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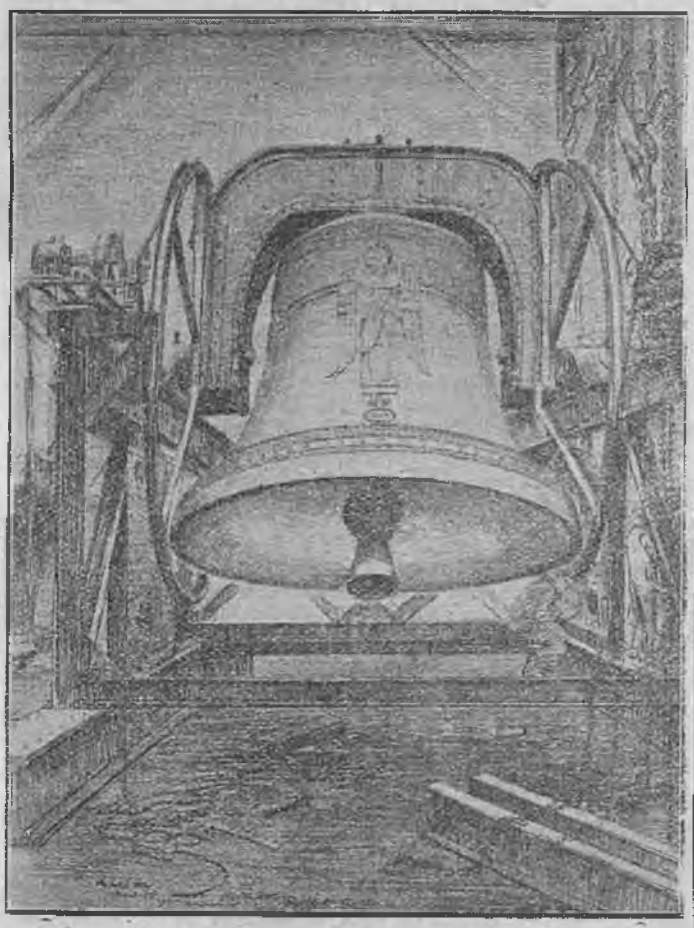

THE 18¼ TON RINGING BELL,
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WHAT SHALL CONSTITUTE A 'PEAL'?

The discussion on the Minor and Doubles question is gradually resolving itself into the vital issue of what shall constitute a peal. Hitherto there have been some well established conditions which have to be observed before a peal has been recognised, the basis of which has been that it shall begin and end with rounds and that none of the intervening rows shall repeat. In the case of Minor and Doubles these conditions have had to apply to the separate extents of which the peal has been made up. The Exercise is now faced with the problem of whether it will or will not continue to insist upon the maintenance of these primary requirements. It is not only a question whether the internal extents of peals of Minor and Doubles shall begin from and end with rounds and whether there may be repetitions within the respective 720's or 120's, but whether, indeed, a peal need end at rounds at all. The experiment which the Rev. E. S. Powell proposes to make, coupled with the suggestion of Mr. Joyce, expressing the views of the Leytonstone band, that 'if a ten thousand of Bob Major were brought to a conclusion after the 5,001st row, none could say that 5,000 true and complete changes had not been rung, and 5,000 true and complete changes constitute a peal,' accentuate the fact that there are ringers who are prepared to admit a standard very different to that which has existed for more than two hundred years. We cannot imagine that the Exercise will welcome any such change. It is true that all our conditions for a peal are arbitrary; but there has always been an endeavour to maintain conditions of, if we may say so, common sense as well as those dictated by common practice. If Mr. Powell likes to ring a 5,040 Grandsire Triples in the way he suggests, no one would say him 'nay,' but, on the other hand, no one would credit him with having rung a 'true peal.' His argument that it is exactly on the same lines as one of Mr. Bankes James' 720's of Cambridge may be perfectly good, but there is no disputing the fact that Mr. Bankes James' 'peal' begins from and ends with rounds, and Mr. Powell's Grandsire Triples does not. There is a great deal in what the Rev. H. Law James says of his brother's composition, that the rounds at the end of the third 720 is actually the last change of the first extent; that, in other words, after ringing 719 changes, two 720's are spliced in, and the 720th change then rung. There are those who would exclude peals in which true and complete extents are spliced into other true and complete extents, and it is on this point that those who would insist upon the 720's and 120's being true in themselves may find it difficult to come to agree-

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ment. But of one thing we may be certain, the majority of the Exercise will not be prepared to accept compositions in which the 720's and 120's are not themselves true, but are merely constructed so that, in the case of Minor, no row is rung more than seven times, or in Doubles more than 42 times, in a 5,040, without consideration as to whether rows making up the respective 720's or 120's repeat.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5147 CHANGES;

JESSE GILLETT	*Treble*	TOM PRICE	7
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	ERNEST BISHOP	8
FRANK COLE...	3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ...	9
CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	4	EX. SRGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	10
JACK ROBERTS	5	J. F. BALLINGER	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	P. INSPECTOR G. HASTINGS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung for the 9th anniversary of the peal of 13,001 in the same method, and of the 8,448 Stedman Cinques rung February 16th, 1858.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*REGINALD ADDIS	*Treble*	GEORGE LARGE	6
ERNEST STITCH	2	GEORGE POPNELL	7
CHARLEY H. PERRY	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
ALFRED PARNALL	5	PETER HEATH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

NORMAN HEMMINGTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
W. RICHARD DRAGE	3	*JOHN E. HOBBS	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BAILEY

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chadburn, parents of Mr. L. Chadburn, vice-president of the Nottingham District.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS LOVE	*Treble*	PERCY JONES	5
HAROLD CASSEL...	2	ALBERT ADDICOTT	6
SINCLAIR ADDICOTT	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
WILLIAM PIKE	4	†JOHN JONES...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Master, Mr. G. Martin, who was unable to take part, owing to ill-health.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON... ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM HOUGHTON ...	5
*WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	2	WILLIAM E. CLARK	6
FREDERICK LEGGOTT... ...	3	*HAROLD HARPER	7
FRANK DEWEY	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal of Major.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

n Monday, February 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM R. PARKER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
TOM TEBBUTT	2	*JACK W. DOVE...	6
THOMAS LAW	3	JOHN T. HENSMAN	7
BERTIE O. SODEN	4	FRED WILFORD	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal of Surprise.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED PYE	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
ALFRED PRIOR	2	*GEORGE DAWSON	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a welcome to Dr. H. A. Wilson, who was enthroned Bishop of Chelmsford on this day. * First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK STACEY	...*Treble*	HENRY HODGETTS	5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	2	WILLIAM SEELEY...	6
*EDWARD AYLETT	3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN	7
†PERCY PARSLOW...	4	FRANCIS A. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by F. A. SMITH.

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

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN BROWN...	...*Treble*	JAMES HARRISON	5
MISS M. CLAYTON	2	*WILLIAM PROCTER	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ...	7
THOMAS CALDERBANK... ...	4	JOHN SANDERSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal, and hails from Whalley. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. C. de Barathy, M.A., for many years curate at the above church, on his appointment to the Vicariate of St. Paul's, Blackburn.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT W. COLES	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	3	JAMES BENNETT...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The above contains 2,944 of London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES S. HUTCHBY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES ALLSOP...	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	6
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ...	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
FREDERICK S. PRICE	4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

This is believed to be the quickest peal ever rung on eight tower bells. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Charles Allsop, who obliged at the last moment.

