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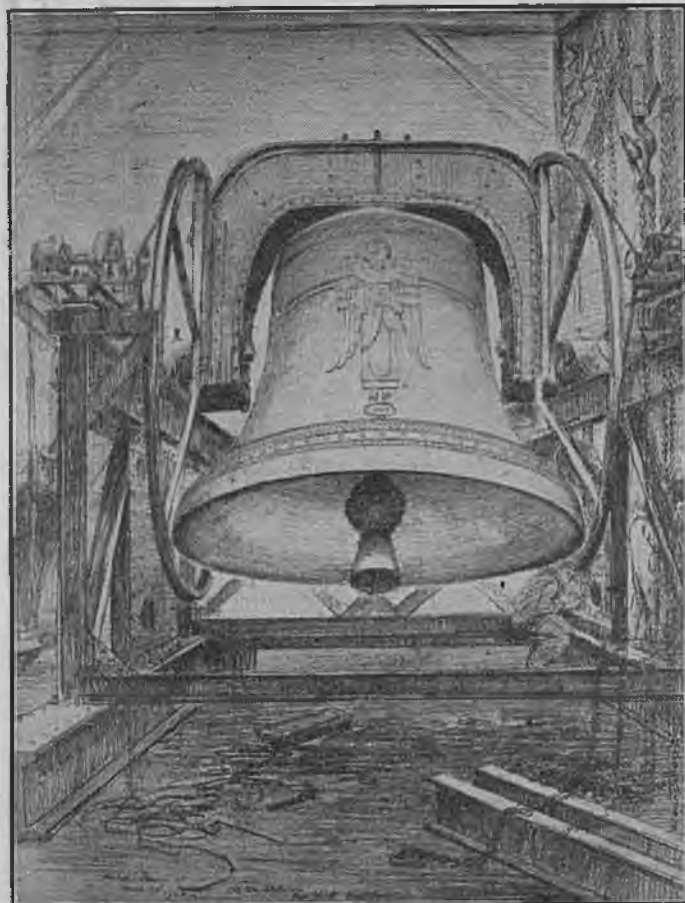
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as those arranged at Bristol, and a few other places, can fully appreciate how much they do in promoting goodwill and understanding between ringers of widely separated areas. What, for example, can better cement the spirit of brotherhood than the interchange of visits which takes place between representative ringers of Yorkshire and Bristol, London and the Midlands on the occasion of these big social gatherings? An indefinite number of dinners is, of course, not possible, but each place in which they are now held is becoming the centre of an ever widening circle, and presently we hope to see the whole country more or less covered by a series of such events.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 34½ cwt.

J. H. BROTHWELL Treble	*ERNEST WAGSTAFFE... .. 6
*MISS N. CAWTHORNE 2	*ARNOLD HILL 7
*MILTON C. FOWLER 3	†ALBERT NASH 8
*CHARLES POULTENEY 4	*PERCY GLEDSTONE 9
ARTHUR FIRTH 5	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † 100th peal and first of Royal as conductor. First peal of Spliced Royal by the association, by all the band, and on the bells.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
MISS D. RICHARDS 2	GEORGE COOK 7
GEORGE LARGE 3	PETER HEATH 8
CHARLES PERRY 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
HARRY BROUGHTON 5	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer's sister.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	GEORGE FREEBREY 6
*REGINALD H. BOULTON 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 7
HENRY FLETCHER 3	JACK BAILEY 8
†PERCY H. TATE 4	†ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 9
*MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 5	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on a bob bell. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Irene Freebrey, daughter of the conductor.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	*ARNOLD HILL 6
*MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	*HAROLD MARCON 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	*H. LESLIE PASK 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	*HAROLD WALKER 9
JOHN THORPE 5	*HAYDEN THORPE Tenor

Composed by GEO. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells and by the Doncaster and District Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANSTED, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT WATTS Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 3	WALTER AYRE 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	ARTHUR JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the 5th ringer. It was intended to ring Cambridge, but owing to an error in correspondence the above had to be substituted, the tenor man making up the band at very short notice.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... Treble	MAURICE T. SYMONDS 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 3	LAWRENCE POULSON 7
WILFRED JARVIS 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.
First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county of Suffolk, and rung at the first attempt. W. Jarvis kindly took a rope at a last minute's notice.

CALDICOT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

ARTHUR LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM A. TARGETTS ... 5
WILLIAM HOOPER 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
CYRIL G. HOOPER 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM ALSOP 4	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the oldest daughter of the conductor, who came of age on the 8th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	*ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5
FREDERICK W. HOODSEN ... 2	FRANK E. DARBY 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE GILBERT 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM BLAKE Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	HARRY MILES 6
*WALTER BRIGHAM 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT 4	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK ELLIS Treble	PERCY MASSAM 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	ALBERT WORMALD 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
*GEORGE COPLEY 4	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. A. Elliott and Miss A. M. Dobson, who were married prior to the commencement of the peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK CARMAN Treble	HENRY PRING 5
RICHARD CLARK 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
RONALD G. BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

First peal of New Cambridge by all except Mr. Dyke, and rung at the first attempt.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM CROCKER Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
*MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
RONALD G. BECK 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Miss Hastie, of Leatherhead.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	PETER CROOK ... 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
GEORGE PINCOIT ... 4	ARTHUR SEWART ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a memorial peal to the late treasurer and captain of the band at the above church, Henry W. Jackson.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 7
JOHN J. LAMB ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by the late I. SHADE. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER J. SIMONS ... Treble	*JOHN E. ROOTES ... 5
*CHARLES COOK ... 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6
*EDWARD ASHEY ... 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	CHARLES DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Major.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES GEORGE'S TRANSPOSITION OF JOHN CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR ... Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4	JAMES SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The ringer of the treble was proposed a member in the belfry. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Cheverton) on the completion of ten years' ministry in the parish. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Whatmore, Mr. Ben Fullwood (All Saints', Sedgley), Mr. H. T. Piper (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), and Mrs. A. Greenfield, wife of the conductor, also to Mrs. Boswell, mother of the 7th ringer.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPSPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Westminster, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY K. HOOPER ... Treble	H. BERNARD WELLS ... 4
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside' in seven Treble Bob methods. This was the quarterly peal for the above association.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RAYMOND GRANT ... Treble	DAVID WHITING ... 4
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5
ALFRED J. BERRY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS ... Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

