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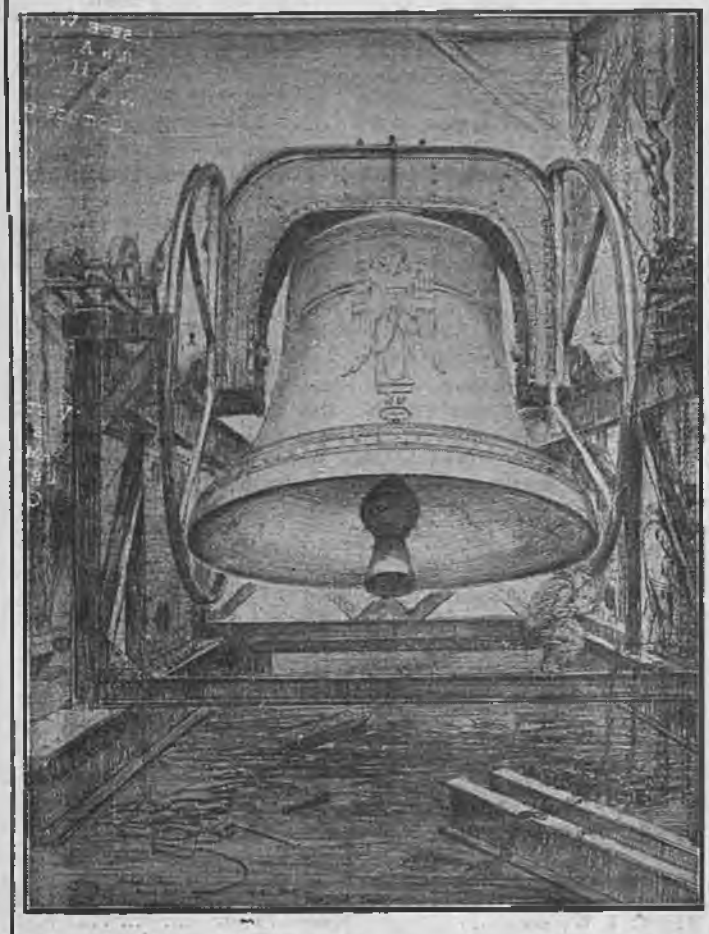

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BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS.

Many a ringer has unselfishly striven, in the face of all kinds of difficulties and disappointments, to do his bit to extend the art by training young ringers, or trying to get older ringers to advance. Often the labour has appeared to be entirely unfruitful and the task, if not given up in disgust, has had to be abandoned because the material has been, apparently, unproductive, or because, even if promising, has removed beyond reach. There are ringers who have grown old in the Exercise, who have spent their years in the endeavour to interest and teach others, and who, after all their loyal service to the art and to the Church, can point actually only to one here and there who has really repaid the time and pains spent upon him. And yet one never can tell where any of the seed that is sown may one day germinate and flourish. There are many excellent ringers to-day who, having received their first instruction in some village tower or with some obscure company, and having passed on to another district, have been counted at the time as 'another wasted effort'; but who have afterwards more than made good in their own ringing and in the help they have given to others. Few efforts which seek to spread the art of ringing need, therefore, be counted as definitely lost, even though immediate results may not be obvious.

On the other hand, however, there are cases where the work of a man has laid a foundation upon which a substantial edifice has been built and he has seen it grow. In such instances there must be intense satisfaction to the individual when he sees such a result of his handiwork. Especially must this be the case when he afterwards becomes separated from the scene of his labours. The story which is told elsewhere in this issue of the achievements at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, is a case in point. Separated by half the circumference of the earth from the old country, Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, must have watched with justifiable pride the progress made at the tower where he was the first to put change ringing on its feet, a tower where six-bell ringing achieved the acme of performance and where, on the present eight, Surprise method ringing is being developed by a very able band. When Mr. Wilde left this country many years ago, he could not have anticipated the extent of the progress which would be made at this spot, nor the influence which would radiate through the Exercise as a result of the performances at Hazel Grove, for it is largely the success achieved there in the ringing of multi-method peals that created the interest in this phase of ringing which has since developed. There was no such thing as spliced-method ringing when Mr. Wilde left this

