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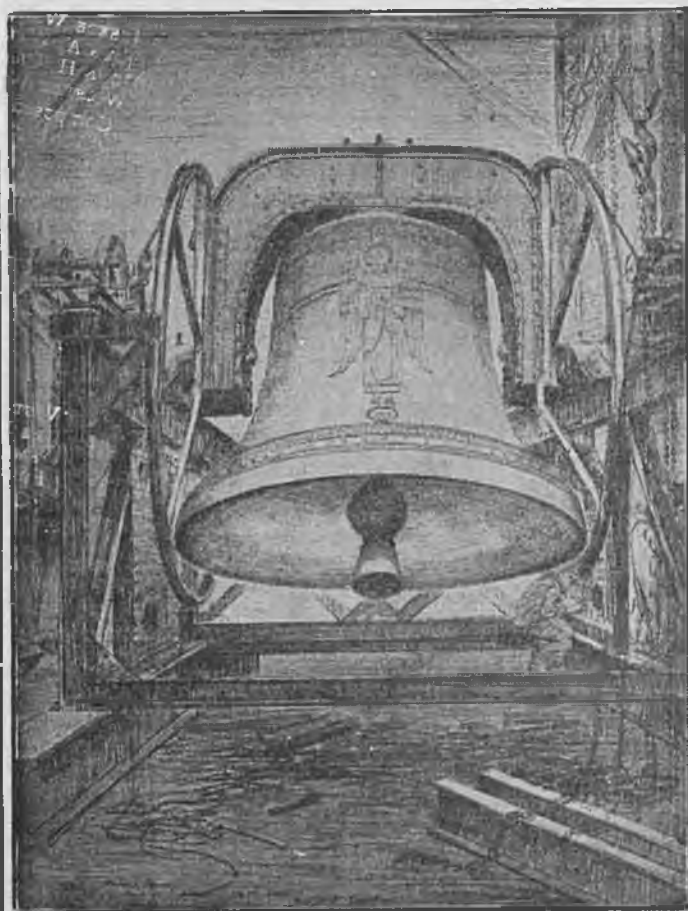
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THE WILL TO TEACH.

Has the Exercise got sufficient reserves to maintain its present standard of efficiency? Are there enough young ringers coming along so that, when the gaps occur, there are men—or women—to fill the breach? The question—by no means new—constantly exercises the minds of those who think of the future of the art, as well as of the present. It is probably correct to say that there are as many ringers to-day as ever there were, but whether there are as many ringers as there used to be in proportion to the number of bells which are hung in the churches, is by no means certain. The activities of the bell founders since the beginning of this century, and particularly in the last ten years, has been almost amazing, and rings of bells have increased in number and in size (by augmentation) at a greater pace than at any other time in history. Has the numerical strength of the ringers increased on the same scale? New peals of bells create new centres of enthusiasm, and, usually, new bands of ringers, but they do not all become a permanent addition to the Exercise. The chief cause of any falling-off there may be in the ranks of ringers, however, is the lack of a continual supply of recruits for every band. In far too many cases the absence of one or two ringers from a service or practice means that the bells cannot be fully manned; companies are content to go on without recruits as long as there are enough to ring all the bells when all the company are present. In many cases, of course, bands are permanently under strength and never get all the bells rung for service unless with the casual help of visitors. This is a state of things much to be regretted, but can it be remedied? In isolated cases, perhaps, the situation may be hopeless, however keen the remaining ringers may be, but we find it difficult to imagine circumstances, given four or five enthusiastic ringers, under which a full band could not be built up and maintained. The youth of the present age is difficult to enlist in such a task as bellringing—largely because he does not know the fascination of it when he has really begun to fathom some of its mysteries—but the greatest drawback is not always so much the lack of desire to learn on the part of young people as the absence of will to teach on the part of many who could really do a great deal, but are disinclined to do anything. Attached to every tower there ought to be at least half as many ringers again as there are bells to be rung, and even this is all too small a margin. "Where are we to get the recruits?" is a question that will be asked by some who have not taken the trouble to look around. The answer depends a good deal on local circumstances, but there are organisations in most

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parishes which ought to be able to furnish the compara-
tively small numbers who would be needed to keep the
ringers' ranks full—youths and men upon whom the
Church has influence, and who, if the claims of the belfry
were put before them, and if there were offered efficient
instruction and adequate opportunity, would readily grasp
this means of rendering service. Recently we referred
to the example of Aldershot, where the chief recruiting
ground is among the choir boys, a method which serves
a double purpose: the belfry benefits by the reserves of
ringers which are built up; the church benefits by retain-
ing the interest of the youths, instead of, as is so often
the case, losing touch with them when they can no longer
take their place in the choir. The tactful help of the in-
cumbent is of great value through whatever channel re-
cruiting is done, but first and foremost is the great need
that the ringers themselves should be willing to give time
and patience to the teaching. Many of the half-empty
belfries could be filled with a little determination and self-
sacrifice.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
ALFRED ADAMS 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
*BERT HORTON 6	WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* 100th peal. Rung as a compliment to Councillor R. B. Sutton
upon his election as Mayor of Walsall.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HARRY CLEMENCE Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	WILLIAM DICKENSON 7
GEORGE WEST 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
SAMUEL PINDER 4	HAROLD WALKER 9
LAURENCE CHADBURN ... 5	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

Rung to commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of the Armistice.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has every six
courses in the titum and handstroke position alternately, and a 65
or 56 at every alternate course end.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM BIDNELL Treble	ALFRED PANKHURST 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ROBERT W. E. DAVE 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
GEORGE W. STOKES 4	ROBERT J. DAVE 9
WILLIAM BUTTON 5	BENJAMIN HORBS Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor's 1,200th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	* EDWARD G. TALBOT 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	* GEORGE GRAY 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
* H. STANLEY ROBINSON 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. Gray's 25th peal.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	REGINALD T. NEWMAN 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	RICHARD A. POST 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
FREDERICK MESSINGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Arranged for Reginald T. Newman, of London, it being his first peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF J. R. FRITCHARD'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. H. LAMBERT Treble	* J. POWELL 5
F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	A. BROMLEY 6
* W. GORRINGE 3	R. E. LAMBERT 7
† E. BROMLEY 4	R. T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on eight bells by the family of Lambert, in which the late J. A. Lambert took part. This was to have been a family peal, but unforeseen circumstances prevented it.

