Loughborough, Melton, and elsewhere, among them being Mr. Philip Hardy, the veteran secretary of the Goscote Society.

The founders were represented by Messrs. J. Oldham, C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler. The Lord Bishop, after the dedication ceremony, gave an appropriate address, touching upon the historic side of bells. He said that, through the ages, Leicestershire had always been well known for its bells and bell founders, and the present firm of Taylor was a descendant of a long line of honoured members of the craft. He congratulated Syston people on this restoration of their bells, and especially so in getting them completed before the festival of Christmas.

Immediately before the address and after the rededication, a few rounds were rung by the local ringers: G. Walker 1, S. Payne 2, T. Payne 3, A. Mansfield 4, H. Humphreys 5, H. Lewin 6, E. Payne 7, W. Wright 8.

After the service the visitors crowded into the belfry, and various touches of Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, as well as 'rounds and crosses' for the lady ringers. All were delighted when the Lord Bishop ascended the dark and rather awkward stairway and visited the ringers. He said—rather breathlessly—that

LEICESTER MEN VISIT SYSTON. (WITH APOLOGIES TO 'KING WEN'.)

When Jack Oldham last looked out

On the Syston Station,
Saw the Le'ster men steam out,
Filled with exultation.

Oh how neatly they were plucked,

When the London Scottish

Sent the Le'ster train on first,

Left them feeling pupish.

Syston is a place for bells,

Also beer and skittles,

But with Le'ster men about,

Never mention victuals!

Loughboro's got a mighty name

For their bells and bounty;

If that turkey isn't prime,

We shall tell the county.

Send me Colin, then said John,

Send me Fidler's plenty,

For those concrete Le'ster men

Never go back empty.

Get that gobbler then rehung

On the red bus bearings.

We will Simpson tunc, and then

You can have the parings.

The moral of this little yarn

Doesn't want much spinning.

Jack is looking rather glum,

While Jimmy still is grinning.

If the stake of that rash bet

Isn't soon broadcasted,

Jack can bet his last new hat

He'll be soon sand-blasted.

A FLAT.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 831.)

First of all it must be understood that the great majority of peal compositions are Round Blocks. The exceptions are peals that come home at hand stroke (these are almost invariably in Triples, Caters, or Cinques), and a few peals in such methods as Stedman and Duffield, where the bells come home at a change in the division or six different to that in which they come home in the plain course. [Where I speak of a peal, any touch of any length must also be understood.]

A 'Round Block' is a course, touch or peal which, provided the conductor does not say 'That's all,' can be repeated ad infinitum. Thus, you could keep on ringing a course of Bob Major for ever simply by keeping on with your regular work. But if the touch came round at hand and you went on, immediately you will get changes in a different order to what you have already rung. Suppose you could write out a peal of Bob Major on a long slip of paper and paste it on a drum just the right size, so that the final rounds would come on the top of the first rounds, you have a good illustration of what a round block is. You have five thousand true changes written on your strip of paper, and if you start from rounds and follow your drum round till you come to rounds again, you will have all the five thousand true changes, and you will have passed a certain number of bobs at certain intervals. If you start at any other point, say, at 164235578, and follow the drum round till you come back to 164235578, you will equally have five thousand true changes (for it is the same drum) and the same bobs, and at the same intervals. The only difference is that, as we started at a later point, we shall get those changes and bobs now at the end, which before we got at the beginning.

But we must realise that the figures 12345678 are symbols. We call the treble 1 and the second bell 2 because it is convenient. For no other reason. We could call them anything we pleased—A.B.C., etc., for instance. Now suppose we call rounds 164235 instead of 123456, why then we could start our peal where 164235 comes on the drum, and go on till 164235 comes up again and have a true peal. It must be true, because it is the same peal we wrote on the drum, and that, we know at the start, is true. What we have done is not to vary the peal, but to vary the musical notes we give to the symbols 1234, etc.