LANE END, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 4
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2	†THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 5
JAMES W. WILKINS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ROBERT HOWARD ... Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	FRANK HARPER ... 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 3	EDWARD H. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Treble	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS... .. 4
WILLIAM FRENCH 2	ALEXANDER COLEY 5
EDWARD WHITLOCK 3	CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER COLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Single Oxford, one 720 Kent Treble Bob, one 720 Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 Single Court, one 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*HAROLD HARPER ... Treble	*WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 4
*GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	*FRANK P. HARWOOD... .. 5
†FRANK DEWEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six methods on an inside bell. The conductor's 25th peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. HOLMES ... Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
*ARTHUR E. HOLMES 3	ARTHUR I. HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

BOLTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILFRED J. KENT ... Treble	HARRY ATTWELL... .. 4
JOSEPH RAWLES 2	V. JOHN FARTHING 5
HAROLD HOSKINS 3	ALBERT WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by V. J. FARTHING.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. S. Toogood (one of the churchwardens).

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM BAVIN ... Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding, in the above church, of Mr. F. H. Dring and Miss Olive Allen. Mr. Dring is an old 'Over' and diocesan ringer. Miss K. Willers and Mr. D. Adams stood out to allow two ringing friends to make the band. Mr. Gleaves kindly entertained the band to tea, and they afterwards joined the wedding guests.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*HARRY PEAT ... Treble	HUBERT BAILEY 4
WILLIAM SWAIN 2	ERNEST MALLENDER 5
ARTHUR SMITHSON 3	FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Mallender.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TRURO DISTRICT.)

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TEAGUE ... Treble	*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4
*MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 5
FREDERICK W. MARSHALL 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN.

* First peal and first attempt 'inside.' The treble ringer is from Kea, the remainder from Truro Cathedral.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE LAND ... Treble	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4
RAY GRANT 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
JOHN SNELLING 3	*NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 50th peal for the Norwich Association. First peal in five methods on the bells.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK J. REEVE ... Treble	*FREDERICK C. REEVE ... 4
JESSE POPLETT 2	*HARRY BULL 5
*HAROLD BISHOP 3	HARRY JONES Tenor

Conducted by F. J. REEVE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Harry Jones was elected a member of the Hertfordshire Association before commencing the peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Lake, who had just returned home from their honeymoon; also to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 1-2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5-6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4	FRANK A. TURNER 7-8

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First 'double-handed' peal of Grandsire.

Pressure on our space has again necessitated the holding over of a number of peal reports.

A COLLEGE YOUTH'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

FOUR PEALS TO CELEBRATE AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The diamond wedding of one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Harry Henden, and his wife, of Orange, New South Wales, was celebrated on Saturday, when in honour of the event two peals were rung in London by members of the ancient society, one at St. James', Clerkenwell, where Mr. and Mrs. Henden were married on January 19th, 1870, and the other at St. Clement Danes, while the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal at Dartford, where Mr. Henden rang his first peal, and the Surrey Association rang one at Beddington. Although separated by so many thousands of miles from the old country, Mr. Henden's interest in ringing has been revived in recent years, and he is kept in touch with events by 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Henden learnt his ringing at Woolwich under John and William Bannister, and was made a member of the College Youths on February 26th, 1867. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, at Dartford, on November 17th, 1873, conducted by John Cox. He rang several peals in various towers, and numbered among his ringing friends Henry Johnson, Matthew Wood, John Cox, and the Bannister family.

On the occasion of his marriage, at Clerkenwell, a mixed band of ringers rang at St. James' Church a date touch of Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by John Cox.

Mr. Henden left England in 1884, and, with the exception of some ringing at Melbourne on his arrival in Australia, he has done no ringing since. For about 20 years he heard nothing of ringing, until he saw in the 'Overseas Daily Mail' an account of the ladies' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes. He then wrote to the Ladies' Guild, and since then has been receiving 'The Ringing World,' in which he takes a great interest.

The following extract from one of his letters to the secretary of the Ladies' Guild is interesting: 'I was delighted with "The Ringing Worlds." I take a great interest in them, and they bring back a lot of memories of the years gone by and the ringers whom I knew. I remember being in Fleet Street, and I thought I would go up to St. Bride's, as I thought I might see Mr. John Cox, whom I knew well, and ask him if he would come to lunch with me. When I entered the ringing chamber he was alone laying full length on the floor with a lot of figures before him and a lump of chalk. I said, "What are you up to, Cox?" His reply was, "Ah, I don't mind you, but if I told you, you might tell someone else," so I asked him no more. But I could see he was trying to get a peal of Grandsire Triples without a single. He was then steeplekeeper at St. Bride's. At that time there were several whom I knew trying the same thing.'

The following were the four peals rung in honour of the diamond wedding:—

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
WALTER H. L. BOCKINGHAM 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	HERBERT LANGDON 8
ALFRED B. PECK 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE 9
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 5	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, of New Zealand.
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	ROBERT A. FARDON 6
HARRY DYAS 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 4	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASBROOK. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER
Mr. E. Barnett's 750th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST BRETT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	*CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 7
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
*DANIEL COOPER 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal, also first in the county and by the association. This composition has ten courses in the titum position, and is believed to be the first peal of this method rung with these qualities.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GATESHEAD.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday. Ringers began to meet about 2.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, and the bells were kept going until five o'clock. A splendid tea then awaited the party at the Anchorage, a fine old building adjoining the church.