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES R. MILLWAY Treble	HORACE WHITEHEAD 5
* RICHARD T. CLARK 2	CHARLES TURNER 6
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS 3	HARRY PARKES 7
EDWIN G. BOESDEN 4	† CYRIL HARDEMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Clark, also to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

* CHARLES J. HART Treble	† BERNARD SAUNDERS 5
† FREDERICK S. HART 2	† FREDERICK WELLER 6
† ARTHUR RICHARDSON 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 4	FREDERICK MILES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from the table.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

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

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK BECKETT Treble	FREDERICK WILKINS 5
* JOHN HARRIS 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	GEORGE HORWOOD 7
WILLIAM COLLETT 4	SYDNEY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd, and the first ever rung in the city and county of Oxford.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

* EDWARD ROCHESTER Treble	ISAAC CAVILL 5
GEORGE DENT 2	LEWIS CORDELL 6
FREDERICK WHITEY 3	WILLIAM MORRIS 7
† FRANK GREASLEY 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEV. Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent. Rung to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the opening of these bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

OSCAR GILBEY Treble	TOM BRETT-SMITH 5
JOHN LYDDIARD 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
* ALLISON PURDOM 4	† SYDNEY HUMPHREY Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal.

LEESFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH, OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES ALBISON Treble	HARRY CORSER 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 6
ERNEST MOORES 3	ABRAHAM BROMLEY 7
SYDNEY GOULDEN 4	WALTER E. HOWARTH Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WALTER E. HOWARTH.

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MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHEDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*STEPHEN PARRY... ..Treble	HAROLD HAMAR... ..5
WILLIAM BERRY... ..2	JOHN H. C. MASSEY... ..6
JAMES JACQUES... ..3	*JAMES B. SHAW... ..7
WALTER STAFF... ..4	JAMES H. BASTOW... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Second, 3rd and tenor are service ringers at the Parish Church, Middleton, the rest are service ringers at the Parish Church, Milnrow.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ROLAND BIGGS... ..Treble	*WILFRED EDWARDS... ..5
FRANK BUCKLAND... ..2	RALPH H. BIGGS... ..6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS... ..3	WILLIAM HENLEY... ..7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ..4	HARRY WINGROVE... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON... ..Treble	THOMAS HEMMING... ..5
JOHN BASS... ..2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... ..6
WILLIAM SHORT... ..3	SAMUEL GROVE... ..7
HECTOR G. BIRD... ..4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Surprise on eight bells.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 27 cwt.

*H. WILLIAM CROSS... ..Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT... ..5
*WILFRED PALMER... ..2	HERBERT DAVIES... ..6
*GEORGE PALMER... ..3	FREDERICK LASEBRY... ..7
HARRY PAGE... ..4	TOM PAGE... ..Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Cambridge by all the band and first on the bells. First peal of Cambridge for the association by an entirely local band.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY GLEDSTONE... ..Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY... ..5
HARRY MORGAN... ..2	ARNOLD HILL... ..6
J. EDWARD CAWSE... ..3	*ARTHUR GILL... ..7
ALBERT NASH... ..4	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOSEPH F. CHATLZY... ..Treble	JOHN MALYAN... ..5
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM... ..2	CHARLES JEFFES... ..6
THOMAS A. BLOW... ..3	HARRY D. HOLLICK... ..7
THOMAS J. HULL... ..4	FRANCIS KIRK... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band, on the bells, and first in the method for the association. The composition is now rung for the first time.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*CYRIL V. J. WANSTALL... ..Treble	CHARLES H. SONE... ..5
MRS. H. BAKER... ..2	TOM SAUNDERS... ..6
†WILLIAM E. PITMAN... ..3	LUTHER V. HONESS... ..7
HARRY BAKER... ..4	THOMAS E. SONE... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal. † 150th peal. Specially arranged for the ringer of the treble, who hails from Snodland.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT LONGLEY... ..Treble	PERCY G. DENTON... ..5
ERNEST EVEREST... ..2	GEORGE EDWARDS... ..6
HAROLD HUNTLEY... ..3	ARTHUR WILES... ..7
FREDERICK LONGLEY... ..4	HARRY SEAL... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung after an unsuccessful attempt on October 24th, on the occasion of the dedication of a board recording a peal rung in 1824. Ringers of 5th, 6th and tenor are past members of the band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY... ..Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE... ..5
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT... ..2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... ..6
CHARLES N. LEMAN... ..3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ..7
RICHARD G. BELL... ..4	WILLIAM CROSS... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE L. HALL... ..Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR... ..5
MRS. J. BRAY... ..2	GEORGE BLANCHARD... ..6
FRANK LORD... ..3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN... ..7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD... ..4	JACK BRAY... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band. J. Bray's 50th peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the president of the Grimsby District (the Rev. H. T. Parry) being made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

REACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—On Saturday, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Ridgway 1, E. Lovell 2, T. Roberts (conductor) 3, R. Bailey 4, F. Case 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Dillow, a member of the local band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK DIGEY	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	EDWIN F. PIKE	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4	RUEBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL ... ..	... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GODGEON ...	5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
JOHN BOOTH	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
JOHN POTTER	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method as conductor.

STEDMAN TRICENTENARY COMMEMORATION

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT WHITING ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	2	ERNEST E. LANHAM	6
GEORGE WHITING	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday peal for E. Lanham and Vivian Last, youngest daughter of the conductor. It was also the 28th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... ..	... Treble	TITUS BARLOW	5
HAROLD WALMSLEY	2	NORMAN BROWN	6
CHRIS GODGEON	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
WILFRED HALLIWELL	4	WILLIAM MOSELEY	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

NORMAN HEAPS ... ..	... Treble	NORMAN BERRY	5
WILLIAM JONES	2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	6
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ...	3	FRED GRUNDY	7
CHRIS GODGEON	4	WILFRED GRUNDY	Tenor

Conducted by FRED GRUNDY.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen. With the exception of the treble man, the above are all service ringers at Worsley Parish Church.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. PIGOTT'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.	
HARRY W. MARTIN	Treble	GEORGE W. TILLSON	5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN	2	EDGAR ANKRETT	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROWLAND BARROW	7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER	4	FRANK A. GRAHAM	Tenor

Transposed by Ex.-L.-Corpl. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.

Transposed by Ex.-L.-Corpl. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.,
9th Cheshire Regt.