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country, but the interest in ringing which he created at Hazel Grove was the inspiration which later led the enthusiastic band at that tower to go on from triumph to triumph, until they succeeded in ringing a peal in which thirty-five methods were incorporated. Mr. Wilde, although so far from any centre of ringing, has never lost touch with the art, but follows the doings of the Exercise with the keenest interest, and still finds recreation in the theoretical side of the science, while keeping up a correspondence with many ringing friends in England. Truly can it be said that the bread which he cast upon the waters has been found after many days.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	FRED HAWKES	8
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN	3	*WILLIAM LEWIS	9
†HAROLD F. MARTIN	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	10
DENNIS R. MORRIS	5	CHARLES CAMM	11
†ROBERT G. KNOWLES	6	CYRIL TANSELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells, and rung as the annual peal for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS BEVAN	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM	6
WALTER AYRE	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	8
GEORGE CARD	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	9
*ALFRED PYE	5	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 31¼ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	GORDON W. CHECKETTS	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
JOHN BASS	3	THOMAS HEMMING	8
JOHN HALL	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	9
HAROLD J. MARTIN	5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a compliment to Councillor Richard White, hon. treasurer of the All Saints' and St. Lawrence's (Evesham) Guild, and churchwarden of All Saints' Church, in his first year as Mayor of the borough.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JACK CARMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. THOMAS	6
JESSE B. TYLER	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS	3	HENRY PRING	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
JOSEPH T. DYKE	5	WILLIAM A. CAVE	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH	*Treble*	HARRY PAGE	6
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	WILLIAM HEATH	7
FRANK J. BAILEY	3	ERNEST COOMBES	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	†FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
GEORGE POPNELL	5	†SEYMOUR R. BARKER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to one of the oldest members of the association, Mr. John Clutterbuck, on his 83rd birthday. Also as a wedding peal to Miss Elsie Page, daughter of Mr. William Page, of Pentre, and niece of the ringer of the 6th.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY, F.C.	*Treble*	THOMAS GRANT	6
CECIL G. HARRISON	2	ARTHUR L. MURRAY, B.A. ...	7
WILLIAM H. WILSON	3	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON	8
THOMAS MCMORRAN	4	GEORGE F. WILMOT	9
WILLIAM E. LYNCH	5	ROBERT TAIT	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS GRANT.

This is the first peal ever rung by a band of Irishmen.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*WALTER FAUX	...*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	6
*STANLEY BANYARD	2	C. WILLIAM SMITH	7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	3	ALFRED G. RIVERS	8
†BASIL D. BUTTRESS	4	HAROLD J. HAZELL	9
A. TOM CHENERY	5	†JAMES W. QUINNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by C. W. SMITH.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd is aged 15½ years. † First peal on ten bells. Rung to mark the passing of the old year. It is 78 years since the members of the Cambridge Youths rang a peal on these bells, the last one, in the same method, being rung in February, 1852.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	*Treble*	JOHN H. CRAMPION	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
WILLIAM HORAN	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRISS ...	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRISS ...	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
JOHN H. CRAMPION	4	WILLIAM PYE	..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD T. CARPENTER ...	*Treble*	THOMAS CHAMPION	5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
*CHARLES W. TRUSSLER ...	3	HENRY MULLARD	7
THOMAS ATTWELL	4	*WILFRED BARTLETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

* First peal and first attempt. All are members of the local band.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST LANDON	...*Treble*	ROBERT G. LEWIS	5
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	WILLIAM P. DEANE	6
THOMAS HURD	3	ARTHUR W. HALL	7
*JONAH COTTRELL	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' of them being excellent.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JIM TEBAY	...*Treble*	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ...	5
EDWIN JENNINGS	2	HUBERT RICHARDSON	6
HECTOR WOODBURN	3	FRANK WILSON	7
GERALD A. SUTTON	4	WILFRED WALKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rector and Mrs. E. J. Nurse, on completing 25 years' service in the parish. All the band, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers.

HARMSTON, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ...	...*Treble*	FRANK LORD	5
*CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	HAROLD MARCON...	6
MRS. J. BRAY	3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...	7
HARRY CARTER	4	JACK BRAY	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob by all the band.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM DURBIN (St. Thomas)	...*Treble*
WILLIAM KNIGHT (St. Stephen)	... 2
FRANK SKIDMORE (St. Ambrose)	... 3
ERNEST PALMER (Mangotsfield)	... 4
PERCY C. WILLIAMS (St. Philip)	... 5
SAMUEL PHILLIPS (St. Ambrose)	... 6
GEORGE CAPEWELL (Almondsbury)	... 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS (St. Andrew)	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CAPEWELL.

The annual B.U.R.G. peal. The conductor's silver wedding. A previous attempt on December 20th failed after 4,600 changes. St. Werburgh's and St. Luke's were represented on that occasion.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	JOHN H. CRAMFION	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	*WILLIAM HORAN	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRISS ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 4th and 7th, for whom this and two other peals were arranged, hail from Leeds and Todmorden respectively.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS	*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	ALEC RICHARDSON	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KEITH HART...	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 200th peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	*EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN....	7
ALEC RICHARDSON	4	HERBERT MARKWELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* 150th peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS	*Treble*	JAMES T. WARD	5
GEORGE BASFORD	2	AMOS SMART	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	*JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Main.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	JOHN EVANS	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ...	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
FREDERICK BIGGS	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The treble man has rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	*Treble*	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
HERBERT REASON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 50th peal for the association during the year. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Reason, C. N. Howard, son of the Master of the Association, and F. Ridgwell, whose birthdays occurred on December 27th, 29th and 30th respectively.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JAMES SMITH	*Treble*	WM. KINSEY	5
*ERNEST BLOOMFIELD ...	2	JAMES DURRANT...	6
HENRY G. WELHAM	3	GEORGE MORE	7
JAMES ROSE	4	*OLIVER BARNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by H. G. WELHAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by entirely local company, all being Sunday service ringers. First peal by J. Smith for 38 years. He is now over 70 years of age.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
ARTHUR TRUMAN	2	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	6
AUBREY L. BENNETT	3	GEORGE BETTS	7
WILLIAM HOWE	4	ARTHUR GOAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Arranged for Percy Newton, who hails from High Wycombe. It was his first peal of Stedman, and he was elected a member of the Guild before starting. Also rung to commemorate the festival of St. Thomas.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