EDMONTON.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY ...	...*Treble*	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	5
WALTER J. BOWDEN	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
*JOHN G. NASH	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
HAROLD EDWARDS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	6
RONALD G. JONES	3	GEORGE R. JONES	7
GEOFFREY MILTON	4	JAMES H. RIDING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

SAMUEL JONES	...*Treble*	KENNETH KNOWLES	5
CHARLES GREEDY	2	FRANK CRIBB	6
WILLIAM PHILLIPS	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	*WILFRED EVANS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect and affection to the late Mr. Evan Davies, to whose initiative this peal of bells was obtained. Forty years ago last month the first peal was rung on them, and it was the first peal for all the band. They were all taught by Mr. Davies, by whom the peal was conducted. One of the above, the ringer of the 4th, took part in that first performance.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW...	*Treble*	ALBERT J. FLEET...	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	WILLIAM STOCK	6
HENRY STAPLETON	3	EDMUND J. HOBBS	7
CHARLES W. CLARKE	4	HORACE H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES ABERY	*Treble*	MISS STELLA DAVIS	5
*MISS RUBY HAZELL	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	6
*MISS ESTHER MATHEWS	3	HARRY W. SMITH	7
JOHN FRANKUM	4	RICHARD ABERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal in method. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. Frankum kindly standing in. A birthday compliment to Sam, Bob and Tom of the A.S.C.Y.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MISS WINIFRED S. TURLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE EDWARDS	5
JOHN R. DENTON	2	HARRY SEAL	6
*HERBERT D. FORD	3	†ERNEST EVEREST	7
RONALD H. DOVE	4	*ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First attempt for ringer of 3rd. Treble and 2nd belong to the local band, 3rd to Sevenoaks, 4th to Thornton Heath, 5th and 6th to Penshurst, 7th to Chiddingstone, and tenor to Seal. Congratulations were accorded to Miss Turley on her first success and perfect control of her bell throughout the whole peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	2	JOSEPH WREN	6
FRANK N. GURR	3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	7
RICHARD D. DIVAL	4	GEORGE S. DIPLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Chichester, president of the Sussex County Association, and patron of the living of Coleman's Hatch. Mr. Dival is the first local ringer to take part in a peal on these bells.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

WALTER CHARMAN	*Treble*	*ALAN R. PINK	5
JACK COOK	2	ROBERT CHAPELL	6
PETER CHARMAN	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
*WILLIAM T. BERSON...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

* First peal in the method. First in the method by the Guild. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member previous to starting. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. Dobinson for having all in readiness.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5
*WILLIAM H. COOPER	2	HECTOR G. BIRD	6
*WILLIAM POTTER	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
HAROLD V. COOPER	4	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS

* First peal in the method.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PERCY HACKETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM GREEN	5
WALTER FENDALL	2	GILBERT GUEST	6
CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER	3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	7
JOHN PRICE	4	FRANK WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD	*Treble*	M. HODGSON	5
P. BYROM	2	H. MARSDEN	6
W. H. SENIOR	3	FRED HODGSON	7
*H. SENIOR	4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES FIELD	*Treble*	JEFFREY TOSSELL	4
WILLIAM BALCH	2	HAROLD BLACKER	5
ERNEST BATH	3	GRAHAM ASHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

First peal on the bells.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four six-scores each of Stedman, Canterbury, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, New Doubles, Plain Bob and Chase, six of Antelope and eight of Grandsire.

FREDERICK REYNOLDS	*Treble*	FRANK FOX	3
MAURICE KNOWLES	2	RICHARD ABRAMS	4
THOMAS BUTLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

First peal in nine methods by all the ringers. First peal in nine methods to be rung by an entirely local band.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Friday, February 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 changes of Single Court Minor: N. Sharpe (first 720 of Minor) 1, H. Gibbard 2, L. Pell 3, A. R. King 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Musson 6.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIS AYLMORE	*Treble*	JOHN NETLEY	4
CHARLES H. BOOKER	2	JAMES STANDING	5
ALBERT BOOKER	3	ERNEST BOOKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. STANDING.

The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor were elected members of the association previous to starting. It was also their first peal.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES FIELD	*Treble*	JEFFREY TOSSELL	4
WILLIAM BALCH	2	HAROLD BLACKER	5
ERNEST BATH	3	*GEORGE BRANCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* Elected a member of the association before starting. The visiting members of the band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Branch, to whom their best thanks are due.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR SMITH	*Treble*	†FREDERICK PASKINS	4
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	‡WILFRED ANDREWS	5
GEORGE NOICE	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

* First peal on a 'working bell.' † First peal of Minor, and 25th peal. ‡ First of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal and 25th as conductor. First peal on the bells, recast by Taylor, 1890.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire (four Pitman's 240's and 22 six-scores). Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*EDWIN BOTT	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	3
ERNEST A. MARSH	2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	4

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal, elected a member previous to starting the peal. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Ernest Marsh for arranging this peal, and for his most appreciated hospitality afterwards.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
FRANK LAURENCE	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
FRED HAWKES	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, East Crompton, Lancashire, for the Church Lads' Brigade service, on Sunday, January 20th, in 1 hr. 9 mins., a date touch of 1,929 changes, being 729 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 Oxford, and 480 Woodbine: C. Howarth 1, S. Heywood 2, J. R. Buckley 3, R. H. Byrom 4, H. Butterworth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT HOWARD...	*Treble*	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... ...	2	FRANK HARPER	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

This is believed to be the first peal in the method rung for the association.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1929, in Two Hours,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

FRANK A. TURNER	1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS...	3-4
MAURICE T. SYMONDS	5-6		

Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Turner.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held a Isleworth on Saturday, February 9th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and methods were rung to suit all present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith), who gave a very interesting address. The party, to the number of about fifty, then adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea at the kind invitation of the Vicar, who presided. He was supported by the churchwardens, all the officers of the district, and among the visitors were Mr. Albert W. Coles, from the North and East District, Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Kilburn, and Mr. Brydges, treasurer of the Isleworth Bell Fund. After the tea, and at the commencement of the business meeting, the hon. secretary asked all members to stand for a moment in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, who passed away on December 30th, 1928.

The Secretary gave notice that a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild had been arranged for April 20th at St. John's, Hillingdon, and that on March 9th a meeting was to be held at Christ Church, Ealing, with ringing from 3.30 p.m., and in the evening a dance and social in the Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. The tickets would be 1s. 6d. each.—Mr. Brydges informed the meeting that at present the fund amounted to about £138, including promises.—A collection was taken, resulting in an additional £2 2s. 6d. being added.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Brydges for his services as treasurer of the fund.

The Hon. Secretary then read the annual report and balance sheet for 1928, and they were both adopted. An encouraging feature of the former was the average attendance at the monthly meetings during 1928, which was 41.

Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow and J. A. Trollope were elected Ringing Master and hon. treasurer respectively. It was agreed that it was advisable to have a Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Corke was duly elected. Mr. Hollier was then re-elected hon. secretary, and he suggested that an assistant hon. secretary would be of great help to him, as he was very busy.—The meeting elected Mr. W. G. Wilson to be assistant hon. secretary.—Messrs. R. Fardon, J. H. Hunnisett and E. A. Morris were elected members of the Central Committee.

It was decided that the district should transfer their bank balance from the Post Office to Barclay's Bank, as a greater rate of interest could be obtained.

Four new ringing members were duly elected members of the association, viz., Mr. E. Stepney, of Isleworth, Miss J. Stapleton and Mr. E. Smith, of Twickenham, and Mr. A. Devonald, of St. Mary's, Ealing.

It was proposed and, after a long discussion, carried by a substantial majority, that a new rule be added to the district rules as follows: 'That no member shall hold the post of Ringing Master for two consecutive years unless all efforts to find another have failed.'

A grant of two guineas was voted to the Heston Bell Fund, and it was decided that a similar sum should be put aside for the memorial to the late Ringing Master (Mr. R. E. Holloway), if sufficient money was not subscribed by members. Best thanks were accorded to Mr. E. M. Atkins for offering to get the board made at cost price, and to the secretary for offering to see to the lettering.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Edgley (churchwarden) for taking the chair, halfway through the meeting, when the Vicar had to leave.

CHANGE RINGING RESEARCH.

WITH REFERENCE TO EARLY PEALS.

BY W. H. F.

Some two years ago, when writing in 'The Ringing World' upon another matter, I offered the suggestion that a 'committee of investigation' be formed for each county, with a view to looking up items relating to early 'ringing history' which are buried in the first issues of the county press. This would entail some time and trouble, well worth while, and mean each county being dealt with separately, the committee consisting of two or three gentlemen who would volunteer to systematically search the files of the oldest county newspapers and note down briefly, on special foolscap sheets, all the bellringing subjects, together with volume, page and date, they may come across. Of course, any paragraph that gave evidence of a complete peal would be extracted in full.