It is but a step further to alter the symbols themselves. We can call 2 in the original 6; 4, 3; 2, 4; 3, 5; and 5 we can call 6. Making these alterations we can write our peal out afresh. It is still the same peal, but we are now producing different rows.

Up to now we have followed the different rows written on our drum in one direction, but it is obvious that if you start from rounds and follow them the other way you will equally reach rounds again and have all the five thousand true changes. It would be exactly the same peal, but backwards. It is equally clear that if you write 12345678 in place of the handstroke row that comes before it (whether it be 123456587 or 12346587 or 13246587) and follow the peal backwards, you will have a true peal. This is the reverse variation, the same peal, but again producing different rows. It is also clear that if we start from 86745231 and go backwards we shall still have a true peal. This is another form of reversal, and by it we can reverse the bobs at the Wrongs and Homes. Thus:—

23456 W. R. 23456 W. R.

45236 — — 52436 — —
24536 — — 43526 — —

Each twice repeated.

From our drum we see that any true peal can be begun from any lead-end and still remain the same true peal; or it can be reversed and still be the same, and the reversal can be begun from any lead-end and still be the same. All these variations will give different lead-ends, and, of course, different qualities. Take the following example:—

A is a quarter-peal of Bob Major.

B is the same begun at a different course-end.

C is the same reversed and begun at a different course-end.

A.	B.	C.
23456 W. B. M. R.	23456 W. B. M. R.	23456 W. B. M. R.
25463 1 —	43652 — —	23564 1 —
45362 — —	26435 — —	52364 — —
35264 — —	42635 — —	43265 — —
42356 — —	63425 — —	24365 — —
34256 — —	46325 — —	32546 — —
25346 — —	62453 1 —	43526 — —
32546 — —	34625 — —	24536 — —
24365 1 —	23845 — —	32465 1 —
63246 — —	64235 — —	42563 — —
45236 — —	63254 1 —	35264 — —
23456 — —	23456 — —	23456 — —

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HASTINGS.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Clement's, Hastings, where there is a ring of steel bells, on Saturday, December 13th, when members were present from Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Battle, Eastbourne, All Saints' and St. Saviour's, Hastings, Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints', Lewes, Rye, Christ Church St. Leonards, Sedlescombe, Stone-in-Oxhey, Kent, Uckfield and Waldron, together with the members of the local band. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also present. Plenty of ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon.

The Rector, the Rev. H. B. Cole, conducted the service, and the Rev. N. E. Hope, who is a ringer himself, delivered a most interesting address. Although he had only recently been ordained, he had been a ringer for a number of years. Ringing, he said, taught duty towards our neighbours, and he touched on the necessity for good striking, and striving to learn new and more difficult methods. Effort was needed in ringing, and change ringing was not learnt in the belfry. Younger ringers should submit to the authority of older ringers, and ringers should also be churchgoers, and should create a friendly feeling with the Vicar and churchwardens. There was also the duty to our fellow-ringers, to attend ringing on every possible occasion. Nothing was more annoying than when only seven ringers turned up and so prevented the full octave from being rung. We call our associations 'Guilds of Ringers,' he added. Guilds in the old days were to further the arts and work of the particular trades, and it should be the same in ringing. The brotherhood of ringers should extend in every local band.

Through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens, a splendid tea was provided in the Church House, to which sixty members and friends sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair, and extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. He was delighted to see such a large number present, and stated that if any member knew of a spare peal of bells to send them along to St. Clement's.

The following members were elected: Messrs. J. Farrow, W. J. Garner, G. Newman, C. Robey, H. Read, W. Smith, H. Tyrrell, J. Wood, all of Sedlescombe; Messrs. H. Childs, D. Cleaver, G. Portland, F. Chapman, H. Franks, of Battle; and Mr. J. White, of St. Clement's, Hastings. The election of the following members was also confirmed: Mr. A. Stevens, of Benenden, and Mr. W. Gorrings, of Hawkhurst, as non-resident life, and Mr. J. Powell a yearly member.