*HENRY W. LOYD	*Treble*	JACK GRATTON	5
WILLIAM HOYLE	2	NORMAN CHURLEY	6
ALFRED BRYANT	3	CHARLES GREEDY	7
*WALTER G. DIBBLE	4	ALBERT STEVENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal. These ringers have only been ringing ten months. Arranged for C. Greedy, of Newport.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*ERIC J. COLE	*Treble*	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	H. JAMES TURNER	6
WALTER H. RAXTER... ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
†HENRY H. FEARN	4	JAMES BETTERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

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

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	*Treble*	*PHILLIP N. BARTON	5
*FRANK V. GANT...	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	6
CHARLES S. TUTHILL ...	3	GEORGE A. COOKE	7
†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ...	4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. A wedding peal for Mr. W. Clover, who was married on this date.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ...	*Treble*	†WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	5
FRED STUBBS	2	†CHARLES M. WHITNEY ...	6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	3	FRANK KIRK	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	4	FRANCIS KIRK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th for the 28th anniversary of his wedding on December 31st.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD SKETCHLEY	*Treble*	LEONARD R. SIMMONDS ...	5
WALTER PRIOR	2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	3	FREDERICK DENCH	7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW... ...	4	WALTER PARISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER CHANDLER	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WALTER R. FARROW	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	GEORGE MAYERS	7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL	4	WILLIAM E. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Clover and Miss Harlie R. Elvin which took place at the Abbey Church that day at noon. The conductor's 50th peal in 1930 in that capacity, 39 of which were under the auspices of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a record for that association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire.

F. OSBORNE	*Treble*	A. SMITHSON	3
F. W. KNOWLES	2	H. BAILEY	4
W. RILEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

ALBERT H. BOOTH	*Treble*	JOSEPH ASHMOLE	4
JOHN S. ROYLE	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
*REV. W. R. INGHAM... ...	3	HARRY PARKER	6
†LEONARD BROAD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK S. TUBB	*Treble*	FREDERICK CHERRETT ...	4
WILLIAM J. NORTON	2	ERNEST BONFIELD	5
BERTRAM F. TUBB	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. BARKER.

These bells have not been rung for the past ten years, the last peal, it is believed, having been by the London County Association in 1912. The ringers were glad to find that the bells are still good for a peal.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY... ...	*Treble*	*FREDERICK WALLACE ...	4
*STEPHEN SLEET	2	DAVID SLEET	5
†MISS DOROTHY E. SLEET...	3	†GEORGE SLEET	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SLEET.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. First peal as conductor. All the ringers are members of the above tower.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CECIL MOGFORD	*Treble*	*JOHN HOUSE	4
ERNEST TOSSELL...	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
JEFFERY TOSSELL	3	†CÆSAR DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Tossell. * First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt.

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HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Plain Bob, and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN WORTH	...Treble	ALFRED W. FROST	4
JAMES A. MILNER	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.	5
JACK TIPPER	3	ERNEST BENNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*PERCY N. G. RAINEY	...Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*WILLIAM J. FRY	3	*THOMAS J. SETTER	...Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN	...Treble	HERBERT ROOKE	4
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	3	LEONARD PIERREPONT	...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.
First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble, 4th and tenor.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, 42 six-scores, with 16 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY WYBURN	...Treble	ALBERT J. CHUBB	4
MAURICE PARKER	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
HENRY J. PARKER	3	JOHN M. COOK	...Tenor

Conducted by I. FARMER.
First peal by all except ringers of 3rd and 5th. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Gillett and Johnston.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*LEWIS BYWATERS	...Treble	THOMAS BARTRAM	4
†JOHN TAYLOR	2	CLIFFORD PAGE	5
HERBERT SHERMAN	3	STANLEY WALLIS	...Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WALLIS.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the back six.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising an extent of St. Clement's, Double Court, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING	...Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON	4
BERTIE CHILVERS	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.
This was P. L. Johnson's 25th peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Elvin and Mr. William Clover, which took place the same day at St. Mary's Church, Wymondham, Norfolk, the bridegroom being an old member of the company at Thornham Magna, which is his native place.

OAKLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)
On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings, 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

*WALTER FERN	...Treble	*ALFRED J. ELLIOTT	3
HARRY GAYTON	2	†EDWARD STANTON	4
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	...Tenor		

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.
* First peal. † First peal on working bell. First peal as conductor. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT H. BENNETT	...Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	4
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	FREDERICK PEARSON	5
FRANK DEWEY	3	*GEORGE E. PEARSON	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PEARSON.
* First peal and first attempt. The treble ringer has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

HAROLD V. COOPER	...Treble	*SAMUEL THOMPSON	4
*PERCY RICHARDS	2	SIDNEY THOMPSON	5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	†HAROLD KIRKHAM	...Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. First peal on six as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Beverley, York, Durham, London, Wells, Cambridge and Ipswich.