After tea, a short meeting was held, Mr. Burnett, vice-president, being in the chair.

Mr. E. Ferry moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the vestry clerk, Mr. Macfarlane, replied on behalf of the incumbent. In the course of his remarks, he said that the ringers might be interested to know that they were having tea in the oldest schoolroom in Gateshead. The Anchorage dated back to 1340, and it was founded for the habitation of an anchoress. It was then the only school in Gateshead. Part of the master's duty was to teach Latin and Greek, together with navigation. It was of interest to know that Lord Joicey and Sir George Kenwick were educated at this school.

Mr. C. L. Routledge moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea, and this was carried with acclamation.

The Rector arrived at this juncture, and, apologising for being late, said the football match at Sunderland had delayed him, adding that he had not been present at the match, but about six or seven bus loads of passengers had passed before he managed to get on a vehicle.

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. Stuart, a ringer for 50 years at St. Mary's, who was unable to be present at the meeting owing to illness, but all were pleased to know he was progressing favourably.

It was proposed that the next district meeting be held at Hough-ton-le-Spring on April 12th.

After the meeting, the ringers went back to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

It was a very happy meeting, and the time passed all too quickly, but it was plainly seen that all the ringers had enjoyed the proceedings, and hopes were expressed by many ringers that the meetings to follow would be as successful.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, about 20 ringers being present from Barley, Cherryinton, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Melbourn, Royston, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington, as well as from Fulbourn. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and a short service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. T. H. Hennessey, assisted by the general secretary (Rev. R. Copeman). Afterwards the ringers partook of tea, which was provided at the Six Bells by the Rector. Owing to the absence of the district secretary (Mr. F. Warrington), the minutes of the previous meeting could not be read, but the General Secretary reported that he had received a letter from him stating his inability to be present. The Rector extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and proposed the toast of 'Success to the ringers in the diocese.'

A suggestion was made that the meeting to be held at Newmarket on February 15th should be a joint meeting of the Suffolk and Ely Associations, and this was agreed to.

A discussion took place as to the desirability of dividing the Archdeaconry of Ely into two districts, with the view, if possible, of attention being paid to some of the places which in the past have been somewhat neglected. Mr. Austin gave notice of his intention to bring the matter up at the annual general meeting.

Mr. Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his generosity in providing tea.

Mr. E. H. Finch, in seconding, pointed out that bellringing was one of the finest physical and mental exercises, and stated that several clergy of his acquaintance instead of going off with their golf clubs, would do better in learning to become proficient bell-ringers and mixing with their own ringers.

The Rector, in reply, humorously remarked that he was a bachelor, had a parish of 1,200 inhabitants, was a Rural Dean, and as such had to look after three parishes at present without an incumbent, consequently his time was fully occupied, and, moreover, he did not play golf. He welcomed the association to Fulbourn whenever they wished to come.

Further ringing took place after tea. The Rector stayed in the belfry for about an hour, and, on leaving, suggested that the association should make their visit a quarterly one.

The methods rung included Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. A course of London Surprise Major failed to mature by one lead. The arrangements for ringing were in the hands of Mr. B. D. Buttress, of Fulbourn, who saw that everyone was catered for.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**JOINT MEETING OF FIVE BRANCHES.**

The joint meeting held at Preston on Saturday was an undoubted success, representatives from no less than fourteen Preston Branch towers, as well as ringers from the Blackburn, Fylde, Wigan and Bolton Branches, being present. The usual methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung at Penwortham and Preston Parish Church, and good practice for some of the six-bell ringers was obtained at St. Mark's, Preston.

After the actual ringing was over, a short business meeting was held, and a lecture given in the Parish Church tower, Mr. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn, the association ringing secretary, presiding.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Tomlinson said how pleased he was to be present at that joint meeting, and the way in which all seemed to have enjoyed themselves augured well for any such meetings in the future. He went on to congratulate Mr. E. W. Hutchinson, of Penwortham, on ringing his first peal at the age of seventy-three.

The meeting confirmed the election of three new Preston Branch members, and also fixed the place and date of the next branch meeting.

Mr. J. R. Taylor expressed the pleasure of the Preston Branch in welcoming the members of the other branches, and proposed that a joint meeting be held annually on the same lines.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. R. Taylor then moved that the next joint meeting be held at Blackburn Cathedral next January.—Mr. W. Hunter, of Burnley, seconded, Mr. R. Hartley supported, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Tomlinson said he was sure the Blackburn ringers would be only too pleased to welcome all who went to Blackburn.

Mr. Wm. Taylor gave a continuation of his lecture on 'Coursing order.' He went briefly over the chief points of his previous lecture, and referred to the benefits of a knowledge of the coursing order of methods as shown between a 'Bob Caller' and an expert conductor.

With the aid of an improvised blackboard Mr. Taylor gave some illustrations of the effect on coursing order of bobs called at 'Wrong,' 'Middle' and 'Home' positions, showing the various alterations at the course ends caused by the different bobs.

The lecture over, the Chairman moved a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for his lecture, which had been given in such an able and clear manner.—Mr. J. Millar seconded, and the motion having been carried Mr. Taylor suitably replied.

Mr. J. R. Taylor then moved a vote of thanks to the different church authorities for the use of bells, to the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to the chairman for presiding.

This concluded what was undoubtedly a splendid meeting.

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

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

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

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

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., president of the Middlesex County Association, a member of the Legal Committee of the Central Council, is seriously ill with inflammation of the liver at his home at Summerhill, Barnet.

A marble tablet is to be erected at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church to commemorate the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung there on August Bank Holiday.