This is no new suggestion. Some fifty years ago the late Jasper Snowdon made an appeal in 'Church Bells' to the steeplekeepers, composers and conductors of his day to send him particulars of old records and copies of ancient peal tablets. For many months following the editor of that paper kindly published old peal records, which, incidentally, helped Snowdon with the historical peal notes appended to his various works on method ringing. Before Snowdon's time, Ellacombe gleaned much ringing matter from the press of his younger days, and about a century ago several well-known men not only had MSS. books but collected 'news cuttings'—Hopkins, of Birmingham, 1800-1862; Friend, of Huyton, 1804-1881; Riley, of Cheltenham, 1770-1834; Crofts, Nottingham, 1742-1809; and several others in Yorkshire and Lancashire, not omitting Rayner, I.O.W., Barham, of Leeds, Lawrence, of Shifnal, and Hammond, of Liverpool. Most of these documents I have personally examined, and their perusal has led me believe that considerable light would be thrown upon the early history of the first London and provincial ringing societies if the various city newspapers could be thoroughly examined.

For the first few years of its short existence—1871-1880—'Church Bells' was only in circulation amongst theologians and churchwardens, and Snowdon's request for peal information could not have reached many places where some additional facts may have been ascertained from the county press. Snowdon, during his brief, but busy, life, must have worked very hard to collect all the valuable items of history which we now possess, and in addition to which he personally visited all the known ringing centres of his period and corresponded with the contemporary composers and conductors; but there still remains much real history to unearth, a task far beyond the capabilities of one individual. Had he lived to the age of Barham, Ellacombe, or Mansfield, all the modern doubts raised in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' would never have appeared.

One of the enterprising editors of about 40 years ago hit upon an excellent idea, that of reprinting extracts from his journal of fifty or a hundred years previous. This was soon copied by other editors, and by this means the general public were often historically refreshed with little ringing paragraphs of the 18th and 19th centuries. It is these little 'reprints' that have enlightened the present generation. The British Museum prides itself on being the possessor of a copy of every printed periodical published in Great Britain. I forget how many miles of storage these newspapers occupy, but a recent extension of premises has been made to meet future demands, and I have estimated that a body of fifty 'investigators' could wade through the whole—down to, say, the year 1900— in half a lifetime. For this reason I have urged county division and reference to the files of the older newspapers in the county towns after soliciting the co-operation of the respective editors.

Here are one or two 'corrections' which the press has revealed that leave no reason for dispute:—

Oakford, Devon.—A touring band, after full local and county inquiry, claimed 'first peal on the bells' September, 1921. The first on these bells was achieved by a Bristol band—Grandsire Triples—Boxing Day, 1826, at the opening of the octave. See the 'Bristol Times and Mirror.'

Henley-on-Thames.—The first peal of Grandsire Triples on these bells was claimed by W. Williams and his Reading band, but the Cumberland Society, London, rang one in 1857, conducted by J. Nelms. See 'Reading Mercury.'

Windsor.—The peal, Grandsire Triples, rung on the Castle bells, April 10th, 1878, conducted by J. Worster, was timed at 3 hrs. 13½ mins., per peal book; the tablet in belfry gives 3 hrs. 13 mins. only. This difference I noted in an article to 'Bells News' at Christmas, 1883, dealing with the 'Bells of Windsor,' stating that 'some day the missing half-minute might be accounted for'? The answer came in 1887, when the editor of the 'Windsor and Eton Express,' in reprinting a paragraph of 1787, disclosed the fact that 'the band rang their peal over again the next day, and the visitors were well received by the townspeople.' Now, I am anxious to know why the peal rung on the 'first' day was disallowed. Was there a shift, a miscall, or broken rope?

With reference to the Westminster peal, July, 1751, by nine men, and the St. Giles', Bloomsbury, peal, 1791, with the conductor ringing for the first time, it is noteworthy that the press of Essex disclosed the fact to Mr. F. Pitstow (after an interval of 100 years) that Holt's Original had been scored by eight men at Saffron Walden.

Being interested in the 'one-part,' I wrote Mr. Pitstow at the time, and got into touch with Mr. W. G. Crickmer, of Earl Soham, with a view to saving all the papers of the late Mr. Samuel Slater, but I was too late. Not only news cuttings, but some very old Norwich writing on Grandsire, discovered by Sam, 'went west' with them. However, both the Slaters were fully agreed from information in their possession that Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples had been rung as follows:—

1. Westminster
2. Stonham Aspall
3. Norwich

} Each called from MS. by a 9th man.

According to Mr. Crickmer's letter the peal was again rung at Norwich, 'when the composition was called for the first time by one of the ringers in the team.' This can be verified in Norwich, and supersedes the London performance of 1791.

Theodore Eccleston gave the 10 bells to Stonham Aspal in 1742 when a young ringer (to replace the old ring of five), and both he and his band were in good trim for Grandsire at the time of their performance. His residence at Mortlake for some years gave him practice with the London Strikers, including Annable, who called the first peal on Mortlake bells in 1746; Worster, who called a 6,000 and a 10,000 of Bob Major there in 1775; and, perhaps, J. Holt as well (after 1751), from whom he may have personally had the figures of the peal. Even in those days 40 years was a long time for a composition to be knocking about without someone making an attempt to excel the first man, John Holt, to call it.

'The Clavis' (April, 1788), London edition, gives the figures of the calling, several Norfolk and Suffolk men being subscribers to it. An earlier edition of the same work was published by Raw, of Ipswich, a noted centre from which the figures could have reached the neighbouring towers, where the peal was so early achieved, in Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk. The authors of the 'Clavis' were evidently determined that the famous 'one-part' should no longer remain 'in the barren womb of obscurity.'

To show how valuable matter (to us ringers) is easily lost, I quote a paragraph from Mr. Crickmer's letter of January 4th, 1914, but with regard to this I have since ascertained that Mr. Theodore Slater now has some of the papers which he saved by some means:—

'Am very sorry to hear, after Sam's death, a cartload of most valuable papers were put on the fire. I persuaded the Rev. Pearson, of Henley, to try and buy them off Mrs. S. Slater, but I am afraid he put off going to see her too long.—W. G. C.'

I well remember, when living in London, the wife of one prominent London conductor saying, that 'if anything happened to her old man, all his bellringing rubbish, books and all, would go up the copper hole on a washing day.' This, I am inclined to think, was probably her quiet way of expressing disapproval of his 'tearing about the country at all hours of the night peal ringing.' And so it will be when we are gone: these mad-brained men will still ring on.

The oldest newspapers, so far as I can at present find, in the Eastern Counties are 'Norwich Mercury,' 1714, 'Ipswich Journal,' 1720, 'Norwich Chronicle,' 1761, and 'Essex Journal' (Colchester), 1764, and if the ringers of those towns formed a local 'committee of research' they would discover a great deal of interesting fact of value to the Exercise, which would afford an answer to Mr. G. H. Cross' questions. The two first-named would also give a reply to Mr. G. N. Price's letter on the College Youths' Records, and to 'Collegian's' polite request to historians of the art.

Recently I have gone into the details of Annable and his times, and a fair amount of interesting matter has accumulated. Perhaps the editor will find room for this during the 'close season' for peals in Lent.

A few of the notes were published in January, 1924, when again the press of 1750 came to our assistance with a news cutting (sent to 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. R. Jerram), describing the funeral of Annable—'Rare Ben'—in 1756.

It is quite possible a search of the London press may enlighten us further in many ways, but I may point out at once that Annable was **not born** till long after the Snow Hill peal of 1690 was supposed to have been rung; also that the six-part peal of Bob Triples was not composed till about 1730, when it was rung at Southwark.

Whilst the entry in the College Youths' records relating to the latter performance reads, 'First that was rung,' we must abide by the society's own official verdict and accept it as true, and not the Snow Hill version.

London possesses four of the most valuable libraries in the world—the Guildhall, Westminster Abbey, Lambeth Palace and the British Museum. Each are open to the London change ringers for historical research, and it is now up to the City Guilds and older ringing societies to complete Snowdon's task.

JOHN BRIANT: BELL FOUNDER.

Next Wednesday is the centenary of the death of John Briant (born 1749), Hertford's famous bell-founder and clockmaker. The East Herts Archæological Society have by public subscription erected a tablet in his memory in All Saints' Church, and this will be unveiled and dedicated at a service in the afternoon. Briant's tombstone in the churchyard has been restored by the society.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.