ROBERT MOLTON	...Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH	4
JOHN MOULE	2	ALFRED PRIOR	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	*GEORGE DAWSON	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.
* 50th peal. Rung for the watch night service.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 360 each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Tulip, Chase, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Morning Star, Old Doubles, Original, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.
First peal in 14 methods by all the band and on the bells.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, December 29th, for the induction service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Bailey, jun., 1, James M. Bailey 2, C. F. Bailey 3, W. Drew 4, R. C. Kersey 5, Roy Woodard 6, F. J. Smith 7, E. S. Bailey 8. Touches of Kent and Bob Major were also rung after the service with Miss A. M. Bailey and F. W. Watling taking part.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's.

B. W. PETTITT ... ... 1-2 | A. CATTERWELL 3-4
O. BROYD 5-6
Conducted by O. BROYD.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... ... 1-2 | OLIVE BROYD 3-4
ALBERT CATTERWELL 5-6
Conducted by O. BROYD.

The reports of many other peals are unavoidably held over.

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday evening, December 23rd, in the presence of the Rector (the Rev. G. B. Vaux) and friends, the ringers of Lower Heyford, Oxon, held a most successful evening when they held a supper, and there was a presentation to Mr. E. J. Pritchett, who before leaving the parish was foreman at this tower. After a most enjoyable repast, the Rector, on behalf of himself and the ringers, made the presentation, which consisted of a bell model inkstand suitably inscribed. The Rector said it was with the greatest of pleasure that he was with them that evening to make such a gift to Mr. Pritchett. He spoke of the way Mr. Pritchett had taught the ringers at their tower the art of change ringing, and of the excellent team spirit that prevailed among the ringers.

Mr. Pritchett, receiving the gift, thanked the Rector and ringers for such a valuable gift, and said it would always remind him of the pleasant times they had had together.

Afterwards a discussion took place on change ringing till the time came, all too soon, to draw the pleasant proceedings to a close.

VISIT TO A MOORLAND PARISH.

Several individual members of the Devon Guild, comprising Messrs. E. Shepherd, W. J. Southwood, W. Richardson, W. Drake, A. Monkley, F. J. Davey, H. Richards, E. W. Biffen, W. Wills, A. W. Searle, A. L. Bennett, and Miss G. Davey, together with the wives of a few of the party, visited Buckland-in-the-Moor Church, Ashburton, on Saturday, where the bells have been increased from five to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, through the generosity of Mr. W. H. Whitley, of Welstor. The bells are a light and very handy peal, and a unique feature is the clock chimes and dials. Arriving at the church shortly before four o'clock, the party were welcomed by Mr. A. H. Perkins, one of the churchwardens, and after a look around the church the bells were raised in peal, and some capital touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The conducting was shared by Messrs. A. L. Bennett and E. W. Biffen, and all were delighted with the 'go' of the bells. Incidentally this was the first time that any half-pull ringing had been done on them.

The bells were eventually lowered, and the party returned to Ashburton for tea at Barnes' Cafe. Ringing afterwards took place at Ashburton Parish Church, where the party were met by some of the local ringers, and here further touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Prior to the conclusion of the ringing, Mr. E. Shepherd voiced the thanks of the party to Mr. A. L. Bennett for making the necessary arrangements, and thanks are also given to Mr. Perkins, of Buckland, and Mr. H. Warren, of Ashburton, for meeting the party and having everything in readiness. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at North Wingfield on December 20th. It was not well attended, only about 16 members turning up, but there was a very good practice in the higher methods. Touches were brought round in Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich, and attempts made for Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise.

At the meeting, after tea, with the president in the chair, the following officers were elected: Mr. F. E. Parsons, president; Mr. J. P. Tarlton, hon. secretary; Mr. A. Knights and Mr. W. Palmer representatives on the committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the local company, and to the ladies for providing the tea. The bells were kept going until about 8 p.m.

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

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

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, 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.

We have received many letters of appreciation of Mr. J. A. Trollope's articles on 'Variation and Transposition.' The lucid explanations are such that what many have hitherto thought to be an abstruse subject is readily understandable.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who celebrated his 76th birthday yesterday.

We learn that nine twelve-bell peals a year for two years is not a new record for a tower. This has been done before at Birmingham.

Those who attended the service at the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Devizes are still wondering why the preacher selected the parable of the Last Judgment as the basis for his address to ringers.

Mr. William Keeble, of Kelvedon, Essex, had a remarkable run of peal successes during 1930. He rang 54 peals with only one break, when the bells had to be stopped owing to a death. The peals were rung with 93 ringers, and Mr. Keeble has now rung peals with 486 ringers in all.

After a lapse of 78 years, members of the Society of Cambridge Youths have rung on a peal at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great. The last was in the same method (Grandsire Caters) in February, 1852.

The name of the ringer in the peal of Stedman Triples at Bingham on December 13th was Ralph Narborough, not Marlborough as sent.

The name of the ringer in the peal of Bob Major, rung at Galleywood on December 26th, should read John Mason, not Nason, as published.

Twenty years ago, on Sunday next, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on the back eight bells of Bow, Cheapside, the heaviest tenor yet rung to a peal of Major.

The first peal of London Surprise Major in the City of London was rung by the Brighton St. Peter's Society on January 14th, 1899.

James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, died at the age of 93 years on January 14th, 1818.

One hundred and sixty years ago next Thursday a peal of 6,720 Norwich Court Bob was rung at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, by the Norwich Scholars.