Conducted by Ex.-S.-Sergt. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung half-muffled at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. K. Idewellyn) on the 13th anniversary of Armistice to the memory of those of this parish who fell in the Great War.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. W. KIRTON, Ex-Pte., R.A.O.C. ...	... ..	... Treble
W. R. SHRIFT, Ex-Pte., Royal Sussex. ...	... ..	2
A. O. HUME, Ex-Pte., Middlesex. ...	... ..	3
R. C. SHRIFT, Ex-Pte., R.A.S.C., M.T. ...	... ..	4
H. JOYCE, Ex-Pte., Royal Sussex. ...	... ..	5
E. P. BOCKINGHAM, Ex-Pte., Hampshire. ...	... ..	6
P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS, Ex-Major, R.F.A. ...	... ..	7
G. COOPER, Ex-2nd Aircraftman, R.A.F. ...	... ..	Tenor

Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.

Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of Armistice Day. W. R. Shrift was elected a member before starting.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS MILDRED HIGGINS ... Treble	JAMES HAYWOOD 5
JOHN GILBERT 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD 6
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	JOHN MARSHALL 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 160). Conducted by F. WATKINSON.
* First peal. Rung with clappers half-muffled in memory of the men who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-1918.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 14.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... ..	... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY	5
JOHN H. SWINFELD	2	JACK BAILEY	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	7
MAURICE SWINFELD	4	EDMUND C. CHASTY	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day in memory of the fallen.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... Treble	RUPERT J. GOATE ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	CHARLES BAILEY ... 6
*MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE ... 3	JAMES SPALDING ... 7
†ROBERT GAUL ... 4	CHARLES F. SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day in memory of the fallen in the Great War. This is the first peal ever rung at Beccles by a band composed entirely of regular Sunday service ringers.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 5
PERCY E. CLARK ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of all those who lost their lives in the Great War.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE WILSON ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

This method is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LESLIE SQUIRES ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 4
MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON ... 2	SIDNEY WHALLEY ... 5
ARTHUR J. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. MACKEARS
Rung on the eve of All Saints.

ANSTEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS NORA WELCH ... Treble	SIDNEY CARTER ... 4
ROBERT HAWARD ... 2	JOHN WELCH ... 5
WILLIAM TACK ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. K. NORTH ... Treble	JOHN WELCH ... 4
MISS NORA WELCH ... 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... 5
OLIVER BARNARD ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

*RICHARD SMITH ... Treble	†HENRY J. WILKINSON ... 4
GEORGE POLLINGER ... 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
ARCHIE GOOLDING ... 3	GEORGE NOICE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. G. Pullinger's 100th peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*NEVIL ATKINSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. COLEMAN ... 3
†STEPHEN LAXTON ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 4
*ROBERT C. CHALLAND ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Armistice.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury; (2) Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden; (3) Neasden, College Bob IV. and Wragby; (4) Sandal; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
*JACK TIPPER ... 2	*JOHN WORTH ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal in 14 methods.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*T. HOADLEY ... Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
†E. BROMLEY ... 2	A. BROMLEY ... 5
R. E. LAMBERT ... 3	R. T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge on a working bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Richard B. Lambert, who passed away on Monday, November 9th. He was a brother of the ringer of the 4th, and an uncle of the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th. Also rung in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of New London, Woodbine, Cambridge, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

JOHN H. MYHILL Treble	ERNEST RUNTER 4
LESLIE AINGER 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 5
ISAAC T. POULTON 3	EDWARD A. KEMP Tenor

Conducted by E. A. KEMP.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and 5th.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, six different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble	FRANK TURNER 4
HERBERT W. WITTERING ... 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
WALTER BROWN 3	WILLIAM BRADFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are ex-Service men. First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman for all the band.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild took place on Saturday in the Court House. Fifteen members sat down to a meat tea, kindly provided for by the Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Bedford. At the business meeting which followed the officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Norton; secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Bedford for their kindness in providing tea. Handbell ringing and songs by Mr. and Mrs. Froings and Mr. T. Benney helped to make a most successful evening.

CAMDON SURPRISE.

MR. LINDOFF'S NEW COMBINATION METHOD.

A new method, in which Cambridge and London Surprise have been combined, has been produced by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and the first peal was rung at Leiston on Saturday. The work in front is Cambridge work and that at the back is London—hence the name, Cam-don.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William T. Cockerill begs to thank most heartily all those brother ringers who have so kindly expressed their sympathy and good wishes in his prolonged illness.

Mr. C. W. Roberts points out that the touch of 1,280 Double Norwich on page 121 of the 'Ringers' Directory' contains a repetition of changes in the first and ninth courses. Attention is drawn by another correspondent to the first 252 Stedman Triples on page 110 of the Directory. It contains a repetition of one of the plain-course sizes.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th. There will be ringing at Shoreditch from 2 till 4 p.m. and afterwards at headquarters.

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his complete recovery from his recent illness that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

By the way, Mr. George will be 78 years old next Friday.

The conductor of the peal at Kinver, recorded last week, was Frederick Handley, and it was his first attempt.

STEDMAN'S AND CARTER'S PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In effect, the 'Mad Hatter's' letter is answered by Mr. Groombridge. Theoretically, a method can start anywhere in the Plain Course, but practically in methods with a treble hunt, musical considerations compel a start at the treble's back-stroke lead. This naturally does not apply to Stedman, and, in fact, peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques go off at all possible points both in slow and quick sizes. And why not?

Supposing that the Stedman principle were a new thing to-day and was going to be practised for the first time, it would undoubtedly be set out with the start at either a quick or slow six-end. And so it would appear in all textbooks, as indeed is the case with the Erin variation. But what would be said—above all in this centenary year—if a proposal were made that in future 'Stedman' should always start, except when there was a special need for alteration, at a quick six-end?

With the reverse variation there is no such ancient traditional cause for an artificial starting place, and there is no sufficient reason for preserving the strangeness of the original go off. This is an instance where both parties in the little controversy in the 'Mad Hatter's' belfry were both right and wrong, right in their contention that the start they recommended was correct, but wrong in condemning the other party's view.

Some three or four years ago the Methods Committee explained to the Central Council that the purpose of the change in the arrangement of 'Carter' was to exhibit its close relationship with 'Stedman,' a relationship which was (apparently deliberately) concealed by Mr. Carter when he first published the figures. I venture to think that the ordinary ringer will find the resemblance more easily in the Collection than in Mr. Baker's rearrangement.—Yours, etc.,

Clyst St. George, Exeter.

E. S. POWELL.

THE MINOR METHOD COLLECTION.