Forty-five years ago to-day the Sussex Association was established, and two days later, John Jay, sen., who will be remembered by many of the older generation of visitors to St. Peter's, Brighton, called the first peal for the association at Cuckfield. Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, took part in the peal, and is still actively engaged in ringing. The only other survivor (at least we hope he is still in the land of the living) is Mr. George King, who on that occasion rang his first peal, and who migrated to Canada many years ago.

A peal of 10,386 Grandsire Caters was rung at Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, on January 27th, 1803, in 6 hrs. 56 mins.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London was rung by the College Youths at Cornhill on January 28th, 1911.

5,040 Real Double Eight in, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7ths as 2nds, with bobs behind and before alternately, was rung at Richmond, Surrey, on January 28th, 1816.

January 29th is the anniversary of the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major, rung at Bolton in 1927.

Two famous old London ringers died on January 29th, John Cox in 1885, and Henry Haley in 1886.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Crawley on Saturday. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector of Crawley (the Rev. H. A. K. Baynes), who, in his address, traced the subject of attendance at divine service through the Jewish and Christian dispensations.

The next item of interest to the forty-four present was an excellent tea, which had been prepared in the Parish Hall, after which the Rector, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided at the business meeting, which was of a routine nature.

Capt. Manley, Turner's Hill, and Mr. J. Merritt, Boincy, were elected members.

At the close of the proceedings, Mr. Rickman, proposing the usual vote of thanks to the Rector, said that this was probably the first time that many of them had the pleasure of meeting him since his appointment to Crawley, and that they wished him all possible happiness and success in this his new sphere of work.

The Rector, having thanked the meeting for this expression of goodwill, the proceedings terminated.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung were very varied, and included London, Bristol, Norfolk, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, the striking being above the average for these occasions. The following towers were represented: Balcombe, Boincy, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, The Good Shepherd), Burgess Hill, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Heene, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Lewes (Southover) and Turner's Hill.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

A RECORD GATHERING.

There was a record gathering at Bristol on Saturday, on the occasion of the Bristol United Guilds' ninth annual dinner. A company of considerably over two hundred joined in the proceedings, which were marked by a spirit of great cordiality. Visitors were present from many distant places, some having travelled from as far afield as London, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham, Coventry and Exeter, to say nothing of the many from places within a lesser radius. The organisers left nothing undone which would contribute to the pleasure of their guests, and this year made a new departure by arranging a charabanc tour of the city and neighbourhood during the afternoon. Those who were able to participate in this excursion spent a most enjoyable and instructive time, thanks largely to the efforts of the cicerone, Mr. W. S. Emery, who explained in an interesting manner all the points and features of interest in the itinerary. For those unable to take part in the tour, there was ringing at St. Stephen's and St. Thomas' Churches, and a large number looked in at the 'preliminary' gathering at St. Thomas' Church Room, where tea and buns were dispensed at the end of the afternoon.

The dinner took place at the Grand Hotel, and was presided over by the chairman of the United Guilds, Mr. William H. Thomas. He was supported by Rev. and Mrs. Heber Thomas (St. Stephen's), Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Rev. E. S. Saleby (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Rev. R. H. Whitford (Bristol), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mrs. Walker, Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. S. F. Palmer and J. Holman (Sheffield), A. E. Norman and F. E. Haynes (Birmingham), W. J. Southwood (Exeter), C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), F. W. Perrins (Coventry), C. Choctet (Master of the College Youths), J. S. Hawkins, C. W. Pipe and J. Thomas (London), J. George and G. H. Way (Birmingham), J. Austin, J. Gillett, G. Condict (Gloucester), R. G. Beck (Chilcompton), C. Millard (Shepton Mallet), R. C. Rich and T. F. King (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. S. Hopper (Swindon), Messrs. C. H. Jennings (Weymouth), E. J. Williams, sen., (H. Harding, W. J. Prescott, Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Miss I. Hastic (Leatherhead), Messrs. C. R. Lilley and H. W. Knight (Congresbury), F. W. Cannings (Bathford), J. G. Taylor (Bathaston), C. H. Pausey and A. Prince (Bath), A. H. Ball (Corston), F. Lambeth (Chippenham), F. C. Stuckey (Weston-super-Mare), W. H. Court (Burnham-on-Sea), E. Coward and G. D. Thurston (Mere), G. E. Shollish (Banwell), J. Tyler, jun. (Clapton), J. B. Tyler (Four Marks, Hants), S. Jones (Caerleon, Mon.), A. A. Hilliar (Westbury-on-Tyrm), and ringers and friends from the many churches in and around Bristol. The admirable arrangements were made by a committee consisting of the chairman, Mr. P. C. Williams (vice-chairman), Mr. R. Burt (vice-chairman elect), Miss E. Smith, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. G. Jefferies, W. Knight and H. Way (stewards), Messrs. U. Braven, H. Bennett, J. A. Burford, F. T. Jewell, J. Gould, F. Skidmore, H. Pring, F. G. Leaker, W. H. Parker, R. C. Seager, W. S. Emery and Mr. Edgar Guise, the indefatigable hon. secretary.

A feature of the Bristol gathering is always the entertainment which is given in connection with the dinner, and this year there was the greatest difficulty of getting through, before the hour of parting, the feast of good things provided. The Tyndale Trio (piano, violin and 'cello) provided music during dinner, and subsequently there were songs by Miss Doreen Weeks (gold medallist), Mr. Milton Jones and Mr. L. Tanner, a humorous monologue by Miss Dorothy Hill (gold medallist), selections by St. Thomas' handbell party, with Miss Bishop playing a harp accompaniment, a clever magical entertainment by Mr. E. H. C. Wethered, O.B.E., and, by kind permission of the management of the Prince's Theatre, artistes now appearing in the pantomime lent their assistance in the programme, humorous turns being provided by Mr. Athol Tier and Mr. Fred Wynne, while Mr. Bryn Gwyn sang two songs, one, the 'Cobbler's Song' from 'Chu Chin Chow,' which he sang 1,500 times in the play, and 'The Sergt.-Major.'

