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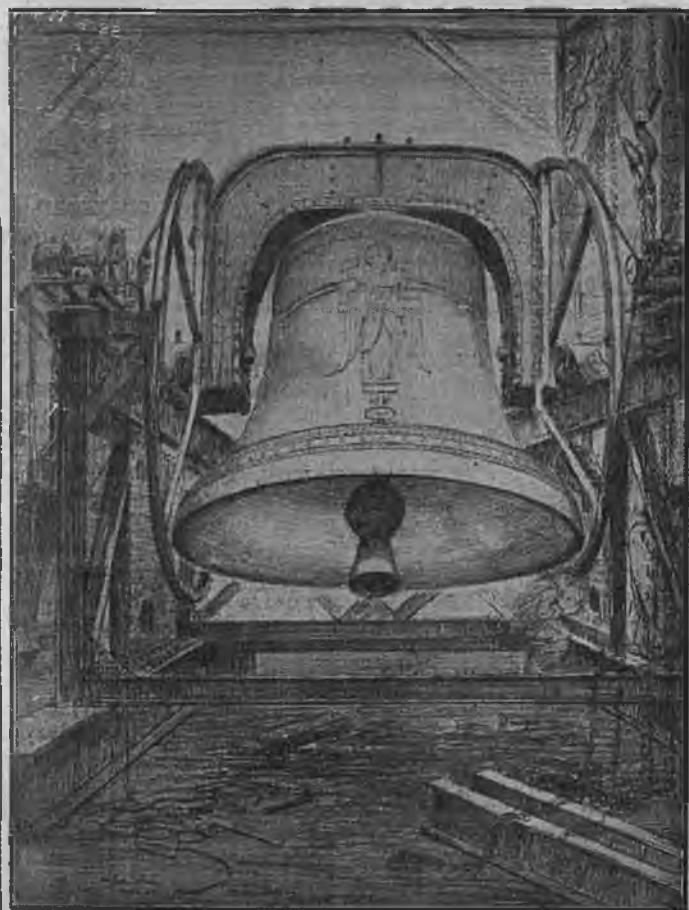
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### BELL RESTORATION APPEALS.

The columns of 'The Ringing World' have ever been open for the making of appeals, either on behalf of distressed members of the Exercise, or to assist ringers in their efforts to raise funds for bell restoration or augmentation. It is always a pleasure to bring these appeals to the notice of our readers, for it gives an opportunity to those who are able and willing to do so to lend a helping hand. These, however, are days when, with depression in industry and vast unemployment, the resources of ringers, in common with other classes, are depleted, and not all have anything to spare for outside objects. Yet, whenever these appeals are made, how much might be done if everyone who is earning a regular wage would contribute even a shilling? Except where the cases have a direct human appeal, however, requests for help are frequently passed over as being of no concern of the reader, because they do not happen to relate to some tower which he knows or which is in his own association's area; yet there is at the back of all these appeals a genuine need for help, and help which could be given in many cases without much, if any, sacrifice on the part of the giver. There are those cases, for instance, where impoverished parishes are anxious to have their bells set in order and are absolutely without the means of raising sufficient funds locally to do the work; and cases where, with the parish already giving its utmost to carry out a scheme of restoration, an opportunity presents itself for effecting further improvement if only outsiders will come to the aid of the local people.

Such an appeal as this appears in our present issue. The little Worcestershire agricultural village of Hinton-on-the-Green is spending all the money it can raise at home upon putting its bells in order and adding another to make them into a peal of six. Simultaneously an offer comes of a new bell if the ring is made into eight. The opportunity seems too good to be missed, for that part of Worcestershire is sadly handicapped by want of a handy octave for eight-bell practice. The task of raising the rest of the funds, therefore, falls largely upon the shoulders of the ringers, who, for years, have steadfastly discharged their duties to the church and maintained a band of double numerical strength and more to ensure that the bells should be regularly rung on Sundays. Is this not one of the cases, therefore, where not only members of the Worcestershire Association, who took such an admirable share in the recasting of their Cathedral bells, but members of the Exercise generally should lend a helping hand to further, as they undoubtedly would, the art of ringing in a district which promises

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well to repay any effort made to assist it? Many of us are apt to spend shillings without thought upon personal trifles of no consequence. We should be doing some real service to our art sometimes if, when restoration appeals are made, we diverted what would otherwise be a promiscuously spent shilling to a channel in which it could help to do some permanent good. We hope there will be a ready response to the appeal from Hinton-on-the-Green, in substantial sums by all means, if possible, and in those small contributions from the multitude, which would not only count up to a considerable total, but show a spirit of goodwill in an undertaking which, at the moment, is a venture of faith and a project which will enable its sponsors to carry on their work with greater scope, if not more worthily, than in the past.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... 4	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
*STANLEY MOSS ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First 'touch' of Pudsey Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

*CHARLES MOUNSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 2	J. D. G. HARRIS ... .. 7
LOUIS S. GRIFFITH ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 8
*†ALBERT COLLINS ... .. 4	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 9
WALTER FARLEY ... .. 5	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters with an 'inside' bell.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE HAWKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 6
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 2	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 3	ALBERT HAWKINS ... .. 8
KENNETH KNOWLES ... .. 4	REGINALD LEWIS... .. 9
PERCY JONES ... .. 5	ALBERT THOMAS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5	ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

JACK ROBERTS ... .. 6	JOHN BERRY ... .. 6
LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 3	HENRY W. L. WELLS... .. 8
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELS ... 4	WALTER TRUEMAN ... .. 9
HERBERT W. BISHOP ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. J. GARDINER

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BROCE BERRINGTON ... .. 5	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	*JOHN E. RANGLES ... .. 6
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 7
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Major.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR HOME ... .. 5	JOHN WOOD ... .. 5
HARRY ALLEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3	RICHARD C. CLARK ... .. 7
HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 4	LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by LESLIE J. CLARK.

\* First peal of Major. Rung on the front eight, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Frederick J. Tolworthy, who passed away on November 6th. The deceased had for several years been a ringer at the Cathedral, and formerly lived in Suffolk.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, LRESFIELD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES ALBISON ... .. 5	HARRY CORSER ... .. 5
WALTER EGERTON ... .. 2	WALTER HOWARTH ... .. 6
ERNEST MOORES ... .. 3	ABRAHAM BROMLEY ... .. 7
SYDNEY GOULDEN ... .. 4	OGDEN MOORES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by O. MOORES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the Armistice. First peal in the method by all, and first peal as conductor.

YATELEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MAJOR J. G. STILWELL ... Treble	*GEORGE IVES ... .. 5
GEORGE BUTLER ... .. 2	*ALBERT GOOLALL ... .. 6
HAROLD TICE ... .. 3	SYDNEY RIDDELL ... .. 7
*CYRIL BUNCH ... .. 4	*ALBERT HEARMON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by G. BUTLER.

\* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung by the local band as a complimentary peal to the president of the band, Mr. S. Riddell, by whom all the ringers were taught. This is the first peal by the Basingstoke district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Monday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: E. Stitch (conductor) 1, E. Cook 2, A. Ham 3, C. Weare 4, W. E. Wiseman 5, A. Hunt 6.

