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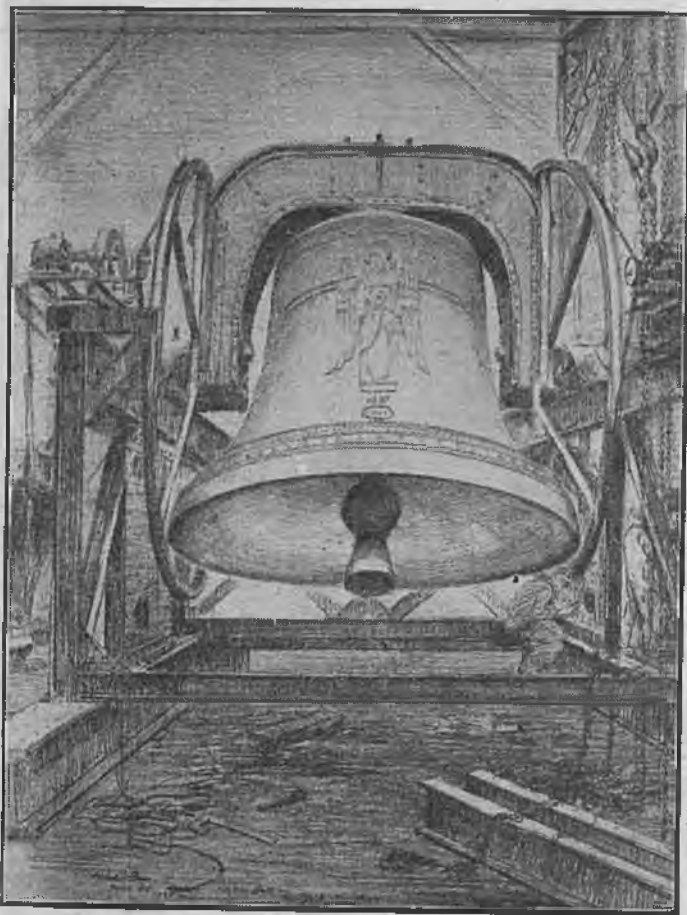
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THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT.

Those who have followed the controversy over what should constitute a peal of Minor or Doubles will be interested in the suggestions put forward in another column by the Rev. E. S. Powell. He offers for consideration certain definitions out of which might eventually be evolved 'conditions' which all would be prepared to accept, and doubtless these proposals will be fully discussed. Experience, however, shows that what we want to be clear about is not only the form of words, but the interpretation which is to be put upon them. It has been obvious in this discussion that what, at first sight, appeared to be perfectly plain English has been construed by different people to have diametrically opposite meanings. We are inclined to think that this has arisen, not so much from any ambiguity of language, but because there are two opposite purposes in view. There are those—and we imagine them to be in a majority—who desire, when a peal of (say) Minor is rung, that it shall consist of consecutive true extents. There are others who, as Mr. Willson aptly puts it in his letter, are satisfied with anything as long as it comes right in the end.

At the moment the conditions required by the Central Council for peals of Minor and Doubles are those which were adopted at Hereford. The essential point of the motion that was then passed is that the 720's in peals of Minor and the 120's in peals of Doubles shall be true and complete, and that no row (rounds or otherwise) shall be repeated in any 720 or 120 respectively. Mr. Powell suggests as an alternative definition that 'compositions of Minor must be in 720's and not in smaller touches; compositions of Doubles must be in 120's and not in smaller touches, and these 720's and 120's are to be true in themselves.' If this is intended to mean what it appears to mean, that the consecutive rows in each 720 or 120 included in a peal must be true and that any splicing must be in true round blocks, then, subject, perhaps, to the modification which has for many years existed in the conditions for peals of Minor, that 'a peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720' (and similarly with the 120's), there seems little objection to be raised to it by those who support the spirit of the Hereford motion.

But what is to be read into the expression in the third section of Mr. Powell's suggestion, which refers to "groups of 720's or 120's"? If it is to mean such combinations of three 720's as in the Rev. E. B. James' Cambridge in which (counting rounds as the first row) three extents, each of 720 consecutive true rows, are rung, well

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and good; if, however, the object is to cover the admission of a combination of permutations made up of each of the 720 changes rung three times, without observance of any rule by which each of the three blocks of consecutive 720's must be true in itself, then the Council and the Exercise must decide a matter of important principle. They must decide the plain question, what is and what is not to be recognised as a true peal of Minor or Doubles? Hitherto the standard laid down has been that the extents must be in 720 or 120 consecutive true rows. It is for them to say whether anything lower is, at this date, desirable. When the Council next debate the subject there must be no sophistry. Any definition which is proposed must be made perfectly plain in its spirit, as well as in the letter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

THOMAS J. ELTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 8
WILLIAM A. COOPER 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 9
SIDNEY ELTON 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 10
JOHN PERRY 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 11
*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 6	*HARRY BOSWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
* First peal on twelve. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater. Credit is due to the tenor ringer, who is still in his 'teens.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	JOHN MOULE ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	FRANK C. NEWMAN ... 8
ALFRED PRIOR 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
*RONALD H. BOLLEN ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Theobald, who entertained the band after the peal, also to Mr. E. D. Smith.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN S. RICHARDSON ... Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	JOHN F. BIRD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 8
GEORGE A. PICKERING ... 4	ADAM DEAS ... 9
JOHN ANDERSON 5	†WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all the band except ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, 7-6-8 covering. Tenor 14½ cwt.