RINGERS' SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The Chairman, in opening the post-prandial proceedings, proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was honoured enthusiastically, and the 'National Anthem' sung. The Chairman then went on to say that the Bristol United Guilds had become a sturdy youth. During the past eight or nine years it had shown its usefulness, and it was getting more useful as time went by. He had often wondered at the confidence displayed by the founders of the Guild, because they had no old associations to look back upon like some of the other societies. The College Youths, for instance, had nearly 300 years of existence behind them, and recently held their 292nd annual dinner. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, kept green the memory of one of their renowned men of the past; the Yorkshire Association commemorated Jasper

Snowdon, whose works every ringer knew; and then there was the Crofts memorial dinner at Nottingham. In Bristol they looked back with pride on the ability of J. W. Hinton, a forerunner in the practice of the higher scientific methods and a 'stickler' for good striking; but those who were present that evening were there because they were ringers or were interested in ringing, and as ringers they were part and parcel of the Church. When they joined a band of ringers they recognised they had a duty to perform, and the first duty was to ring for the services. That was a thing which they, as ringers, ought always to remember. If they only carried out those duties as they should do, they would gain a rich blessing, even if only in the knowledge that they had done their duty. He asked them all to rise and drink to the toast of 'The Church,' with which he coupled the name of the Rev. Heber Thomas, Rector of St. Stephen's.

The Rev. Heber Thomas, in replying, said, although not a ringer himself, he yielded to no man in his deep love, from his earliest years, of bells. This love of bells had remained with him all his life and had increased as the years had gone by. Therefore, although he was not a ringer, and disliked public dinners intensely, he looked

forward every year to the invitation of their successive chairmen to be present at that annual dinner. One must acknowledge, he continued, the great service which such a body of men and women rendered to their Church throughout the land, and certainly the services they rendered to the Church in Bristol. It would be an unspeakable calamity if, for any reason, the bells in the Bristol churches were to be silenced. It was with a sense of deep sorrow and shame that he sometimes saw an account of a belfry where, for some reason or other, the bells were silent. He believed that the ringers' services to the Church were as heartily recognised by all the other clergy as it was by himself, and he had again and again in his own parish borne witness to the fact that he had never found a more devoted set of



MR. W. H. THOMAS.

churchworkers, quiet as they were, and unobtrusive, but at the same time genial and God-fearing, as they had in St. Stephen's. They always judged the general from the particular, and, judging other ringers from the ringers of St. Stephen's, he assumed other churches found their ringers equally devoted. He sometimes wondered what were the various qualifications required before they entered the belfry. Certainly he saw keenness, enthusiasm, geniality, good temper and comradeship, and also that quiet, unobtrusive service which was so characteristic of their own ringers at St. Stephen's, and he could not help thinking that those who were gathered there that evening were men and women possessed of the characteristics. These qualifications, the speaker went on, must have come down to them through successive generations, for they were the characteristics required three hundred years ago of those who joined the Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers. The speaker quoted from the rules of the old Guild (recently given in detail in 'The Ringing World') to bear out this contention, and concluded by expressing the hope that the ringing Guilds of Bristol, of Gloucester, and Somerset, and throughout the country would continue to do their work and do it in the same spirit and with the same result to the Church in the years to come as they had done in the generations gone by (applause).

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

A toast of 'Success to the Ringers' Directory' was proposed by Mr. James George, who congratulated the Bristol United Guilds upon having produced such a useful publication for the benefit of the Exercise. He said he had intended to ask the Central Council to publish a directory of this kind, but in view of the splendid advance made in the Bristol Guild's directory he would be pleased to withdraw his proposition. There had been an increase of about 516 names in this edition, and if every ringer supported the directory as he ought to do there was no reason why the next issue should not include forty thousand names, although he would be modest and

ask only for not less than twenty thousand. In the same way he asked ringers to support 'The Ringing World.' It was disgraceful that in so many towers only one copy was taken between all the ringers. If only twenty thousand ringers subscribed to 'The Ringing World,' the paper could be published at a penny, and when one thought of the work that was put into 'The Ringing World' for the benefit of ringing, he considered it was a shame that so many ringers were content to share one copy (hear, hear). He hoped the Ringers' Directory would continue to be a success, and that it would grow in size and usefulness.

Mr. F. G. Leaker responded on behalf of the committee responsible for the publication, and paid a warm tribute to the great work done in connection with the directory by their genial hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise. His work for the Bristol United Guilds was only one part of the work which he did for ringing, for he was, as they all knew, also secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The Chairman then announced that he had a pleasant duty to perform. They had, he said, a number of ladies, who were always at the beck and call of the Bristol United Guilds when there was anything to be done, and they desired to mark their appreciation of what had been done by two of these ladies. He had a brooch, suitably inscribed, which he was going to ask their vice-chairman to hand to Mrs. Leaker, and another for Miss Smith, who, unfortunately, owing to a family bereavement, could not be with them that evening. These gifts were just an expression of the appreciation of the United Guilds for all the kindnesses which these ladies had shown them (applause). The Chairman went on to refer to the work of Mr. Guise as secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and of the Bristol United Guilds. In addition, he said, Mr. Guise had acted as editor of the popular and valuable 'Ringers' Directory,' and it was his privilege to ask Mr. Guise to accept, on behalf of the members of the Bristol United Guilds, and a few friends, a present in recognition of his great services (applause).

The Chairman then presented to Mr. Guise a handsome walnut secretary-bookcase, in which was a plate bearing the inscription: 'To Mr. Edgar Guise. An appreciation from the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. January 18th, 1930.'