LAPIS REPROBATUS CAPUT ANGULI

MASONIC PEAL.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BY MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE DOMINIONS AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

JOHN CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Brother CANON G. F. COLERIDGE, P.M. Valentinia Lodge, No. 623, P. Grand Chaplain, Secretary and Registrar of Marks, No. 623. ... .. Treble
„ GEORGE H. ARCHARD, P.M. Chaloner Lodge, No. 599, P. Prov. Senior Grand Deacon, Wilts. ... .. 2
„ CHARLES H. JENNINGS, United Service Lodge, No. 634. 3
„ W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, P.M. Sanitarian Lodge, No. 786. P.A.G.I.G. Debenham Lodge, No. 636. Panmure Lodge, No. 139. W.M. Macdonald Lodge, No. 104. P. Prov. Grand Warden, Herts. ... .. 4
„ ERNEST BISHOP, P.M. Swindon Keystone Lodge, No. 401. P. Prov. Grand Warden, Wilts. ... .. 5
„ JAMES H. SHEPHERD, P.M. Swindon Keystone Lodge, No. 401. P. Prov. Grand Registrar, Wilts. ... .. 6
„ ARTHUR PRINCE, P.M. D.C. Talbot Lodge, No. 179. Wiltshire Keystone Lodge, No. 178. Langley Lodge, No. 28. Royal Cumberland Lodge, Time Immemorial, Provincial Grand Registrar, S. Wales 7
„ W. S. BURBIDGE, P.M. Chaloner Lodge, No. 599. Secretary No. 599. P. Prov. Senior Grand War- den, Wilts. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wor. Bro. ARTHUR PRINCE, Prov. G. Reg.

GRATIA DOMINE TIBI : BENE STUDIOIMUS, OPUS PEREGIMUS.

The first peal rung by Mark Master Masons. It was most gratifying to the brethren that Very Worshipful Bro. Canon G. F. Coleridge was able to take part on this occasion, it being three years and three months since he rang his last peal. This peal commemorated his 73rd birthday, and the brethren wished him many happy returns. He has been Secretary and Registrar of Marks of the Valentinia Lodge for eleven years.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*HARRY A. HOVERD ... .. 5
LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
*RICHARD SMITH ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Cambridge with an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. Smith and C. W. Roberts.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 5
THOMAS JONES ... .. 2	ALFRED W. FROST ... .. 6
JOHN BRIERLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES OLLIER... .. 7
ERNEST GARSIDE... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.  
First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowden Branch.

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On Monday, November 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
* JOHN A. WAUGH ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6
* JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 3	* RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal in the method.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 3	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the wedding of the respected  
steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Stanning.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MADRICE SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	RICHARD W. DRAGE ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late  
Mr. Percy Hancock, who had been a respected sidesman of the above  
church for a number of years.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method in the county and for the Suffolk Guild;  
also first in the method by all the band and rung at the first at-  
tempt.

LEWISHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
* JACK DAFTERS ... .. 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN H. CHANCE ... .. Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... .. 5
CYRIL HERBERT ... .. 2	DOUGLAS HARRISS ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.  
Rung half-muffled in memory of 'our friend and president,' the  
Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	WALTER BARRETT ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
* CYRIL BARBER ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 4	† TOWNSON ADCOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. POLLITT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Kent. 600th peal by conductor.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... .. 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... .. 6
EDWARD E. ROBBINS ... .. 3	LESLIE W. BACON ... .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES:

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	† ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ... 5
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 2	† FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
* ROYDEN DAVIS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... .. Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
† WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	* WILLIAM WALKER ... .. 6
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
CHARLES SMITH ... .. 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN. 9

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the  
treble. First peal in the method by the local band. It is 24 years  
since the first Surprise peal was rung by the local band at this  
church. Four of the above took part in it, viz., G. Martin, A. Mar-  
tin, W. Walker and J. Eldridge.

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PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
 THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
 On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BAKER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH FLAVELL ... .. 5
*FREDERICK WARR ... .. 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 6
ERIC N. SANT ... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON ... .. 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 4	JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

\* First peal inside.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
 On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... .. Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 5
*ERNEST E. PICKERING ... .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 6
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 3	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4	T. HENRY WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First Major peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Miss Ellen West, a worshipper at this church, who was interred in the churchyard prior to the peal. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to peals. This composition had 188 singles and 8 dobs.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
 THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
 (ELLOE DEANERIE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. 5
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM HOLLINGWOOD ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 3	*HARRY NICHOLS... .. 7
*GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLS.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal for G. W. Simpson.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.  
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 7
WALTER THOMAS... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

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

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED REYNOLDS ... .. Treble	SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2	JOHN BASS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
JOSEPH H. COX ... .. 4	PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 30 mins.: J. Cheery 1, H. Brackley 2, J. Puplett 3, F. C. Reeve 4, H. Bull 5, C. Badrick 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. The changes were on the middle six. First 720 in the method by all except the 3rd ringer.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.  
 THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS RUBY HAZELL ... .. Treble	MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 6
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 7
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... .. 4	MRS. A. D. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

\* First peal in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
 On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 6
*JAMES S. REDHEAD ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM M. RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	HIGHWOOD S. HEMPHREY ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.  
 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
 (MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMOND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble	PORTER PECKETT ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	ERNEST MASTIN ... .. 5
*ERNEST HARRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor and on the bells since they were rehung in 1929. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day, also for Mr. Walter Scott, who was buried at the above church earlier in the day.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
 THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Original, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE ... .. Treble	WILFRID E. BROOKES ... .. 4
JOHN F. FOX... .. 2	THOMAS G. COOKE ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. JAINE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. JAINE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the men of the parish who lost their lives in the war, 1914-1918. Also as a memorial peal to the late Mrs. F. Jaine, of Kimbolton, wife of a former conductor in the tower. The conductor of this peal and the ringer of tenor are sons, and the ringer of treble a grandson of Mrs. Jaine, who was interred at Kimbolton the previous Saturday.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHELOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings.

CHARLES COX ... .. Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 2	ERNEST COX ... .. 5
CECIL COX ... .. 3	HARRY E. COX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COX.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of four six-scores each of New Doubles, Old Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT MONTON ... .. Treble	REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... .. 3
RONALD C. COLEMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE MIDDLETON ... .. 4
GEORGE S. F. BROWN ... Tenor	

Conducted by R. WILLIAMSON.

All the band reside at Pynchley and are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church of All Saints. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary by an entirely local band.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

I. ROWLANDS ... .. Treble	T. MERRETT ... .. 5
*MISS R. LANE ... .. 2	*J. ROWLANDS ... .. 6
G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	R. PEARCE ... .. 7
S. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	F. MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with 7.6.8 covering and the bells half-muffled. Miss Lane is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor different callings.

