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THE FUTURE TREND IN RINGING.

It has been usual in the first issue of this paper in the new year to devote this column to a survey of the general position of our art, as revealed by the records of the past twelve months, and the promise of the future. Since 1918, at any rate, there has ever been cause for optimism at the prospect of each coming year, and not only have these expressions been fully justified by events, but the Art and the Exercise have gained ground at an even greater pace than could have been anticipated. The year that has just closed has been no exception. Bell restorations and augmentations have been carried out at a highly satisfactory rate; ringing organisations have maintained or increased their membership, the standard of method ringing is steadily rising, and, surveyed as a whole, the year 1923 produced a gratifying advance all along the line, not the least marked feature being the evidence forthcoming in many directions of an increasing recognition in high ecclesiastical quarters of the status of ringers.

Leaving out of consideration the progress which has been revealed by the peal performances—although these are an important factor as showing, we think, an increased competence in the art which must, perforce, be reflected in the Sunday ringing—the future holds out every promise that as time goes on the office of the bell-ringer will become more and more securely established as a recognised service in the ministry of the Church and a definite part of Church organisation. This is what our ringing associations have been striving for for the last fifty years, and never were they nearer to the achievement of their desire than at the present time. Speaking generally, they have raised the type, both socially and intellectually, of the bell ringer, and not only have they long since removed former grounds of reproach, but they have brought events to a turn when not only do the clergy look up to ringers as a useful and essential adjunct to their body of church workers, but some among the Bishops are beginning to seek out our associations and bring them within the fold of diocesan organisation in something more than name.

And towards this end, we believe, events will march more rapidly than in the past. Ringers there are, of course, who would be content to remain, if they could, independent of any official connection with the Church; who would be satisfied as long as they had access to the bells for their own pleasure, giving in return their time to Sunday ringing. This view of a ringer's relation to the Church is, however, a disappearing one, and those who seriously contemplate the future of ringing must rejoice that it is so, for we believe that if ever danger from the outside threatens curtailment in the practice of our art, it

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is less likely to be successful if ringers are established as a definite and officially recognised part of Church organisation, than if our associations can be pointed to as societies existing merely to further the pleasures and facilitate the ambitions of those who ring the bells as a pastime and not as a part of the service of the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	WALTER SEAR 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 8
REGINALD BROUGH 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 9
FRANK SMITH 4	THOMAS WALTERS 10
JOHN W. CORNFORD 5	GEORGE A. CARD 11
HARRY SEAR 6	WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	THOMAS LANGDON 8
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	HERBERT LANGDON 10
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
ALFRED B. PECK 6	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. T. COCKERILL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 8
* EDGAR MARLOW 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
BERT HORTON 5	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 11
HERBERT KNIGHT 6	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung for the festival of Christmas, and also as a birthday compliment to G. Wallater. The conductor has now rung each of the twelve bells to a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
HENRY PRING 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
* MISS ANNIE BROWN 3	JOSEPH GOULD 8
H. NORRIS WAY 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Six Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 10,440 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWITT... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM J. NODDS 9
ALBERT W. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The longest length in a Surprise method rung on ten bells.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD ... Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	†EDGAR HUMFREY 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	TOM SHORT... .. 8
MRS. A. E. LOCK 4	FRANK BARRETT 9
*JACK HONEY 5	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Composed by W. H. HALBY. Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.
* First peal in the method in Caters. † First as conductor. The conductor's 100th peal. The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells by an entirely local band, all but one of whom are regular service ringers.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY, SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

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

R. FENTON Treble	T. MORGAN 6
J. W. HALL 2	G. W. P. FENTON 7
F. CRYER 3	W. HINTON 8
A. CRYER 4	H. FAIRLAM 9
H. S. MORLEY 5	T. STRUDWICK Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by H. FAIRLAM.
First peal for ringer of treble. Rung to commemorate Mr. F. Cryer's 52nd year as a ringer, and also the coming-of-age of the conductor's son. First local peal on the bells. First peal of Caters for all except ringer of 3rd. First peal of Caters as a conductor, and first attempt.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	FRANK COLE... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	HERBERT BECKETT 7
RAYMOND WILKINS 3	ALFRED HARMES... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOSEPH WILLIAMS 9
CHARLES GARDINER 5	JOHN BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by FRED MAY. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*W. A. GARDINER Treble	S. C. DAVIS 6
†MISS MARY MACKMAN ... 2	†FRANK HOPGOOD 7
R. N. RUNHAM 3	†A. T. LOVEJOY 8
HENRY TUCKER 4	J. R. MACKMAN 9
*W. E. LEWINGTON 5	†W. SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.
The conductor's 200th peal. * First peal. † First peal of Caters

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	HARRY MILLER 6
NORMAN R. TOMLINSON ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
FREDERICK WILFORD... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN E. MILLER 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	DANIEL COOPER 7
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 8
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 9
JAMES E. COOPER 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ...
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 5	WALTER GLOVER Tenor
†ERNEST J. TRIMMER 6	

Conducted by HENRY JOHNSON. Composed by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on the bells for 10½ years.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR,

LOWER THAMES STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6
EVERED J. WALSON 2	PERCY E. CLARKE 7
HERBERT LANGDON 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
JESSE B. TYLER 4	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ALAN R. MACDONALD Tenor

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

FREDERICK GRUNDY Treble	DANIEL HOWARD... .. 5
DAVID CLARKE 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
SIDNEY JAMES 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
WILLIAM COLLIER 4	STANLEY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

CHISWICK, W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	*WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	*JOSEPH HERBERT 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

Christmas Week produced the usual large crop of peals, and a number of reports are unavoidably held over.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN HALLETT Treble	SIDNEY RIDGWAY 5
IVOR MITCHELL 2	ALBERT GRAY 6
FREDERICK THYER 3	JOHN DARCH 7
IDRESS MITCHELL 4	FREDERICK NEVILLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALLETT.