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston submitted the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' He said to one who was responsible for a toast it was of considerable advantage to know something of the history of those whose health and prosperity he proposed—whether it was to their credit or their detriment, at least he should know something (laughter). It was also an immense help if he could get his speech written for him, so he might as well make a clean breast of it and confess at once that when their indefatigable secretary ordered him on Wednesday to propose the toast of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, he wired asking him for any information concerning the past history of the chairman and his associates that he thought it advisable to disclose (laughter). Mr. Guise promptly sent a most comprehensive and masterly short story of the association's doings both past and present—so complete that he (the speaker) was sorely tempted to learn it by heart and give it them as his own peroration (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Johnston said he was proud to have numbered two principal founders amongst his ringing friends—the late Mr. Phillott and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. Davies was the first person in the bell world with whom he ever discussed—in those dark, unenlightened days—the question of bell tuning. They all regretted his absence from that gathering and the ill-health which he had suffered in recent years. That association, he added, had ringers, too, of national repute in Bill Cave, Jack Austin, Friend Thomas, the latter equally at home in Yorkshire or Bristol. The increase in ringing members from 420 in 1914 to 1,000 in 1930, spoke eloquently of the keenness of the officers. Their energies were not confined alone to their own area; the new Ringers' Directory, compiled by their hon. secretary, was surely a welcome addition to every ringers' library. They should be proud of the progress of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They had, he understood, rung 1,600 peals, and had them all but last year's recorded in albums, and their treasurer was always able apparently to show a satisfactory balance at the bank. Their Master (Mr. Saleby) had told him he was not a proficient change ringer, but he appeared to be fulfilling, in one particular respect, the qualifications peculiar to his order. He was a ringer clergyman with an unringable peal of bells—they rest in the churchyard (laughter). He (the speaker) thought there must be an unwritten law in this matter or a plot amongst the Bishops and patrons of livings, for nearly every ringing parson has a peal of one, or a church without a tower (laughter and 'Shame'). In conclusion, Mr. Johnston asked the company to drink to long life and prosperity to the association of church bellringers for the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol. Might they double their members each succeeding decade, as they had done in the last ten years; might they coax into the fold those towers that were still without, in the wilderness; and might they bring to a successful issue every record length which they might set out to ring. He coupled with this toast the name of their Master, the Rev. E. S. Saleby.

The Rev. E. S. Saleby, in responding, said they were a very live association. Not very long ago they were a little too lively (laughter), and kicked a little over the traces (laughter). He had gone

among the members as much as he could, and he was impressed with the wonderful spirit of keenness and progressiveness, and if they could only get together and make everybody realise that movements and rules and regulations which were framed thirty or forty years ago did not necessarily work in 1930, and if they could show the powers that be that they were alive and very keen, that they wanted to get a move on, that they lived in a democratic age, and wanted to be able to express their opinions and views, then, he thought, the little cloud he had mentioned would quickly pass. They were out for various reforms, and he believed that by working together they would find their efforts had not been in vain and that they would lead to more effective work in the future. He suggested they might well adopt the motto, which was inscribed on a bell, 'Different in size, in tone, in weight, both small and great, we harmonise.' Let them avoid the things which spoil their harmony and made discord, put aside personal feelings and put the association first, then, he was certain, in the exercise of their art and in the spirit of co-operation they would become even more alive and more flourishing in their association in the future than they had been in the past (applause).

Mr. Percy Williams proposed 'The Visitors,' and expressed the gratification of the United Guilds at the presence of so many representatives of other associations from all over England.

Mr. A. A. Hughes first responded, and thanked the Guilds for the wonderful evening which they had given the visitors, and which they had all so much enjoyed. Why, he asked, did they come there? They did not come there just to sit down to dinner. They came because they liked to see old friends and spend a pleasant time with them (applause). Mr. Hughes referred to the wonderful good these gatherings did in enabling ringers to rub shoulders, and he hoped the gathering in Bristol and those in other parts of the country would long continue. They did more to foster the spirit of good feeling and keep going the art of change ringing than almost anything he could think of (hear, hear).

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham also replied. He remarked that he liked the spirit of cheerfulness which surrounded that gathering, and he hoped those present would return to their own associations and carry into the meetings of their branches a little of the good feeling and of the sense of humour that pervaded that gathering (applause).

Mr. H. Burt proposed 'The Ringing World,' to which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded, and the toast of 'The Artists' was submitted by Mr. Colin Harrison, who thanked them heartily for the varied and delightful entertainment they had provided. To this toast Mr. Chas. Reid responded, and the happy proceedings then terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

A further interesting event took place after the dinner, when Mr. W. H. Thomas (the chairman) was presented with an old English silver snuff box as a token of esteem from Mr. Syd Palmer, of Sheffield.

Mr. Palmer expressed a wish that suitable inscriptions should be placed upon the box so that memories of fraternal bondship should be perpetuated. Mr. Thomas responded, and it is regarded by those few present that a link between Bristol and Sheffield has been forged, and that it is one of everlasting strength.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 11th, members being present from Ackworth, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Ecclesfield, Pontefract, Sandal, Shelley, Wath-on-Dearne and Worthy. The bells were kept going (with difficulty, owing to their need of expert attention) in Minor and Major methods until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (Canon H. E. Hone) conducted a short service, after which all adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, about thirty sitting down to an excellent meal.

The annual general meeting then took place, with Canon Hone in the chair.

The auditors, Messrs. Chant and Goldthorpe, presented their report, which was accepted and passed as satisfactory.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. A. Nash (re-elected); secretary, Mr. A. Panther; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant.

The late secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, who has been a tower of strength to the society since its inception in 1910, has been wanting to relinquish office for several months owing, chiefly, to indifferent health. In accepting his resignation with sincere regret, both Mr. Nash and Mr. Reynor eulogised his excellent qualities, and testified to the great value of the work he had done for the society during their long association with him.

It was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously that Mr. Potter should be made a life vice-president as some very slight recognition of his past services.