IDRIS ROWLANDS Treble	THOMAS WERRET 5
GLYN WILLIAMS 2	*FREDERICK GRIFFITHS 6
*RONALD PEARCE 3	TIMOTHY POPNELL 7
STEWART WILLIAMS 4	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. TOM CHENERY Treble	FRANK HARPER 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

Bung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Rivers, of Dry Drayton (youngest son of the conductor) to Miss F. Newman, of Royston, which took place at the above church on this date. Thanks are due to Mr. R. G. King for obtaining the use of the bells, and to the bride and bridegroom for their hospitality after the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	*HERBERT FULCHER 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	GEORGE HOWLETT 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
*ALBERT G. HUNT 3	JOHN PERRY 7
FRANK PERRENS 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal in the method and first of Major.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE Treble	G. WILLIAM HOLLIS 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	*EDWARD PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged to enable the ringer of the 3rd to ring a peal on the eve of his 70th birthday, his last peal having been rung on June the 15th, 1914, the composition, the conductor and the tenor man being the same. Ringers of 3rd and 6th were made members before the peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY 6
STANLEY SLANEY 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
ALFRED GREENWOOD 3	KRITH HART 7
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS Treble	CHARLES MASON 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES INGHAM Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
*LEONARD ANDERTON 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
†HAROLD HAMER 4	WALTER STAFF Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ERNEST F. WHITE Treble	THOMAS DAVISON 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 6
ERNEST TRUMAN 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
FRANCIS A. ASHWORTH 4	EDWARD MARLOW Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. F. White, wife of the ringer of the treble.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN TOMPKINS Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
†BERT F. CALCOTT 2	†CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	†ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
†EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal inside.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 6
*CYRIL TANSSELL 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

Rung immediately after the ceremony, in honour of the marriage of Miss C. E. J. Bennett, of Beaconsfield, to Mr. R. F. Evershed, of Burton-on-Trent. Miss Bennett is the daughter of Mr. C. A. B. Bennett, K.C., an honorary member of the local band.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

BASIL REDGWELL Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*ALBERT WIFFEN 6
HARRY E. HAMMOND 3	FRANK CLAYDON 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal inside. Rung on the 81st birthday of Canon Lake, Rector of Cholmsford, and sub-Denn of the Cathedral, and the 25th birthday of Charles Norman Howard, son of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD A. MORRIS Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
JAMES H. HUNNISETT 2	FRANK CORKE 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
ARTHUR H. FOLWELL 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*EDWARD J. RIVETT Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 2	P. C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT 6
P. S. RICHARD STEERS 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
P. C. CHARLES DAVIES 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 53rd anniversary of the opening of the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rung on the 55th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Also as a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson. This is the fiftieth occasion on which W. Cook has taken part in 'ringing the old year out' at Ashtead.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*HAROLD PULFORD Treble	†ERIC H. LLOYD 5
JOHN BREESE 2	JOHN HUGHES 6
DAVID HUGHES 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged and rung in order to enable the ringer of the treble to score his first. It was rung for watchnight service, with half-muffled clappers, to ring out the old year 1928. All are members of the local band, except ringers of 4th and 5th.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. Treble	*TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 6
HENRY JENNINGS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
RICHARD J. STONE 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* 50th peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*RAYMOND FORSEBAY Treble	†WILLIAM PICTHALL 5
THOMAS WATSON 2	†JAMES E. BURLS 6
JOHN HOLME 3	†WILLIAM S. FORSHAW 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	†THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal of Major for the Furness Branch since February 13th, 1908.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*HENRY NIX Treble	ARTHUR COATES 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER 6
†WALTER PECK 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
EDWIN BURLEY 4	WILLIAM PERRY Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor are local men.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	*EDWIN H. FOSTER 6
THOMAS BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	ROBERT SUMMERS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN 5
FREDERICK N. SNEATON 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*ALFRED H. DREW 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor was rung on handbells at Aylsham, Norfolk, by: W. Rought 1-2, A. Rought (conductor) 3-4, J. Moy 5-6. Rung in honour of the 66th birthday of Mr. A. J. Neale, a well-known London ringer, who is a native of Aylsham.

WILLOUGHBY.—On December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings), in 46 mins.: A. Chown (Davenport) 1, G. Hancock (Willoughby), conductor, 2, J. Hancock (Willoughby) 3, F. Hancock (Willoughby) 4, W. Moore (Davenport) 5. First attempt by ringers of treble and tenor. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung on the second anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Monday, December 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. G. Townsend 1, F. J. Daniels (Brighton) 2, R. W. Hyer (conductor) 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, E. Bishop 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, L. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 7, E. A. J. Coombs (first quarter-peal) 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN POTTER Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CHARLES W. CLARK 3	HERBERT HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores and ten Spliced 240's. Tenor 17 cwt.

*NORMAN G. SALMAN Treble	†ALFRED E. PARKER 4
GEORGE J. PRICE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
†GEORGE A. COUSINS 3	*THOMAS G. STORES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † Re-elected a member previous to starting the peal.
† First peal inside. Rung for the Christmas festival.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 St. Simon's, 2,160 Grandsire, 2,400 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR SMITHSON Treble	*ERNEST MALLENDER 3
BERNARD BAILEY 2	*FRED CLARKE 4
FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Doubles.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT T. PIPER Treble	JACK WM. TAYLOR 4
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
KENNETH C. TAYLOR 3	ALBERT ADDISON Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

Rung for the Christmas festival.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

REV. B. TYRWHITT DRAKE Treble	CHARLES NEWMAN 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	LEE FEATHERBY 5
GRAHAM SPRATT 3	EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by E. BARKER.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently.

EDWIN HOLMAN Treble	WALTER R. HUMPHRY 4
HARRY K. HOOPER 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS 5
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.			Tenor 9 cwt.
WILLIAM H. POOLE	Treble	GEORGE MILES	4
JOHN R. HARRIDGE	2	*ALBERT E. BRACKLEY ...	5
FREDERICK J. WOODS	3	HARRY TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor inside. Rung for the wedding of Mr. John C. Furlong, one of the local ringers, and Miss V. K. F. Leggett.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following methods, viz., Munden, Chester, Canterbury, Newcastle, Ipswich, Cambridge, and London.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	Treble	JAMES OSBORN	4
*ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	ALBERT S. ALLEN	5
JOHN W. LAKE	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PHILLIP HALL	Treble	RAYMOND JELFS	4
JOHN C. PERKINS	2	JOHN W. PERKINS	5
THOMAS HANDS	3	*JOHN HALL	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* 50th peal. All belong to the local band.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores and ten Spliced 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*OWEN DAVIES	Treble	JAMES RANDLE	4
JAMES P. HYETT	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
†BARNSELY CADMAN	3	*ARTHUR MORGAN	Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Plain Bob.