This is the first peal by all the band. The first peal by a local band since the bells have been hung.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD AND
ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*FRANK LYCETT Treble	†GEORGE JONES 5
JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	DENIS J. BOUCHER 6
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	REGINALD R. POLE 7
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. All the above are Sunday Service ringers and this is the first peal in the method rung by entirely local men in the county of Salop. Rung muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. G. Bylin, a member at St. Chad's tower, who was buried the same day.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT DUBBER Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

*FRANK ROLLINGS Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
FRED WILFORD 2	*JOHN W. METHERELL 6
*THOMAS LAW 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
*BERTIE O. SODEN 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung after meeting one short for Oxford Royal. The ringer of the 5th hails from Finedon, 1st and 3rd from Weston Pavell, the rest from Northampton. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble	ORMEROD EASTWOOD 5
JAMES H. BANKS 2	WILLIAM MITCHELL 6
HAROLD W. EMMETT 3	TOM COLLINGE 7
*HERBERT MILLS 4	*JOHN W. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to James Ashworth, who for 34 years was a ringer at the above church. Ringers of 1 and 5 hail from Newchurch, 2 Helmsore, 3 and 4 Bacup, 6 Bury, 7 Rawtenstall, 8 Haslingden.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. H. SWINFELD Treble	H. HURDMAN 5
*W. BROOKER 2	*J. COTTON 6
M. SWINFELD 3	*W. E. CLAYFIELD 7
E. W. BRADSMORE 4	J. HOUGH Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. W. Werthington (Lichfield), through whose generosity mainly this fine peal of bells was put up. It was also the birthday of J. Cotton. * First peal of Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	*EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JAMES F. CLARKE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	JOSEPH DAVIES 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
*WILLIAM H. BALL 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal of London.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER WHITEHEAD Treble	WILLIAM THORLEY 5
WILLIAM JOHNSON 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
†WALTER SANSEY 3	*ERNEST F. PAYNE 7
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal and first attempt, and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal on eight bells. The band wish to thank Mr. W. Johnson, of Quorn, for standing in at the last minute. The 6th and tenor ringers are from Loughborough, 7th from Syston, and remainder from Leicester.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM C. JUDD 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 3	HARRY KILEY 7
*EDWARD LANKESTER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, December 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN WM. TAYLOR Treble	†JOE BENNETT 5
*FRED BENNETT 2	*WILLIAM TATTERSALL ... 6
*ARTHUR CLAYTON 3	†GEORGE BENNETT 7
*GEORGE DEWS 4	†GEORGE WM. PICKLES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal as conductor and first peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. The above are also members of the Leeds and District Society. Tenor man from Horbury; the rest belong to the local company.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park, S.W.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Treble	REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 2	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
JAMES E. COOPER 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fardon. First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob.

RANMOOR, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
RICHARD HAYES 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
JOHN H. WHITE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PELLING.

* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*NICHOLAS D. PREECE ... 4
EDGAR R. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
HENRY J. PEAKE 3	*JOHN L. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

†HERMAN COOPER ... Treble	CHARLES H. BAKER ... 4
*MISS DOROTHY HEAL ... 2	†CHARLES A. HEWITT ... 5
†HARRY MORGAN 3	†WILFRED T. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury, two Oxford Single Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2	*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 5
*THOMAS TAYSON 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in five methods on the bells. * First peal in five methods. First 720 Oxford Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire (12 callings) Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND BILLINGS ... Treble	ALFRED C. RESHTON ... 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
JOSEPH W. RESHTON 3	ERNEST GIDDINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First attempt for a peal by all the band except the conductor.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Bob, two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

C. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	P. INGRAM 4
*I. WADE 2	J. H. SPENCER 5
W. BALL 3	C. ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

* First 720 Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in four methods by all the band.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 8 cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4
HERBERT HOARE 2	ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 5
MISS PHYLISS HARE ... 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Messrs. S. H. Hoare and H. J. Poole were proposed members of the Association before starting.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP CARTER...	...Treble	WILLIAM S. HART	... 4
WALTER GLEED	... 2	THOMAS HART	... 5
JOHN GIBSON	... 3	ALFRED ALLEN	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

* First peal. The ringers belong to Westbury-on-Severn.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT...	...Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR...	... 4
WILLIAM J. SMITH	... 2	CHARLES AYLETT...	... 5
HUBERT SUMMERS	... 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE...	...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings.

J. JENKINS	...Treble	WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT	... 4
*SIDNEY POOLE	... 2	W. R. NASH	... 5
*RICHARD SIMKISS	... 3	HUBERT JONES	...Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH:

* First peal, and first attempt by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who are Stokesay ringers; treble, 5th and tenor ringers hail from Ludlow.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE (EVESHAM)
GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. HALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 16 in B.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON	...1-2	GEOFFERY J. HEMMING	...5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...3-4	JOHN HALL	...7-8

Conducted by MISS N. JOHNSON.

Witnesses: MRS. J. HALL AND MISS I. HALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hall, it being his first peal of Triples.

WOBBURN.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM A. JAMES	...1-2	ERNEST HERBERT	...5-6
DOUGLAS HARRIS	...3-4	CYRIL HERBERT	...7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. HERBERT.

Witness: MRS. HERBERT.

* First peal of Major in hand.

LAINDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Sept. 15th, 720 Bob Minor: D. Phillips 1, C. Bone 2, C. Baker 3, A. Ralph 4, G. J. Macdougall 5, J. Dale (conductor) 6. Also several 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, with Mr. Grant, of the local band, ringing the treble. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells; also Mr. Grant for having the bells ready.