Mr. Walter Franks proposed a hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. N. G. Hope for his excellent address at the service. He also thanked the organist and choir for their services, and, last but not least, he wished to offer special thanks to Mrs. Walker and the numerous lady helpers who had so kindly waited upon them at tea.—Mr. A. Gowers supported the motion, and suggested that the young band of ringers at St. Clement's would find a good reserve in the choir boys, who should be taught to ring when they left the choir. He wished the St. Clement's band every success, and hoped that they would in the near future have a new peal of bells to practise upon.

The Rector expressed thanks for all that had been said, but pointed out that it was the ladies of the parish who had so kindly arranged the tea, and therefore they should receive all the praise for the good things which had been provided.

This terminated the meeting. During the evening good ringing was had at St. Leonard's, Christ Church, touches and courses in all the methods up to Cambridge Surprise being rung. The Rev. N. G. Hope took part in several touches during the evening, and quite a number of young ringers were piloted through their first courses in different methods. Taken altogether, it was a most successful meeting.

ACCIDENT TO MR. J. HEMMING.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION BRANCH SECRETARY IN HOSPITAL.

His many friends will learn with regret of a rather nasty accident which befell Mr. J. Hemming, of Evesham, the popular local branch secretary of the Worcestershire Association, on Christmas Eve. He had left his home about 7 p.m. to walk to the bell tower for the usual Christmas Eve ringing, when, after he had gone about a hundred yards from home, he was run into from behind and knocked down by a bicycle. He was taken home by passers-by and admitted to hospital on Boxing morning with a broken ankle and torn and twisted ligaments of the leg.

For a long time he had been ambitious to take part in the first peal of Oxford Treble Ten on the bells at Evesham, and he had been to a great deal of trouble in making all the arrangements for an attempt on Saturday last, the peal to be rung as a compliment to Councillor Richard White, the Mayor of Evesham, of whom he had been a lifelong friend. In view of the unfortunate occurrence which prevented his taking part, and in deference to his ambition, the band substituted Kent Treble Bob.

At the time of writing, Mr. Hemming is as comfortable and going on as satisfactorily as can be expected.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Llandaff on Boxing Day. The Cathedral bells (ten) were available, and were off into various methods early in the afternoon. Service took place in the Cathedral and was very well attended. The Dean gave an exceedingly interesting address, which was much appreciated. He specially wished all present to feel that they were heartily welcomed, that there would always be a welcome for them, and that the Cathedral Church was their spiritual home.

Following the service, all sat down to a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by the Dean.

The business meeting followed, the Dean taking the chair, and made a few welcoming remarks. Instructors' reports, restorations and augmentations were dealt with.

The places at which to hold the next meetings were selected: Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Whitechurch, the Monmouthshire meeting at Usk, and the annual meeting at All Saints', Newport.

Mr. J. Phillips, now of Abergavenny, was elected Master for the year, and the re-election of the hon. secretary and auditor was carried.

It was unanimously decided that when the next set of rules is printed a new rule be inserted that this association shall be affiliated to the Central Council of church bell ringers.

A number of new members were elected, and after the best thanks of the meeting had been accorded the Dean for his exceeding kindness, the meeting terminated.

The bells of both the Cathedral and those of St. John's, Cardiff, were afterwards rung during the evening.

THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT SHERBORNE. A GREAT PERFORMANCE.

The peal which we recorded last week rung at Sherborne Abbey was really a great performance. It is only those who have rung there who can properly appreciate its merit. Apart altogether from the question of weight, the conditions are all against peal ringing, notably in the noise of the bells immediately overhead and the absence of any proper ventilation of the ringing chamber. Mr. J. T. Dyke, by doing what most people imagined was impossible, in turning the tenor in to a peal of Major, has added another to his great performances in this direction, which have included the tenor at Queen Camel (37 cwt.) to a peal of Minor and the tenor at Redcliffe (50 cwt.) to a peal of Cambridge Major.