*CHARLES FINCH	Treble	EDMUND T. EXETER	4
*ROBERT WOOD	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
ALBERT C. V. GASSON	3	ALBERT E. T. GASSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTES.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two each of Woodbine and Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NATHANIEL MORCON	Treble	MISS K. BURCHNALL	4
TOM BARTHOLOMEW	2	*ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
†MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3	LEONARD PIEREPONT	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIEREPONT.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor, and also first peal in more than one method on the bells. All of the above are Sunday service ringers, and the clappers were half-muffled to ring out the old year.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF WELLS SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.			Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.
CHARLES JENNINGS	Treble	*FRANK HARPER	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	EDWARD H. FINCH	5
*JOHN W. WARD	3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the passing of 1928.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK CAVILL	Treble	*HARRY POCOCK	4
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	*EDGAR ELSON	5
*WILLIAM UNDERHILL	3	PERCY MERSON	Tenor

Conducted by W. UNDERHILL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HINTON-ON-THE GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS NELLY JOHNSON	1-2	*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5-6
JAMES HEMMING	3-4	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* 50th peal together by brother and sister, and conductor's 100th peal. Rung after meeting short, owing to illness, for Spliced Royal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 20, 1928, in Two Hours,

At 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP	1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON			5-6

Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.

First peal in seven methods by all the band. First handbell peal in seven methods for the association. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN 720's.

During 1928, at St. Mary's, Fryerning, Essex, one hundred and sixteen 720's were rung, chiefly for services, under conductorship of A. Bradley: Surprise methods: London 5, Wells 4, Southwell 4, York 6, Ipswich 8, Norwich 6, Cambridge 8, Beverley 3, Carlisle 2, Annable's London 1; total 47. Treble Bob methods: Woodbine 9, Oxford 7, Kent 7, Duke of York 2, New London Pleasure 9, London Scholars' Pleasure 2, Kingston 2, College Exercise 2; total 40. Plain methods: Double Court 5, Double Oxford 3, Plain Bob 4, St. Clement's 2, College Single 2, Double Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 2, Grandsire Doubles 7, Bob Doubles 2; total 20.

The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, and A. Bradley (conductor).

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on Holy Innocents' Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, T. Banning 2, W. A. Wright 3, C. Pratley 4, F. A. Clements 5, H. Gillett 6, B. T. Phillips (conductor) 7, G. Simmonds 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday, January 5th, a large number of members and friends being present. The towers of St. John's (eight bells), St. Mary's (six bells), and St. James', Southbroom (six bells), were all available for ringing, which commenced about 3 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. an interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of St. John's, when two peal boards, one recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, the other a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung there, were unveiled by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke).

The Guild service followed, conducted by the Rector, who gave a short address, Mr. H. H. Baker being the organist. A verse of the National Anthem was sung as a prayer for H.M. the King's restoration to health.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, to which 71 sat down. Afterwards, the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) presided at the business meeting, and welcomed the visitors. In his resume of the work of the branch during the past year, he congratulated those members who had rung peals in the advanced methods. He also stated that the whole of the money had been collected for the restoration of the bells at All Cannings. He also thanked the captains of bands belonging to the branch, and the officers, for their support during the past year.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) presented the balance sheet for the past year, which showed a balance in hand and an increase in members.—The usual honorarium was voted to the secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, Mr. J. T. Dyke, the respected secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and Mr. J. Stafford, Bradford-on-Avon.

The whole of the officers of the branch were re-elected, and 21 new members were elected.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.—The Rector replied in a humorous speech.

Ringers, including the Vicar of Bishop's Cannings (the Rev. S. L. R. Sharpe), were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Bishop's Cannings, All Cannings, Chippenham, Bratton, Bromham, Rowde, Holt, Warminster, Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Market Lavington, Trowbridge, Melksham. Grand.—(Continued in next column.)

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

We are glad to record this week that the fund for the assistance of Mrs. Bates (the widow of Mr. E. Bates, of Darford) and her family has reached £50. This practical sympathy, which has been shown by the Exercise at a moment of tragic bereavement and financial worry, has done much to lighten the burden in a home suddenly robbed of the breadwinner. As it is now desired to close the fund, any further contributions should be sent without delay to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	44	3	3
Farningham ringers (per Mr. Jesse Couchman)	10	0	
St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington (per Mr. W. E. Judd)	1	3	6
St. Luke's, Bristol (per Mr. Uriah W. Braven)	10	0	
Canon Thompson and the ringers at Hayes, Kent (per Mr. O. Gilbey)	1	1	0
Bromsgrove Parish Church Guild (per Mr. Harold J. Martin)	10	0	
St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich (per Mr. Cyril E. Palmer)	6	0	
St. Peter's, Wolverhampton (per Mr. E. F. Mitchell)	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. Paine	4	0	
X. Y. Z.	2	6	
Two R's	5	0	
Mrs. F. M. Mitchell	2	6	
A few at Milton-next-Gravesend	7	6	

Total £50 6 3

(Continued from previous column.)

sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Kent Treble Bob Major, and the usual six-bell methods, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The following places were selected for the next three meetings, if the bells are available, viz., Potterne, Holt and Westbury.

A word of praise is due to those who made the arrangements for what proved to be an excellent meeting, the utmost harmony prevailing throughout: The secretary (Mr. F. Green), for the work he put in; and Mr. S. Hillier, the senior Ringing Master, for his excellent arrangements for all to have a pull, and whom everyone present was pleased to see again after his recent accident; and to the steeple-keepers for having everything ready.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another ringer with a long connection with the Sussex County Association passed away last week in the person of Mr. Joseph Sharp. He was associated with various towers in Eastbourne, and had rendered valuable aid to the art in that part of the county.

The very fine half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters which was rung at Wrington, Somerset, on August 11th, 1927, in memory of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. E. D. Marshall, of Wrington, has been permanently recorded in the tower by the erection of a handsome tablet presented by Mr. E. Denison Taylor. The tablet is the work of Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, Leicester.

Among ancient ringing societies was one at Redenhall, Norfolk, which was established in 1736. It is on record that on January 13th, 1838, Samuel Thurston conducted a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob at the church, to celebrate the 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society.

Thirty years ago next Monday the first peal of London Surprise Major in the City of London was rung by the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

On January 14th, 1818, died James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, at the age of 93 years. From the year 1744 to the year 1804 he rang in Kent and elsewhere 112 peals, not less than 5,040 changes in each peal, and called bobs and singles for most of the peals, and on April 7th and 8th, 1761, assisted in ringing 40,320 Bob Major on Leeds Bells in 27 hours.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang the first peal of Double Bob Major on January 14th, 1726, at St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street.

A complete peal of Plain Bob Tripples, the first true peal of five thousand that ever was rung here, was rung at St. John's, Craydon, on January 17th, 1735.