Communications from Mr. George Baker and Mr. A. J. Pitman on peals with bobs 'Before' are held over until next week.

For the twenty-fifth time, Mr. John Jaggar arranged a handbell ringing party to assist in the Christmas festivities at West Bromwich and District General Hospital. On this occasion the party included, in addition to Mr. Jaggar, Mr. Jesse Screen and his two sons, Messrs. William and Leonard Screen, and they played selections of carols and ballads.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—St. Patrick's Cathedral contains a run of thirteen bells in 'C,' with the addition of a B flat, which gives a light ten in 'F.' It was upon this ten that the recent 5,111 was rung.—Yours, etc.,

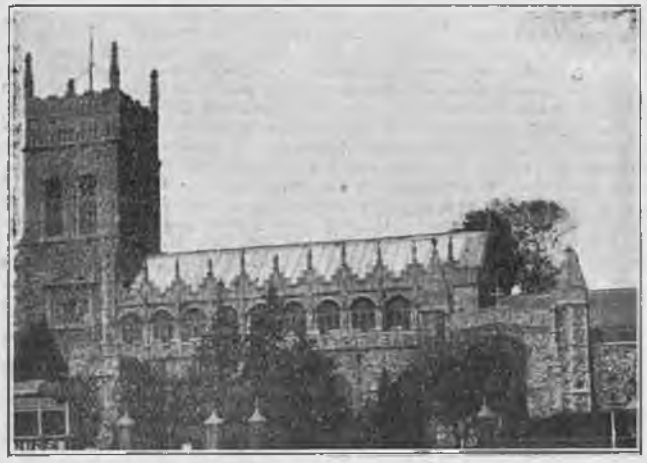
G. LINDOFF.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH

The first peal on the bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, by an entirely local company was rung on Saturday, December 27th, and all the band were Sunday service ringers at this church. It is particularly interesting to note that the ringer of the treble, Mr. James Smith, is now over 70 years of age and had not rung a peal for 38 years.

The church, which is situated on the north side of the town, is built chiefly in the Perpendicular and Decorated styles. It has a very fine roof and is well worth a visit.

In the tower, which was thoroughly restored in 1870, hangs a good peal of eight bells with a tenor weighing 15¼ cwt. Until 1899 there were only six bells, but in 1899



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH.

two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank, and the whole peal rehung in oak frames by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. In 1926 the 4th became cracked and was recast, the treble was also recast, and the 2nd tuned by Mr. A. Bowell. They are now a nice handy ring.

The inscriptions are:—

Treble, Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1926,
2nd, Mears and Stainbank 1899;
3rd; Miles Graye 1630;
4th, Miles Graye 1630. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1926;
5th, 6th, 7th, Tenor, Miles Graye 1630.

Until 1926 there was never a change-ringing company, but since then the old chiming band has ceased and there is now a regular Sunday service band. The methods chiefly rung are Bob Major, Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob.

A NEW RING OF SIX IN YORKSHIRE.

In the presence of a crowded congregation the Bishop of Ripon dedicated a new peal of bells in Kirkby Wiske Church, Yorkshire. Of the three original bells one has been recast, and the others retuned. Three new bells have been added; the treble (Magnificat) has been given by Miss H. I. Pick and Miss A. H. Illingworth, the second by Mr. W. H. O. Pick in memory of the late schoolmaster (1883-1920), the third (Emmanuel) by the present Rector, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams. The bells have been hung in a new steel frame. Among the many clergy present were the Archdeacon of Richmond (the Ven. A. H. Watson, a former Rector) and the Rural Dean, Canon Beresford-Peirse. A sum of £350 has been raised since July, including the gifts of the new bells.

NEW YEAR AT NORBURY.

INTERESTING EVENTS RECALLED.

The old bells of Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, cast-offs from a neighbouring parish, suffering from shortness of breath and possessing defects peculiar to the ringing fraternity, had one good point in their favour, and that is they did not suffer from idleness. They carried on bravely; there were times, certainly, when they were moody like the rest of their sex, and there were times when they were just as nice, as witness their attitude when the thirty-five-method peal was rung. They could do no wrong that night. Even after that fine performance they did not get uppish, but they needed much 'lubricant' and, until 1925, when four of them had the worst of an argument with a bell smasher's sledge hammer, and two of them 'entered the church,' were game to the last, and none shall say, 'Ichabod!' Their spirit seems to have been infused in the noble peal which replaces them, as the reported performances upon them testify, and there they hang in the tower 'just asking for it.'

Like all bells faithful to their calling, they 'tolled the knell of departing 'thirty,' and when he'd gone gave the newcomer 'a gradely welcome.' Since the present Vicar (Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., B.D.) came to the parish in 1919, the ringing 'out' and 'in' has been done in conjunction with a watchnight service, at the conclusion of which the Vicar, accompanied by as many of the congregation as can squeeze in, holds a short service in the belfry and takes the opportunity of personally thanking the ringers for their services. On this particular occasion he had a pleasant task to perform—the dedication of a peal board on which the thirty-five method peal, rung on December 4th, 1923, has the place of honour. It has been a long time finding a permanent record for all and sundry to see, but at last it has been 'put on the wall.'