A gloom was cast over the meeting of the Rochester District at Frindsbury owing to the lamented death of Mr. C. Winser, a ringer at this tower for over forty years, and whose interment took place the same day at Chatham Cemetery. It was only fitting, therefore, that the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

The association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Shepherd), Mr. E. A. G. Allen officiating at the organ.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, over 40 members sitting down.

Before the business meeting, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (district secretary) said they were aware that some of them had returned from the funeral of their very dear fellow-ringer 'Charlie' Winser, and it was a singular coincidence that a meeting should be arranged at the very tower where their late brother had been ringing all his life. In all his association with Mr. Winser, he always found him a 'man,' and when he said that he said all. He asked the company to stand in silence for a few moments to show their respect.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Frindsbury presiding. The tower at Borden, with a band of eight ringers, was admitted to the association, also three other practising members and two honorary members.

Gravesend and Sittingbourne towers were nominated for the next meeting on the last Saturday in April, the former being selected by a majority of seven.

Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. F. Shepherd for his kindness to them in their visit to Frindsbury, and made touching reference to the loss Frindsbury and Rochester have sustained in the death of Mr. Winser. He also thanked Mr. Allen for his services at the organ.—The Vicar, in responding, said he was pleased to welcome them, and was also pleased to become an honorary member of their association.

Nearly fifty ringers attended during the afternoon and evening, and standard methods up to Superlative Surprise were rung. It was pleasing to notice the good percentage of young beginners who attended.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.—On Saturday, January 12th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Middleton 1, W. Atkinson 2, W. Nevinson 3, A. W. Brighton (London) (conductor) 4, W. Robinson 5, T. B. Newton 6, T. F. Hewertson 7, W. Fisher 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF IRCHESTER BELLS.

Twenty-two towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Irthlingborough. Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (gen. sec.), Miss Thursfield (sec. of the local branch of the Ladies' Guild), Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, and Mr. H. Chapman, of Keystone, and late of Manchester. Touches in a variety of methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, ranging from Grandsire Doubles up to and including Superlative, Cambridge, London, and Bristol Surprise Major. The Guild service was held in the Church, and was conducted by the Rector, who also gave a most helpful address.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church Schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local ringers and their wives, 53 members being present.

Before proceeding with the business, the president, the Rev. C. F. Westacott, offered a hearty welcome to the Rector of Irthlingborough, and Mrs. Lidster, on behalf of all those present, and hoped before leaving the room they would have the pleasure of electing him an honorary member.—The Rector, replying, said he should be pleased to become a member.

Messrs. J. Townsend, R. Dodd, and H. Dunkley, all of Higham Ferrers, were elected ringing members.

Wilby was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Guild certificates were presented to Mr. A. Boddington, of Finedon, and Mr. F. Palmer, of Irthlingborough, on recently ringing their first peal.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for the past year were presented and passed.

After a short discussion a grant of two guineas was given to the Miners' Distress Fund, on the proposition of the Rector of Irthlingborough.

The Secretary said there was a possibility of the Irchester bells being restored in the near future, and hoped that if there were any funds to spare they would be given to that laudable object.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, and all who had helped to make this meeting such a success, was proposed by the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Vicar of Finedon, and carried.

After the close of ringing, a well attended social was held in the large room of the White Horse Inn, when touches and selections were given on the handbells by the Finedon and Irthlingborough members, including a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters, with Mr. Harry Chapman taking part. Songs were also rendered by various members of the company, Mr. A. Perkins presiding at the piano.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first quarterly meeting held by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was held on April 26th, 1879, at Boyne Hill, and the jubilee is to be celebrated on Saturday, April 27th, also at Boyne Hill. The Archdeacon of Oxford has promised to preach.

The bells of Tideswell, Derbyshire, are to be overhauled by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who are also to restore those at St. Paul's, Staley.

The four bells at Wisborough Green, Sussex, have been augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co., to a ring of six, and they will be dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Chichester at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

In the middle of the broadcast of the bells from Birmingham Cathedral on Sunday evening, the 6th rope broke. Stedman Caters thereupon resolved themselves into 'call changes' on the remaining nine bells.

'The greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other sett of men whatever,' is the description of a 'peal' of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 23rd, 1783. The performance was a memorable one in those far-off days.

The longest length of Minor was rung on February 27th, 1816, when '21 peals . . . making in all 15,120 changes, were brought round in a grand and masterly style in eight hours and 21 mins. without a man quitting his rope.'

Two famous ringers were born on February 28th—Henry Johnson in 1809 and Edwin Horrex in 1838.

The time of the peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Willesden was 2 hrs. 48 mins., not 3 hrs. 48 mins., as published. The peal at Lavenham on January 26th was rung in 3 hrs. 26 mins., not 3 hrs. 2 mins., as stated.

AN OLD MANCHESTER RECORD.

A copy of a leaflet issued in 1830, to celebrate a peal on the bells of Manchester Cathedral, at that time, of course, the Parish Church, has been reproduced in the 'Manchester Guardian.' Surrounded by an ornate border, and with a picture of the 'Collegiate Church' standing in isolated surroundings, so entirely different from to-day, the record, after mentioning that the church was founded in the 9th year of the reign of Henry V., 1421, by Lord de la Warr, says:—

Its tower, previous to the year 1706, contained only five bells (put up by Warden Langley in the time of Edward IV.), in which year they were recast by the celebrated Abel Ruddall, of Gloucester, when three more were added, making the whole number eight. In 1835 they received an addition of two more, forming now an excellent peal of ten bells.

CHANGE RINGING.

On the evening of Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1830, a select band of the Society of Change Ringers of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, ascended the tower and rang a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Royal, in the Kent variation, consisting of 8,000 harmonious changes, which was brought round in excellent style in five hours and twenty-five minutes, being the longest peal in the above name ever rung in the North of England. The ringers were stationed as follows:—

Treble ..... Mr. Joseph Kay.

Second ..... Mr. Richard Palin	Sixth ..... Mr. Walter Worrall
Third ..... Mr. Jeremiah Lord	Seventh ..... Mr. Joseph Lloyd
Fourth ..... Mr. Robert Naylor	Eighth ..... Mr. William Boyer
Fifth ..... Mr. Nelson Worrall	Ninth ... Mr. James Shelmerdine

Tenor ..... Mr. Robert Kershaw.

This peal, composed and conducted by Mr. Robert Naylor, was rung by the above ten persons only. Weight of the tenor 25 cwt. in the key of E.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN WREXHAM RINGER.

The many friends of Mr. Edward (Ted) Rowlands will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at his residence, 11, Whitegate Road, Wrexham, on Thursday, February 7th. The late Mr. Rowland, who was a native of the town, was in his 72nd year, and just missed celebrating his golden wedding, having been married 49 years. He had been a most regular and faithful bellringer at the Parish Church for 53 years, and had conducted the ringers for 30 years. He had rung bells throughout the United Kingdom, and had also conducted many peals.

The funeral took place on February 11th. The Rev. Archdeacon Lewis Pryce (Vicar of Wrexham) conducted a service at the Parish Church, with the assistance of the Revs. J. H. Edward and T. G. Roberts, and also at the graveside, where a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the Wrexham ringers, who also acted as bearers.

Afterwards half-muffled ringing took place at the Parish Church as a last tribute to an honoured brother ringer, who was respected by all and will be greatly missed by the Wrexham band.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

REV. H. LAW JAMES PLEASED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased with the way in which the controversy about peals of Minor has been carried on in 'The Ringing World,' and I am quite sure that it will do nothing but good.

The resolution passed at Hereford states that a peal of Minor must contain seven true and complete 720's.

We want to know exactly what this means, and we must take the words in their plain grammatical meaning, without adding anything to them, or subtracting anything from them.

First of all, what is a true and complete 720. Consider a true and complete six of Stedman Doubles.

23145
———
32415
23451
24315
42351
43215
34251
———
43521

We have six rows, of which 32415 is the first. We make five changes, and so get six different rows, so that the six is true, but it is not complete. We must make one more change to complete it, and this gives us 43521, the first row of the next six.