FOUR PEALS IN KENT.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...Treble	WILLIAM SPICE	... 6
ALBERT E. GASSON	... 2	HARRY PARKES	... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	9
CHARLES H. SONE	... 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. J. Walker.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE	...Treble	HARRY PARKES	... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... 2	WILLIAM SPICE	... 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	... 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...Treble	LEONARD MANNERING	... 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	7
WILLIAM SPICE	... 4	HARRY PARKES	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal during 1923.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Treble	HARRY PARKES	... 5
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	... 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	... 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E.	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... 4	CHARLES BELSEY	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal during 1923.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the recent correspondence on the above there are several points which require an explanation. I will endeavour to state them briefly:—

(1) Why didn't Mr. Carter take up this stand when Bristol first saw daylight and not wait till one association has rung 100 peals of it?

(2) Neither Mr. Craven nor Mr. James have yet proved that dodging 7-8 up is the same as dodging 7-8 down.

(3) The fact of the treble turning round when doing her whole pull behind seems to prove that she moves out of one dodging place into another.

(4) Why does Mr. Craven use an internal place in some of his methods when the treble leads and none when she is behind? Surely if one end is dead so is the other.

In conclusion, let me say that I am fully aware of the popularity of Bristol, one hears nothing but praise of it. Still my sympathies are with Mr. Carter who, though rather late in the day, points out that a lot of these 'Surprise' Methods do not fulfil the conditions laid down.—Yours faithfully,
'PLAIN RINGER.'

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.**

The annual meeting took place at Newport on Boxing Day, when a large gathering from both dioceses attended. The bells of both churches, All Saints and St. Woolos, were available before and after the meeting, and full advantage was taken of them. Service was held in All Saints' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Williams, M.A.), officiating. Then followed tea in All Saints' Mission Rooms, which had been generously provided. At the conclusion of the tea, the Vicar announced that, before the business meeting commenced, there were one or two pleasing functions to be carried out, and called upon Mr. Evan Davies, the first Master of the Association, to come forward and perform the first.

Mr. Davies said how pleased he was to have the honour, in the name of and on behalf of the members of the Association, of asking Mr. J. W. Jones to accept a token of regard for services rendered during the past 21 years as hon. secretary. The gift took the form of a gold watch and chain, suitably inscribed. Mr. Davies read a letter from the Rev. Connop L. Price, regretting his inability to attend owing to engagements, and remarking that the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocese would ever owe Mr. Jones a debt of deep gratitude for what he had done in regard to bells and the promoting of change ringing.

Mr. Jones, who was very cordially received, said how grateful he was for the affection and goodwill shown him by the presentation.

Mrs. Jones was then presented with a silver cake stand for the help and encouragement which she had always given her husband in everything pertaining to ringing.

Mr. F. Atwell next made a presentation to Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, who is about to leave the neighbourhood for his old home at Carmarthen, after serving 43 years as a schoolmaster as Caerleon. It was Mr. Davies who brought change ringing into that part of the country, and brought about the restoration of Caerleon bells by getting five old ones recast and augmented to a ring of eight. He taught everyone there to handle a bell, and the first peal was rung on the bells by all 'first pealers,' including the hon. secretary. The presentation took the form of a record of all peals rung by the Caerleon Society bound in book form, which also include the peals of the Llandaff and the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. An umbrella was also presented to him.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, the Vicar in the chair.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mr. J. Aldridge, Llandaff Cathedral, Master; Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary; Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy, auditors; Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. W. Bolton, representatives to the Central Council. Instructors' reports were received showing good progress at Abergavenny, formerly a call change tower.

The next annual meeting was fixed for December 26th at St. John's, Cardiff.

The next quarterly meetings will be held at Llanishen and Machen, respectively.

Quite a number of new members were elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Bolton, it was decided that a sub-committee, eight in number, be appointed to co-operate with the hon. secretary, and the following were chosen: Mr. Pitman, Aberavon; Mr. Cooke, Caerphilly; Mr. Taylor, Merthyr; Mr. Bolton, Cardiff; Mr. Phillips, Newport; Mr. Thompson, Chepstow; Mr. S. Jones, Caerleon; and Mr. Rackham, Abergavenny.

WELL-KNOWN SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

The Crawley band has suffered yet another loss by the death of Mr. Alfred Douglas Mills, a well-known Sussex ringer. The deceased had been leader of the local band for over 20 years, and his death on Thursday, December 13th, at the age of 57 years, came as a shock to the many who knew him, despite the fact that he had been in indifferent health for some time owing to internal troubles. He was laid to rest at Crawley on Tuesday, December 18th, and a quarter-peal was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells fully muffled.

Born at Capel, Surrey, Mr. Mills was a member of the band that made history in six bell ringing many years ago in this little village with the Jordan family. Afterwards he left Capel to reside at Crawley, and became one of the band under Mr. J. Parker. He took part in the 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major, the then record length, in 1894. Half of this band have now passed away. The deceased kept no record of the peals he rang, but they must have exceeded the century, several of them being six bell peals in a variety of methods. This loss will be greatly felt.—R.I.P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of London Surprise at Feering on Saturday was specially arranged to enable W. Arnold to ring his first of London 'inside' before the close of the year, thereby enabling him to obtain his first in four methods in four months, viz., Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich and London. Great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang throughout the peal.

Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, rang her first peal on October 21st, 1922. She scored three peals in 1922, and 'bagged' a dozen during 1923, making a total of fifteen in less than fifteen months from the date of her first peal. It will be interesting to know if this constitutes a record for a lady ringer.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. Sergt. J. Bennett and Mr. H. E. Audsley, who had spent a week-end peal ringing together, each rang his fiftieth peal for 1923, the former at Borden and the latter at Rainham.

A meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild will be held at Bradford-on-Avon to-morrow (Saturday), January 5th.

The meeting of the Wigan branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at Standish to-morrow has been postponed to January 12th, when Canon Elsee will unveil a peal board.

The annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths has been fixed for February 9th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Last Saturday a peal was rung at Ashted, Surrey, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reopening of the bells. The bells were recast in 1873, and hung in an oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are still in wonderful going order—a great credit to the founders. Two of the ringers in the peal, Messrs. John Wyatt and George Sayer, were members of the local band when the bells were opened on December 31st, 1873. Altogether a notable record.