Occupying a prominent place on the board, one is pleased to see the particulars of a seven-method peal rung on November 10th, 1900. It was the first in seven methods on the bells, and for the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and its accomplishment was chiefly through the tuition of that former giant amongst ringers, Mr. James S. Wilde, at that time of Hyde, Cheshire, now of Dunedin, New Zealand. Poor chap! There he is out in that place, a one-man band and very active, too, as his mails to England testify. One might say with safety 'each letter to some one contains a peal or a new method.' Some few years ago an incident happened in connection with one of his letters that is worth telling to the 'world.'

Jim Wilde sent the figures and composition of a new Surprise peal to a friend (a non-ringer), with a request that it should be handed over to his nephew, and at the handing over the following was heard: 'Here are some figures for you, Tom. I have added them up, and they come to an awful lot.'

The method in question was Clarendon Surprise Major, and was first rung at Norbury on August 30th, 1926.

This little incident is mentioned just to show that those who give a band a helping hand at the start never know where it ends. Thirty years ago Norbury had an obscure company struggling in the dark until they 'got a lift' which put them on the right track, and, although they have had some rough passages, still carry on. It must be very gratifying to that gentleman in Dunedin who patiently awaits 'The Ringing World' week by week to see that his former pupils have in turn handed on the benefit of his advice. Now you who have the chance 'go and do likewise.'

On the board are also recorded the peal of Clarendon, already mentioned, Cambridge (May 16th, 1927,) Superlative (August 25th, 1928), Bristol (November 25th, 1929), Pudsey (January 6th, 1930), Yorkshire (February 1st, 1930), and Rutland (March 31st, 1930), with the number of changes rung. Following the peals are the names of the ringers. Each peal is prefixed by a letter, A, B, C, etc., and, by the ringers' names, corresponding letters are placed to denote in which of the peals they rang.

At the top of the board is a brief inscription recording the rehanging of the bells in 1900, and lower down is a note describing the work of restoration carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1925.

Visitors to the tower will see a blank space on the board, and in case they want to know the why and wherefore of it—Ssh! Jim might be listening, and it's a secret—it's for London when it comes off.

The board has been neatly painted by one of the ringers, Mr. David Gosling, a name new to the ringing Exercise. He is a learner of great promise, and we trust he will soon be looking for suitable sites for peal boards on the outside of the tower, seeing the belfry is now almost full.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool, on December 30th, in one hour 12 mins., 1,930 changes of Minor, viz., 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Oxford Bob and 10 odd changes: B. Genevi (longest touch) 1, J. Brown 2, B. Holmes 3, R. Harvey 4, A. Hancock 5, H. Hancock (conductor) 6. Longest touch on an 'inside' bell by ringers of 3rd and 5th, also longest as conductor. Rung to record the rehanging of the bells on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

THE LAW OF Q-SETS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 10.)

Before you can understand very much of the problems of composition, you must know something of the Law of Q-Sets. When we talk about 'law' in this connection, we do not mean some rule that an authority has laid down, and which you are expected to observe, but what the Oxford Dictionary calls 'invariable sequence between certain conditions and phenomena'—that is to say, in certain circumstances certain things always happen. Just as when we talk of the law of gravity, we do not mean that once upon a time Parliament passed an Act ordering that all stones which are dropped should fall to the ground, but that so far as we know all stones which have been dropped in the past, have fallen; and so far as we are concerned, all stones which will be dropped in the future will fall.

In early days of composition there were one or two problems which composers had to face, and the most interesting and important of these was: Is it possible to get a peal of Grandsire Triples with ordinary bobs only? On the face of it, there seemed no reason why it was not possible. John Holt got as far as three leads short of the total, and there he stuck; nor could anyone else put those three leads in. Still, it was argued, because it was a difficult task, that was no proof that it was an impossible task; and because no one had ever done it was no reason for saying that no one ever would do it. Men worked, as I have said, by experimental methods, by trial and error, but one fact early forced itself on their attention, which, used by a man belonging to a later and different school of composition, was to supply the solution of the problem. The fact is this: If you call a bob at the first lead-end of Grandsire Triples and bring up 1752634, you may not bring up 1253746 at a plain lead-end, because you would have to ring the same lead you have already had to bring up 1752634. You would get these changes:—

5716243	and 5716243
5172634	5172634
1576243	1527364
1752634	1253746

And if you bring up 1253746 at a bobbed lead-end, you cannot bring up 1354267 at a plain lead-end.

Again, and for the same reason, if 1354267 is bobbed, 1456372 must not be plain;

And if 1456372 is bobbed, 1657423 must not be plain;

And if 1657423 is bobbed, 1752364 must not be plain.

This has brought us back to where we started from, and we find we have got a group of five lead-ends—1752634, 1253746, 1354267, 1456372 and 1657423—all of which, if they come in our composition, must come up bobbed, or else all must come up plain. In the same way every lead-end of Grandsire Triples is a member of a group of five, and if a peal of Grandsire Triples were possible with bobs only they would have to be in sets of five.

By making a mathematical use of this fact, Mr. W. H. Thompson was able to prove that a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only is not possible. He showed that the 360 in-course lead-ends of the method divide into 72 of these groups, and he called them the 'Q sets.'