On this subject, Mr. A. H. Pulling writes: 'The peal recorded in your last issue rung at Sherborne Abbey deserves more than a passing notice. The tenor man has done some big jobs in the past, Queen Camel and the peal at Bristol on December 13th, but Sherborne is the "tit-bit." Only those who have rung there know the difficulties, and Mr. Dyke has done what we all thought was impossible, and he deserves public congratulation. It is certainly a good advertisement for the Somerset beverage.'

It is worthy of note that the band was welcomed by the Bishop of Sherborne and by Canon Wingfield Digby. The latter said the Belfry Office, and the Bishop pronounced the Blessing before the peal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

There was an attendance of about a hundred from twenty parishes at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association. The address at the service was given by Preb. Harman.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £5 19s. 7d., and the secretary's report revealed that there were 21 towers affiliated and 174 active members, and six unattached.

The Rev. R. A. W. Newman (Withypool), who was absent on account of illness, was re-elected president of the branch, and Mr. G. Stacey hon. secretary. Mr. Hawkins was re-elected hon. auditor, Mr. H. W. Tomkins (Old Cleve) deanery representative on the diocesan committee, and Mr. J. Pugsley Ringing Master.

Mr. Stacey referred to the fact that some of the towers were drifting back to the old school of call changes, but now that the clergy were taking such an interest in the welfare of the ringers he hoped they would try and put matters right.

The usual votes of thanks were passed. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, December 20th, at the Old Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Dowler 1, J. Atkins 2, E. J. Cole 3, C. Webb 4, Geo. Pigott 5, E. Boyling 6, H. Withers (conductor) 1, R. Russell 2.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, of Glasgow, and Miss Kathleen Jackson, of Edgbaston. Also to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, and to mark the silver wedding of Mr. S. W. Freeman, for 22 years beadle at the above church. It was also a compliment to Mr. H. Withers on the completion of 25 years' service as Sunday ringer at the church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE SPIRIT OF LOYALTY.

The last meeting of the year in the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on December 20th at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Christmas shopping kept many away, albeit some thirty or more ringers paid a visit during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (Rev. H. Cecil) preached at the service, and urged on his listeners the necessity of cultivating a spirit of loyalty to their leader, both in ringing and in their everyday life. A spirit of loyalty to Christ was necessary to lead a useful life, just as such a spirit to their leader was necessary in ringing.

After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The district vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth), in the chair, was supported by Messrs. A. W. Coles (District Master), G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), W. H. Hollier (hon. secretary, South and West District), W. Pye (Master), etc., etc.

To show their sympathy with two of their colleagues, Messrs. M. F. R. Hibbert and W. J. Nudds, who had suffered family bereavements, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

Seven new members were admitted, including the Rector as an hon. member.

It was announced that the annual meeting of the district was arranged to be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 31st. The hon. secretary welcomed the visitors to the meeting, including Mr. R. Smith (Northfleet) and Mr. G. Freebrey (Derby), both of whom they were very pleased to see.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Cecil for his very helpful address and for the use of the bells; to the tower-keeper, Mr. A. Riley, for the excellent arrangements made; and to all others who had helped in any way.

The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, referred to the sermon they had heard and the good advice which it contained. He said he would like members to read very carefully the excellent letter in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. J. T. Dyke, who gave a list of the attributes necessary to make a good ringer. It would be well to couple the advice given in this letter with that given in the address at the service.

The vote of thanks was carried, and the Rector, in replying, not only gave the association a very hearty welcome, but expressed a sincere hope that members would come again at an early date. He promised to do all he could to help forward the association's work.

Ringing took place after the meeting until about 9 p.m. Most of the standard methods, including four Surprise methods, were rung.

RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the letter of my old friend, Mr. George Baker, criticising the use of bobs Before in Rutland Surprise and other methods.

For the sake of those ringers and conductors who are interested in this method, I should like to point out that there is considerable advantage to be got in this class of composition.

The bob Before shortens the course by one lead, cutting out some of the work of the tenors on the front; it also cuts out all the falseness in Rutland Surprise, making it possible to use courses having the bells in 5-6 reversed; therefore, you may have a composition having all the combinations of 4.5.6 in 5.6 at the course ends (a rare feature in Surprise methods), and the 2nd and 3rd never behind with the tenor.