With two men on the tenor, a peal has been rung at St. James' Church, Bermondsey, after a lapse of more than ten years. The young enthusiasts who have added another tower to their 'collection' are to be congratulated upon their keenness, but to drag a notoriously bad going ring of bells through a peal is scarcely the way in which to get them restored to proper ringing condition. We hope, however, it may prove otherwise at Bermondsey.

One hundred and forty years ago to-day a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hrs. 24 mins. A goodly performance for those days when, although long lengths were not unknown, bells did not always go so nicely as they do in these present years of grace.

Grandsire Major has gone altogether out of fashion, but our forefathers, limited in their choice of methods, were rather partial to it, and not a few long lengths were rung. A round eight thousand was scored at St. John's, Deritend, by St. Martin's Youths, on January 4th, 1794.

A peal, claimed as the first true peal of Norwich Court Bob in London, was rung at Bethnal Green on January 7th, 1788.

On January 6th, 1851, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques was rung at Cripplegate.

The death of Henry Johnson took place on January 7th, 1890. Among other famous ringers whose death anniversary falls this week are James Barham, January 4th, 1818; Tom Reynolds, January 5th, 1912; Alfred W. Grimes, January 5th, 1917.

We are pleased to state that Mr. Walter Farley, who recently underwent an operation in Bristol Royal Infirmary, is going on very satisfactorily, and hopes to be taken home to Wells about January 7th.

GRANDSIRE ON SIXTEEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the interesting account of the 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1820, published in this week's 'Ringing World,' the following footnote to the peal in the peal book of Mr. Samuel Lawrence may be of added interest:—

At the same meeting several courses of Treble Bob Maximus was rung on the handbells, and one course on 16, in the Grandsire method by

James Jarvis	...	...	...	...	1.	2.
Thomas Chapman	...	...	...	...	3.	4.
Henry Cooper	...	...	...	...	5.	6.
Thomas Thorstans	...	...	...	...	7.	8.
Joseph Riley	...	...	...	...	9.	10.
Thomas Worrall	...	...	...	...	11.	12.
Samuel Lawrence	...	...	...	...	13.	14.
Alexander Sanders	...	...	...	...	15.	16.

Yours faithfully,

JAS. E. GROVES.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES W. WASHBROOK. ONE OF THE GREATEST RINGERS OF ALL TIME.

The Exercise will learn with deep regret of the death, under tragically sudden circumstances, on Christmas Day, of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester. Mr. Washbrook carried on a dairy business, and while out on his round on Christmas morning was seized with sudden illness, and died before medical aid could reach him.

James William Washbrook was one of the greatest ringers which the Exercise has ever known, and in the opinion of many, he was, in his prime, a man who in all round ability as ringer, conductor and composer, has never been excelled. Born at Oxford on July 27th, 1864, he was attracted to ringing when quite a boy, and rang his first peal in 1880. His extraordinary ability quickly began to make itself manifest, and in a few short years the Exercise recognised that it had in him a born genius. First within the ranks of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and then far outside it, James W. Washbrook was looked upon as the coming man, and quickly did he justify the early opinions formed of his skill.

As a ringer he has never been excelled, and some of his performances stand, even to-day, unrivalled, as they did five-and-twenty years ago. Whatever views may have been held upon the 17,024 Double Norwich Major, which he composed and conducted in 1899 at Kid-



THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

lington, this much may, we think, be said. As a physical feat, Mr. Washbrook's performance in ringing an indifferently going 23 cwt. tenor for eleven hours and a quarter in such a method as Double Norwich Major is still unequalled. Longer lengths and longer times have since been rung, but for endurance the ringing of Kidlington tenor to that peal is a feat which has yet to be beaten.

But in the fifteen years before this, Mr. Washbrook's had been the guiding hand which had made much ringing history. Ringing in the Oxford Guild flourished as it never had before, and so great was his enthusiasm and the demand for his help, that in one year he rang no fewer than 121 peals—an achievement previously unheard of, and, we believe, only once since surpassed. Many record lengths were rung, the great year being 1888. On January 29th of that year he rang in 10,080 Double Norwich Major at Appleton; on February 5th, 12,041 Stedman Caters; and on April 11th, 13,265 Grandsire Caters on the same bells. Then, on the last day of the year, 13,054 Stedman Caters having meantime been rung at Cheltenham, he again took a band to Appleton and rang 15,041 Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 16 mins. In 1892 he called 12,096 Double Norwich Major at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, in an attempt for the extent with the tenors together. In this peal the ringer of the third was taken ill, and Mr. Washbrook not only kept the man in position while ringing his own bell faultlessly, but called the bells home true, at the shorter length. In 1896 he secured the then record peal of London Surprise (11,328) at Drayton, where in one day previously he had called a peal each of Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge—a remarkable achievement in those times. Among the big bell performances which he accomplished, probably the most outstanding was his ringing of the tenor at Wells Cathedral, a nearly three-ton bell, which he turned in to 5,000 of Treble Bob Royal, but there were numerous other cases where, upon dilapidated rings, he would succeed, by skill, coupled with a huge reserve of stamina—he was a man of extraordinary reach and muscles of whipcord—in bringing off a 'forlorn hope.' In 1899 Mr. Washbrook, to the great loss to ringing in England, removed

to Arklow, Co. Wicklow, where he was engaged to train a band of ringers, and remained a considerable number of years. Although he was here severely limited in the scope of his ringing he yet made more history by being the first to ring two tower bells to a peal. He rang the third and fourth through more than one five thousand, and in calling a peal of Stedman Triples from these two bells, each of them over seven cwt., he achieved a feat unprecedented and still unsurpassed.

