

KNIGHTON (Radnorshire).

On Saturday, January 23rd, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and touches of Grandsire Minor, in which the following took part:—J. G. Buchanan, J. Roberts, W. Meads (Clun), J. E. Groves (Instructor), Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, R. Burge, F. Pewtress, R. Thomas, J. Perks (Knighton). The ringers were afterwards entertained to Tea at the Chandos Temperance Hotel by the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw.

On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; R. Burge, 2; R. Thomas, 3; E. Griffiths, 4; F. Pewtress, 5; J. Perks, 6. Also during the Instructor's stay, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with Rev. H. F. Bagshaw and other probationary members taking part. Tenor 8 cwt.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the Knighton Ringers, with the Guild Instructor, paid a visit to the above Town with the intention of stirring up the interest of Change Ringing at that place. Permission was readily granted for the use of the bells by the genial Vicar, the Rev. G. Cuthbert, but upon examining the bells, the ringers could at once see they had something to do. The Knighton Ringers never having rung in a strange tower before, found not only twice the weight of metal, but also a long draught large wheels, made by a local man, and also that the bells were hung left-handed.

An attempt was made to raise in peal, but the dancing of the ropes proved most amusing to the lookers on, but not very pleasant to those under them. The bells being raised and all the clappers turned, a start was made for 120's of Doubles which was not far advanced when over goes the treble. This put right several other starts were made, each of which seemed to get nearer the beginning, but with perseverance and hard work the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles ever heard in Presteign was an accomplished fact. Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, 1; R. Burge, 2; R. Thomas, 3; J. E. Groves, (conductor), 4; F. Pewtress, 5; J. Perks, 6. Afterwards another 120 in the same method, J. E. Groves, 3; E. Griffiths, 4; and the rest as before. The bells were then lowered and the party with two of the local ringers adjourned to the Bull Hotel where they sat down to a well earned tea, after which, steps were retraced for the 6½ miles to Knighton. The bells are a fine ring of six by Rudhall—Cast 1717. Tenor about 16 cwt. in E.