When this class of composition is used for Double Oxford Major, or St. Clement's College Bob Major, the lead cut out by the bob at Before is the one when the tenor and 7th would be making a five pull dodge on the front.

Of course, Mr. Baker is quite entitled to the opinion expressed in his letter, but, personally, I cannot see why the bob Before should not be used, even if it does upset the symmetry of the work of the tenors, and I should like to remind him that bobs at 'In' and 'Fifth's' are very much used in London Surprise Major, also that there are a large number of methods, including Treble Bob and Bristol Surprise, in which you cannot have any bobs at Middle, Wrong and Home without upsetting the symmetry of the courses.

H. W. WILDE.

SPliced METHODS.

THREE VALUELESS FOR PEALS WITH TENORS TOGETHER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It should be known to the Exercise that whatever value methods A.B.C. in your last issue may have for splicing purposes, they are valueless as methods for producing peals tenors together.

Method A has seven false course-ends tenors together, i.e., 32465, 43265, 53624, 65432, 26545, 36245 and 42563.

Method B has five false course-ends tenors together, i.e., 24365, 46532, 52643, 65243 and 36524.

Method C has four false course-ends tenors together, i.e., 46325, 62315, 54263 and 34562.

There are twenty-four true plain courses of Method C, but it is impossible to produce a peal tenors together from this material.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your reply to my question, which leads to the further one, already asked, 'What is the use of the Council's definition of an eleven-bell peal?' Surely the fact that such a definition exists means that the Council recognises a peal on eleven bells, in spite of the necessity of a covering bell, as being quite apart from a peal in a twelve-bell method.

The Painswick peal did not contain one twelve-bell change, and for that reason I submit that it comes within the Council's definition of an eleven-bell peal, and is therefore the eleven-bell record.

Further, it should not even be recognised as that if the composition is not quickly sent you for publication, in accordance with the Council's rules.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

[The figures of the composition have now been received, and will be published in due course.—Ed., 'R.W.']

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Charing on December 20th, but, owing to the proximity of Christmas, was rather poorly attended. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and of Minor were brought round, and the Vicar conducted the Guild service, after which all repaired to Feakins' tea rooms, where a substantial meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed, and welcomed the Guild to Charing. Arrangements were made for the annual general meeting at Appledore on January 17th.

The Guild Master expressed his appreciation of the way the members had supported the meetings during the past year, and Mr. Franklin also spoke of the progress of the Guild. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his hospitality and for conducting the service.

Some courses of Grandsire on the handbells were then rung, after which a return was made to the tower until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. The towers represented were Ashford, Kennington, Egerton, Tenterden, Benenden, Hothfield and the local band.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will be of interest to the readers of 'The Ringing World' to know that the Chelmsford Cathedral bells are to be rehung on ball bearings, the rope pulleys repaired, and the clappers of the 11th and tenor fitted with counter-balances. The work is being put in hand at once, and will be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., the total cost being £161.

Although the bells are at the Cathedral, the whole expense will fall on the parish funds, which are already heavily overdrawn, and no help is expected from the diocesan authorities.

The writer is endeavouring to raise the sum required, and feels that there may be among your readers some who would like to contribute to the fund.

Applications for the use of the bells by visiting bands are always granted, and permission for peal attempts is given when possible, although they are necessarily limited to three or four in a year, so that any amounts received, however small, will tend to show the authorities how much the ringers appreciate efforts made to improve ringing facilities and also the ready approval given to any reasonable requests for permission to ring.