When he returned from Ireland, Mr. Washbrook took up his residence in Manchester, and in and around that district he gave valuable aid in forwarding the cause of ringing. He was a special friend to learners, and at Miles Platting especially, he will, for that reason, be greatly missed. Unfortunately Mr. Washbrook kept no exact record of his peals, which must have numbered well on toward a thousand. While in Lancashire he rang 86, in addition to others which he took part in in Cheshire, and in the Stoke district. The greater number, however, was rung with the Oxford Guild, and we hope that some means may be found of compiling the record of this truly great ringer.

While he was one of the giants of the belfry, Mr. Washbrook was also a wizard with figures. No matter how intricate the method, he was master of its theory as well as of its practice, and one has only to peruse his letters to the ringing Press of a quarter of a century and more ago to realise the depth of his knowledge. His peals of Stedman alone, mark him as one among the leaders of composition. But as with most men of genius, he had his lapses, due, perhaps, to an over confidence which sometimes comes to great men. But whatever the faults of his otherwise strikingly brilliant ringing career, James William Washbrook was among the greatest, if not the greatest of all ringers of all time.

Personally he was one of the most affable of men, with quiet manner. In the belfry he was without excitement, but always clear headed, confident and determined. He had a large family, and it was only natural that some of his boys should also become ringers. But he had a heavy blow in the war, in which three of his sons died fighting.

On the Saturday before his death Mr. Washbrook presided at a meeting of the Lancashire Association, and afterwards sent messages to several of his London friends—he was a member of the College Youths—by one who was present. Heartfelt sympathy will go out to Mrs. Washbrook and her family in the sad and unexpected loss which they have sustained. James W. Washbrook has gone from us, but he will never be forgotten by those who knew him, and who were helped by his skill and advice.

The funeral took place on Saturday. On Friday evening the body was carried into St. Mark's Church, where it remained until the next day. Here it was that the first part of the service was held, the prayers being read by the Vicar, while the Rev. Canon Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) gave an address. The cortege then went on to Philip's Park Cemetery, where the interment took place. Four policemen ringers, of the Manchester Town Hall company, acted as bearers, and about 40 ringers took part in the funeral procession, most of the local towers being represented, while the vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and committeemen from Bolton and Walkden, were also present. The committal service was taken by the Vicar of St. Mark's and Canon Elsee, and at the close a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave by Messrs. J. Shaw 1-2, A. Barnes 3-4, S. Wood 5-6, F. Page 7-8, H. Chapman 9-10. Afterwards the bells at St. John's, Miles Platting, were rung muffled as a token of respect to one who was highly esteemed there and in many other districts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, December 22nd, twenty-four members attending from Heene, Henfield, West Tarring, Steyning, West Grinstead, Brighton, and members of the local band, together with Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsea). Touches in methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise were practised during the afternoon. At 5 o'clock the company adjourned to Street's Restaurant for tea, where they were met by the Rev. J. F. G. Glossop, Vicar of Shoreham, and the Rev. M. H. O. Brime, curate.

At the business meeting, the Vicar kindly took the chair, and the following new members were elected: The Rev. J. F. G. Glossop (hon. member), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Salisbury Guild), Arthur Gatland and John Paice, of Heene, and the whole of the West Tarring band.

Owing to the fact that it was not possible to hold the September quarterly meeting, it was proposed to hold another meeting next month at West Tarring.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. F. G. Glossop for presiding and granting the use of the bells, the Vicar replying.

The members then attended a short service, at which an address was given by the Vicar. The tower was afterwards again visited, but owing to illness in the vicinity further ringing had to be abandoned, late arrivals not getting a change for a pull.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

THE LONGEST SURPRISE ROYAL PEAL.**FINE PERFORMANCE AT WALTHAMSTOW.**

The attempt by members of the Middlesex County Association for the 10.440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow on Boxing Day was, we are pleased to state, entirely successful, the peal being accomplished in 6 hrs. 55 mins. There was a great deal of high-class ringing in the peal, as might be expected from such a band, which contained some 'old campaigners.'

The peal consisted of the 29 courses composed by the Rev. H. Law James, and is by far the longest length rung in a Surprise method on ten bells. It was a very fine performance, and congratulations will go out to the band who have thus made a new departure in long peal ringing.

Although the 29 courses contain the extent in the method with the four big bells fixed, longer lengths can be got by moving the 7th, and, if a tower is available, it may not be long before this performance at Walthamstow is challenged. At any rate, there is scope for any enterprising band to go one better in regard to length. In the quality of the ringing they will find it very difficult to excel the performance of Boxing Day.

CHUDLEIGH BELLS DEDICATED.**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR SOUTH DEVON.**

On the Thursday before Christmas the Bishop of Exeter dedicated the restored and augmented peal at Chudleigh, Devon. Originally there was a peal of six cast in 1781 by the Penningtons; they are now one of the finest peals of eight at their weight in the county. The two trebles have been given, one by Mr. John Whiteway, the churchwarden, and the other by Mrs. Oldham, in memory of her husband, Mr. Ernest Haslope Oldham, who died in 1917, and their son, John Haslope Oldham, who was killed in Flanders in 1915.

In addition three of the old bells have been recast, and the whole ring tuned on the five-tone principle. The tenor is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F. The bells are hung in a massive all-steel frame, and the parishioners are delighted with their new acquisition. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out the work in a manner that has given the greatest satisfaction, and it is pleasing to state that the whole cost of the restoration, some £700, was raised before the dedication. The ceremony was attended by a large congregation.

A ringers' festival has been arranged to take place at Chudleigh on Saturday, January 19th, to which all ringers are cordially invited.

DEATH OF MR. G. BYOLIN.**LOSS TO SHREWSBURY RINGING.**

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Geo. Byolin, which occurred somewhat tragically, on Monday, December 17th. Mr. Byolin, who was 70 years of age, and lived in Abbey Foregate, walked to Castle Fields on Monday morning, and was suddenly taken ill in Severn Street. He was removed to a house close by and given stimulants, but died within a few minutes from heart failure.