Sir,—As your correspondent (that very clever and well-informed person who calls himself 'The Mad Hatter') knows, one of the chief difficulties in arranging the Collection of Minor Methods was to get everything in in the minimum of space. We had to assume that readers would know the usual simple laws of variation and that there is no reason why Stedman cannot be started at any change in the Six. The ordinary variation was given in the ordinary way, which shows a symmetrical Twelve. The reverse was given by alternate Sixes. The same plan was adopted with Carter, in that case partly to show its relationship to Stedman. With regard to the first part of his letter, may I say I have written dozens of letters explaining points connected with this collection, but do not feel obliged to take notice of what are really attempts to find fault under the pretence of asking for information.—Yours, etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY EGBY, OF READING.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of Reading's oldest ringers, Mr. Harry Egby, who passed away on Sunday, November 8th, at the age of 74 years.

The funeral took place on Thursday, November 12th, at the Reading Cemetery, a plain course of Grandsire Triples being rung on handbells at the graveside after the committal by A. Wiggins 1-2, L. T. Osborne 3-4, Miss P. Holloway 5-6, H. A. Osborne 7-8.

In the evening at St. Giles' Church, with the bells half-muffled, 672 Stedman Triples by W. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, J. Swain 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. A. Osborne 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Simmonds 8. Also 224 changes of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Egby was a member of the St. Giles' Society, Reading, for very many years, and will no doubt be remembered by ringers all over the country. He still enjoyed ringing up to a few weeks of his death. He will be missed very much amongst all ringers in Reading and district.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

MAKE DECEMBER 5th A DAY OF NATIONAL CELEBRATION.

Cambridge will be the 'Mecca' of ringers from all parts of the country on Saturday, December 5th, when the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman will be commemorated by a service of thanksgiving in St. Benedict's Church, where Stedman learned to ring, and where the restored bells and a memorial tablet will be dedicated.

Arrangements are being made to secure the comfort of all who notify their intention of being present and to provide them with a programme which should be full of interest. Cambridge itself offers many attractions, and facilities are being provided to enable visiting ringers to



THE SAXON TOWER OF ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

make a tour of the most interesting colleges, chapels and other places in the town. The bells of various churches will be open for ringing, but the central event of the day's proceedings will take place at St. Benedict's Church in the afternoon.

The thanksgiving service will begin at 3 o'clock, and admission up to 2.50 p.m. will be by ticket only. The memorial tablet is to be unveiled by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and the dedication of the completed work will be performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price (Archdeacon of Ely). The opening 120 of Stedman Doubles will be rung by a representative band, and the sermon, which will follow, will be preached by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. After the service, the

bells will be available for visiting ringers, but in order that those who have notified their intention of being present may have preference, tickets will be issued for this purpose. Those without tickets will have to wait for their opportunity of ringing.

The hours during which the other bells in and around Cambridge will be available will be announced next week in 'The Ringing World.'

Special facilities for luncheons and teas are being kindly provided by the authorities of Corpus Christi College, in the College Dining Hall. Meals will be provided only for ticket holders. As the last day for receiving applications for luncheon and tea tickets is Tuesday next, November 24th, those who desire to obtain them should send a postcard to-day for an application form to

The Stedman Tricentenary Secretary,
'The Ringing World' Office,
Woking, Surrey.

A large room at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, has been reserved for use throughout the day, where ringers can make rendezvous with their friends; handbells will be available, and refreshments obtained during the usual hours.

There are still a few promised donations unpaid. Will subscribers kindly send these at once to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading?

In connection with the commemoration a "Souvenir" booklet is to be published.

There will, of course, be many thousands of ringers who will be unable to attend the proceedings at Cambridge, but it is open to them all to join in the commemoration. We suggest that on the afternoon of Saturday, December 5th, they should ring the bells of their own churches—in peals or touches in the Stedman method, if possible. By this means the celebration of the event would be made 'national' in the truest sense of the word, for bells throughout the land would be joining simultaneously in the commemoration. As we suggested in our leading article a few weeks ago, public emphasis would be given to the event, if ringers could induce incumbents to announce this special ringing to the congregations at the services on the previous Sunday. A few brief notes for this purpose will be given in our next issue.

We also suggest that, wherever possible, a peal of Stedman—Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques—should be rung either in the week preceding or following December 5th, if it cannot be rung on the actual date of the commemoration.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

For those travelling by road, ringing can be arranged at any of the following towers en route to or from Cambridge:—

Huntingdon, St. Mary's	(8)	Morning and evening.
Godmanchester	(8)	" "
Newmarket, All Saints'	(8)	" "
Newmarket, St. Mary's	(6)	" "
Fulbourn	(8)	" "
Bourn	(8)	Morning only.
Royston	(8)	Morning and evening.
Sawston	(8)	" "
Stapleford	(6)	" "

There is a good train and bus service between Shelford and Cambridge.

It is essential that any who wish to take advantage of ringing at either of the towers should advise the secretary of the Tricentenary Commemoration not later than Tuesday, December 1st.

The ringing arrangements in Cambridge will be announced next week.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The case for the continuity of the Society of College Youths is not nearly so weak as Canon Coleridge (if I understand him aright) seems to think. The membership never was reduced to only two or three—one bishop, one priest and one layman. On the contrary, the crucial years 1756 to 1788 were one of the two most brilliant periods in the society's history. It is a bold thing to say and cannot actually be proved, but I believe that the annual dinner was not missed in any one year from 1637 right down till to-day. (I do not remember what happened during the last war.) And after 1788 there were several in the company whose membership was in an unbroken succession from the time of Annable. That would be an unanswerable argument if it did not prove too much. For all these old ringers used to quarrel and go from one society to another, so that there was scarcely one of any account who had not belonged, at some time or other, to every one of the principal companies in London. If the membership argument is valid, then the present society can claim that it is the successor and representative of nearly all the important extinct London companies. And, in a sense, that is true, because for many years the College Youths did not teach ringers, but took its members ready made from other bodies. Many a famous society had to die that the College Youths might live, and this went on until the supply dried up. All the rival companies except the Cumberlands were absorbed, and a period of decadence and decay set in.

The real difficulty is that in these changes there was a distinct and definite breach of official continuity. To adapt Canon Coleridge's simile, it was as if the Church had kept its continuity of membership and lost its Apostolic Succession. Whether such a succession is as important in a ringing society as in a Church is not for me to say. I know what I should maintain were I a College Youth. My only concern as a mere historian is to state the simple truth of what did happen. It must not be forgotten that these old societies consisted (apart from their country members) of one band, and any member who joined another band ceased automatically to belong to his original society.