On January 18th, 1844, 7,126 Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCES OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL. THE NORWICH RECORDS.

In our issue of December 21st it was stated that the first recorded performance of Holt's Original, in which the conductor rang one of the bells, was at Saffron Walden on Christmas Day, 1753. Last week Mr. T. E. Slater's correction of this was made. The peal had been rung twice before under the same conditions at Norwich. Mr. G. H. Cross now sends extracts from the 'Norwich Mercury' of the time, and suggests that the records at Saffron Walden and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and in the 'History of the Ancient Society of College Youths,' should be corrected.

The following is taken from the record now in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, as copied from the 'Norwich Mercury' by Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich:—

ST. MICHAEL'S COSLANY, NORWICH.

On Saturday, August 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Michael's Coslany a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in three hours, without changes alike, or a bell out of course, it being the first time ever performed by eight men only, so intricate it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the bobs. It has been rung in London and at Stonham Aspal with prompts, but was rung by these men without a prompt.

The following is from the record now in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, as copied from the 'Norwich Mercury' by Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich:—

ST. GILES', NORWICH.

On Sunday, October 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Giles' in ye City of Norwich, 5,040 Grandsire Tripples, with only two doubles and no alterations. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London. The bobs were called by William Dixon, the peal being so intricate the London Bell-ringers thought it impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells and call the bobs at the same time. The peal was completely rung in three hours and six minutes by the following persons: William Dixon treble, John Gardiner 2, Thomas Hart 3, Charles Jarvis 4, Samuel Shelver 5, Robert Dyke 6, Charles North 7, Fred Whitfield tenor.

DEATH OF CHELMSFORD'S SUB-DEAN.

The Essex Association has lost an old and valued friend in Canon H. A. Lake, Sub-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral since 1924, and Rector of Chelmsford for 34 years. He passed away on Monday at the age of 81 years, as a result of an attack of pneumonia.

Canon Lake had always been deeply interested in the Essex Association. He was usually present at the annual meeting, and last year at Chelmsford recalled his experiences at the coming-of-age of the association, and said he was looking forward to the jubilee celebration next Whitsun.

The deceased cleric, when at Cambridge University, was a prominent runner, and had always been a great supporter of Essex and amateur sport.

By a coincidence a report will be found in another column of a peal rung at Braintree on December 29th in honour of Canon Lake's birthday.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is well known to us all that it is no unusual thing for Parliament to pass an Act and for the Courts to decide subsequently that the wording is such that the thing actually done is the direct opposite of the intention of the Legislature. After the interesting and valuable correspondence in your columns it can be a matter of little surprise that the Central Council, late on in the afternoon after a long session, should have fallen into a trap of this kind.

By this time we must be all agreed that it is no easy matter to set down on paper the conditions that we feel should govern these peals. Either we find ourselves banning some that ought to be accepted, or allowing what might with advantage be rejected.

We are all agreed that Mr. Bankes James' arrangement is an advance on what has gone before, and must on no account be banned. Most of us at this date cannot accept his 720's as true and complete. It follows (does it not?) that some modification is essential in the Hereford resolutions.

Apparently we all are agreed that the acceptance of this arrangement of 720's involves the acceptance of Mr. Pitman's 240's. And I will go further. You cannot logically allow these without accepting Mr. Morris' as well. The three stand or fall together.

Personally, I think that a mistake was made in compressing the conditions for a peal of Minor (or Doubles) into a single resolution. At the present time, when splicing and the like is much to the fore, a 'portmanteau' resolution is likely to have the effect of crabbing valuable advance. I would venture to suggest that we put our heads together and try to draw up a series of individual conditions which will carry us some way on the road we wish to travel, and which can be added to subsequently as needs arise.

With this view I venture to put forward the following for criticism, amendment and addition:—

CONDITIONS FOR PEALS.

(1) Compositions of Minor must be in 720's and not in smaller touches. Compositions of Doubles must be in 120's and not in smaller touches. These 720's and 120's are to be true in themselves.

(2) In a peal of Minor no two 720's may be alike in both calling and method. In a peal of Doubles 120's in round blocks will be recognised with inevitable repetition of calling, but there must be as much variety as the nature of the method, or methods, admits with the use of the ordinary calls employed in the method, or methods.

The wording of this resolution will need careful consideration. It is of the utmost importance that a peal of Grandsire Doubles should consist of at least 10 differently called six-scores, and one of Bob Minor of seven different 720's. At the same time it is not easy to provide for this without excluding what we ought to allow.

(3) At the end of each round block, whether this consist of 720 changes of Minor or 120 changes of Doubles (or groups of 720's or 120's), the bells shall immediately go off into the next block.

(This is intended to provide that at the end of a six-score (say) rounds is only to be struck once.)

There may be other points which it would be well to include, but I feel sure that the acceptance of these three conditions in some form or other would go a long way towards standardising five and six bell peals in the way we all desire to do, while the respective merits of Messrs. Pitman's and Morris' arrangements can best be left to the practical commonsense of the Exercise. If they are worth preserving they will continue to be rung (Central Council resolutions or not). If not, they will naturally disappear.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

PROGRESS OR DEGENERACY?

Sir,—The time is ripe for some plain speaking, and I think that most ringers who value the prestige of our Art will endorse and support your editorial attitude.

Will any unbiassed person state what progress is made by the latest 'jiggery-pokery' of the five and six-bell merchants? An attempt is being made to prove that nothing matters so long as it comes right at the end. The abortion put out by Mr. L. Morris, supposed to be a peal of Grandsire Doubles, has four leads missing—3542, 4235, 3524, 2435—the bells run round at the 39th change, and the rest are false. On what basis does any sane person—and I include especially Mr. J. A. Trollope—suggest that such piffle should be accepted as a 'peal'?

If language means anything, a peal on five bells is 120 true changes (NOT 240) from rounds to rounds. On seven bells a peal is 5,040 (not 10,080), and if the Central Council has at any time sanctioned anything different, it has been done by the casuistry of a few, who seem to annually hoodwink both members and chairman.

Many first-class performances on higher numbers of bells have been condemned, and rightly so, because of the repetition of a single change, yet on five bells wholesale falseness is permitted, solely for the glorification of the bob caller, for it is nothing extra to the ringer. It is almost unthinkable that after 300 years of progressive change ringing men of intellect can be found to provide a 'reason' (?) for such retrogression.