Mr. Byolin was well known to a large number of public representatives in the county, since formerly for many years he filled the post of caretaker at the Shirehall, where his close attention to duty and his courtesy won for him universal respect. He retired about eight years ago. He was also known in other spheres, being an accomplished performer on the bass cello. He was a member of Shrewsbury Orchestral Society, and of the old Shropshire Artillery Band for many years. He was also an enthusiastic bell ringer at St. Alkmund's and other churches, and was tower keeper for several years at St. Alkmund's. He it was who revived change ringing in Shrewsbury in the year 1895, it having been 31 years since a peal was rung in the town prior to that date. All his peals were Grand-sire. He rang one at Wem, four at St. Alkmund's and two at St. Chad's, making seven in all, of which he conducted six. His last peal was at St. Alkmund's, which he conducted, on May 1st, 1910, rung muffled to the memory of H.M. King Edward VII. It was Mr. Byolin who started the ringing of Stedman Triples at Shrewsbury, but he never scored a peal in this method, although he made several attempts. He was a safe ringer and conductor, and an excellent striker. It was only on Sunday evening, December 16th, at St. Chad's, he called his last touch of Stedman Triples, a 252, and on December 9th, on his 70th birthday, he called a 1,381 Stedman Caters, the ringers being G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, G. Jones 7, D. J. Boucher 8, C. R. Lilley 9, J. Evan 10.

The deceased did not commence to ring Double Norwich until he was turned 69, but was quite at home with it. He took part in June last in a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques, the first for over a century by a local company at Shrewsbury. Mr. Byolin has done a lot of spade work, as ringers in the county are few and far between.

Mr. Byolin was a ringer at St. Chad's Church for over 50 years with the Union Society. He was born in St. Chad's parish. His place will be hard to fill at St. Chad's belfry. He was an officer of the Guild, and was proud to see a move made in the advanced methods. A floral wreath was sent by his comrades of St. Chad's Society.

DEDICATION OF THE RING OF SIX AT ORSTON.**AN INTERESTING CHURCH AND BELLS.**

On Saturday, December 8th, the Dean of Lincoln dedicated the new ring of six bells at Orston, Nottinghamshire. At the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Sturton—himself a keen ringer—some 60 to 70 members of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association attended the ceremony, the public tea in the Village Hall, and the concert which followed. A special band, organised by Mr. W. E. White (of Cotgrave) rang the bells at the actual dedication, and again immediately after the service, whilst all visiting ringers had an opportunity of taking part in the many touches of Minor that were subsequently rung. The ringers present included Messrs. A. Coppock (district vice-president), W. E. White, W. White, A. Palmer, A. Mackears, T. Squires, H. Cloxton, F. Blood (district hon. secretary), W. A. Jones (secretary of the North Notts Association), and Mr. C. F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon), the towers of Beeston, Bottesford, Bulwell, Long Bennington, Cotgrave, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Greasley, Southwell, St. Peter's, Nottingham, Old Basford, etc., being represented.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. D. Hill (East Bridgford)—another ringing clergyman—H. R. Hutt (Bingham), H. A. Kerridge (Scarrington), J. E. Ferris (Car Colston) and E. J. Dawson (Whetton).

In his address, the Dean reminded the congregation that bells were a Christian discovery, and that bell ringing, as we know it, is entirely an English institution. Belgium had its carillons, but there was nothing like our change ringing in any other country. The ringers should feel that from the moment that the bells begin to ring the service starts. He hoped that they would in the future encourage the younger generation to realise all that this memorial stood for; they would be ungrateful indeed if they did not go away from that service feeling that they had done something by the provision of these additional bells and the restoration of the old ones to bind the memory of those who fell in the war with their continual worship and thanks to God for their preservation.

The concert which followed the tea was almost entirely provided by ringers of the district—Messrs. A. Coppock, W. C. Hunt, W. Taylor and W. White—and was much appreciated by the villagers and visitors.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sturton) took the opportunity of expressing his delight with the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who had already three other excellent examples of their work in that neighbourhood. He wished to compliment Mr. Johnston, who was present, on the way the bells had been hung, and the way in which they had been tuned. He felt that all the ringers present that day agreed with him that for their weight the new ring of six could not be surpassed either in 'tone' or 'go.'

Of the old four bells, the tenor has been recast and increased in weight, two new trebles added, and the whole hung with new ball bearings, iron headstocks and fittings in a new massive steel and cast-iron frame. The tenor now weighs 9½ cwt., and the inscriptions run as follows:—

No. 1.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.

No. 2.—1914-1918. In memory of those who fell I call to prayer and praise. 1923. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

No. 3.—God save the Church, 1621.

No. 4.—God save the Church, our Queene and Realm, and send us peace in Christ. Amen. 1599.

No. 5.—God save His Church. I. Moltby, W. Brousom, Churchwardens, 1730.

No. 6.—All men who hear my mournful sound, repent before you lie in ground. Recast Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.

In view of the historical interest of the church itself, the following description by the Vicar is appended.

The Church of St. Mary, Orston, is a very interesting structure, built of rubble, in narrow courses, and comprises nave with clerestory, north and south aisles, south porch, chancel and western tower. The south aisle and the chancel were restored during the years 1886-1890, and the nave and north aisle during the years 1912-1914, the reopening by the Bishop of Southwell taking place in May of the latter year. The Rev. Edward Trollope, F.S.A., writing in 1864, says of this church, 'Evidently neglected for many years its ruin was absolutely threatened by the removal of its ancient tower which served to consolidate the whole fabric, and the erection of the smaller substitute mars the external beauty of this old church.' The tower rebuilt of ashlar in the year 1766, is inscribed Jno. Kettleborough, Thos. Taylor, 1766. Originally there were four bells, cast in the old field foundry at Nottingham. The tenor has been for many years cracked, and has now been recast with about 1½ cwt. of added metal, and the whole peal has been rehung with the addition of two trebles in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

On the ancient fourth bell under the word 'our' is a bas-relief portrait of our Saviour in profile, taken from a medallion made in Florence in the year 1460, and does not appear on any other known bell.