Mr. Young referred to Dick Whittington, and said truly that I had challenged the reality of his connection with the College Youths. I have been able to find out quite a lot about the first College Youths and the general conditions under which the society was founded; and it is impossible to come to any other conclusion than that it had nothing whatever to do with Sir Richard Whittington, or with his College, or with College Hill, or with any church therein. The full story is too long to give here and now, but I will state a few of the most important facts.

(1) Whittington's College was dissolved and the buildings pulled down in 1547—ninety years before the College Youths were founded. (2) College Hill was not so named until it was rebuilt after the fire of 1666, when the College Youths had already been established for 29 years.

(3) There is no evidence that there ever was a peal of bells at St. Michael's, Peter-noster Royal, and the evidence for there having been six bells at St. Martin Vintry is (to put it mildly) very poor.

(4) The first College Youths were not literally youths at all, nor were they students at Whittington's College or any other college. Lord Breerton, the first Master, was a man 26 years old at the time. Captain John Harrison was somewhere about 50 and had spent an eventful life in many parts of the world. John Houghton was a tradesman. The second Master, who is called in the society's handbook Sir Cliff Clifton, was a cadet of a wealthy country family, Clifford Clifton by name. He was 22 years old when the society was founded and did not receive his knighthood till many years after, in the reign of Charles II.

The original records of the society have long since disappeared, but we can tell what they were like from the extant records of the Scholars of Cheapside and from a manuscript I have discovered in the British Museum relating to the Society of Esquire Youths, a distinguished company, the memory of which has utterly been forgotten by the Exercise. They were purely secular bodies formed for the purpose of practising ringing as a sport. They had no connection with any particular church, but went from tower to tower as they found it convenient.

As has been the custom of sports clubs in all ages, they gave themselves fancy names. Modern footballers call themselves rovers or wanderers or such like; these old ringers called themselves Scholars or Youths. The words 'College Youths' mean literally schoolboys, and the society took that name in the same spirit that the modern football club calls itself the Corinthians. But wherever it came from, it is an exceedingly fine title.

Mr. Young pleaded that a 'little legend' should be allowed among the 'dry facts' of ringing history. With the greatest respect, I altogether dissent. All along ringers have been somewhat given to inventing what Jasper Snowdon called 'absurd legends' and William Loughton called 'damned unaccountable lies,' and the mischief is not only that they are not true, but that they create false values, and in some instances do real harm.

The use of history is to show us how to deal with present-day problems in the light of the past. The Exercise, far more than most

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DEVON RING AUGMENTED.

LITTLE PARISH'S GREAT EFFORT.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have restored the bells at Exbourne Parish Church, Devon, and have added a treble to increase the ring to six. The old bells were retuned and quarter turned, the old clapper staples have been drilled out and new ones provided, all the bells having been also hung on ball bearings in a new cast iron frame, which in its arrangement has lessened the strain on the tower from the thrust of the bells.

The five original bells were cast in 1768 by the Penningtons; the tenor is over 8 cwt. The notes and inscriptions are: E flat, 'God save the King'; D flat, 'God preserve the Church'; C, 'Peace and good neighbourhood'; B flat, Joseph Row, C.W., and Simon Westlake, S.M.; A flat, Anthony Tripe, Rector I.P., 1768. 'I call the quick to Church and dead to grave.' S.M. signifies sidesman. The Penningtons had their headquarters in Cornwall, first at Lozant and afterwards at Stoke Climsland. One of them, FitzAnthony Pennington, was drowned in the very year in which the old Exbourne bells were cast while crossing the Anthony ferry with a bell for Landulph Church in Cornwall.

The new treble, presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tattershall and the Misses Tattershall, well-known residents of Exbourne, in memory of their parents, weighs just over 4 cwt. and is inscribed: 'Edmund Tattershall, obit. 1884—Ursula Tattershall, obit. 1919.' The total cost of the restoration scheme has been about £320, and practically the whole amount had been raised when the bells were reopened and the treble dedicated on Saturday, October 31st, by the Bishop of Crediton. It is noteworthy, says 'The Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette,' that during the previous two years £500 was collected for the purpose of installing an organ. Thus, with the scheme just accomplished, and renovation work at the church, nationisers and friends have subscribed nearly £1,000. The population is in the neighbourhood of 300. This satisfactory result has not been attained without a great deal of extra labour on the part of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. White), whose wholehearted efforts have been ably seconded throughout by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. D. Lewis and R. W. Chappell).

The Rector conducted the dedication service, and among the clergy present were the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Devonshire Guild.

The Bishop of Crediton, in his address, said that all through the ages bells had been used for the great purpose of calling people to the worship of God. It could not be too clearly impressed that the belfry was part of the church, and that bellringing was part of the work of the Church of God. Ringers should, therefore, always remember that the belfry was a hallowed place, and behave accordingly. They should also be quite clear as to the purpose of their ringing. There was no more beautiful thing in Devon than the sound of bells pealing, but ringers must remember that bells were not provided merely to please them, but to bear witness to God. Of course, those who rang them should realise 'they were calling themselves to worship as they called others.' He thought the great purpose of bells was to remind those who could not attend church that they could join in prayer so that the witness of God could be kept in the hearts of men in their daily work.

Psalm 150 was followed by the hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' during which the Bishop and clergy walked to the tower, where prayers were intoned, and Mr. Tattershall handed the rope of the new bell to the Rector, who accepted it. The churchwardens then handed the rope to the Bishop, and asked for his blessing. After the prayer of consecration the sexton (Mr. T. Fairchild) rang the bell. His Lordship charged the Rector with the care of the bells, and the clergy returned to their stalls. The augmented ring was handled for the first time by the Dolton ringers, and the service closed with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

Ringings were afterwards continued for four or five hours by bands from Newton St. Cyres, Brampford Speke, Cockington, Okehampton, Hatherleigh, Idlesleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Broadwoodkelly and other places.

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thing, is what it is, because of what it was. The problems of to-day had their rise as far back as the 18th century or further. Real progress consists in knowing what to keep and what to change. The Exercise owes a big debt of gratitude to the Society of College Youths for the tenacity with which it has clung to old traditions; but there is another side of the picture, and the fact that London ringers utterly failed to do anything towards that movement of reform which during the last 50 years has so wonderfully improved everything connected with ringers and ringing is simply because they lived and acted in the 19th century as if the conditions of the 18th century still existed.