Composers and the Exercise generally have accepted Mr. Thompson's conclusions, but I do not think that it is generally known what a 'Q set' really is. Mr. Thompson worked out his argument in terms of the lead-ends, and gave his 'Q sets' as lead-ends, as I have done above. But the actual bob is made before that. Now if we write out the rows (back and hand) where the bobs are made in a 'Q set' we get this block:—

5172634
1576243
5167423
1564732
5146372
1543627
5134267
1532476
5123746
1527364

It consists of a plain hunting course on the five bob making bells. If you write out the back and hand rows of the lead-ends of a plain course you will get an exactly similar block.

Now write out the 'Q set' of Bob Major and the lead-ends of the plain course and you will get a similar result. And, further, we shall find that every bit of work in every composition and every method is a part of some such movement. The law does not always work quite so simply as in these cases, but it always does work. We will not go into that further now. It is enough for our present purposes to know that in any extent produced by bobs only, they must be in 'Q sets,' that in any composition where one member of a 'Q set' is brought up bobbed and another plain, there is a third which cannot be had at all; and that in any composition the great majority of the bobs will be in 'Q sets.'

When I talk about extents in this last paragraph, I do not include the extents in methods on the Treble Bob Principle which are restricted by false course-ends, and the last sentence hardly applies to peals of such methods as Kent, where you have a 'lengthening' lead-end.

A knowledge of the law of 'Q sets' gives us at once one way of varying peals. In any composition in any method which contains all the members of a 'Q set,' if they are bobbed you can plain them; and if they are plained, you can bob them. The result will have exactly the same rows as the original, and therefore will not affect the truth. But it may result in resolving the composition into separate parts. If the original is only a few changes over the 5,000, of course, the parts will be of no practical use. But suppose your peal is 5376 of, say, Double Norwich, and it contains these course-ends:—

	1	4	6
62453	—		—
26354		—	—
63254			—
32654			—
25634	—		

You can plain the bobbed 'Q set' I have bracketed and so reduce the peal to 5152. In many cases, if you bob a plained 'Q set' you will still get the same number of changes, but they will come in a different order.

Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten Part is an example of this. In any three (or six) part peal of Bob Major or Double Norwich you can call or omit any bobs which do not affect the 'Part Bells,' i.e., those which come home at the part end, provided that all parts are called alike and the bells do not come home at the first part-end.

A knowledge of the law of 'Q sets' will also enable you to apply the composition of one method to another. I take at random a three-part peal of Double Norwich and I want to apply it to Bob Major. I see at once that to call bobs in the same order will not give me the same peal. I look through the composition and I find that all the members of the different 'Q sets' are there, and that makes my task simple. Then I write out my peal of Bob Major. Whenever I come to a change which is bobbed in the Double Norwich, I bob it in the Bob Major. Here are the two side by side:—

Double Norwich.				Bob Major.			
23456	1	4	6	23456	W.	M.	R.
34256			—	42356			—
42356			—	63254		—	—
24653		—	—	28354			—
46253			—	32654			—
52643	—		—	46325	—	—	—
25346		—	—	34625			—
53246			—	63425			—
32546			—	42635	—		—
45236	—		—	64235			—
52436			—	26435			—
24536			—	54263	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	26543	—		—
46325			—	52643			—
63425			—	36245		—	—
23564	—	—	—	23645			—

Each twice repeated.

These two compositions look quite different; actually they are the same, and they contain exactly the same lead-ends, but in different order. The first by N. J. Pitstow is No. 88 in the Double Norwich Collection, and was rung in 1892. The second, with a little alteration of the bobs which do not affect the 'part' bells, is No. 87 in the Bob Major Collection, and was composed in 1894 by Mr. Lindoff. According to the old standards, these are distinct and original compositions.

In the same way peals of Grandsire Triples can be applied to St. Clement's and College Triples. The order in which the bobs come will be different, but every lead-end which is brought up bobbed in the Grandsire will be brought up bobbed in the others. A warning must be given here. Every peal of Grandsire will produce all the lead-ends in these other methods, but if you use common singles they will run false in the interior of the leads. Holt's in-course singles must be used, and the Ten-part is a very suitable composition for these methods. (To be continued.)

A LINCOLNSHIRE CENTENARY.

At St. Andrew's Church, Rippingale, Lincs, the centenary of the bells was recently celebrated. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted, but owing to the fraying of a rope the bells were brought round at 3,000 changes, after 1 hour 42 mins.: N. Atkinson 1, S. Laxton 2, A. Willson 3, H. Gibbard (conductor) 4, C. Challand 5.

The bells were hung in 1830 by William Dobson, of Downham Market, Norfolk, and dedicated on December 6th, 1830, the tenor being 15 cwt. The bell frame was made by a Surfleet carpenter. Prior to 1830, there were three bells in the tower, dated 1620. Dobson recast the old metal, and towards the augmentation Mrs. Cassewell, of Rippingale, gave £200. The inscription on the 3rd is 'Long live William the Fourth.'

The one desire of Mr. H. Gibbard, the conductor of the local band, is to get another treble.

THE RECORD OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

COMPOSITION OF THE PEAL OF 17,687 CHANGES.

BY ALBERT WRIGHT.