Five new members were elected, and Mr. S. Roper (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's, Croydon) was made an out-of-radius member.

Mr. Lewis (Ecclesfield) thanked the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and the ladies for their preparations for the comfort of the inner man.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, February 8th.

CLAYBROOKE BELLS AUGMENTED.**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR LEICESTERSHIRE.**

On Saturday last, the ancient four bells of Claybrooke Church, Leicestershire, were reopened, and four additional bells dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley). This work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and included the recasting of one of the old bells and retuning the other three, as well as the addition of the four new bells. The peal has been rehung on ball bearings in an iron and steel frame, with all the modern improvements. Everyone present was delighted and

To the gratification of everyone concerned, the founders have returned the ancient tenor (without recasting), and this magnificent old bell fully justifies being retained to cover a beautiful ring. It is one of the few pre-Reformation bells remaining in the county, and is thus inscribed:—

huius sē petre

followed by stamps of the heads of King Edward I. and Queen Eleanor, and a floral decoration and cross. This proves it to be a Nottingham casting of about the year 1500. The 7th bell is dated 1672, the 6th 1626, while the 5th was originally 1618, but has been recast to fit in with the above. The tenor, which now gives the full note of E flat, is a magnificent cover, giving the impression of a much heavier bell, although it is actually under 14 cwt.

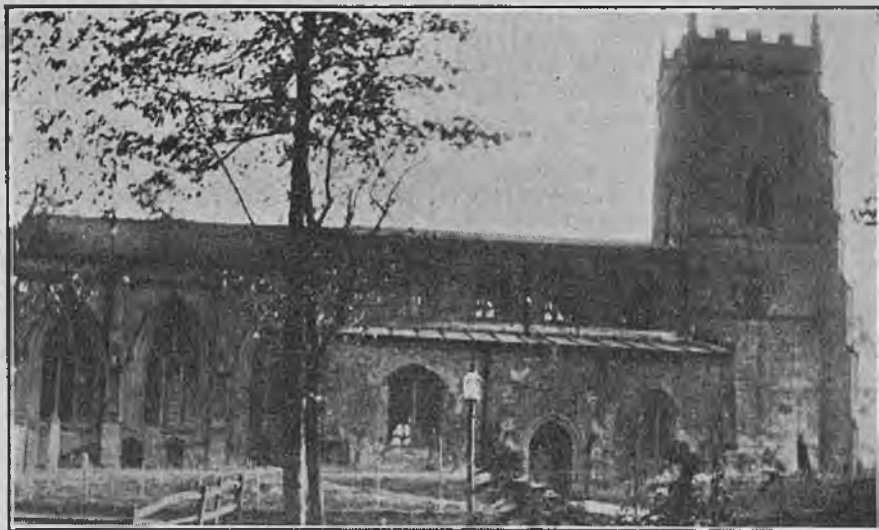
Immediately at the conclusion of the service, Master Daffern Seal (son of the donor) chimed one of the bells, then the following raised the bells 'in peal,' and rang a splendidly-struck three courses of Stedman Triples: J. H. W. White (Coventry) 1, F. Pervin (Coventry) 2, J. B. Fenton (Rugby) 3, T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) 4, G. S. Morris (Leicester) 5, J. A. Fenton (Rugby) 6, E. Morris (Leicester) 7, J. Morris (Leicester) 8. Conducted by Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who was entrusted with the ringing arrangements for the day. In the words of one of the well-known visiting ringers present, whatever ringing is done here, none will be better than those three opening courses—they were perfect.

The founders were represented by Messrs. J. Oldham, R. Lane (the veteran bell hanger) and W. Smith, while a host of visitors were present from Croft, Hinckley, Broughton Astley, Wolvey, Rugby, Coventry, Swindon, Nuneaton, Wigston Magna, and other places. During the afternoon, touches and courses of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise were successfully accomplished.

Refreshments were provided at the Vicarage, and in the evening a 'convivial' was held, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Handbells were prominent, and tunes were played by Messrs. C. H. Webb, J. A. and J. B. Fenton, J. and E. Morris and others, with several courses of change ringing. The special feature was a course of Grandsire Caters by the five 'Joe's,' viz., J. S. Carter 1-2, J. H. W. White 3-4, J. B. Fenton 5-6, J. A. Fenton 7-8, J. Beale 9-10.

'Breaking-up' time came all too soon, but everyone present had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and all were loud in the praise of 'Claybrooke's new peal.' The founders have excelled themselves.

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**CLAYBROOKE CHURCH.**

astonished with the tone and tune of this ring, and truly can it be now said that Claybrooke is the proud possessor of one of the very finest rings of eight in the diocese.

The fine old church was filled with an enthusiastic congregation, and the Lord Bishop gave a most inspiring and appropriate address, making special reference to the donor of the four new bells, the treble of which is thus inscribed:—

'To the Praise and Glory of God, and to commemorate the long connection of the Daffern Family with this Parish, this peal was restored and augmented to eight bells in 1929 by the gift of Beatrice Seal (born Daffern), of Ullesthorpe.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PEAK DISTRICT.**

The first annual meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bakewell on Saturday last, and members were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Castleton, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Hathersage, Hope, Matlock and Tideswell. The fine peal of bells were kept going at intervals from 3 to 7.30 p.m., and a substantial tea was provided at the Wheatshaf shortly after 5 p.m. Following tea, the annual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, Eyam (vice-president), supported by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Dore (hon. secretary), and Mr. A. G. Wallace, Bakewell.