Now, since we are considering a peal of Minor and not simply one 720, this same argument applies to the first 720 of the seven. We start from 123456, we make 719 changes, and so get 720 rows, the last of which is 124365. We must make one more change to complete the 720 changes, and we get 123456, which is not part of the first 720, but the first row of the second 720, and so on, until we get 124365 or 132465 as the 5,040th row of the peal, and we must make one more change to complete the peal, as we have only made 5,039 changes so far. This last change brings us back to the first 123456, which is not the last row of the peal, but only the first row repeated.

Now there is one Q set in which 5-6 are at home which can be treated differently from the rest. We start from 123456; when we get to 124365 we can make at bob and produce 142356; when we get to 132465 we can go plain to 134256; and when we get to the 720th row we get 143265, going plain we get 142356, going by a bob we get 134256, but we are not false, because it is the first row of the second 720. This holds good throughout the peal, but it must come round at the end.

Mr. Powell's idea of ringing 5,040 of Grandsire Triples fails because he will get 5,040 different rows, but he will only make 539 changes, and, moreover, a peal must come round.

Secondly, look at the words 'seven 720's.' Does this mean exactly what it says, or can it possibly mean what the writer of the leading article in this week's 'Ringing World' seems to think—the same 720 seven times over?

It must mean seven different 720's—that is, the same composition in seven different methods, or different compositions in the same method.

Turning to Doubles, there are ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles with the treble in the hunt, and also ten with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th—fifty in all, and the same in Reverse Grandsire Doubles, sixty six-scores of Stedman, Carter's Doubles, Reverse Stedman and Reverse Carter, and also a few six-scores of Double Grandsire.

H. LAW JAMES.

COMPOSITE 720's.

Sir,—Referring to Mr. James' letter in your last issue, I must confess that he is right in saying that I do not understand his position. How, sir, can anyone understand him in face of the following, which is not argument or theory, but a statement of facts:—

In your issue of February 1st, you published an absurdity by me, got, in the main, by dismembering 720's into their component 240's. Because it included four 720's called WRW, and three with the 5th RWR, Mr. James says it does not satisfy the condition.

Mr. James then proceeds to give the four 720's with the tenors the right way as follows: A: 5th, RWR; B, 6th, WRW; C and D from bob blocks; C, by omitting bobs when 6th is WRW; D, when 5th is RWR. He then says: 'There are five more which also keep 5.6 right, and I select the following three.'

And then follow figures which are not 720's, but are six 240's, and two pieces of a third 720. E is the same as the 720 marked C returned to its component parts by omitting bobs when the 6th is WRWR, and F is the three 240's of D got by omitting when the 5th is RWRW (check it for yourself). From this it would appear that Mr. James refers to three separate round blocks as a 720, and he may use the same 720 twice, but others may not. Enough said!

Seeing that the Methods Committee desire to include these in their new book, we must conclude that they consider the contention that, so long as each change is repeated seven times only, the peal is in accordance with the definition of a peal of Minor passed at the Hereford Council meeting.

Then why not include three of the 720's A, B, C and D twice, and have a quick or a slow six on the various callings thus:—

A=1 part of A.
B=1 part of B.
C=1 part of C.

A A C C B B
B C A B C A
C B B A A C concluding with 720D.

This method would give four different 5040's, which, I believe, would be more acceptable to the Exercise than the Rev. H. Law James' mixtures.

However, if the Methods Committee believe that the dismembering of a 720 by omitting three bobs, and the reassembling of the resultant parts into another well-known block by means of adding three bobs, is something new and original, then what can we say? They ought to know!

Referring to Mr. Powell's arrangement of 5,040 rows of Grandsire Triples, may I say that if he can find eight hefty men to ring it five times over, it will then come round at the end, and, in my opinion, he will be right in saying that his band has rung five true and complete 5,040's of Grandsire Triples.

In conclusion, may I advise the members of the Methods Committee that, if they are going to fill the columns of 'The Ringing World' with their letters and articles, they should extol the advantages of the Rev. H. Law James' peals of London Surprise Minor and the Morris-Atkins' Doubles, and not harp so much on the strings of the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MR. SEVERN REPEATS HIS QUESTIONS.

Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. Law James states that I have not yet understood his position. If he will read my letters again, he will find that I have not referred either to him or his arrangement of London Surprise. What I have written has been against his brother's arrangement of Cambridge. He then goes on to give us a very elaborate statement as to how his arrangement of London Surprise works out, first by giving us the four old arrangements; then he states there are five more, out of which he selects three to complete his peal. Perhaps it will surprise him—or it may not—if I state that it is possible to obtain at least four more ways in addition to his that will bring 5.6 up at back stroke, but, like his, the only place they are fit for is the W.P.B.

In the last paragraph of his letter, he says it is very easy to make false statements, and that I must—I like the word 'must'—either withdraw this statement or prove it true, and ends with these words, 'and this he cannot do.'

Now, sir, I am going to ask you to reprint the two questions which were the subject of my first letter:—

1. We are told that 123456 constitutes the first row or change in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of his peal of Cambridge Minor. Will he inform your readers which is the last row or change?

2. In what way do these freak arrangements contribute to the interest or advancement in the art of ringing to five and six-bell ringers?

Finally, let either Mr. Law James or his brother answer these two questions—no quibbling please—then I will endeavour to prove that which cannot be done.—Faithfully yours,

Killamarsh. C. SEVERN.

THE VOICE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Whittington's idea is just what we wish for, but would he do the Exercise a good turn by proposing at the next Central Council meeting, 'That this council be composed of representatives of the various associations, and shall voice the opinions of the association they represent'?

Having succeeded with this, we can proceed upon the lines he suggests, otherwise we cannot. Does he remember 'Badges for learners'? —Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

A SIX-BELL BAND'S VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Powell's letter giving notice of a peal of Grandsire Triples starting from handstroke, as we (the six-bell company at Leytonstone) have discussed this on several occasions, although from a slightly different point of view.

We proposed to ring a 720, commencing from the handstroke, which would run 'round' at hand, thus throwing the 65's all the 'wrong way'; alternatively, to 'open' our leads at back, thus making the 65's the 'right-way-wrong.' Further, to choose a method which has the 65's wrong in certain places, and, in those places, to open our leads at backstroke, thus making the 65's the 'wrong-way-right.'

Is there one who could say these 720's would not be 'true'?

I think I may safely say that I express the views of my friends at Leytonstone in the following:—

(1) Rounds is a conventional row, rung in repetition before and after a peal; it commences and ends a five thousand for the sake of convention only, and, as rounds has no bearing upon the truth of a peal. A peal would be quite true, complete, a round block, and satisfactory as to its 'Q' sets, if it started and ended with 87654321.

(2) Convention demands that rounds shall commence and end a peal. If a ten-thousand of Bob Major were brought to a conclusion after the 5,001st row, none could say that 5,000 true and complete changes had not been rung; and 5,000 true and complete changes constitute a peal. But not an orthodox peal, which must commence and end with rounds. The Bankes James' Cambridge is quite orthodox in this respect.

(3) Ten 'rounds' before 'Go!' and ten after 'That is all!' show nineteen rows which are repetitions of one which belongs to the peal. There is no reasonable argument possible, as to whether this particular one shall be the last of the first ten or the first of the last ten.

(4) It takes two things to make a change, as Mr. Trollope shows with his suits, so that to get 720 changes we must have 721 rows, 720 being true, and one of them a repetition. Then a 'true and complete 720 changes' is false!

(5) A conventional peal is forced to be a round block, and a true conventional peal **cannot** be composed of parts that are round blocks. We are satisfied if a part 'ends' at 13425678, provided that it is true within itself.

(6) Then a 720 in a five thousand, being one part, may end at any row (it need not be a round block), provided that the 720 is true **within itself.**

(7) Does the Bankes James' Cambridge conform to (6), and does the Law James' London? Therein lies the answer to the whole question.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

St. John's, Leytonstone.

WHY THIS FUSS?

Dear Sir,—Why all this fuss about what is a true peal, when the Central Council, prior to 1928, had already definitely laid down a very plain instruction? All I have spoken to about it agree that it is a good rule: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each.' There is the thing in a nutshell, and what every ringer, I feel sure, would hold up both hands for, that the bells strike round at the end. However clever anyone may be in composing, something in which you have to count rounds at the start is not according to rule, and therefore out of order. Of course, it is well known no one can prevent ringers ringing what they like, even Bob Doubles and Grandsire Minor.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—I notice that in the last paragraph of the letter in this week's issue by the Rev. H. Drake, he makes the following remark: 'Think of it, having to ring the same old 120's week after week.' Why? I have heard the ringers of this district of 40 years ago say they could ring 30 or 40 120's straight off. I think these would be mostly Grandsire Variations, and would have the merit of being true 120's. I have heard them ring many of them myself.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. DUFFIELD.