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WEST WYCOMBE BELLS. LOCAL FAMILY'S GENEROSITY.

As already briefly recorded, the restored and augmented peal of bells at West Wycombe Church were dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham at a service which was largely attended. The bells had been rehung in a new frame and two trebles added to complete the octave. Hitherto the tower had contained only six bells, dating back a considerable number of years, and for quite a long time these have been in need of rehanging. This work at last became imperative and a Church Restoration Committee being formed three years ago and working hard ever since has been the means of it being accomplished without debt. In this purpose they were joined by the descendants of the late Mr. Charles Hodsdon, a former resident of West Wycombe village, who wished to honour his memory by some definite contribution to the equipment of the Parish Church. It was thus arranged that they should supply two new bells to complete the peal of eight, and the Restoration Committee, to justify this gift, then set itself out to provide a new frame to rehang the whole of the bells. Up till the time of the dedication the donors of the bells had remained anonymous and it was with great pleasure that the public learned, when the names were disclosed, that the gift was associated with such an old West Wycombe family. The new bells bear the following inscription: 'In memory of Charles Hodsdon; born 1809; died 1891.'

The first part of the dedication service was held in the church, after which the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. W. Upton Wooler), the curate (the Rev. C. M. Rae), Messrs. J. Webb and W. A. Day (churchwardens), with the choir and bell ringers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodsdon, Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taplin, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Butler, Mrs. H. G. Butler, Mrs. Booth, Mr. C. A. Butler, Mrs. L. Pitcher, Misses N. and E. Hodsdon, Mrs. Youens, Mrs. L. Hodsdon, and others, mounted to the belfry. Here the new bells and bell frame were dedicated by the Bishop, Mr. Day (people's warden) handing his lordship the ropes which he gave to the Vicar with a solemn charge that the bells should be used for no other purpose than that for which they were dedicated. Before returning to the nave, a few rounds were rung on the bells by the West Wycombe ringers, assisted by friends, and immediately afterwards a short address was given by the Bishop. As the congregation were leaving the church four courses of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells by the ringers; this being followed by several other touches later in the evening.

After the service the members of the Restoration Committee, and others, were entertained to tea in the Memorial Hall.

Mr. Day outlined the work which had been done to achieve the result which had been reached that day, and referred to the generous assistance which had been given by Mr. A. E. Taplin and the family of the late Mr. Hodsdon.

The financial statement showed that £216 11s. 6d. had been raised by various efforts, and to this was added £137 0s. 6d. from the donors in respect of new bells, inscription and memorial tablet, making a total of £253 12s. Out of this £481 8s. 5d. had been expended on repairs to the church tower, church loft, and work in the churchyard, and there was due for payment £269 10s. 6d. for reframing and rehanging bells, and £137 0s. 6d. for the new bells and tablet. To meet this sum of £406 11s. they had £472 3s. 7d. in hand (aplaus).

After other speeches had been made, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild, said although he had travelled from Yorkshire that day, and had arrived too late for the service in church, he was, however, in time to hear the bells rung. He considered West Wycombe had now two very nice new bells, completing a fine peal. He had tried all the bells singly, and they went very well indeed. He was also pleased with the way the work had been done, and he was sure the frame would last a good deal longer than the life of the youngest person present that day. The whole thing was a credit to Mr. White and Messrs. Mears. He congratulated the parish on having such a peal of bells, and hoped they would soon have a good band of change ringers to ring them (applause).

The company were afterwards entertained by handbells ringers from High Wycombe and the West Wycombe Glee Party.

A memorial tablet placed in the belfry comprises a brass plate with the following inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Hodsdon of this parish; born 1809, died 1891. Two bells to complete a peal of eight bells were presented in 1923 by his children and grandchildren.'

LONDON SURPRISE WELCOMES NEW VICAR.

On Wednesday, December 19th, 1923, the Rev. Arnold Frederick Judd, late of Westward Ho! was instituted and inducted to the living of St. George's, Willon, by the Bishop of Taunton, assisted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. D. J. Pring). Several clergymen of the neighbourhood also attended, together with a large congregation. To celebrate the event, 720 of London Surprise Minor was rung by the following: A. S. Wyatt 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. W. Hayward 3, A. Wyatt 4, G. Coles 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in this intricate method by a resident band west of Bristol.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Among the touches rung for the Christmas Festival were the following:—

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for Christmas morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Heath 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, E. Coombes 6, W. Bolton 7, E. Stith 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Christmas Day, at Trimpey Hall, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins., on handbells: G. H. Edwards 1, A. Allen 2, T. Butler, senr., 3-4, T. R. Butler (conductor) 5-6, W. S. Higginson 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Edwards.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: R. Holder 1, H. Hammond 2, E. Harman 3, F. Hammond 4, E. Bishop 5, W. Rogers (conductor) 6, C. Brazier 7, W. Holder 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, T. Ricketts (Swindon) 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. T. Newington (Cambridge) 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8.

BRISTOL.—On Christmas Day, for service, at SS. Philip and Jacob Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss A. Brown (conductor) 1, E. J. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. E. Tyler 4, I. Long 5, H. N. Way (Maidstone) 6, P. C. Williams 7, G. Willshire 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Doubles, being 4 six-scores of Grandsire and 2 of Plain Bob: K. Willers 1, A. Wilson 2, F. Haynes 3, H. Wilson 4, W. Rayner (conductor) 5.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, at St. Michael's, Bath, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Densley 1, Miss N. Williams 2, G. Temple 3, A. Prince 4, H. Brown 5, G. Harding 6, R. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

LEICESTER.—On Christmas Day, at the Church of the Holy Saviour, 644 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): T. Drury 1, W. Whitehead (conductor) 2, A. Vernon 3, G. Straw 4, A. Cattell 5, W. H. Clarke 6, A. Briggs 7, W. Tanser 8.—504 Grandsire Triples: L. Whitehead 1, A. Briggs 2, W. Whitehead 3, G. Straw 4, W. Tanser 5, W. H. Clarke (conductor) 6, A. Cattell 7, E. Whitehead 8.—On Sunday, December 30th, for Matins, 462 (from Holt's Original): T. Drury 1, W. Whitehead (conductor) 2, A. Vernon 3, W. Tanser 4, J. Vernon 5, W. H. Clarke 6, A. Briggs 7, E. Tanser 8.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings), in 45 mins.: G. Hales 1, H. Crow 2, W. Faulkner 3, J. Townsend 4, F. Newman (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 5.