The Secretary presented a brief report, giving a resume of events in connection with the formation of the district, and of the various meetings which have since taken place. It had to be borne in mind, the report stated, that the district was essentially a 'missionary' one, formed with the idea of trying to rope in and encourage towers where ringing was at a low ebb in a somewhat inaccessible area, and that great results from a change-ringing point of view could not be expected all at once. The meetings had been variable, some very poor with poor ringing, some very good indeed, but in no case had the time been wasted. Some of the poorest meetings had resulted in a quickening of interest in several enthusiastic novices, and in several applications for membership. The district had not received the support that one might have expected from one or two towers where change ringing was in vogue, but, on the other hand, where least expected, support had been forthcoming, a notable case being at Hathersage, from whence that day there was an application from eight of their ringers for membership, and a request for a meeting to be held there. An encouraging fact, too, was that at

each tower, however poor the attendance of locals, the branch had always been well received and welcomed by the incumbents. Undoubtedly, the backbone of the branch had been the towers of Eyam and Bakewell, with their enthusiastic leaders, the Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. A. G. Wallace, without whose support little could have been accomplished. The report also referred with gratitude to the generous and enthusiastic welcome accorded to the branch at the new tower of Tideswell on more than one occasion.

In regard to future policy, the Secretary suggested that each tower should try and bring in its incumbent as an hon. member, or, alternatively, that they should approach their Church Councils, asking them to support the 'nomination' scheme by paying an annual subscription and nominating one or two of their members. Also, that each tower should pay its subscriptions promptly and agree to take a certain number of the M.C.A. reports, which were well worth the money. Further, that if it was decided to carry on with the monthly meetings, each tower should make it a point of honour to send at least one member to each meeting. As to the meetings themselves, it was suggested that the present policy be continued, i.e., that a special eight or six bell method be selected for attention and practice, but at the same time novices were to be given every help and encouragement, and that the young conductors were to be helped as much as possible. The Secretary also suggested as much support as possible should be given to 'The Ringing World.' In conclusion, the Secretary expressed his grateful thanks to all in the district who had extended to him so much courtesy and assistance, and predicted that by working together there would be a bright future for the district.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary for his untiring work in the (Continued in next column.)

ADDISCOMBE'S BIG BELL.



The large bell which has been hung in Addiscombe Parish Church tower, Croydon, by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, is to be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to-morrow (Saturday), the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

The bell, which weighs over 50 cwt., is a fine example of the bellfounders' craft and, as will be seen from the photograph, is richly ornamented.

DEATH OF MR. T. J. BRATTON.

The death took place at Birmingham on the 9th inst. of Mr. Thomas J. Bratton, who passed away two days after his 67th birthday.

Mr. Bratton had been in Birmingham for the better part of twenty years, and before that resided at Welshpool.

He was buried on Tuesday of last week, and leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

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district, and he was instructed to record this vote on the minutes.

The Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) was re-elected vice-president by acclamation, and heartily thanked for all his kindness and help, it being fully realised that without his breezy and cheery disposition the district meetings would not be nearly as happy and cheerful functions as they have been.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Messrs. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) and E. H. Holmes (Matlock) as members of the committee, the latter in place of Mr. N. Short, who had resigned on account of ill-health.

It was decided to carry on with the system of monthly meetings, it being considered that taking all in all they had been well worth while.

The next monthly meeting was fixed for Halbersage on February 15th, and it was decided to submit the names of eight ringers from this tower to the next general quarterly meeting for membership.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbent and to the local ringers closed the proceedings, adjournment being made to the tower for more ringing on tower and handbells.

J. E. L. C.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Friday, January 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Wilson 1, *A. Wilson 2, E. Jenkins 3, S. Barraclough 4, N. Bower 5, H. Simpson (conductor) 6. * First 720.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 30th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 25th, at Bolsover. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in Church Hall. A peal tablet will be dedicated at 4.45.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 in the Church Hall. A good attendance of members is desired at this meeting.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea at Lyons Restaurant, Queen Square, at 5.30. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Services at 4.30., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Water-moor bells open 3 p.m. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 4.45, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Parish Church bells open after service.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 with tea and meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells from 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schools.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Whitechapel. Bells available: St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 3.30-4.30; Whitechapel (8), before and after meeting. Service, tea and meeting at Whitechapel, at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the White Cot Dairy.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 pm., Addison's Café. Business meeting to follow; all welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Bells available 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, January 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5. Eynesbury bells (6) also available.—C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kislingbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing to commence about 3 p.m., and service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. each. It is hoped to have the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Colchester, between 3 and 4 p.m., also in the evening at 7 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Brodrick Hall at 5.15, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Lyonshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 5.45, followed by business meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also St. Peter's (8) from 6. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Moule Institute.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Evercreech. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec., Wolverton Rectory.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. W. Capron, Vicar of Scarborough. Tea will be served at the Arcadian Restaurant at 5 p.m., at a charge of 2s. per head. Annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the earliest convenient date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Branch Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. to 6.30. All ringers welcome. Please attend in ringing uniform.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lytham St. Cuthbert's (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 29th. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Those intending being present, kindly notify me on or before Jan. 28th.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Campbell Ward. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, 28th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity (8) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Christ Church bells (8) also available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting of District Committee in Vestry at 4. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N. 14, by Thursday, Jan. 30th. This is important. Business meeting afterwards. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 1st. The bells are available from 3 p.m. until service time, 4.15. Will those who require tea please notify me at least three days beforehand?—J. W. Clarke, Aston, Hawarden.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington (8 bells) on Feb. 1st at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and try some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send names to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Beighton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) ready early. For tea please write Mr. G. J. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, on or before Jan. 29th. All ringers and visitors welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Sun Hotel 5 p.m. Visitors please inform me by Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tea 5.30 p.m. for all who notify Mr. W. Fradley, 102, Charles Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, before Jan. 29th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, 10th and 24th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch, arranged for Jan. 25th at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, is cancelled for that date. The meeting will be held on February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mill, Feering, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ely Diocesan Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Wisbech and Peterborough branches) will be held at March on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later

than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Clement Danes' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., opposite church, after service. Meeting at St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please come and make a record meeting.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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