Norwich.

PEALS OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notice under the heading, 'Peals of Triples,' on page 107, this is just the kind of thing I anticipated. Let us presume the writer of that notice is not leg-pulling, but in earnest. In the first place, there is no society named, therefore, from, say, a legal point of view, nobody can say it will not be a peal. On the other hand, if this 'arrangement' is rung under the auspices of a particular society, is there any society which definitely states in its rules what a peal must be? I don't suppose there is one, and that being so there is no society which can say it will not be a peal. But each ringer has his opinions and thoughts about such 'arrangements,' and, if rung, will be certain to cause some comment.

Each and any band of ringers can ring what it chooses, but if some 'arrangement' is chosen which is, to say the least of it, not orthodox, it must naturally and reasonably be expected that some cavil will made afterwards against it being accepted as a peal.

Therefore, if the majority are against these unorthodox 'arrangements' the rules of each society must be brought up to date to bar them by definitely stating in the rules what a peal shall be, otherwise there is no limit to what will come along as a peal in the way of 'something new,' something exciting.—Yours sincerely,

Brockley. F. W. RICHARDSON.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, February 9th, when members attended from Darfield, Wath, Felkirk, Royston, Shelley, Sandal, Wortley, and the local company. The methods practised were varied ranging from plain to suit probationers, up to mental flights in Treble Bob Minor, and it was clearly proved that ringers in some towers have advanced beyond anticipation, while others are progressing, and may jostle shoulders with the best. Such is the wish of the advanced ones.

Tea and the comforts of hearth and shelter were provided, and the Vicar (Rev. F. Mercer) looked in to bestow his best wishes and generosity on the gathering. Unfortunately, he could not stay. The handbells and pleasant banter made up a full and happy hour.

An invitation was accepted from Royston to hold a meeting there in March.

DEATH OF ANOTHER SOUTH WALES RINGER.

FIRST MASTER OF THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, passed away on Monday, February 11th, at his native place near Carmarthen. He was buried at Llanllwch Parish Church on Friday, the 15th, the Vicar, the Rev. T. Thomas, officiating, assisted by two lecturers from Carmarthen College, where Mr. Davies had been trained for the scholastic profession. Among the mourners were Mr. William Davies (brother), of Liverpool, who for many years had charge of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, and also Mr. Claude Davies (son), who is now branch hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association at Liverpool.

Owing to ill-health during the last few years the late Mr. Davies had not been able to take any great part in ringing, but his love for the bells was, to the last, as great as when he came to Caerleon quite a young man. Caerleon at that time had five old bells. The tenor (11¾ cwt.) was cast by R.P. 1685, the other four by the same founder in 1660. The bells were all split at the crowns or parted from the waist, and the woodwork was in bad condition. Canon Edwards, the Vicar, applied to the governors of Williams' Charity, and at length succeeded in obtaining a grant of £150. A meeting of the parishioners was then called, and a committee formed. The appeal was well responded to, and the old bells were sent to Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, on October 7th, 1881, to be replaced with a light ring of six. The dedication and opening took place on December 15th, 1881, the ringing consisting of call changes only. Mr. Davies then formed a band and started change ringing.

A 720 of Minor was rung on the bells for the first time on May 28th, 1884. In 1886 the six were increased to eight by adding two trebles, the work of hanging the bells being done personally by Mr. Davies. Progress was made in Triples ringing, and the first peal rung the following Jan. 12th, by the local band, Mr. Davies being the conductor. During the same year peals were rung in the Kent and Plain Bob Major methods. Stedman Triples was practised, and often for the Sunday services quarter-peals were rung.

The question of forming a diocesan association resulted in the selection of Mr. Davies as the first Master on October 13th, 1893, and he was re-elected in 1894 and 1895.

He was not a great peal ringer, but had taken part in about twenty peals, including the first peals on the bells at Caldicot, St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches, Newport.

For forty years he was headmaster of the Williams' Endowed Schools, Caerleon. He was an ardent worker for the Church in Wales, especially in the Llandaff diocese. He also acted as choirmaster of Caerleon Church for 35 years.

Mr. Davies was a recognised authority on the history of Caerleon, and was honorary curator of the Museum of Antiquities for over 30 years. He was also an authority on ecclesiastical law, and at the time of his death was engaged in writing a comprehensive history of the Church in Wales.

On his retirement from the scholastic profession a few years ago, he was the recipient of a high tribute from old boys of the school in all parts of the world.

J. W. J.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Compton on Saturday, February 9th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Woolton Hill and the local ringers. The Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch) was also present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Jotcham), who also gave an address. Miss D. Hancock presided at the organ. An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. C. M. Jotcham, and 29 sat down.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. L. R. Majendie in the chair, supported by Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting was fixed for Midgham, on Saturday, April 13th. A combined meeting was also fixed for Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th, with the Winchester Guild.

An application is to be made to the Oxford Diocesan Guild for a grant towards Newbury bells, the branch having already voted £5.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his address, to the organist and Mrs. C. M. Jotcham for providing the tea, on the motion of the secretary, seconded by Miss Davis.

A move was then made for the tower, and some good touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 42 mins. at St. Peter's, Staines, on January 27th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Jackson, also the wedding anniversary of Mr. W. C. Parker and G. Walmsley, all of whom are ringers at St. Peter's: W. Stevens 1, A. J. Hiscock 2, G. Walmsley 3, W. Shorter 4, W. C. Parker 5, E. J. Goater 6, J. Phillips 7, F. W. Smith 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at West Tarring on Saturday, February 16th. Owing to the snow and the slippery state of the roads, there were only 21 present, representing the following towers: Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Chichester, Heene, Shoreham, West Grinstead, West Tarring, with Messrs. Rogers and Greenwood, of Portsmouth. The ringing consisted of courses of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Tea was partaken of at St. Thomas a Becket's Palace, where the company were met and welcomed by the Rector (Ven. J. Godber, M.A.), who also presided at the business meeting. He was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. Jocelyne and W. Large.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Alan R. Pink, Dorking, Joseph Green and Arthur Hancorn, Shoreham, A. G. Heasman. W. H. Howich, H. W. Parsons, C. F. Clavey and A. F. Burchfield, Angmering, J. W. Blunden, G. Dewey, J. Littlemore, E. J. Monday, A. J. Piper, P. Piper, R. Piper, J. Steyning and A. Watts, of Rogate.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were Mr. A. W. Groves, hon. secretary, Messrs. Norriss, Adams and Tucker, with Messrs. Hills, Lindup and Netley, committee.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Petworth in May next.

After votes of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells and providing the excellent spread, also to the ladies who waited at table, a short service was held, and an address given by the Rev. J. Godber. The members then again visited the tower for further ringing, and Heene bells being available some of the company made their way there, and rang Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Triples.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Butterwick on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringers were present from Boston, Butterwick, Freiston, Folkingham, Leake, Sibsey, Spalding, Surfleet, Stickney and Pinchbeck. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.15 p.m., a short service with an address was conducted by the president (Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston with Butterwick). Afterwards, all those present were hospitably entertained to a 'knife and fork' tea by the president, at the Five Bells Inn. The business meeting took place. The president (Rev. J. R. Trotter) was unanimously re-elected. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. J. Phillips was unanimously re-elected to the joint office of hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. W. E. Clarke was re-elected to the office of Branch Ringing Master by a good majority, and Mr. Alex. Sharp to that of Guild representative by the casting vote of the president.

Leake was chosen as the place for holding the next meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the president for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members, on the proposition of the Rev. Canon Hodge, Rector of Benington. Ringing was again the order after the meeting, and was kept up until close upon 9 p.m., when a very successful meeting terminated.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society took place on Saturday, February 2nd, at Doncaster. Although the weather was bad, there was a good attendance of ringers, and the bells were merrily going soon after 3 p.m. Various methods were practised by the members from 14 towers, and ringing continued until 5 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Doncaster (Rev. Canon Brooke), assisted by the Rev. Neadham and Rev. Machon, who gave a helpful address.