Under it, anything can be foisted on the Exercise as a 'peal.' Under it, a 'Bob-and-Swindle' peal is assured before it begins. We have seen enough of that in years past, and we ought to see that

history does not repeat itself. Where falseness does not matter, what else can be banned? Every conductor of experience can surely see what a gateway it opens to fraud. If the object in view is to exercise the minds of the ringers, then Grandsire Doubles, however manipulated, will not do much. There are more methods now in existence than will ever be rung. There is more brainwork in a seven-method peal than in one method, no matter what calling is used. Since it has been stated in your columns that the Central Council endorses these monstrosities, I beg to ask Mr. Alex Young the secretary, to tell us from his minute book when and where such resolution was passed.

W. WILLSON.

MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT OF DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—I note with pleasure your brief rejoinder to my letter this week, in which you submit to such expressions as, 'In our opinion.' It would be as well to point out that this style of language should have dominated your recent leaders and references to the subject, in view of your complete failure to ventilate partially the outstanding facts and features of the two arrangements of Grandsire Doubles in question.

As I have already proved, both are true and complete in themselves, inasmuch that both contain in their respective 240's each of the possible 120 changes twice, and are therefore, as quoted by Mr. Trollope, legitimate and allowable.

I therefore object to such expressions as 'false' being attributed, as they are certainly both misappropriate and misrepresenting.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

[The 'outstanding fact and feature' of Mr. Morris' arrangement is that it does not comply with the resolution passed at the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford, which says, 'That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 120....' (The emphasis is ours.) If we have failed to 'ventilate' this, even 'partially,' we are sorry, but we had not previously realised that we had not made it plain. On the contrary, we thought we had put it quite clearly, so that even the meanest intelligence could understand what we meant. However much Mr. Morris may object that the expression 'false' is 'misappropriate and misrepresenting,' it does not alter the fact that, in his 'arrangement,' rounds or other rows are included and rung 'more than once in any 120.' The repetition of rows excludes an equal number of other rows. Therefore, no 120 is true and complete. And if it isn't true, what is it?—Ed. 'R.W.')

SPICED EXTENTS.

Sir,—The reference in your correspondence to the fact that Pitman and Bankes James' peals are upheld by the Council should be amplified by pointing out that spiced 240's, etc., are also upheld—e.g.,—

S 5423	
S 3254	
— 5132	
S 2354	A
2435	
5423	2A
— 2354	
S 4523	
4352	

2345—2A

It was on account of an assurance from the seconder of the motion (Rev. H. Law James) at Hereford that all these were included in the definition, that I did not proceed with the amendment that I had intended to propose.—Yours truly,

E. M. ATKINS.

A QUESTION OF DEGREE.

Dear Sir,—My object in referring to Triples was to point out that repetitions are not there allowed. The reason, of course, is that Triples are always rung in an eight-bell tower, and if a long peal is desired it can be rung in a Major method.

In order to get 5,040 in lesser numbers, such license as repetitions is allowed. It is therefore only a question of degree, whether the license now asked for should be allowed.

The discussion is both interesting and instructive, and it is a pity it did not take place before the last Council meeting. I fear very few of us grasped the point at issue, and if the Council does reconsider the matter it need not be taken as a precedent.

I am afraid I am not worried by the thought of the 'whim of any composer who happens upon some freak composition.' I should be only too glad to see it, and then the Council could adjudicate on its merits.

HERBERT DRAKE.

AN ABRIDGED SYSTEM OF PROOF.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

[The following is the third portion of a short treatise on Method Proving, a subject thoroughly understood at present by comparatively few. A close study of these articles should help many more ringers to an understanding of this advanced side of the science.]

Earlier in this article we considered four false heads, obtained in the orthodox way, from rows 9-22 and rows 11-24, viz.: (1) 18427365, (2) 14638752, (3) 16724385, and (4) 14658237. We found that 1-2 and 3-4 are related, each to the other, by their proving values, and I stated that 1-3 and 2-4 also are related in a similar way by the positions occupied therein by the lead-end. I should like briefly to explain what was meant.

Actually, this 'proving value' is a double transposition, although this is not apparent because the numbers and positions (at rounds) happen to coincide; but, reading the bells one above another in the two rows, this is how it appears on paper:—

If the FH (1) 18427365 be related to the HF 12345678, then the HF 12345678 is related to the PV 14638752 (FH No. 2), and similarly with the false heads 3-4. False heads 1-3 and 2-4 are related, with the lead-end as the Hidden Factor, thus:—
If the FH (1) 18427365 be related to the HF 14628375, then the HF 14628375 is related to FH (3) 16724385.

To return to our rows 5-26 and 7-28, a similar relationship exists between the false heads obtainable from these four rows, and there should be a direct way of finding the formation of the course ends pertaining to rows 7-28, once we have established those which govern rows 5-26, but, unfortunately, it has proved to be elusive. We obtained the combinations without recourse to rows 7-28, but it seems that these rows will have to be treated in the same manner as rows 5-26, in order to ascertain the formation of the course end rows. This substitutes the production of the combinations by the alteration due to the lead-end, as the four which come from rows 7-28 may just as well be produced in the ordinary way, without recourse to the lead-end at all. The latter has, however, served to illustrate the point, that one pair of rows will determine whether the four rows have a clean proof scale, or not.

I have dealt with rows of like nature herein, because they lend themselves more readily to explanation, being nearer to the orthodox system, and I must leave the final difficulty for the reader to solve, if he wishes to avoid recourse to the upward treatment of rows 5-26 and to both treatments of rows 7-28, in search of the false course ends.

Before touching upon the alternative system, we can summarise what has gone:—

We take, from a symmetrical section, two rows of like nature with the treble in the 'odd' place, and apply Blocks Y-Z downwards. If there is no combination the matter rests there—the whole section is 'clean.'

If there are one or more combinations from this downward application, we trace the formation of the false course end, or ends. The upward treatment will bring reversed combinations in certain false courses, which probably will be identical.

It will then be necessary to deal with the other two rows of like nature, which have the treble in the 'even' place, in precisely the same way.

If the section is asymmetrical, repeat the above for the rows with the treble in the 'even' place. It may happen, in such a section, that, while no combination is found in the treble's 'odd' place, several may come from the rows with the treble in the 'even' place; or vice versa.

THE ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.