*FRANK COX ... .. Treble	FRANK BURGESS ... .. 3
GEORGE PARKER ... .. 2	THOMAS WISE ... .. 4
ISAAC BENNETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

HERBERT ROBERTS ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRYLAND ... .. 4
GEORGE CASE ... .. 2	JOHN TILSTON ... .. 5
JOHN HUGHES ... .. 3	THOMAS GUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GUEST.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to George Case.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... .. 4
HENRY E. COX ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

STANDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

A. PHILLIPS ... .. Treble	S. CARTER ... .. 4
MISS NORA WELCH ... .. 2	B. PATMORE ... .. 5
*J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	J. WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

\* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 from Little Munden, 2 and 5 from Bennington, and 5 from Great Munden.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's in 16 methods, viz.: (1) Morpeth and Alnwick, (2) Northumberland and Carlisle, (3) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) London, Cuneacastle and Wells, (7) Norwich. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR T. HOLMES ... .. Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... .. 4
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

The largest number of Surprise methods rung by the Guild in one peal.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 22 six-scores, five 240's of Pitman's and five 240's of Morris', twenty callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

OWEN DAVIES ... .. Treble	EDMUND MORRIS ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	JAMES RANDLE ... .. 5
ERIC R. WEBB ... .. 3	CHARLES WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a thankoffering to the donors of the treble bell, which was given as a memorial to the late Mrs. C. T. Hunt, an hon. member of the Guild.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 College Exercise, two each of Plain Hob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	*FRANK W. SHYNN ... .. 4
BERNARD C. MANN ... .. 2	CHARLES J. MANN ... .. 5
ALFRED APPLETON ... .. 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

\* First peal. Arranged for E. P. Buckingham, of Blackmore. It was 21 years since the brothers Buckingham rang their last peal together.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

ALBERT H. STEBBINGS ... Treble	HARRY STEBBINGS ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY ... .. 2	HARRY S. BARKER ... .. 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal on the bells by a local band, who are all Sunday service ringers, and their first attempt.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCS.—At St. Augustine's Church, on November 11th, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings): F. Summerton 1, A. Moseley 2, C. Harrison 3, C. Smith (conductor) 4, H. Maycroft 5, A. Thomas 6. All the above ringers are members of local Sunday service band of ringers.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, November 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*  
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. PHILPOTT.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.  
 WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2 | RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 5-6  
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | \*GEORGE S. CLODE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

First peal on handbells by the Guild. \* First peal 'in hand.'  
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Melville's mother.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, November 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,*  
 AT ASHLEY DALE, 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES!**

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2 | JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 5-6  
 JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 3-4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire: Miss LEACH, of Bramley.

First peal in the method on handbells by the ringer of 7-8. It  
 is 33 years since the ringer of 3-4 rang his last peal on handbells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, November 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*  
 AT 23, GREEK STREET.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 20 in E.  
 FREDERICK PAGE ... 1-2 | ALFRED BARNES ... 7-8  
 HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM JACKSON ... 9-10  
 ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6 | PETER LAFLIN ... 11-12

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

**A MID-WEEK MEETING.**

A very enjoyable and encouraging joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, November 19th, when no less than 15 parishes were represented, viz., Cheshunt, Brockley, Enfield (St. Andrew's), Harlow, Harlow Common, Edmonton, Hertford, Walthamstow, Leytonstone, Stortford, Romford, Hunsdon, Ware, Hoddesdon and Little Mundon.

The Vicar gave an address, and went to considerable trouble to secure the choir and organist for the service. He was heartily thanked for his and their help, which made a bright and happy service.

Some very good ringing was done, ranging from a plain course of Grandsire Triples to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, and several received great help in the practical side of the art.

This new venture of holding a mid-week meeting for those whose work prevents attendance on Saturdays has proved the great usefulness of the movement, and will no doubt be kept up. It is hoped to hold the next at St. Andrew's, Enfield, in January.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Steyning on Saturday, November 15th. Although there was not a large gathering of members, some good practice was put in in methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise Major. Twenty-five put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening, representing the following towers: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd), Hæne, Kirdford, Itchingfield, Henfield, Lewes, Horsham, Shoreham, Warnham, and members of the local band.

Tea was partaken of at the Railway Hotel, and at the business meeting, with Mr. Walter Charman presiding, the following new members were elected: Messrs. William Morey, Eric Morey, Frank King, Ronald Childs, and Harold Trower, of Henfield, Frank Halstead, Alex Hancorn and Horace Gardener, of Shoreham.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the Vicar and Mr. W. Hills, for making local arrangements, were passed, and the ringers then returned to the belfry, where the bells were kept going until eight o'clock, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On November 15th, 720 Munden Surprise: Cecil N. Austin (first 720) 1. Miss K. Willers 2. J. W. Ward 3. A. E. Austin 4. F. Harper 5. E. H. Finch (conductor) 6

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

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

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

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The marriage will take place at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London, to-morrow, at 2.15 p.m., of Mr. Cyril Frederick Johnston (son of the late Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston and of Mrs. Johnston, of Broadwater, Addiscombe, Croydon), head of the Croydon Bell Foundry, and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evelyn O'Leary, of Sydney House, Bedford Park, W.

Sh-h-h, not a word! Mr. James George, who yesterday celebrated his 77th birthday, has been put in the parish stocks! This happened at Painswick, and the painful incident might have remained unnoticed had it not been for a press photographer who passed at the moment. The picture of the prisoner undergoing his 'sentence' is now on record for all time in the 'Gloucester Journal.'

'A first peal by all' has been rung at Badgeworth, Gloucestershire. This is always a creditable performance, and in this case there were five young members of the band, and the peal was in three methods of Doubles. The tower owes much of its progress to Mr. W. Yeend, secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who started a young band at this church between four and five years ago.

William Doughty Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor and famous Sherwood Youth, died on November 29th, 1899. His interesting peal book is still preserved.

The first peal by Mark Master Masons, which we record this week, recalls the fact that the first Freemasons' peal was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Clement Danes, London, on December 4th, 1319.

On November 27th, 1789, the London Scholars rang a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill.

Members of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association are reminded of the altered date of the Redcliffe meeting, which is now to be held on December 6th.

## THE MAITLAND KELLY MEMORIAL.

### COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS.

The Devon Guild decided at the last annual meeting to provide a permanent memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, in recognition of his lifelong unselfish devotion to its welfare.

The general committee has considered carefully various proposals that were brought before it, and has decided to recommend:—

(1) The erection of an oak tablet, with incised letters, in the Exeter Cathedral bellry, at a cost not exceeding £10.

(2) Participation in a scheme to instal carved oak panelling in the sanctuary of Kelly Church. This scheme to improve the east end of the church is one long desired by Mr. Kelly himself. A definite section of the panelling, the extent of which can be arranged in accordance with the amount of money received, will be assigned to the Guild, and will be distinguished from other portions provided by parishioners and personal friends.

An appeal has been issued to all the towers in the Guild, but there are many members outside the county who will doubtless like to contribute, and they are invited to send their contributions to Mr. T. Laver, general secretary, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter. Contributions should be forwarded before December 31st next, when it is intended to close the appeal.



## THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

### A GREAT LOSS TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

We briefly chronicled last week the loss which the Exercise, and particularly the Bedfordshire Association, had sustained by the death of Canon W. W. C. Baker, Vicar of Southill, a member of the Central Council and president of the Bedfordshire Association, of which he was one of the founders. Canon Baker, who was 70 years of age, was taken ill after attending a meeting of the Bedfordshire Elementary Education Sub-Committee, and succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia on Friday, the 14th inst.