Any contributions sent to the undersigned will be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

38, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

L. J. CLARK.

INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with much interest Mr. Dyke's article in your issue of December 19th re instruction of ringers (he puts it very clearly and plainly), I wonder what his opinion is of the styles of ringers he has seen, as he says nine-tenths of the ringers hold the tail end of the rope wrongly, and one-fifth do not allow their hands at hand-stroke to rise above the chin, and no doubt this may cause bad striking. What is nicer to see than a band of graceful styled ringers in a tower. If I were anything of a cartoonist (unfortunately I am not), I would send you a cartoon of a band of ringers I saw a few weeks ago, and would amuse you with their styles. While we have clumsy-styled ringers, we have need for such valuable articles as the one of Mr. J. T. Dyke. Soldiers on church parade have a graceful style in their marching. Why should not the ringer have a graceful style of handling his bell rope? My opinion is we want more straight-from-the-shoulder talks.—Yours truly,

A. W. F.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At Pentre Rhondda, for Christmas Eve service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Lovett 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, W. Page 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, F. Lasbury 8. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins. for Christmas morning service: W. Cross 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, J. Lovett 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, F. Lasbury 8. First quarter-peal of Erin Triples for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

At the Parish Church, Withernsea, Yorks, on Christmas Day, for Choral Eucharist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: E. E. Taylor 1, T. Sheppard 2, S. Webb (conductor) 3, C. Tomlinson 4, M. Dixon 5, P. J. Metcalfe 6.

At Fairford, Glos, on Christmas Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, S. Worsfold (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, J. Peyman 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, H. Acock 7, E. Gardner 8.

At Dursley, Glos, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. W. Robins 1, E. Whittard 2, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 3, V. Younger 4, G. Robins 5, R. H. Morris 6, A. Cornish (first quarter-peal) 7, R. Brookes 8. The above are all parishioners and service ringers, and this is the first quarter-peal at this church ever rung by such a band.

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 53 mins.: Miss D. Blencowe 1, A. Sweetzer 2, Miss N. Belcher 3, C. Pullen 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, Harry Smith 6, J. W. Higgs 7, S. C. Davis (conductor) 8, W. Hensley 9, W. Rampton 10. First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. Wright 1, H. T. Hughes 2, R. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8.—On Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. These quarter-peals were arranged and rung in recognition of Mr. R. Edwards completing 40 years' unbroken service at this tower.

At Raunds, Northants, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: S. Robinson 1, F. Stubbs 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, H. Copperwheat 4, W. Copperwheat 5, C. M. Whitney 6, F. Kirk, sen., 7, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor), 8.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

A very interesting event took place at Woolton Parish Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, December 27th, when the marriage of Mr. E. T. Humphriss to Miss Cecelia Broadbent was solemnised. The bridegroom has taken a prominent part in the ringing of Woolton bells for some years, and is deservedly held in high esteem by his colleagues. The officiating minister was the Rector (Rev. J. B. Hadow). The bride was given away by her father, and the best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. S. G. Humphriss. Before and after the ceremony, the bells were rung by the local band, assisted by Messrs. H. Hudson, C. I. Davies and G. R. Newton.

The reception was held at the Parish Hall, and a large gathering of friends were sumptuously entertained. Afterwards the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Blackpool to the tune of Bob Major, a peal of which was successfully accomplished and is recorded in its proper place.

The thanks of the band are extended to the parents of the bride for their lavish hospitality before and after the peal.

POPULAR WYMONDHAM RINGER MARRIED.

A pretty wedding took place at Wymondham (Norfolk) on Saturday last between Mr. William Clover and Miss Hartie Rebecca Elvin. The ceremony, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Martin Jones. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. F. Clover, acted as best man, while the bride was given away by Mr. Cubitt Elvin. The bridesmaids were the Misses Betty Elvin and Beattie Hurrell.

The bridegroom is a popular ringer, well known in both Norfolk and Suffolk for his genial and unassuming disposition. He learnt his ringing at Thornham Magna and took part in most of the multi-method Minor peals with which that company distinguished itself before the war. As a token of appreciation and as an expression of good wishes for the continued health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom, his beloved bells rang for almost three hours and a half in the afternoon through the medium of a representative company of Norwich Diocesan Association ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Clover's address is now Belmont, Wymondham. Wedding peals were also rung at Thornham Magna and Fakenham.