The system which deals with rows of opposite natures, and which, for several reasons, I much prefer, I have termed the 'Half-Lead Practice,' because, in 90 per cent. of the sections, these rows will appear in the same half of the lead, and only the half section (plus the lead-end row) will be necessary if the section happens to have a clean proof scale. If Operation B reveals combinations in the pair of opposite nature rows, the other two rows in the lower half of the lead will have to be produced, by transposition from the lead-end or some other means, in order to establish the formation of the false course ends therefrom; unless, of course, the reader discovers the relationship existing between the false course ends from four rows. In this event the alternative system will be truly 'half-lead practice.'

Operation B, here, will not be quite so apparent as in the other, but the remainder is more simple and just as effective. I shall deal very briefly with the subject, in view of the detailed explanation that has gone, because it more or less follows, and shall refer only to symmetrical sections, it being understood that an asymmetrical section will exactly double the work. The same section is dealt with as that in the full-lead practice, viz., that which covers rows 5-26 and 7-28.

OPERATION B.—Collate two rows of opposite natures, and apply Blocks Y-Z for coursing pairs in positional pairs as before, but with this difference: The positional pairs will be represented by the lead-end numbers which replace them, the coursing pairs will be as usual, and, when a combination has been found, the positional pair quoted therein will be a proper pair belonging to Blocks Y or Z, and which will be indicated by the substituted lead-end numbers.

The following table, which is standard, is useful for Operation B. It indicates the pairs which any lead-end will substitute for the positional pairs of Blocks Y-Z.

If the lead-end of a method be:—	The substituted pairs will be:—						
	Block Y.			Block Z.			
	2/3	3/5	5/7	7/8	2/4	4/6	6/8
12436587	2/4	4/6	6/8	8/7	2/3	3/5	5/7
13254768	3/2	2/4	4/6	6/8	3/5	5/7	7/8
14628375	4/6	6/8	8/7	7/5	4/2	2/3	3/5
15372846	5/3	3/2	2/4	4/6	5/7	7/8	8/6
16847253	6/8	8/7	7/5	5/3	6/4	4/2	2/3
17583624	7/5	5/3	3/2	2/4	7/8	8/6	6/4
18765432	8/7	7/5	5/3	3/2	8/6	6/4	4/2

The procedure is thus:—

Rows. The lead-end 14628375, according to our table, substitutes 4/6, 6/8, 8/7, 7/5 for the positional pairs of Block Y; and 4/2, 2/3, 7/8 + 5.2.1.7.8.3.6.4. 3/5 for Block Z. Observe these pairs in row 5, and under them, in row 7, search for

any proper coursing pair belonging to the block. Thus: 4/6 in row 5 have 46 under, which are the wrong way for Block Y; similarly with 6/8 and 8/7. The 7/5 have 72 under, the 4/2 have 45 under, and these are not coursing pairs. But 2/3 in row 5 have 53 under, and 3/5 have 32 under, both coursing pairs being the correct way for Block Z. Here, then, we have two combinations, 53 in 2/3 and 32 in 3/5; but 2/3 and 3/5 are the lead-end symbols which are replacing the proper positional pairs of 4/6 and 6/8 respectively. Thus the proper combinations are 35 in 4/6 and 23 in 6/8, from the downward treatment of these two rows.

Now exactly repeat this for the upward treatment. (The reversal of the combinations does not apply here, because we are dealing with a 'cross' collation; it comes later, as will be shown.) This produces two combinations which happen to be identical with the first two, viz.: 35 in 4/6 and 23 in 6/8. Incidentally, these two treatments (downward and upward) are very easily done together. After a time it becomes natural to search both rows at once, for both positional and coursing pairs. For instance, we can look for 4/6 in row 5 and observe 46 below, and, vice versa, 4/6 below and observe 46 above; and so on.

We can ignore, for the moment, the four combinations which should come from the other pair of rows (viz., 26-28), and can trace the formation of the false course ends.

(To be concluded.)

FUNERAL OF MR. H. H. CHANDLER.

The funeral of Mr. H. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place on Thursday, January 3rd. The interment took place at Hillingdon Cemetery, the Vicar of Hillingdon (Rev. H. J. Kiteat) officiating.

As the cortege passed through the village, the bells of St. John's were rung fully muffled to touches of Grandsire Caters. The ringers were: Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, F. Corke 4, J. J. Pratt 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, J. H. Lucas 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10. Among the large company present at the graveside were ringers from Hillingdon, Uxbridge and Ealing. The ringers from the two former places also sent wreaths.

At the conclusion of the burial service four ringers, one at each corner of the grave, rang, as a last farewell, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells: F. G. Baldwin 1-2, A. H. Fulwell 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow 5-6, F. Corke 7-8. And so he was left within sound of the bells he loved so well. R.I.P.

WARNHAM RINGERS' LAST TRIBUTE.

The Warnham (Sussex) band met on Thursday, January 3rd, to pay their tribute of respect to their old friend and erstwhile conductor, Mr. H. H. Chandler. Touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples were brought round, and also a touch of Canterbury Major, in which method Mr. Chandler, called the first peal and also the greatest leifth. The ringers taking part were J. Stanford, T. Branch, J. Cook, P. Charman, W. Hooker, J. Branch, W. Pettifer, A. Charman and Wal Charman.

OLD COLLEGE YOUTH'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. Thomas Coxhead occurred recently at York Street, Lambeth, at the age of 72 years. He was born at a village near Aldbourne, Wilts, and his knowledge of horses secured him employment with the London and South Western Railway Company. For over 44 years he was a horsekeeper at the Nine Elms Depot. Six years ago he retired on a pension of 17s. a week, but when he reached 70 years of age the company reduced it to 7s., as he was then entitled to the old age pension.

Deceased was at one time a regular ringer at St. Saviour's, Southwark, with the local band, but when the bells were relung alterations were made, and the ringers disbanded, members of the choir being instructed to ring in their places. The late Mr. Coxhead rang many of the tenors behind to peals in South London and other places, and was always ready to oblige for a peal. He was an old member of the College Youths, and also a member of the St. James' Society and the Waterloo Society.

LIGHTING THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When the bells at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, were rehung last year we reorganised the lighting very much on the lines set out by your correspondent re Truro, and have found the central light over the bell frame to be of very great convenience indeed. The flex of the central light in the ringing chamber passes through a hole in the ceiling, and is fixed with an ordinary counterbalance weight to the roof of the intermediate chamber. This enables the height to be regulated and the lamps to be lowered to be replaced without it being necessary to erect a scaffold.