He began his ringing when an undergraduate at Cambridge, and was one of the early members of the University Guild. For a great number of years he joined them on their annual summer tour, and was present last year at the jubilee celebrations. He acted for many years as hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and later became president, which office he occupied at the time of his death. He represented the Bedfordshire Association on the Central Council from the latter's formation to the present time. He had rung a number of peals, but kept no record of these performances. Among the peals in which he took part was the first peal of Treble Bob by the Bedfordshire Association in 1887; his first peal as conductor was rung in 1888. His last peal for the association was, we believe, a



THE LATE CANON BAKER.

peal of Stedman Triples with his own hand just before leaving Dunstable. One of his unfulfilled ambitions was to return to Dunstable and ring with his old friends there a peal of Superlative Surprise, a method of which he was very fond.

Born at Long Melford, Suffolk, Canon Baker was first educated at the village school at Eversholt, where his father was then incumbent. Later he went to King's College School, London, and Clare College, Cambridge. He took his B.A. degree in 1882, and his M.A. in 1886. In 1884 he was ordained deacon, and priest in 1885, and his first curacy was at St. Mary's, Nottingham, which he took in 1884. After two years in the north, he returned to his native county, and became Vicar of Milton Bryan. He remained there for ten years, and removed to Ridgmont in 1896. In 1903 he became Rector of Dunstable, the appointment being made by the Bishop of Ely, and when Dunstable became a part of the diocese of St. Albans the Rector was appointed by Bishop Jacob an honorary Canon and Rural Dean of Dunstable. He also served as a Proctor in Convocation from 1917 to 1919, and was a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance and a large number of other diocesan committees. For some years, up to the beginning of the war, he was chaplain to the County Territorial Battalion.

Canon Baker, says a writer in 'The Bedfordshire Times,' was an active force for good, not only through his eloquent preaching and distinguished services for his church, but also through his work and example in the public life of the county. An intimate friend said of him this week, 'He was the truest example of a Christian that I have ever met.' He was the intimate and cherished friend and neighbour of the Lord Lieutenant of his county; he was no less the friend of the humblest of his parishioners. The elementary teachers of Bedfordshire valued him and trusted him as a staunch friend. His death is indeed an irreparable blow to Bedfordshire education on its administrative side.

Generous and warm-hearted, never turning a deaf ear to any appeal, affable and easy of approach at all times, possessing the gift of disagreeing in a friendly way with those holding other views than his own, a manly man who could enjoy a good story and tell one too, and was very fond of a joke, Canon Baker was a popular and a dominating figure in whatever company he happened to be.

He was appointed to the first Education Committee for Bedfordshire on May 8th, 1903, and served as a co-opted member until

March, 1910, when he was elected to the County Council as one of the Dunstable representatives. From then, until 1922, when he retired from the Council, he represented the Council on the Committee. In the meantime, in September 1914, he had been appointed chairman of the Elementary Sub-Committee, and his services on that body had become so valued that he was prevailed upon to continue his service as a co-opted member. On several occasions since 1922 attempts were made to persuade him to accept an aldermanship, but he preferred to concentrate his energies and time on the educational side of the Council's work.

When Canon Baker resigned the living of Dunstable in 1924, a cheque for £100 and an album containing the names of 525 subscribers were presented to him by the Mayor in the presence of several hundred residents of all denominations.

Canon Baker married, in 1888, Catherine Anna, the younger daughter of the Rev. Truman Tanqueray, Rector of Tingrith. There were nine children, six of whom are living. Canon Baker's second and third sons died in action in the war, Capt. Charles Baker in Gallipoli in 1915, and Lieut. Aveling Baker in France in March, 1918. With Mrs. Baker and the surviving members of the family, widespread sympathy has been expressed.

Canon Baker's great work in various directions in Bedfordshire was manifested by the large and representative gathering from all parts of the county that attended the funeral on Tuesday week.

The coffin was taken into Southill Parish Church on Monday evening, and a requiem celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, the Rev. Scott Baker (the deceased's son, chaplain of King's College, Cambridge) being the celebrant.

The opening sentences of the funeral service were read by the Rev. G. H. Strange, of Shefford, and the lesson by Archdeacon Parnell. The remainder of the service in church and at the graveside was taken by the Rev. A. G. Hodgson, who was Canon Baker's curate at Dunstable from 1907 to 1909. The Blessing was pronounced by the Archdeacon. Among the clergy present who robed was Canon G. F. Coleridge, while the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. R. Copeman (representing Cambridge University Guild and Ely Diocesan Association) were also present, as well as Miss E. Steel (Bedford), Mr. A. King (Luton), Mr. Cyril Herbert (Woburn), vice-presidents of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary), Messrs. F. Smith, H. Tysoe and E. Tingey (St. Paul's, Bedford), C. Page (Biggleswade), etc. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths, including one sent by the Bedfordshire Association.

At St. James' Church, Husborno Crawley, where Canon Baker often rang, the bells were rung half-muffled for morning and evening service on Sunday, November 16th. Touching reference was made by the Rev. A. Rust during his sermon to the great loss the association had sustained. Those taking part in the ringing were the Rev. A. Rust, H. Fleet, C. Fleet, A. Fleet, sen., A. Fleet, jun., W. Peacock, E. Redding, F. Bowler and Horace H. Smith.

At Priory Church, Dunstable, on Sunday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at the close of the memorial service with the bells half-muffled, in affectionate remembrance of the late Canon, who in past years took part in many such quarter-peals with the band: G. E. Sentaunce 1, C. Rollings 2, G. W. Harris 3, E. Chappell 4, G. W. Heley 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor), E. A. G. Matthews 7, B. F. Calcott 8. Dunstable tower is under repair, and special permission had to be obtained from the architect for the ringing.

Memorial peals rung for Canon Baker will be found recorded in our peal columns. A muffled peal of Grandsire Caters attempted at St. Paul's, Bedford, on the day of the funeral was unfortunately lost after an hour and fifty minutes' ringing.

## THE DUFFIELD METHOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I write as an ignoramus on matters appertaining to campanology, being, as yet, one of the babes of the Exercise. If, therefore, someone deigns to reply to my letter, I hope they will bear this in mind and forgive my ignorance.

However, to come to the point, some days ago, I was fortunate enough to discover Sir A. P. Heywood's treatise on 'Duffield.' My only other acquaintance with this method had been through 'Standard Methods,' and I had paid it but little attention. The discovery of the original treatise, however, led me to a fuller investigation. Among many interesting points I noted the following: In Major the course-ends recur every 48 changes with 7 and 8 double dodging in the home position. Further, throughout the course 7 and 8 keep well together, and, even in peals, it is possible to keep the 6th at home throughout. From a musical point of view, this is all that can be desired. Moreover, the method is easily extended to 10 and 12 bells by simply double dodging in the extra places, as in Stedman. These are not the only advantages pointed out by the author, but these few seem to me to warrant a wider practice of the method. Yet peals of 'Duffield' are few and far between, notwithstanding the fact that the author believed that, 'as in Stedman is found the perfection of odd-bell ringing, so in this new method will be found the most musical and adaptable even-bell system possible of attainment.'

Perhaps there is some reason for the falling from grace of this method. Can anyone enlighten me?—Yours, etc., FRED F. RIGBY.

### THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been said that 'consistency is the refuge of little minds,' or something to that effect. Whether it is or not, I cannot object to your inconsistency on the subject of what constitutes the twelve-bell record, but I must emphasise that in 1911 you stated that a 12,240 Maximus had supplanted as that record a peal of 10,224 Maximus rung in 1833, quite ignoring a peal of 11,111 Cinques rung between those dates. What I do object to is that you should now, because I want to insist that you were right in 1911, interpret that as an argument that a twelve-bell peal can only be rung in a twelve-bell method. I cannot find anything in my previous letter which justifies such an interpretation being put on my case that the recent Painswick peal is not the twelve-bell record.

The difference between Cinques and Maximus seems to have been decided by the Council long ago, and for the sake of clearness I repeat the definitions for peals:—

'On nine and eleven bells: That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, in each case with the addition of a covering bell (1892 and 1925).'

'On eight, ten and twelve bells: That there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval (1892 and 1925).'

The sentence 'in each case with the addition of a covering bell' also answers your question as to where the tenor man comes in.

The whole question is not the simple one as to whether the Painswick peal was, or was not, a twelve-bell peal. It is the larger issue of whether we are going to mix up Triples with Major, Caters with Royal, and Cinques with Maximus. When the Council decided that a peal on eight bells could be of 5,000 changes, it obviously did not intend this to apply to a peal of Triples, which has to contain the extent of 5,040. And yet a peal of Triples, with the usual covering bell, is still an eight-bell peal.

The Council has distinguished between peals on eleven bells and peals on twelve bells, and have provided for the former to be rung with an additional bell. I, therefore, think I am entitled to repeat the question, 'If the Painswick peal is the twelve-bell record, where is the eleven-bell record?' If there is no such thing, what is the use of the Council's definition of an eleven-bell peal?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

[While admitting that the extract from a paragraph in 'The Ringing World' of April 21st, 1911, which Mr. Coles quotes against us to show 'inconsistency' may, when taken by itself, be read as he suggests, we hardly think 'The Ringing World' can actually be accused of inconsistency in this matter, for, from the very first number, reports of peals of Cinques have appeared in its columns under the heading of 'Twelve-bell peals,' and for nearly twenty years no one has objected to that designation. We, of course, have used the expression in its broad sense, and the sense in which, for want of evidence to the contrary, we believe it has been accepted by the Exercise.—Ed., 'R.W.']

### CERTAINLY NOT.

Dear Sir,—By all the 'Rules and Decisions' on ringing, Grandsire Cinques is regarded as an eleven-bell method. Now, if the Painswick peal is regarded as the twelve-bell record, may I ask if a band ringing 18,000 of Minor with 6-8, or 7-8 covering (and 720's are frequently rung this way) could claim this as the eight-bell record?—Yours faithfully,

A. E. REEVES.

Bristol.

[As we are asked the question, we would say, in our opinion, 'certainly not.' Twelve bells are essential to a properly recognised peal of Cinques, but eight bells are not essential for a peal of Minor.—Ed., 'R.W.']

### WHY WORRY?

Sir,—Why worry, and cause a useless argument? Let us call each peal by its proper name—Ashton is the longest of Maximus, Painswick longest of Cinques.

That twelve bells are involved, all ringers know, and they know—or should do—the difference between Cinques and Maximus.

Ninety per cent. of the outside public would not know the difference between Grandsire and Cambridge even if they heard them rung consecutively. Ringers would know! So again—why worry?

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

### THE LONGEST PEAL ON FIVE BELLS?

To the Editor.

Sir,—A fortnight ago in your issue of October 31st you published particulars of the dedication of a peal table at West Deeping, Lincs, recording what is so far believed to be the longest peal yet rung on six bells by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. It would be interesting to know what is the longest peal yet rung on five bells. I once read of a band who rang 6,000 changes on five at Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire. Has anyone ever exceeded this?

EXTREMES!

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### BENEVOLENT SCHEME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

On Saturday the St. Albans District held a meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans. Mr. E. P. Debenham (whose long association with this tower is so well known) was present to meet the visitors, and various methods were rung during the afternoon on the ten bells. A service was held in this church, at which the Rev. W. B. Lea Wilson gave an interesting address. Tea was served at the Clarendon Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, at which one new member was elected.

A discussion took place on the forming of a benevolent fund.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel explained the scheme, and it is hoped to get it started in the near future.

Kimpton was proposed for the next meeting place, the third Saturday in January being the provisional date selected.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements of the meeting was carried with accord.

The Cathedral was then visited, where the ringing on the fine peal was enjoyed by all.

#### WESTERN DIVISION.

The meeting of the Western Division at King's Langley was attended by about twenty ringers from Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Tring, Rickmansworth, Watford, Welwyn Garden City, and eight of the local company. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble and Double Norwich Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. D. Lushington), who gave a most interesting address. After service, he invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Hall, and presided both at the tea and the business meeting which followed. In the course of the meeting the hon. secretary was asked to write a feeling letter to Mr. F. Norris, of Berkhamstead, who has been ill for a length of time, and has been missed at these gatherings.

The next meeting, if the tower is available, will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, January 10th, 1931.

The secretary, Mr. J. Puplett, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and for all he had done to help make the gathering a success. This was seconded by Mr. Ayre and carried.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### NEWBURY BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 15th, when the following towers were represented: Beeton, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Chieveley, Compton, East Isley, Hungerford, Peasemore, Shaw, Thatcham, and Newbury. Visitors were present from Swindon, Abingdon, Reading, Overton, Maidenhead, Woodford and Farnham. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Cooper (Rector of Newbury), who gave a very inspiring address. The Rev. J. M. Beaufort presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, and 76 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. Bonsey presided, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Rev. W. L. Cooper, Rev. A. Browning, Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, Rev. R. C. Moore, Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. branch secretary and treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), and Mr. E. J. Davis (secretary of the Parochial Church Council).

The secretary's report showed a record of successful meetings held during the year. Eight peals had been rung in the branch, four of them entirely by members of the Newbury Branch, and conducted by H. W. Curtis. Several ringers rang their first peal. Five pounds had been paid to Thatcham tower, £2 to St. Laurence's tower, Reading, £3 3s. to Hampstead Norris tower, leaving a balance in hand of £3 15s. 9d.

The Rev. H. Bonsey was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis was also re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and thanked for his work.

Messrs. T. Curtis, S. Quintin, F. Owen and A. Smith were elected as representatives to the general committee of the Guild.

Good reports were received from nearly every tower in the branch.

The Master congratulated the branch, and mentioned that he had given the address for some years past at the annual meeting, and said he very much appreciated the opportunity of being able to listen to so inspiring an address as the Rector's.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert congratulated the branch on the work of restoration, and Mr. A. J. Wright complimented Newbury Branch on its progress. He said it was fifth in order in the list for the whole of the Guild.

Two new honorary members were elected, and eleven new ringing members were also elected.

The next meeting was fixed for Beeton in February and the spring meeting, for Kintbury in April, the dates being left to the secretary to arrange.