Tea was partaken of in the Golton Cafe, the society being honoured by the presence of the Vicar and his curates. As the Vicar had to leave at short notice, he was asked before he went to make a presentation to the late secretary, Mr. Harold Walker. The gift took the form of a timepiece, suitably inscribed.

Rev. R. Machon presided over the business meeting, at which several new members were elected.

The secretary presented his report and balance sheet, which showed a gain on the year's working, and was passed as satisfactory.

The cup for Sunday service attendance was awarded by the late secretary, the result being: Doncaster 93 per cent., Tickhill 91 per cent., Conisborough 90 per cent., and Arksey 89 per cent.

The next meeting is to be held at Adwick-le-Street.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and also to the Rev. R. Machon for presiding over the business meeting, and to all who made the arrangements for one of the best gatherings held by the society.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLAND MEMBERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, February 2nd, when members from all parts of the Island and a number from Portsmouth attended notwithstanding the inclement weather. The standard methods were practised on this favourite peal of eight. The Vicar of Carisbrooke, the Rev. H. S. Footman, took the Guild's service, and gave a short address, Dr. J. Bruce Williamson presiding at the organ. Afterwards the Vicar entertained the members to tea at the Waverley Hotel, and took the chair at the business meeting. The district secretary (Mr. B. J. Snow), being absent through illness, Mr. H. Barton deputised, and read the secretary's report. The auditor (Mr. H. A. Phillips) presented the statement of accounts, which showed that the sum of £4 had been sent to headquarters, after paying the expenses of the district and retaining a small balance in hand.

The Ringing Master gave his report for the past year, and impressed upon the district the necessity of practising new methods in order to make the art more attractive and the Sunday ringing less monotonous.

All these reports were adopted, the various officials being re-elected to their posts with thanks for their past services

The Vicar of Brading (the Rev. A. C. Hampton Weeks) was elected president of the district for the ensuing year. Several new members were elected, while Brading was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, the date to be left to the secretary to fix.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. S. Footman for his kindness in welcoming the Guild to Carisbrooke, and also for his hospitality. Mr. Burnett, on behalf of the Portsmouth contingent, expressed their appreciation.

ANDOVER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Andover District held at Whitchurch was attended by 36 members from Basingstoke, Highclere, Laverstoke, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Overton, St. Mary Bourne, Woolton Hill, Wootton St. Lawrence, Whitchurch and Winchester.

Service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Guild form was used, and an address given by the Vicar.

At the business meeting the district secretary gave a very satisfactory report on the first year's working of the district, and stated that eight towers were in union, with a membership of 65, and there was every appearance of the Andover District becoming a strong, active branch of the Guild.

The district officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. M. S. Douglas; secretary, Rev. F. C. Sear; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Rex; auditor, Mr. O. Smart; representative of Central Committee, Mr. F. Knapp.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Whitchurch on February 1st, 1930. Quarterly meetings were arranged to be held at Amport on April 4th, and at Laverstoke and Andover, the dates of the two latter to be decided later.

It was decided to invite the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild to hold a joint meeting at Highclere on May 18th.

During the afternoon and evening the fine ring of eight bells was made good use of, touches in various methods from Doubles to Major being brought round.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District was a great success, over 60 members attending from Basingstoke, Bramley, Ellisfield, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Sherfield, Sherborne St. John, Wolverton, Wootton St. Lawrence and Winchester.

Dr. Boustead gave an address at the service which was held at St. Michael's Church.

The bells at both St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches were available for ringing, and good use was made of them in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

An excellent tea, provided by the generosity of the Basingstoke ringers, was enjoyed in the Church Room.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Rev. G. H. Jeudwine, R.D., the following district officers were elected: Chairman, Dr. Boustead; secretary, Rev. D. L. Board; auditor, Mr. F. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler; representative on Central Committee, Mr. Chesterman.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Basingstoke on January 25th, 1930. Quarterly meetings were also arranged to be held at Sherborne St. John, Yateley and Overton.

A letter was read from the Farnham Branch secretary of the Guildford Guild, suggesting a combined meeting at Yateley and Hawley, to be arranged for a date in August. It was agreed that the invitation be accepted and left to the district secretary to arrange.

The District Secretary reported on the year's working in the district, which showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, with 14 towers in union and a membership of 115.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

RINGER KILLED ON RAILWAY.

A verdict of 'Accidental death' was recorded at an inquest held upon Harold William Fright, aged 30, assistant yardmaster at Temple Mills, L.N.E.R., siding, who resided at Oaklands, Ainslie Wood Road, South Chingford, and who was killed while on duty.

Mr. Fright was a ringer, and had in the past contributed to 'The Ringing World' articles on method construction.

Mr. Fright went to Chingford three years ago from Catford Bridge, where for many years his father was stationmaster, on the old South-Eastern and Chatham Railway. He left school when he was 18 to join the colours in 1916, and served until the conclusion of hostilities. He was decorated with the Military Cross. After the war he was a student at the London School of Economics for three years, and gained the degree of Bachelor of Commerce. He then served a three years' traffic apprenticeship with the L.N.E.R., and was afterwards appointed assistant yard master at Temple Mills. He leaves a widow and one child, a little girl, aged only 18 months.

The funeral took place at Hythe, Kent, and among the many beautiful floral tributes were those from the yard masters and staff of Temple Mills, and the president and the St. Leonard's Bellringing Society, of which he was a member.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MORE SUPPORT WANTED IN CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Chertsey on February 9th. The district towers represented were Chertsey, Esher, Egham, Horsham, Oatlands Park, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Walton, and there were visitors from Guildford (Cathedral), Leatherhead, Woking and Crawley.

After the Guild service, and tea in the Church Room, Admiral T. P. Walker presided over the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) reported that there were three honorary and 69 ringing members in the district, but there were still three towers were the ringers had not joined the Guild, East Molesey, Weybridge and Chobham, although in the case of Chobham the tower was affiliated to the Guild. The receipts were £7 11s. 6d., half of which went to the central fund. The expenses had been £1 19s., and the District was left with a balance in hand of £1 16s. 9d. The balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. T. Beeson) said that during the year two peals (Bob Major and Bob Minor) had been rung in the district. The difficulty in regard to peal ringing was to get the towers. Although they had 69 members in the district, they had found a lack of support in the combined practices. He asked for suggestions for improving the attendance, in order that they might improve the standard of ringing in the district.

A discussion took place in which several speakers appealed for support for these practices, and Mr. A. H. Winch (Leatherhead) pointed out how successful the practices were in that district, where they are held weekly.

The only nominations for officers received were Mr. H. Hancock, as hon. secretary, and Mr. H. J. Chaffey, as Ringing Master, and these were duly elected. Mr. Hawthorne and Mrs. Beeson were elected to represent the District on the Executive Committee, and Rev. W. N. Willis was reappointed as the hon. members' representative.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on February 8th, 1930, at Oatlands Park, and to hold district meetings at East Molesey, Horsell, Esher, Egham and Ottershaw, also to join with Guildford District in a meeting at Woking, and to hold a return joint meeting with the South and West District of the Middlesex Association at Sunbury in the summer.

Seven new members were elected, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, to the Vicar of Chertsey for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist, and to the chairman for presiding.

HASLEMERE RINGERS MARRIED.

A very interesting wedding took place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, on Saturday, February 2nd, when Mr. Fred Bowden was married to Miss Elsie Collard. Both are enthusiastic ringers of the local company. The Rector, assisted by the Rev. O. S. Walford, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. Charles Bowden acted as best man.

After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by H. Furlonger 1, J. H. B. Hesse 2, B. Elliott 3, Miss I. L. Hastie 4, R. Hayes 5, C. E. Smith 6, R. Overy 7, J. Bartlett (conductor) 8, G. Luff 9, Walter Eldridge 10. First quarter-peal on ten bells by Messrs. Furlonger and Luff.

The many friends of the happy pair, together with the local and visiting ringers, were entertained at the wedding reception at the Broadway Restaurant, where toasts were given to the bride and bridegroom, and suitable responses were made.