Mr. George Fletcher, in his interesting and timely speech, touched on what is a striking example of this. He complained of the lack of social feeling in London, a strange charge to bring against a society which throughout its long history has, more than any other, cultivated the social side of ringing. And does so still. The trouble is that its ideals in the matter are those of the 18th century, when every society was a small exclusive body where the members lived on the closest terms of social intercourse with each other, and treated all outsiders with suspicion and antagonism. The wider social spirit of to-day is, as Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, due to the provincial territorial associations.—Yours sincerely,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR COMPOSITIONS. TWO MINDS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT.

While several well-known composers were seeking a peal of Double Norwich Major, with all combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place and with two singles only, in less than 5,376 changes, one such composition, the work of a tyro, lay hidden in a notebook for fear of trespassing on well-trodden ground. After the explanations that appeared in our issue of November 7th, Mr. Nolan Golden sent us the letter and composition given below, the peal having been composed towards the end of 1927.

Mr. C. W. Roberts has also given us the figures of his peal, presumed at the time, from lack of evidence to the contrary, to be the first of this particular kind. Examination will show that the two peals have precisely the same calling, begun from different points.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for getting excited over Double Norwich compositions. I was almost certain that such productions as mentioned had been in existence. In fact, in this city we have between us a goodly array, mainly brought out as curiosities, not daring to trespass on well-trodden ground.

I find, however, that I have one of the kind you now mention, one of my first efforts at stringing up courses. It has not been 'put over' any company for the reason aforesaid.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

5,152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

23456	1	4	6
42356			2
25346	—		3
43526	—		—
63425	—	—	—
32465	—		3
62534	—	—	—
52364	—		2
26354	—		3
65324	—		—
23564	—		—
46325	—	—	—
62345	—		3
23465	S		—

Repeated.

All combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's, with 2 singles only.

Produced by Nolan Golden at Winchester, September-November, 1927.

MR. C. W. ROBERTS' PEAL.

The following are the figures of Mr. C. W. Roberts' 5,152 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Penwortham on October 24th. The composition contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6 in natural courses, with 4-5-6 only in 6th's place.

23456	1	4	6
65324	—	—	—
23564	—		—
35264	—		—
52364	—		—
23654	S		—
36254	—		—
62354	—		—
53264	—		—
32564	—		—
25364	—		—
65524	—		—
43625	—	—	—
26345	—		—
63245	—		—
32645	—		—
42536	—	—	—
35246	—		—
52346	—		—
43256	—		—
32456	—		—
24356	—		—
45326	—		—
23564	—		—

Repeated.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Frederick James Cullum return sincere thanks for kind expressions of sympathy received in their bereavement.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will someone in authority inform me if, say, 5,040 of Stedman Cinques coming home at hand would be in order, seeing that a start had to be made at back-stroke.—Yours,

'A NOVICE.'

SUCCESSFUL NORTH HERTS MEETING.

A well-attended meeting was held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 14th. Over 40 members were present, representing all divisions of the county, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, and visitors from afar included Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mr. Stone, from Nuneaton. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise, whereby the many visitors were given the opportunity of ringing their favourite method. Tea was served at the Grange—and a very excellent tea, too. The lady helpers, Mesdames Fidler and Else, waited at table, and checked the course ends—not as they 'came up,' but as they went down!

A short business meeting followed, the Vicar of Hitchin (the Rev. R. F. B. Routh) in the chair. Baldock was chosen as the place for the next meeting, with Royston as an alternative. Two new members were elected, C. Saunders, of Stovenage, and H. W. Conquest, of King's Walden.

A short service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, and further ringing took place until 9 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at North Bradley on Saturday, November 7th, when, in spite of the weather, quite a good number took part in the ringing, which was carried out in a variety of methods. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. D. M. Davys), and Mr. F. Wheeler, one of the local ringers, was the organist. Tea followed in the Village Reading Room, to which 27 sat down, including the Vicar and representatives from Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), Bratton, Warminster, Rowde, Melksham, Holt, Mere, North Bradley and Clifton, Bristol.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who extended a hearty welcome to all, and especially to the visitors.

The secretary reported that he had received an application from the North Bradley ringers for a course of instruction in change ringing, and the meeting unanimously decided to recommend this application for the sanction of the general secretary.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on December 5th.

It was decided to arrange with Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, for the next lecture on 'Ringing,' to be given at Trowbridge, if convenient, about the middle of November.

The Vicar said how pleased they were to have a visit of the Devizes Branch at North Bradley, and assured the Guild of a hearty welcome at all times.

The usual votes of thanks from the chair brought the meeting to a close and a move was made to the tower for more ringing. By this time darkness had fallen and the rain was splashing down, but the bells rang merrily till about 8 p.m. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. On their way home the Melksham, Rowde and Devizes ringers halted at Hilberton for about 40 minutes. Touches of Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on this light peal (tenor 7½ cwt.), thanks to Mr. W. J. Mees, the local captain, who had everything ready.

STEDMAN TRICENTENARY ARRANGEMENTS.

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RAILWAY FACILITIES.

Ringers travelling to Cambridge by train can obtain work-and tickets (available to return on Saturday) at a single fare and a third (plus fractions of 3d., minimum third class 2s. 6d.) from any station. For those travelling from or via London, cheap day tickets at single fare for the return journey (7s. 2d.) are issued from Liverpool Street and King's Cross. Convenient trains from London are as follow:—

Liverpool Street.	King's Cross.	Arr. Cambridge.
8.30 a.m.		9.58 a.m.
10. 5 a.m.		11.38 a.m.
11.50 a.m.		1.17 p.m.
12.29 p.m.		2.18 p.m.
	8.45 a.m.	10.41 a.m.
	11.30 a.m.	1.45 p.m.
	12.40 p.m.	2.21 p.m.

Trains leave Cambridge for Liverpool Street 7 p.m. and 9.10 p.m., arriving 8.23 and 11.29 p.m. respectively, and for King's Cross 7.40 p.m., arriving 10.46 p.m.

HOTELS.

Among the hotels in Cambridge are the following—

Bull Hotel: Single bedrooms from 8s. 6d., double from 15s. 6d. Breakfast 2s. to 3s. 6d.

Blue Boar: Single bedrooms from 9s. 6d. Breakfast 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.

Lion Hotel: Single bedrooms from 6s. 6d., double from 12s. 6d. Breakfast 3s. 6d.

Bath Hotel: Bedroom and breakfast 7s. 6d.