The meeting concluded with thanks, proposed by the chairman, to the Rector for his address, to the organist (Rev. J. M. Beaufort), and to Mrs. Curtis for providing an excellent tea.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 9.15.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. DISTRICT OFFICERS NOMINATED.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Puttenham on Saturday, when members and visitors attended from Aldershot, Farnborough, Seale, Puttenham, Ash, Haslemere, Guildford, Godalming, Cranleigh, Clandon and the local band. The Guild's form of service was conducted and an address given by the Rector (the Rev. S. Power).

Ringling in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor was enjoyed on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

Mr. S. Marshall, churchwarden, presided at the business meeting, which followed tea in the Church Hut, and in accordance with the rules of the Guild nominations for district officers for 1930 were received. In the case of the District Ringing Master, secretary and auditor, no election will be necessary at the annual general meeting, as only one nomination was made for each office, namely, Mr. W. R. McVilvie, of the Cathedral Church, Ringing Master; Mr. G. Grover, of East Clandon, secretary; and Mr. C. Hazelden, of S. Nicolas', Guildford, auditor.

For the two vacancies for ringing members on the executive committee of the Guild, Messrs. R. Whittington, S. Radford, S. Petter and L. Hunter were nominated, and this will necessitate a ballot at the general meeting.

Mr. S. Marshall, of Puttenham, was nominated as the district's hon. member on the executive committee.

The annual meeting of the district had been fixed for January 10th, but as the Guild dinner is to be held on that date it was decided to hold the former on February 14th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the organist, and Mr. S. Marshall.

### LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

The last meeting of the year of the Leatherhead District was held at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Epsom, on Saturday, November 15th, but, despite good going bells of easy access, the number of ringers attending was very poor. Maybe it was the weather or the ten bells, or was it that everyone said to himself, 'There will be plenty without me; I shall not be missed'? Anyway, the service was conducted at 4.30 by the Rev. Pattison Muir, who omitted the address; as he jokingly remarked afterwards, he had not the heart to preach to so few.

The service was followed by tea in the Church House, at which the Vicar presided, and at the business meeting, which followed, two ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

The retiring officers were renominated with the addition of two extra names to be submitted for election to the general committee.

A report on the last meeting of the Central Council was read by Mr. Grover, one of the Guild's representatives.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the organist brought the business to an end. The tower was then revisited, and several 'firsts' were scored in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, London and Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, with rounds for two young visitors.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### A MEETING AT BRENTWOOD.

The meeting on Saturday last at Brentwood was not quite so well attended as is usual for the meetings of the South-Western Division, the inclement weather no doubt accounting for this, but nevertheless between 40 and 50 members were present during the afternoon and evening, the bells being made full use of for some excellent ringing. The service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address, and during the singing of the last hymn the collection for the Association Bell Restoration Fund was taken, and amounted to £1 7s. 8d.

A bounteous tea, kindly provided by the wives, mothers and friends of the St. Thomas Society, was partaken of in the Greenstead Hall. The meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar (Canon Brown), supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), A. Prior (District Master), Col. Frank Landon, Messrs. H. Hodgson, A. E. Rainbird, and R. B. Davey, hon. members. Miss D. M. Landon, of Brentwood, was elected a life member, together with one new honorary, one ringing, and one life non-resident member. Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were unanimously re-elected Master and hon. secretary respectively of the division for the ensuing year.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at West Ham, if possible in January next, and also to send a letter of condolence to Messrs. W. Miller and W. Watson sympathising with them in their illness, and wishing them a speedy recovery.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells, for his inspiring address at the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, to the organist for kindly accompanying psalms, hymns, etc., to the ladies for providing tea, and to Messrs. Ringe and Ong and members of the Brentwood band for having everything in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Romford, Maldon, Shenfield, Leigh, Prittlewell, Leytonstone, Langford, Great Baddow, Barking, West Tilbury, Braintree, Bentley, Chelmsford and Brentwood, and touches in various methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung.

### PEAL OF EIGHT FOR HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

#### HELP WANTED FOR TINY RURAL PARISH.

The church in the tiny parish of Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, at present has a peal of five bells (tenor 12 cwt.) of somewhat unique local interest, inasmuch as they are one of the only two complete peals known to have been cast in Evesham. They were cast there by Messrs. Clarke and Bushell in the year 1705. For a number of years the parish has been well blessed with ringers, having an average of ten, and in one year no less than 16, and the bells have been regularly rung for services under the most disheartening conditions until they are no longer safe to ring or even chime.

The Church Council in the first instance decided on a thorough restoration scheme, and to augment the peal to six, when a lover of bells came forward and generously offered to defray the cost of the treble, provided they are increased to the octave, as the tower and present five lend themselves admirably to this fuller scheme.

The whole district is badly in need of a handy peal of eight in good order, as in this district, over a wide rural area, there is not a single peal of eight suitable for beginners.

The parish being a tiny one, with a population of under 200, almost all agricultural workers, it was felt that the undertaking would be too great without considerable outside help, and a few local ringers have set about the task of raising the cost of the 2nd bell. With the gift of the treble and the guarantee of the 2nd, the order for the octave has now been placed with the Loughborough Foundry. The rehanging scheme is a comprehensive one. It includes cleaning, tuning and quarter-turning, rehanging with entirely new and modern fittings and ball bearings in the existing frame, which will be strengthened.

Funds are still required for the scheme, and it is hoped to have the whole of the money in hand by the completion of the work, as, owing to the size of the parish, the question of any debt cannot be entertained.

Should any friends interested be able to assist, subscriptions, however small, may be sent, and will be gratefully acknowledged by:—

J. D. JOHNSON,

The Ferns, Pershore Road, Great Hampton, Evesham, Worcs.

### 'A SUNDAY SERVICE MAN.'

#### DEATH OF MR. JAMES ELDERFIELD.

On Friday, November 14th last, James Elderfield, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, passed away suddenly from an internal trouble in the 63rd year of his age. He was one of a family of eleven children, his parents coming from Stoke Poges to Farnham some fifty years ago. Two of the five sons took up bellringing, under the instruction of Mr. J. J. Parker, with other young Farnham men of the period about 1890, including J. Basden (Ealing), C. Clarke, A. Crook, F. Elderfield (Fulmer), J. Parker, jun., C. Chapman, and J. Bovingdon. Of these, the only survivor now is the last-named.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 18th, the service being conducted by the Rector. In addition to a number of relatives and friends, officials were present representing the various organisations in which Mr. Elderfield took an active interest, viz., the Cricket and Football Clubs, Special Constabulary, Allotments Association, Church Bellringers, etc. A number of handsome floral tributes were placed around the grave, including one from the Rector and ringers and another from Sir Gomer Berry, of The Chase, where Mr. Elderfield was employed as a gardener for many years.

In the evening muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, conducted by Messrs. Parker and Hooper, in four methods, in which Messrs. Henley, Bateman, Basden, Batten, Bovingdon, Fussell, Smith and Hudson took part.