On the previous Monday evening, the Rector presented to the bride and bridegroom, on behalf of himself, Mr. Walford and the local ringers, a copper tea kettle and dessert dish.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Michael's (City). The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Hazledine), was fully choral. After this a move was made to the Parish Room, where tea had been prepared. About fifty members sat down, and amongst the visitors present were Rev. D. A. Jaquet (St. James'), Mr. J. R. Jones (Weston-super-Mare), Mr. H. W. Fussell (Dursley), Mr. A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe), and Messrs. Knight and Coombes, of Portishead. Nineteen towers were represented altogether.

The annual meeting followed the tea, and Mr. J. Gould, the chairman, presided. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, who had to leave early. In his reply, he said how pleased he was to have the association at St. Michael's, and hoped they would come again at some future date.

Six performing and three life members were elected.

The Chairman said he was inclined to agree with what the Rector had said during his address in the afternoon, that it was oftentimes the case that people who were not in the limelight did not take an active part of the work of an organisation, and he referred particularly to some members of the branch who seldom helped with the 'spade work.' He spoke of the good work done during the year in visiting six-bell towers.

Then followed the secretary's report, in which he thanked the chairman and the few who had supported him very loyally during the year. The report showed that eleven meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 33. He made mention of the rapid strides made by the members at Abson tower, the affiliation of Alveston to the association, and of the joining up of the members the opening of St. Ambrose's bells and the success they had obtained. He reminded the members, with regret, of the one death during the year, that of Mr. S. Abraham, who was a very staunch supporter of the branch. Fifty-one performing and five associate members were elected during the year.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £16 13s. 3d., to be handed to the general treasurer. The expenses for the year were slightly reduced, being £6 11s.

It was decided to hold the next monthy meeting on February 23rd at St. Peter's (City), and combine this with the annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. The quarterly meeting of the branch was fixed for St. Matthew's (Kingsdown), and will take place on March 23rd, and not on the last Saturday of the month, as is the usual practice.

Mr. E. Guise proposed and Mr. Thomas seconded that the officers be re-elected en bloc. This was carried with applause. The officers for 1929 will therefore be: Chairman, Mr. J. Gould; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Way; representative on Management Committee, Mr. J. Jefferies.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman announced that, in addition to St. Michael's, St. James' bells were available, and a move was made for these towers.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH TO HAVE A MID-WEEK MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 26th, some thirty members and visitors attending from Cirencester, Swindon, Fairford, Wootton Bassett, Tetbury, Coln St. Aldwyns, Minchinhampton, Faringdon, South Cerney and Burford.

Watermoor bells were rung during the afternoon, and tea was served at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant. At the business meeting the Rev. A. H. Longley occupied the chair, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. M. Goode; hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Lewis; Management Committee, Mr. J. Hope.

Tetbury was chosen for the next meeting, the date being fixed for the second Thursday in March to enable members who cannot attend on Saturdays to have the chance of attending a meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Westmacott, and to the Rev. A. H. Longley for giving permission to ring and for taking the service.

The ringers' service was held at the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Vicar. The Parish Church bells were then open for ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Grandsire Cinques. Although the striking was not of the best, a good practice was had in these methods, several of visitors having their first pull on twelve bells.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On February 7th, as a farewell to the Rev. A. J. Howell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Whittle 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, G. Butler 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, S. Riddell (conductor) 7, A. Hearmon 8. On the previous evening Holt's Ten-part, which was being conducted by G. Butler, was unfortunately interrupted after an hour's ringing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On Sunday, February 17th, at the Abbey Church, for evensong, 720 changes of London Surprise Minor: J. Neal 1, C. T. H. Bradley (first 720 of London) 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, J. Osborne 4, A. S. Allen 5, A. T. Palmer 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on February 17th, for evening service, 1,344 changes, of London Surprise Major in 49 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, H. Burton 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method of the local band.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. R. Wiggan 1, A. E. Garbett 2, W. H. Jones 3, H. Evans 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. T. Hayle 6, J. Warrilow (conductor) 7, W. G. Curtis 8. This was the first quarter-peal rung by the ringer of the treble, and the first quarter-peal on an inside bell by the ringer of the 4th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: V. Evans 1, J. Kimber 2, D. Kimber 3, F. Biggs 4, A. G. Janes 5, F. D. Boreham 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, P. Nuton 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 10th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor was rung: S. Meaker (first 720) 1, G. Lock 2, T. Creed (conductor) 3, R. Mills 4, W. Tout 5, F. Lock 6.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Colby 1, R. Steers 2, C. Davies 3 A. F. Petrie 4, E. B. Crowder 5, A. F. Bennington 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Penn (first quarter-peal) 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service on February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Waddington 1, H. Elles 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. Winney 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. A. Block 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Over eighty members of the Kent County Association attended the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District at Edenbridge on February 2nd. The towers represented were Canterbury, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge, Wells, Hever, Lamberhurst, Westerham, Shipbourne, Chiddingstone, Leigh, Godstone, Plaxtol, East Grinstead, Penshurst, Merstham, Crawley, Limpsfield Chart, Horley, Chislehurst and Speldhurst, and these, with the local band, met at the tower, when touches were rung in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise. There was a service in the church, and the Vicar, the Rev. H. O. Edwards, delivered an interesting address, Mr. W. E. Pitman (Canterbury) being at the organ. Tea, given by the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards, was served in the Church School, at which a pleasant surprise awaited the visitors in the shape of a large iced wedding cake, it being the fourteenth anniversary of the marriage of the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards. Their health was drunk with musical honours.

The Vicar presided at the annual meeting, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne), the Rev. W. C. Salmon, and Mr. W. Latter (hon. district secretary). The Vicar extended a hearty welcome, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many—particularly a large number of young ringers—and thanked them for their kind greetings.

Mr. Latter (hon. secretary) presented his annual report, which reported a slight increase in membership. Mr. Latter was re-elected district secretary, a post which he has filled for 33 years, and Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell were elected representatives on the association committee.

Many new members were proposed, including nine from Cowden, seven from Shipbourne, three from Chiddingstone, three from Hever, and one each from Tonbridge, Edenbridge, Thornton Heath, Sevenoaks and Limpsfield.

Mr. G. Edwards reported that the annual meeting of the Kent County Association would be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, and also pointed out the need for new conductors. He stated that the tenor bell at Chiddingstone was in hand for repair.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Cranbrook, Chiddingstone or Westerham, Shipbourne and Tonbridge.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Edwards for their kind hospitality, etc., to Mr. W. E. Pitman (organist), and to the local members for their arrangements.

LATE NOTICE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—Subscriptions to the Central Council for the year 1929 are now due.

The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, and notices of motions must be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Alex. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6., at once.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 41st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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, must be paid before February 28th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting of the above will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, in the Parish Room after service. All ringers welcome. —C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea 5, followed by short meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE.—Burton District.—The dedication of new bells is on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m., by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Scals. All ringers invited. Tea provided.—L. Smith.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow in the Schools. A good attendance is hoped for, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Willis.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Jubilee celebrations and annual meeting are fixed for April 27th. Please note date.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready early. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. B. Burkitt, 68, Laurel Street, Skellow. Tower secretaries will greatly assist if they will collect yearly subscriptions and forward same to me.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford, Feb. 23rd. Bells open from 4 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Tea (Old Schools) 5.45. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3, service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30, at which three peal boards will be dedicated. Tea will be provided for all who let me know by Feb. 27th. All welcome.—A. J. Green, Wicken, Bletchley, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Subscriptions for 1929 are now due.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea notify J. W. Cotton, Moria Road, Overseal, by Feb. 27th. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions can be paid at this meeting.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Saturday, March 2nd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting, Hadleigh, on March 2nd. Bells (8) available, 2. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 9d., at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Dinner at 4 p.m. Bells available from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. All intending to be present please notify.—R. White, Appleton, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, March 9th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Following meeting, a dance and social will be held in Christ Church Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. Tickets, 1s. 6d. inclusive, may be had from the hon. secretary, Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Bradley, Dodd's Farm, Fryerning, Ingatestone, not later than Thursday morning, March 7th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Will those requiring tea please write to Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than March 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston (bells 6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 16th. New draft rules are now being circulated to members. Any proposed alterations should be sent to me in writing at once. Nomination for officers must be in writing and sent to me by March 2nd. Details of the meeting will be issued later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

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