'THE PAINSWICK PEAL'*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have just read Mr. W. A. Cave's letter, in which he says: 'On November 8th, 1930, a band of ringers met at Painswick, Gloucestershire, and rang upon the "12" bells of St. Mary's Church a peal of what was thought to be 17,687 true changes of Grandsire Cinqus in 11 hours 36 minutes. Had the peal been true, it would have taken its place as the longest peal on "11" bells,' etc. For goodness sake let us drop this '11' bell talk, as you cannot leave Mr. George out of that great performance, unfortunate as it turned out to be. It is 12 bells and should have been recorded as the longest length in the method. Personally, I looked upon that peal as a marvellous performance, because, and I know the 'crank' ringers will agree, it would take as much energy as the peal of Cambridge Maximus. When you put the two bands together, let me ask any of the gentlemen who rang the Maximus which they would sooner go for? I could picture half of the band being asleep after two or three hours, and I consider that's the strain: to keep awake! The tablet placed in the church is ridiculous as it reads. Not many years ago a certain horse won our great English Derby, but for doing something wrong in the race was disqualified. So this peal must go, but it is 12 bells.

JOHN JAGGAR.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL AND THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake may say what he likes about rows and changes, I am not concerned with his views on the matter. As a member of the Suffolk Guild, however, I am concerned with the resolution, or recommendation, to 'remove from' the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words 17,687 changes. If I am wrong in interpreting 'remove from' as meaning 'expel,' I wish he would tell me so, and not stray from the only point in his resolution that I have ever criticised. Whatever members may think of the action of the Painswick band, they certainly do not deserve to be threatened with removal from the Suffolk Guild if their views on rows and changes do not coincide with those that Mr. Drake holds. If his resolution has any other meaning, I shall be glad to hear of it; after that he can say anything he wishes about rows, changes, duplicates, etc., and I shall not trouble to contradict him.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.**

The district meeting at Banstead on Saturday week enabled some to pay their first visit to this extreme point of the diocese, among them being Admiral and Mrs. T. P. Walker, of Woking, and Mr. Alexander, of Farnborough. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, stopping at 4.30 when the Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. Matthews, in the absence of the Rector, Canon Skene, who was attending a conference.

Tea at the Victoria Hotel followed, 24 sitting down. Afterwards came the business meeting, Admiral Walker being in the chair. The principal business was the nomination of district officers, the retiring officials being re-nominated, with the addition of Messrs. A. R. Pink, F. G. Woodhiss and W. J. Whiting as General Committee representatives.

The Chairman also moved a resolution, 'That this meeting expresses a wish that the Master and general secretary of the Guild will continue to "carry on" for another year,' and this was given the meeting's whole support.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Matthews, Canon Skene, the organist and choirboys and the chairman concluded the business, and, in responding, Admiral Walker said that he had been looking forward to this visit to Banstead for a long time.

The tower was then revisited and the bells kept going until 8.30 by ringers from Ashstead, Cobham, Dorking, Croydon, Buckland, Leatherhead, Sutton, Farnborough, Woking and the local band.

THE BELLS OF SELLY OAK.**RESTORATION TAKEN IN HAND.**

Owing to their unsafe condition, it has not been possible to ring the bells at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, since 1922, but a scheme has been undertaken for their restoration, jointly with the provision of a Church Hut, which is needed principally as a centre for the activities of the juvenile organisations of the parish. The total cost of the combined schemes will be about £750, of which £350 is required for the bells. Up to the end of October £465 had been contributed, of which about £200 is to be devoted to the bells.

The work of dismantling the bells was begun last week. They are to be taken to the Croydon Foundry, where they will be cleaned, tuned and quarter turned. They will be rehung in a new iron frame.

Towards the balance that is required donations will be welcomed by the Church Council. They may be sent to Mr. F. W. Leonard, 1, Lodge Hill Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, or to Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, hon. secretary to the Council and Ringing Master.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

GREAT GLEN.—On Wednesday, November 11th, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: F. Wheat 1, F. A. Marsh 2, A. Bryan 3, A. Alford 4, J. Pearson 5, L. Allen (conductor) 6. The first 720 Bob Minor by the local band.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Wednesday, November 11th, at St. Saviour's Church, 910 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Edwards 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. Hughes 3, J. L. Grant 4, E. Glenville 5, J. W. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

MATLOCK.—On November 11th, preceding an Armistice service, the bells were rung half-muffled, and immediately after the two minutes' silence with the bells open, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: D. Turner 1, F. Paulson 2, G. W. F. Smith 3, R. Groatorex 4, J. H. Paulson 5, E. Holmes 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, G. Dakin 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by treble and tenor ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 15th, after the remembrance service, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples: J. Cook 1, G. Woodman 2, W. Pettifer 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Blanch 5, W. Staunford 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, Alb. Charman 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—A quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 mins., being 783 of Grandsire, 480 of Plain Bob Doubles: L. Poulson 1, B. Cornell 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Sear (conductor) 1, W. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, J. Mead 4, F. Stanton 5, F. Vickers 6, H. V. Sear 7, E. Smith 8.

GREAT TEY.—At St. Barnabas' Church on the evening of Remembrance Day by the local band, 1,800 changes of Minor (24 extents called differently) and 1,136 Bob Major, the bells being half-muffled.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—A quarter-peal (1,259 changes) of Grandsire Caters, with half-muffled clappers, in 55 mins., as a tribute to the memory of the fallen: G. E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn 2, J. Withers, sen., 3, C. Webb 4, H. Williams 5, J. E. Eaton 6, J. Withers, jun., 7, C. H. Stanley 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10.

BURFORD, OXON.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Bond 1, T. Timms 2, W. Brunson 3, A. Bishop 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Shaw 1, H. Hesketh 2, W. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, S. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, J. Ellis (first quarter-peal) 8.

HITCHIN.—With clappers half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. W. Day 1, L. Houghton 2, A. E. Symonds 3, T. R. Scott 4, H. W. Else 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, C. V. Hare 8.

BRADWELL.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles with ten different callings: C. Alderman 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, A. Coley 4, T. Walters 5, A. Lathal 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor.

MURSLEY.—On Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Robins 1, E. Whittard 2, R. H. Morris 3, G. Robins 4, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 5, V. Younger 6, A. Cornish 7, E. H. Morris (longest length) 8. All local band.