The deceased was strictly a 'Sunday service man.' He never went outside his own parish for ringing, except when the ringers and choir took their annual outing to some seaside town. He had taken part in fifteen peals on St. Mary's bells, mostly conducted by the veteran steeplekeeper, Mr. Parker: Oxford Bob Triples, 11; Grandsire Triples, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2, including the first peal on the eight bells in October, 1892, and his last on December 1st, 1913. All were rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

W. H. E.

### BURNLEY'S LOSS.

#### DEPARTURE OF MR. RENNIE HARTLEY.

The heltry of Holy Trinity, Burnley, has become the poorer through the departure of Mr. Rennie Hartley, who has just recently removed to Fleetwood. The congregation and the ringers could not let him leave without giving him a small token of their appreciation of his work during the last thirty-four years. The presentation took place on Sunday, November 16th, in the presence of the local clergy and church officers and members of other towers in the district. The senior ringer made the presentation, which took the form of a gold Albert, and many of those present spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Hartley's work for the church and heltry.

Mr. Hartley thanked everyone for the nice things said of him, and managed to stay to ring for the evening service, when a well-struck 640 of Stedman Triples brought his official career at the church to a close. The good wishes of all go with him to his new sphere.

## FIRST STEPS.

### WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER GIVES AN ADDRESS.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th, when, despite the inclement weather, 60 ringers attended from 24 parishes. Very little ringing has been done at Coggeshall for some time past, partly due to the bad 'go' of the bells. However, after a little lubrication several touches in various methods were brought round. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Pickford), Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, reading the lesson. The usual collection for the Essex Bell Restoration Fund was made, and amounted to 18s. 3d.

Tea was served at Ye Olde Woolpack Inn, where 58 sat down, the Vicar taking the chair. It is pleasing to note that 51 of that number had notified their intention to be present.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard took the chair, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) and the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).

The secretary read a short report on the work of the division during the past year, in which he stated that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40, also two joint meetings. Twenty-five members had been elected and 33 peals had been rung on tower bells and handbells.

The Rev. F. Pickford was then elected an hon. member, and three other ringing members were also elected.

The District Master and secretary were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rayne on February 14th, 1931.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for the splendid reception he had given them and the excellent spirit he had shown by joining the association. The Vicar, in reply, said he did not understand much about ringing, only 'Bob Single,' and that was what he paid for his tea (laughter). 'but,' he added, 'with your help and good wishes I hope Coggeshall will soon stand out again among other ringing centres.'

The company was then entertained by Mr. W. Keeble with an essay on 'First Steps,' in the course of which he said that one night in December, 1894, a youth of 16 was about to take his 'First Steps' in the art of change ringing. The method was Grandsire Doubles. Another youth of 18 on the tenor called 'Go,' but just before the half-way single the ringer of the 3rd shouted, 'Call them round at half-way; he will never make a ringer.' However, with a little advice from the tenor man another attempt was made, and a passable 120 was rung. In May, 1895, this youthful aspirant rang 720 Bob Minor, followed up in February, 1896, by a 5,040 in the same method. Another 'first step' was taken by ringing a 5,040 Bob Minor at another tower, this time conducted by the youth referred to, and ringing a non-observation bell. Moral: 'It is never safe to prophesy.' In course of time the before-mentioned youth quitted home, and other 'first steps' were taken with credit and honour. The war intervened, and ringing practically ceased. Afterwards, the work of rebuilding weekly practices commenced. The youth had now become a Bob caller or conductor. During the years following he had the pleasure of tutoring several in that mysterious method called 'London,' and had the pleasing satisfaction of calling the first peal in that method in which the before-mentioned ringer of the 3rd took part. This youth had now become a tutor of 'first steps.' Mr. Keeble added that the first step to take was to teach the pupil to handle a bell properly, so that he could master it at every stroke and never let it master him. One met occasionally with ringers who in a touch in the simplest method were continually 'wool gathering.' Why could they not leave that alone and have a little consideration for the outside public?

It was to be noted that in recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' a writer used the word 'drone.' Well, there were some. What would they think if the parson preached the same sermon Sunday after Sunday, or the choir always sang the same hymns? Could not these drones see that in ringing, as in all else, progress must be made or back they would go? A well-known and popular ringer recently said: 'I fear I am entirely ignorant of one branch of ringing, i.e., conducting. What are the "first steps"?' The advice given was successful and much appreciated. 'Meeting here to-day,' concluded Mr. Keeble, 'where the bells go badly, and with the Master's consent, I have given you a brief opinion of "first steps." See that every "first step" you take is the correct one, and if it meets with your approval, my next essay shall be on "Winning through."'

This address opened a wide area for discussion, and various opinions were expressed, the Master thanking Mr. Keeble for the pleasant hour they had spent on the subject.

It was learned with regret that Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Mr. W. J. Hazell, of Edmonton, and Mr. H. Evers, of West Bergholt, were all indisposed. The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with them, and requested the secretary to convey this expression in writing, which has since been done.

The towers of Kelvedon and Feering, in addition to Coggeshall, were available, and ringing was continued until 9 p.m.

## 'BELLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.'

### TICKHILL DIFFICULTIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Mr. Lloyd and 'Church Service Ringer' are one and the same person, I will go into the details of the events which led up to the quarter-peal of Stedman being rung at Tickhill.

It will first of all be necessary to go back to the summer of 1928. At that time we had at Tickhill a band of eight change ringers, but as one was nearly always at work on Sundays, and another was only mildly interested, it was nearly always a case of ringing Minor. As a band of service ringers, those six were far ahead of any service band round Doncaster, both as regards the number and quality of methods rung and the striking. A 720 of Cambridge could always be attempted with confidence, and quite a number of visitors rang their first 720 in that method at Tickhill. In a very short space of time, however, that band was broken up. One, owing to age and infirmity, had to give up ringing, the one who was only mildly interested finished altogether, another met with an accident which for some time has rendered him incapable of ringing, and three of us have left the district. This left two, one of whom, Mr. Hill, is both a capable ringer and conductor.

From 1922 to 1928 numerous attempts were made to augment the band, and I myself taught some thirty or forty beginners to handle a bell. A number of these, of course, fell away before they made any attempt at change ringing, but quite a few made good progress. It was most remarkable, however, that every one who made any headway left the district shortly afterwards. When I left in 1929 Mr. Hill was successful in getting together another band of learners, and it is to his credit that at the present time there are at Tickhill eleven ringers capable of ringing rounds, and all the bells are rung every Sunday for morning and evening service. Tickhill is so situated that visiting ringers are conspicuous by their absence, and as five of the band are on shift work, thus causing practices to be few and far between, it will readily be seen that progress is very, very slow. Mr. Hill has several times asked me if I could get a band to go and show them how the bells should be rung, and that was why the quarter-peal was rung. It was only the second occasion this year that genuine change ringing has been heard at Tickhill for a service. That the quarter-peal was appreciated is to put it mildly. The Vicar, lay reader, two churchwardens and quite a number of the congregation expressed their great pleasure and thanks to me at hearing the bells rung in changes again. I might add that nine of the local band turned up, and afterwards everyone had a pull in rounds with us.