DUFFIELD.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Warrington 1, W. Bates 2, G. Bradley 3, Corpl. A. Hill 4, H. Hill 5, S. Dawson 6, H. Letts (conductor) 7, R. P. Faulkner (first quarter-peal) 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Mills 1, K. Gordon 2, F. Castle 3, F. Verney 4, A. Tanton 5, G. Webb 6, Louis Head (conductor) 7, A. Webb 8.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—On Christmas Day, for mid-day service, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Halton 1, T. Scot 2, F. Hatton 3, R. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. Boyce 5, William Hopkins 6.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., after failing in a peal attempt: H. Parker (first quarter) 1, A. Booth 2, H. Yarwood 3, T. Wilkinson 4, J. Ashmore 5, Rev. W. R. Ingham (first quarter in the method) 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, S. Moore, junr., 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Jenner 1, J. Heasman (conductor) 2, W. Leigh 3, E. Collison 4, E. Leigh, junr., 5, G. Malyon 6, A. Beeton 7, E. Leigh, senr., 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. E. Jenner and E. Collison.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Heasman 1, A. Beeton 2, W. Leigh 3, E. Collison 4, E. Leigh 5, G. Malyon 6, J. W. Steady (conductor) 7, E. Jenner 8.

DEATH OF MR J. L. WELLS.

From complications following double pneumonia, Mr. James L. Wells, of Birmingham, died on December 27th. Mr. Wells was well known in Midland ringing circles, and for some years held office in the St. Martin's Guild.

The funeral took place at Loughborough on Tuesday.

On Monday evening a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's as a last token of respect to Mr. Wells and the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. Lawrence 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, H. Wincoke 5, F. Goodfellow 6, J. Clark 7, J. W. Fruin 8. Specially arranged with much pleasure for Mr. Clark, of Ross Herefordshire.

NOTICES.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. A good attendance is particularly desired.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, January 5th, to inaugurate the above Guild, and to elect officers. Service in Parish Church 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, January 5th. New peal of 8 bells (dedicated December 27th), available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea (complimentary) at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea please write Friday, January 4th, to F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for January, 1924:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m.; Monday, 7th, 6.30 p.m.; Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 14th, 7.30 p.m. *Quarterly meeting at Headquarters, 8.30 p.m. Annual meeting February 9th.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem, 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Audley on Jan. 12th next.—A. Vaughan, 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Local Secretary, Weston Road, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. Canon Elsee will unveil a peal board at this meeting. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.—William Horan Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Service at 4. Sermon by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of Guild. Tea and meeting to follow in All Saints' Church House at 4.45. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting. Ringers intending to be present at tea please notify, not later than Jan. 5th, F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick Parish Church, on Saturday, January 12th, when members and visitors are welcomed. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea as usual, and please let me know by 7th those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Nelson on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Mears & Stainbank) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Tower open at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea given by the Vicar at the Institute (opposite the Church) after the service. Will all those intending being at the tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, January 8th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Belfry open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30. General meeting to follow tea. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. J. Baker, 28, Station Road, Ilkeston, not later than Friday, January 11th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Commence 6 p.m. Full details will be given later. Tickets, 6/-, may be obtained now from any of the Bristol Towers, Stewards, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on January 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea provided for those only notifying me by January 9th.—A. Tomkins, Dist. Sec., Bredenbury, Bromyard.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m., followed by tea, 1s. each. Service at 6 p.m.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION (Kettering District) **AND THE LADIES' GUILD** (Northants Branch).—A combined quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Jan. 8th.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Jan. 12th. The usual service and tea arrangements will hold good. Ringers requiring tea should notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Abbey bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly given by the Vicar (Rev. E. F. Smith, M.A.). Business meeting to follow. Will all those in-

tending to be present please notify me by the 8th inst.?
—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, near Cheltenham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at Spread Eagle Hotel, Hereford, on Monday, Jan. 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, which must be applied for by Jan. 11th. Chairman, J. G. Buchanan, Esq.; vice-chairman, Rev. G. W. Turner. —A. E. Gwynne, Hon. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Hereford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 17th and 31st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea, if notified by 12th. Will members and friends please endeavour to attend?—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each, at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea please advise me by the 15th inst.? The District Committee will meet in the Vestry at 4.15 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wood Green, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Stokes. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 15th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Service 4.45. Meeting and tea at Angel Hotel 5.30. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome.—Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Branch Sec., Calne, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5. Meeting and tea at 6. The Bishop of Liverpool will give the address. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. All ringers will be welcomed.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting at Wingham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Further particulars next week. —Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Harborne Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Jan.

16th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, at 6.45 p.m. A first-class musical programme will be given. All ringers and ringers' friends heartily welcome. All applications for tickets (3/9 each) to be made not later than Tuesday, January 22nd, to W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. A tea will be provided 1/- per head for those who notify me, not later than January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley (St. Mary's) on Saturday, January 12th. Tea 1/6 each. Apply Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Est. 1755.)—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 8 p.m. The bells of St. Martin's will be available from 6.30 to 7.45.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The eight bells of Tettenhall Church, near Wolverhampton, which have been recast and rehung with all new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnson, of Croydon, are to be dedicated at the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 13th.

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