FALING.—On Armistice Day at St. Mary's Church with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. A. Trollope 3, A. Hagh 4, A. M. Stacey 5, E. W. Coulson 6, J. H. Hunnisset 7, A. Harding 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—Rung half-muffled on Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles in 43 mins.: H. Rogers 1, G. Bruce 2, E. Picton 3, A. V. Good 4, F. Tompkins 5, J. Banfield 6. Longest length by ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor. The conducting was shared by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

WARMINSTER.—At St. Deny's Church on Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering: N. Kneel 1, E. C. Marlow 2, E. F. White 3, H. Titt (first quarter) 4, E. F. Marlow (first as conductor) 5, M. Howell 6, H. Kneel 7, A. R. Mogg 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—For Armistice service on November 11th at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. J. Pratt 3, E. Hancox 4, J. H. Lucas 5, W. Honer 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, G. Nicholls 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, November 7th, and was well attended by members and friends from Peterborough, Oundle, Warrington, Nasington, Stamford, Surfleet, Polebrooke, etc. Service was in St. Mary's Church, when the Vicar gave a very interesting address and also welcomed the ringers there.

Tea was afterwards supplied at the Dujon Cafe, a company of 29 sitting down. There was no business meeting. Some good ringing took place in the evening, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of bells, and also the organist, who helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

BRISTOL'S RINGING HISTORY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. A. Cave, what he read in 'The Ringing World' nearly two years ago respecting the excellent work done by James Hinton, 'ESPECIALLY IN THE HIGHER METHODS,' I presume, refers to the remarks made by the chairman at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' dinner on January 18th, 1930.

The statement was: 'In Bristol they looked back with pride on the ability of J. W. Hinton, a forerunner' (the forerunner was meant to be conveyed) 'in the practice of the higher scientific methods.' The great bulk of Bristol ringers think so to-day. It would be better for Mr. Cave, also, to quote chapter and verse for his statements.—Yours faithfully,
W. H. THOMAS.

Sir,—There is only one member of the ringing fraternity who would challenge the authenticity of the article given in your issue of October 30th, and his records of the 'History of Bristol Bells' will, therefore, be incomplete.—Yours faithfully,
EDGAR GUISE, B.U.R.G.

Bristol.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, November 8th, for morning service at the Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: R. Blaby (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Biggs 2, H. Stratford 3, P. Newton 4, A. G. Jones 5, R. H. Biggs 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, Jos. Evans 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to J. News, a member of the choir and a late member of the belfry, who met with a fatal accident on November 2nd and was interred at Hughenden on November 7th. Also rung for Armistice Sunday.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIGGLESWADE.—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. F. Page 1, G. T. Croft 2, A. E. Symonds 3, S. Wallis 4, T. Castle 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, J. Blott 8. Ringers of 1st, 4th and tenor are local ringers and first quarter, the remainder of the band from Hitchin.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 8th, at St. Paul's Church, for Armistice Sunday evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: E. Lubbock 1, W. W. Daniell 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 4, H. W. Barvett 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. P. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, November 1st, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, B. Cooper 2, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 3, H. G. Lewis 4, A. L. Hope 5, C. F. Austin 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. Boyce 8.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 1st, in honour of All Saints and for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. F. E. Darby (first quarter-peal) 1, D. Wright 2, F. Holder 3, W. Bulpitt 4, C. Dean 5, A. Clayton 6, A. T. Jones 7, A. Woodins 8, F. E. Darby (conductor) 9, B. Newson 10.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, October 18th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,344 changes): H. Cornes (first quarter-peal in any method) 1, W. Latter 2, D. Pindley 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Collison 5, S. Russell 6, H. Markwell 7, A. Richardson (composer and conductor) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church for evensong on Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), arranged for the ringers of the 5th and 6th, who hail from Faringdon: H. Ratton 1, S. H. Hopper 2, J. Penney 3, J. Woodroff 4, E. C. Hughes 5, T. Clarke 6, N. Allnatt (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Laurence 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington (6), near Nuneaton, on November 21st. Buses every half-hour from Nuneaton and Coventry. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SATURDAY, November 21st. Meeting at Oxhey (8 bells). Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at Sherwood's, Aldenham Road. Cheap tickets by train or motor coach from all parts to Bushey Station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Last quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector. Election of officers for 1932, so a large attendance is desirable.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at 5. Will members kindly advise me if they are coming?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Any suggestions re celebration of the Association's Jubilee will be welcomed.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, November 21st. Church of St. Helen (8 bells, tenor 17 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at once. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, November 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting at which nominations for district officers for 1932 must be made.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, November 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A hearty welcome to all ringing visitors.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, November 21st. Bells open 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested, so please oblige.—D. Brown, Branch Sec., 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on November 21st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea to follow. All ringing friends will be welcomed. The more attending the greater the pleasure for all.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY DINNER, under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—The second annual dinner, concert and dance will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 28th, at 6 p.m. sharp. The Cosmo Players dance band will be in attendance from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Last year's attendance totalled no less than 192. Fully licensed up till 12 p.m. Accommodation for bed and breakfast can be obtained on application to the secretary for 5s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets should be made to the secretary, or Mr. E. Parker, Ingledene, Moorland Road, Weston-super-Mare, not later than November 20th. Now roll up, and spend the evening of your lives for 3s. 6d. inclusive! The bells of the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, and the old church at Uphill will be available from 2 p.m. Visit Weston with the air like wine.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 25th? A good muster will be encouraging.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each. Kindly notify Mr. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley, a by-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 28th. Service, with address, after which the Vicar invites all ringers attending to tea at the Vicarage. It is particularly requested that members notify me of their intention to be present by Thursday, November 26th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, if possible. Please send card to Mr. W. T. Wilson for same.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be discussed. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, November 24th, without fail? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Nominations for District officers for 1932 must be handed in at this meeting. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from three o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at five o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday, November 25th.—A. S. Tomkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, November 28th. Bells ready three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please notify Mr. F. Holt, 23, Arden Street, New Mills, near Stockport, not later than Tuesday, November 24th.—T. Wilds, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Homer, Branch Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley on Saturday, November 28th. The bells of St. Chad's Church will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. and interval for tea. Ringing will be continued (after evensong) at St. Michael's from 7 to 9 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (5) available at 2.30. Service at 4.15, tea and business meeting to follow.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know if they require tea? —H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector, the Rev. B. Herklots. Tea at the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The three new trebles at Lytchet Matravers, making a ring of 6, are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset, on Advent Sunday, November 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service from 8 till 9.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by December 2nd.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by November 28th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, December 5th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid, and any alteration of addresses notified for next year's report. Will ringers wishing to attend this meeting endeavour to be there by 2.30 p.m., so that the Stedman method may be rung in honour of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman?—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on December 12th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in the Church Hall. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 8th? All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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