N. G.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—For morning service, on Sunday, December 28th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. Murrell 1, A. Ballam 2, H. S. Arbin 3, H. Dorling 4, A. E. Ballam (conductor) 5, L. H. Baybutt 6. Arranged for ringers of 3rd and tenor.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for ringer of 4th, who hails from Deal: P. Turley 1, Dr. E. L. Taylor 2, W. Turley 3, J. Arthur 4, H. J. Ford 5, H. D. Ford (conductor) 6, H. V. Baker 7, F. Paige 8.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—For evensong, on Sunday, December 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. F. Hatchley (first in the method) 1, Miss M. White 2, J. Ralph 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, F. Coles 5, W. C. Shute (conductor) 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. Boddington 1, G. Clapham 2, G. Ette 3, H. Ette 4, T. Abbott 5, J. R. Main 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, C. Richardson 8. Rung for a birthday compliment to J. R. Main.

TONG, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, at St. James' Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in memory of the late Mr. George Beau Bolland, of Tong, who was a past-vice-president of the Yorkshire Association: Chas. Sallaway 1, D. Thornton 2, G. Lambert 3, E. Wheeler (conductor) 4, E. Lambert 5, S. Barron 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Godfrey 1, T. W. Robinson 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark 4, C. R. Millway 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Walker (Newton Abbot) (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8. This was Messrs. Robinson and Clark's first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, at St. Laurence's, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,298 changes, from Shipway) in 58 mins.: G. Holloway 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 3, R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, S. Lodge 6, C. Pullen 7, A. Sweetzer 8, S. C. Davis 9, C. J. Walts 10, W. Hensley 11, H. W. Smith 12. This was rung by the Sunday service ringers with the exception of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and was the first quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 21st, for Holy Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 45 mins.: H. Wiseman 1, B. Cox 2, C. Barker 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, E. Bareham 5, O. Broyd 6, R. Young 7, H. Cattiswell (conductor) 8.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on December 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Goodwin 8.

BOLTON.—At All Souls' Church, on December 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., for 'Pound Sunday' service: C. Pike 1, J. Kay, jun., 2, A. Holden 3, H. Wallbank 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, N. Critchley 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Andrew, 720 Bob Minor, 6.8 covering: J. Dale 1, A. Rolph 2, F. Berry 3, J. Gross 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, J. Ellis 6, J. Blay (first 720 as conductor) 7, J. Boast (first 720) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.**SUGGESTED MASONIC PEAL.**

In connection with the meeting of the Central Council in Liverpool next Whitsun, the W.M. of the Lancastrian Lodge No. 3631 will be pleased to invite any Masonic brethren to the usual meeting of the Lodge on Wednesday, May 27th.

It has also been suggested that an attempt be made for a Masonic peal during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27th, prior to visiting the Lodge.

Will any brother who desires to stand in the peal attempt and/or desires an invitation to the Lodge please communicate with Bro. Claude I. Davies (Lancastrian Lodge), Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Waverice, Liverpool?

QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I heartily congratulate my brother Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, Mr. D. Cecil Williams, on scoring 100 peals. He has certainly beaten me in quality, if not in quantity (my number up to date being 145). The humble writer of this epistle, though a graduate of Oxford, has not yet got beyond Cambridge in the peal ringing line. A big step to London and Bristol, is it not? Secondly, in the conducting or bob calling, this humble scribe has barely called half the number Mr. Williams has called, the stock of W. E. P. being only 'the Original.' Such is the interesting rare comparison between two Fellows of the Royal College of Organists in the campanological world.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637.)—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 1st, 15th, 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5, followed by business meeting. It is hoped a good attendance will be registered, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 2.30, St. Andrew the Great. 3.55, Stedman Doubles at St. Benedict. 4, Service. 4.30-5, ringing in Stedman's Tower. 5.15, tea at Dorothy Café. 6.30 p.m., St. Mary the Great. All ringers will be very welcome.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Please make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Nottingham District will be held at St. Mary's (10 bells), Nottingham, on Jan. 3rd. Tower open 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Have an early tea and come and try this hefty lot. — E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 3rd. Tea will be provided for members who notify Mr. C. Severn, 34, Bridge Street, Killamarsh. A cordial welcome to all. — H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Drayton bells also available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for January: Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 12th (quarterly meeting), and 26th, at 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. respectively, at St. Clement Danes', Strand. — S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The following branches will hold a joint meeting at Blackburn on Jan. 10th: Blackburn, Preston and Fylde Branches. Bells available from 3 p.m. at Blackburn Cathedral, Holy Trinity and St. Michael's (10, 8, and 8 bells respectively). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., arranged as usual. A hearty welcome to all. N.B.—Annual meeting at Isleworth, Feb. 7th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Blankney and Metheringham, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: Blankney (6) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (only for those who send names to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln). Business afterwards. Metheringham (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscription for 1931 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held in Derby on Saturday, Jan. 10th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's (8) from 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held at St. Andrew's belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Tea can be obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931. Ringing at Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th? — H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elioe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 6th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for 1931, etc.) in the belfry at 6.45 p.m. A well-attended meeting is hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available at Charminster and Fordington from 3 p.m., Dorchester 3.45. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting, in St. Peter's Institute.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. A card for tea would greatly assist tea arrangements.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. — L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gad-desden (bells 6) on Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service. Tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Institute afterwards, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Howson. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, before Wednesday, Jan. 7th. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to attend this meeting. An important discussion on the association Rule 3 will take place. A very good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting for this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Loughborough. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. — C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcomed. Please turn up in good numbers.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Cathedral bells (12) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Maurice Church 4.30. Tea at Dumper's Restaurant, 5 o'clock. Ringers requiring tea must notify me before Jan. 6th. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — A meeting will be held at Witton, Northwich, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Temperance Hotel, at 1s. per head. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance requested. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know before Jan. 8th?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available, and it is hoped Burbage (8) will be available after tea. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting, in Church Rooms. Tea, about 1s. 3d. per head, can only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, by Jan. 15th latest. Short 15 minute service in Hinckley Church follows tea, to which all present are invited by the Vicar. Ringing again afterwards. Important business to be settled. So, everyone, please turn up!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' TENTH ANNUAL DINNER. — Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Jan. 17th, 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. P. C. Williams. Chief guest: Rev. D. Jacquet (St. James'). St. Ambrose (8) open 1.30 p.m. Visit to Bristol University and Great George (9½ tons) bell at 3 p.m. by ticket (application for latter through hon. secretary only). Various bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Tickets now available from Bristol tower secretaries: Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; S. Hopper, Swindon; J. Austen, Gloucester; Merrett, Chippenham; Prescott, Bath; A. Walker, Birmingham; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; Knight, Wroughton; Shallish, Barnwell, and from hon. sec.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Wordsley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 13th? The secretary would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the members a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Wokingham. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 4.45. Members 6d. Visitors 1s. Please notify by Jan. 13th. Usual ringing arrangements. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Pavhembury on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells available 6 p.m. Ottery St. Mary (8). All welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. All members are earnestly asked to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Ten-terden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late treasurer, Henry W. Jackson, will be unveiled at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, by the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 p.m., unveiling ceremony immediately afterwards. The towers of the Parish Church, St. George's and Holy Trinity will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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CHRISTMAS MUSINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to thank your various correspondents for their delightful articles. First, Mr. J. T. Dyke. This is an essential 'top line,' particularly for those who have ears to hear and eyes to read. Then, secondly, 'O.P.Q.'s' very amusing contribution, particularly about the ten youths. I hope to give this at our annual new year's party. They do not all take 'The Ringing World'; some do, some don't, some cannot, and some won't; it's not for me to say why. Thirdly, we have Mr. Trollope's brilliant contribution. Another 'top line.' Here we have a writer who knows what he is writing about from experience. If Mr. Trollope will only continue on the same 'top line' he will do a vast amount of good. Should he desire a fresh term in place of 'composed by,' I suggest he adopts the words 'compiled by.' **SIMPLEX COMPLEX.**

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