Now turning to those ringers of other towers who were asked to stand in. I am assured that the only complaint is from Doncaster. The only ringer from there who was asked to stand in was, until he got married five years ago, a resident of Tickhill, and it was I who persuaded him to take up ringing, and he was the first person I taught to handle a bell and initiated into the art of change ringing. When he came to Tickhill for that Sunday he was but helping those who had helped him. Nearly half the present band at Doncaster were change ringers before they went there. It is nearly always the same: country places do the work, and towns like Doncaster reap the benefit. Of that I do not complain, but when a man like Mr. Lloyd writes a letter such as he did, it is either the height of selfishness or ignorance, or both. No tower has done as much as Tickhill to further the art of change-ringing round Doncaster, and no tower is in more need of help at the present time. I cannot recall one single instance of Mr. Lloyd helping anybody. Can he tell me of one? Has he had anything to say to the other four absentees who were not at Tickhill?

In his second letter I suppose his remark about the conductor means that I ought to be rather ashamed of myself for not being attached to any tower at present. Strictly speaking, I suppose I am still attached to Tickhill, but as I now live ten miles away it is very seldom that I am able to be there. In fact, to ring at any tower now takes up three hours of any Sunday morning or evening, and although I could always manage an hour for every service, I am seldom in a position to spare three.

If Mr. Lloyd is as keen on service ringing as he would have us believe, there is plenty of scope for him round Doncaster. Let him take his coat off and get to work, and when he has had as many setbacks and disappointments as we have had at Tickhill, if he comes through smiling and ready to do the same again, he will, indeed, be a church service ringer.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

## A WRINGTON BELL TO BE RECAST.

The fifth bell at Wrington, Somerset, is to be recast. This bell has become slightly cracked in the crown, and the recasting will be done by the Whitechapel Foundry, who did such excellent work in the tower in 1911. The work is to be carried out in memory of Lt.-Col. John Valentine Hesse and his wife, Ellen McGhie, also of Edward Dowell Marshall, M.A., of Pierce Hay, Wrington, son-in-law, as the gift of Rose Ethelind Marshall and John Harley Bridges Hesse.

An extra floor is to be placed in the belfry to deaden the sound in the ringing chamber, to which the ringers of Wrington are themselves generously contributing £10.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**MANCHESTER.**—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at the Church of St. George, 1,046 Kent Treble Bob Major in 44 mins.: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, K. Jackson 3, F. Welham 4, F. Walker 5, E. Garside 6, J. Harrison 4, J. Clayton 8. All are regular service ringers at the above church except the ringer of the 7th, who comes from Ashton, and is 78 years old.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, F. Gornay 2, E. A. Hull 3, E. D. Lilleywhite 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. Waugh 7, W. H. Seabrook 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Palmer 1, P. M. Mayne (conductor) 2, J. H. Hunnisett 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, E. W. Coulson 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

**HOLBORN.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Benney 1, E. Brett 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Choct 4, R. W. Green 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. C. Darnell 7, T. Joyce 8. Arranged for J. Hope, who was on a visit from Fairford, Glos.

**MARKET HARBOROUGH.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. S. Cotton 1, S. Richardson 2, G. Geary 3, W. Wallington 4, R. Russell 5, F. Wallington 6, A. C. Manning (conductor) 7, W. Hector 8.

**WARKTON, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, November 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of Armistice Day: G. W. Clark 1, E. Patrick 2, H. O. Multon 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

**ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday morning, October 5th, for harvest festival, 360 Stedman Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: T. Butler 1, A. Allen 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Haynes 4, T. R. Butler (conductor) 5, R. Lloyd 6, W. Higginson 7, J. Beddows 8. Also for afternoon service, 480 Stedman Doubles, and for evensong 360 Stedman Doubles, with 6.4.8 covering: W. S. Higginson 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Allen 3, J. Lloyd 4, T. Butler 5, R. Lloyd 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, J. Beddows 8.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday evening, October 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Little, jun., 1, G. B. Lucas 2, R. D. Ward (first quarter inside) 3, W. Little, sen., 4, H. A. Edwards 5, H. E. Hull 6, G. W. Cooper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8.

**CHESHUNT, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for harvest festival evening service: A. House 1, Miss N. Welch (Benington) 2, W. J. Newham 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, G. Maxim 6, J. Welch (Benington) (conductor) 7, E. Pickett 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 5th, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Allendale Surprise (A. Bradley, conductor), 720 Norwich Surprise (E. Sitch, conductor); before 6.30 p.m. evensong 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (H. Wright, conductor), 720 Oxford Treble Bob (G. Camp, conductor). Ringers: L. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, A. Bradley.

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**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., North Street, Martock.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Nominations for district officers must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, November 29th, when the towers of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All will be made welcome. Good bus service from all parts.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., provided by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Baldock.—The reopening of Baldock bells, which have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Please make an effort to attend to make the meeting a success.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Wallasey (St. Hilary's), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus service. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Képier School. All ringers are welcome, and we hope for a bumper meeting. Even if it is 'wet' it will be 'fine' at the meeting, so turn up in force.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 4th and 18th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at a reasonable charge. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, not later than Dec. 4th. Cars No. 20, 21 or 24, from Stevenson Square, Oldham Street, to the Osborne Theatre. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Chilham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Woolpack. Please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The augmented peal of 8 (tenor 8 cwt.), recently recast and rehung, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. G. W. Slack, 12, Wolseley Mount, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th next. Bells will be available at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. All wishing to attend, will they notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 3rd?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The monthly meeting at St. Chad's, Poulton, has been altered to Dec. 6th, at the request of the Vicar and wardens. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Mary Redcliff. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Parish Room, Guinea Street, 5.15. All ringers and friends welcome. Will tower secretaries please note alteration of date? Subscriptions for 1930 now due. Preliminary notice: Quarterly meeting, Dec. 27th, at Brislington. Annual Meeting, St. Stephen's (City), Jan. 25th, 1931.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) ready from 3.30. All ringers welcome. There are a few subscriptions for 1930 not been paid yet. Will these members kindly pay up and be sports?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service, Heavitree Church, 4.15. Tea (free to members) and business meeting at Constitutional Club Rooms, Heavitree, 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. David's (8), St. Petrock's (6). Please notify me number for tea by Dec. 1st.—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimple, near Exeter.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Fen Ditton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The tower of St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6) open from 6.30.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Tower open for ringing 2 p.m. (8 bells). Service, 3.45. Preacher: Preb. A. C. Harman, R.D. Tea at the Memorial Hall, 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Dec. 1st.—Geo. Stacey, Hon. Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Bedwyn on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5 ('The Magnet'). Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. — James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rothersthorpe on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, who will require tea. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please advise by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m. John Bunyan used to ring here. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Bedford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3.15. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith). Tea in Church House 5.15, followed by business meeting. —C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Southern Division. — The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by Dec. 10th for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Abbey bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Service in the choir at 4 p.m. Tea served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Doncaster Road, Selby, not later than Thursday, Dec. 11th. The business meeting will be held in the Sacristy of the Abbey immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Raven, D.D. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is especially requested, as a further discussion will take place on 'How to make the monthly meetings more attractive.' Names for tea to Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**DEC. 13th. WATFORD.** — Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The next meeting to be held at Overseal on Saturday, Dec. 13th, will take the form of a special meeting in order to welcome the new Rector of Seals (Rev. Fitzherbert). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, by 11th at latest. Will members please make a special effort to come? Thank you. — John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15, business meeting following. Agenda: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc. Notify me for tea by Dec. 9th. — A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Holbrook on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. and at Stutton (6). Tea, 4.30, at the Church Room.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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