It is interesting to know that the two towers, which are replicas of one another and such splendid examples of Pearson architecture, are lit in the same way.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.

'AN IDEAL ARRANGEMENT.'

Dear Sir,—I would suggest the following as being an ideal arrangement for the electric light installation for Ufford tower:—

The lights in the staircase, between the ground level and the ringing chamber, should be controlled by two two-way switches, one in the bottom and one at the door of the ringing chamber. This will enable the lights to be switched on at the bottom, and off at the top, or vice versa. The remaining lights in the staircase can be switched off from a switch placed just outside the ringing chamber door.

The lights in the ringing chamber should be controlled by a switch inside the ringing chamber, and that in the clock room by a switch in the clock room, and that in the bell chamber by a switch in the bell chamber.

These lights should be fixed lights, and of sufficient wattage to provide adequate illumination. It may be necessary to have, in addition, a portable light in both bell and clock chambers, and for this purpose a separate switch and plug should be placed in a convenient position in each chamber.

Regarding the lights for the ringing chamber, if the ceiling is white in colour, a 100 watt lamp with a bowl shade will probably give very satisfactory illumination, but in any case a very satisfactory light will be obtained by using a 100 watt pearl glass light with a Holophane shade, and situated in the centre of, and close to, the ceiling.

As regards the installation itself, I do not recommend one using lead-covered or metal sheathed cable but prefer the surface wiring system of the Macintosh Cable Company, Ltd., which does not require any earthing or bonding, and can be installed with a maximum neatness.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. CAVE.

A STAFFORDSHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

The peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) at St. Chad's Church, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, has been recently rehung on ball bearings and overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The oak frame, which was loose in its members, has been tightened, while the foundation beams have been anchored to the walls by means of steel channels.

The bells were rung once more for Christmas, and the 'go' is all that can be desired.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was to have taken place at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, but owing to the death of the Vicar there was no ringing at this church. It was, however, decided to apply at St. Andrew's Rectory for permission to ring on the fine ring of eight there instead, and although both the Rector and his wife were absent, the vergers were able to give the necessary permission. On hearing the good news, the members soon found their way into the tower. The bells were raised at about 4 p.m., and some good ringing followed, although short touches were the order of the day in order to give all present a 'pull' in the limited time at disposal. The methods were varied, Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, and Cambridge being successfully brought round, and at 6 p.m. the bells were lowered.

The business meeting was very short, the next meeting of the district being due to take place on Saturday, January 19th, at All Saints', West Ham (see notice column).

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the church officials at St. Andrew's for the kindly way in which they gave permission to ring there. The attendance numbered about 25, and would doubtless have been greater if the ringing had been at the other tower, as many went away from St. Sepulchre's without visiting St. Andrew's.

The officers of the district wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their very sincere apology to all those members and others who waited outside St. Sepulchre's, and, concluding that there was 'nothing doing,' went away disappointed, although, at the same time, they hope that they will realise that the circumstances were utterly unforeseen, and could not have possibly been helped.

RING OUT THE OLD.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On December 31st, just before midnight, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., with ten different callings: F. Everitt (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. Harridge 2, F. Wood 3, G. Miles (conductor) 4, A. Benbow 5, E. C. B. Sharplin 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band. After midnight, 360 changes by the same band with the bells open.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, December 31st, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

ARKSEY.—On New Year's Eve, 1,344 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: F. Garner 1, E. Cooper (conductor) 2, G. Clarke 3, H. Arrand 4, Jos. McCluskey 5, Jas. McCluskey 6, T. Bysouth 7, T. Revill 8. First quarter on an 'inside' bell by T. Bysouth, who is 74 years of age.

SOUTHGATE.—On December 31st, with bells half-muffled for the old year, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: Gilbert Slater (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, W. Pickworth 3, D. Ovington (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, A. G. Crane 8.

SEALE, SURREY.—The bells were rung half-muffled for a quarter of an hour before midnight on December 31st to ring out the old year. To ring in the new year and to celebrate the first anniversary of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a quarter-peal of Minor consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells open, by: E. Gardner 1, B. Court (first 'inside') 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Beagley 4, C. Newman 5, E. Beagley (conductor) 6.

BICESTER RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Bicester bellringers sat down to their annual supper on New Year's Eve at the Rose and Crown, Bicester. The Vicar presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. E. Clifton, T. Clifton, H. Hatfield, W. Scarrott, J. Evans, B. Cox, F. Neale, W. Farmer, and the vergers, Mr. H. J. Walker.

After supper the loyal toast was honoured, and the company spent the remainder of the evening in community singing and touches on the handbells until 11.30.

An adjournment was then made to the church tower for muffled ringing until midnight, after which the bells were rung open until 12.15, and thus ended a very enjoyable evening.

MALDON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The ringers of All Saints', Maldon, were entertained to supper on New Year's Eve by Mr. H. J. Mansfield, one of the All Saints' company.

The programme commenced with the usual evening practice, when five methods were rung by members of the band.

The supper took place at the home of Mr. Mansfield, where thirteen sat down to a sumptuous feast. Despite the supposed ill-luck of the number, the evening was successfully and enjoyably spent, the time passing all too quickly. Some gramophone records of bellringing were heard, and comic songs were rendered by Mr. J. H. Waldoek and Mr. J. Amos. Mr. W. Chalk also entertained with a recitation of his own poetry. After some handbell ringing, the company walked to the tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new. For this purpose 672 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung by E. Johnson, S. E. Linnett, W. Chalk, J. Amos, Miss A. E. Waldoek, H. J. Mansfield, F. Chalk and F. Ford, Mr. P. Chalk conducting.

A more fitting finale to the old year, or a more happy prelude to the new, would be difficult to find. The hearty thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield for their hospitality, and the company unite in wishing them a very happy and prosperous new year.

WEST HALLAM BELLS.

The new bells at West Hallam, Derbyshire, have been hung in the tower, and thus complete the octave. They are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Derby on Sunday, January 20th, at 3 p.m. The tower will be at the disposal of visiting ringers on Saturday, January 26th, from 2.30 to 8 p.m.

LATE NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester, Saturday, January 19th. Bells at the Cathedral (12), St Maurice's (6) available from 2.30. Service at St. Maurice's Church 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday, January 16th, the District Secretary, C. A. Smith, King's Somborne, nr. Winchester.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 17th and 31st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

Practice night at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, will be on Tuesday (instead of Wednesday) on and from Jan. 1st. Ringing from 7.45 to 9. Also practice at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday, from 7.45 to 9 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Corke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. All Saints' bells available 2.30 to 3.30 (by notice). St. Paul's bells 2.30 to 4. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Ringing at both churches after meeting. Tea, 6d. to branch members, 1s. to visitors.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Hartill, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Ightham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Wigan branch members especially invited.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ippolyt's on Jan. 12th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea is being arranged. All ringers welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 12th. St. Mary's bells from 1.30 till 4. St. Michael's from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 5.30.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Our Hon. President, Canon Hone, has kindly promised to be with us. Bells ready early. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) ready early. A good attendance requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Jan. 12th. Tea and business at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Evensong at 6 p.m.—B. T. Clark, Branch Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's tower will also be open for ringing 7 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on January 12th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the Vicar. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting after. Good bus services from all parts. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Jan. 15th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on January 19th. Tea at 4.30, for all sending me word by January 15th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of ringers will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All intending to be present please write by Tuesday, Jan. 15th. After that date no teas can be guaranteed.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 21, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 16th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Chorley Old Road, Whittle, not later than Friday, Jan. 18th. New reports and diagrams to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing commences at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 15th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., Chevington, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Wallasey St. Nicholas' on Jan. 19th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present must let secretary know not later than 16th inst.—H. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (5) ready 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform secretary by Thursday, Jan. 17th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Putney and Fulham. Ringing, Putney, 3 to 5. Tea and meeting at Cosy Café, opposite church, at 5.15. Ringing, Fulham, 7 to 8.30. All welcome. Let me know if coming to tea.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, should inform Mr. F. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, not later than the 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon (St. Andrew's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Club Room, opposite Railway Station, and business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 2.30: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6). Any visitors requiring tea please let the secretary know before Friday, Jan. 18th.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Eastleaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2 p.m., to 9 p.m., at Fressingfield Church. Tea at 5 p.m. in Club Room, Fox and Goose Inn, followed by meeting. — L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Will those who require tea please let me know by Tuesday, the 15th? —C. Fields, Hon. Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 15th.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, the Schoolroom, at 5. Bells (6) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. The Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 and tea, to be followed by general meeting, at 5 p.m. in the School Rooms in Coventry Road.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. D. Carter, Vicar of Witley. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall to follow. Anyone requiring tea please let me know by the 16th. Bells at both churches available at 3 p.m.—W. R. Melville, Assistant Sec., 17, Bedford Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting of the above will take place at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER.—Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at the Leaning Tower and other City churches (see later announcement). Tea and refreshments 4 p.m., at St. Thomas' Church Room, where information as to proceedings may be obtained from 2 p.m. onward. Few minutes' walk from Temple Meads Station. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells at liberty 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Rooms at 5.15 p.m. for those advising me not later than Thursday, Jan. 17th. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the Talbot Inn at 7.45 p.m. All members are urged to make an effort to attend this meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guild-borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Six bells. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. — The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30. Tickets, 5s. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary. The new Bishop of Southwell will be present. Visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th (owing to Farnham bells being unavailable). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all who intend to be present please advise Miss A. Fisher, 253, High Street, Aldershot, by Jan. 24th? All ringers welcomed and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea will be provided by the Vicar and local ringers. It is imperative that any member requiring tea shall notify me by first post on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Church Room. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. P. T. Cooper, 26, Church Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Next meeting at Widdford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at White Horse. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available in the evening. Subscriptions are now due. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday (last post), the 23rd.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5, followed by meeting and social. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me by Jan. 23rd.—Thos Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Branston (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2 p.m. Excellent bus service to and from St. Mary's Street and St. Mark's. All ringers heartily welcome. Notification for tea to Harold Marston, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

YORKS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Also St. Michael's (8) from 2.30. Divine service, in St. Chad's Church, at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon R. H. Malden. Tea, 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Hutchinson not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid without delay. A presentation will be made at this meeting to the honorary treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) to mark his completion of 21 years of office, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will assemble to honour the occasion.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Chad's Room 6 o'clock. Meeting 6.45. Kindly send number for tea before Jan. 22nd to the hon. sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A dinner in connection with the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in Mercer's Hall, Cross Keys Lane, Southgate Street, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. (sharp). Tickets 3/- each. St. Mary de Lode bells (6) will be open from 4 to 5.30. Anyone requiring dinner kindly let me know by Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea in the Village Hall and business meeting to follow. All who intend being present at tea must notify me on or before Wednesday, 23rd inst. (first post). Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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FORMER TREASURER OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The death has taken place at Cheltenham of the Rev. Henry Courtney Courtney. Mr. Courtney was in his 92nd year, and had been in orders 66 years. From 1902-3 he was curate of St. Stephen's, Bristol. In 1904, he became curate to Dr. Wilkins, with the charge of Redland Green Chapel, where he worked for 15 years.

The deceased clergyman was well known by the older generation of ringers. Mr. Courtney went to Bristol from Dunster, where he had rung many peals under Mr. C. F. Winney's conductorship. In all he had rung 33 peals for the Bath and Wells Association. His first peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association was rung at St. Stephen's on January 29th, 1896, and for that association (of which he was hon. treasurer in 1901-1902) he rang seven peals, his last being Stedman Triples at Thornbury on August 20th, 1904, which was conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

WORPLESDON RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. Reginald George Tickner, of Worplesdon, Surrey, whose death we briefly recorded last week, was 27 years of age, and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tickner, of Worplesdon. He was playing football for Worplesdon on the Saturday before Christmas, was taken ill on Sunday, and died the next day.

Mr. Tickner was a native of Worplesdon, and was employed as an office porter at the railway station. In addition to being a ringer, he was very popular as joint secretary of the Men's Club and a playing member of the local football and cricket clubs. The funeral took place on Saturday week, when members of the cricket, football and men's clubs acted as bearers. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which deceased was a member, was represented by Messrs. G. Hazelden (District Ringing Master), W. Melville (district assistant secretary), W. Robinson and C. N. Burdock. As the funeral cortege approached, the bells were rung fully muffled, and at the conclusion of the service handbells were rung over the open grave. Afterwards on the church bells the 'whole pull and stand' was rung.

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