234567890e

5237486e90 2. 4. 11. 13. 14.
2347685 11-8 9-10

A 34276 9-10
42376 9-10
32674 10-11
62473 10-11
24673 9-10
46273 9-10
26374 10-11
36472 10-11
64372 9-10
43672 9-10
63274 10-11

3247586 11-8 9-10
2457683 11-8 9-10

64275 By 11 courses as A

4257386 11-8 9-10
2537684 11-8 9-10

6527384 By 11 courses as A
3527486 11-8
2547386 10-11
5437682 11-8 9-10

6457382 By 11 courses as A
4536287 S.1 11-8 9-10

B 53462 9-10
34562 9-10
54263 10-11
42563 9-10
52364 10-11
32465 10-11
24365 9-10
43265 9-10
23564 10-11
35264 9-10
45263 S. 10-11

4526387e90

25364 10-11

25463 By 11 courses as B

254638709e 1. S2. 3. 4. 5.
54263 9-11
42563 9-11
52364 11-10
32465 11-10
24365 9-11
43265 9-11
25364 11-10
53462 11-10
34562 9-11
45362 9-11
35264 11-10
45263 S. 11-10

25364 11-10
35462 11-10
54362 9-11
43562 9-11
53264 11-10
32564 9-11
52364 11-10
42365 11-10
23465 9-11
34265 9-11

Round at hand in eight leads.

THE BAND'S CLAIM.

Mr. Albert Wright, in sending the above figures for publication, says: 'I should like to thank you and all who have so kindly sent congratulations to myself and the rest of the band. Mr. Coles writes: "I have not changed my mind on this subject." Neither have the Painswick band in claiming the record on twelve bells.'

HOW WILL IT BE RECORDED?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In whose hands does finality rest concerning the 'twelve-bell record' at Painswick, viz., the Central Council of Church Bellringers or the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, seeing that the latter is not affiliated to the former?

How will the record be placed in the records of the association if such recordings are made?—Yours faithfully,

VERY INTERESTED.

'LEAVE THE REST TO THE VICAR.'

The annual dinner of the South Molton ringers was held on Monday week, when a company of over seventy was presided over by the Mayor (Mr. Attree Powell), who wore his chain of office.

In submitting the toast of 'The Bellringers,' the Vicar (Rev. H. P. F. Scott) said one thing which surprised him more and more every Sunday was why the ringers did not attend the services. In the tower week by week they had right stalwart fellows who pulled for all they were worth; but in spite of it all there were some who did not come to church. Of all people in the town, the bellringers did their duty (hear, hear). People hardly ever saw the ringers at work, but they might very well take the trouble to visit the belfry now and then. The captain would be very glad to see them.

Mr. W. Tapp, captain of the ringers, in responding, said they had been told the ringers went to the tower but did not go to church. He considered that when they had rung they had done their bit, and they left it to the Vicar to do the rest. It was true the team rang 'year in and year out,' and rarely saw anyone else, but they had a liking for the work. At present he had ten of the best possible juniors coming on; they were better than any he had had for a very long time, for they put their hearts into the practices. Of late, the ringing had improved.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was carried out.

RINGING IN STEDMAN'S TOWER.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

A meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Birmingham, Bourn, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cherryhinton, Dry Drayton, Exning, Fulbourne, Histon, Ickleton, Ipswich, London, Melbourn, Newton, Over, Royston, Great Shelford, Stapleford, Stetchworth and Trumpington. Various methods were practised at the Church of St. Andrew the Great during the early afternoon.

A service, conducted by the Revs. R. Copeman and A. C. Moule, and preceded by a touch of Stedman Doubles, was held at St. Benedict's Church, were Fabian Stedman rang. In the course of his address the Rev. R. Copeman said it was of special interest to meet in that church, as the year 1931 is the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were again available for a short time, thus enabling everyone who so desired to have a 'pull.' The ringing room is reached by a perpendicular iron ladder, and has to be lighted by candles.

The tea and business meeting was held at the Dorothy Cafe, the Rev. A. C. Moule presiding.—Mr. S. Blunt, of Trumpington, was elected a member of the association.—The district committee were re-elected.

It was decided to adopt the use of special ringers' hymns.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the three incumbents for the use of the bells, especially to the Rev. W. Greenwood for allowing the service and ringing at St. Benedict's.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the company then adjourned to the Church of St. Mary-the-Great and enjoyed further ringing.

Five of the present bells at St. Benedict's are those on which Stedman, the father of change ringing, practised. The fourth was recast in 1825. The bells are inscribed:—

1. Robard Gurney made me 1633. Thomas Graves, Tho. Fox, Churchwardens.
2. 1588.
3. Of all the bels in Bennet I am the best and yet for my casting the parish paide lest. 1607. T.W., W.B., C.B., N.S., T.W., R.S., M.C., T.N.
4. Henry Marshall, jun., and William W. Hayward, Churchwardens. 1825.
5. + Non. Nomen. Fero. Ficti. Sed. Nomen. Benedicti. 1610. R.S.
6. John Draper made me in 1618.

THE RINGERS' JIG-SAW.

SOLUTION.

Many ringers found amusement in solving the jig-saw in our Christmas week issue.

The figures were those of a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor with tenors the right way.

At least one lady, who is not a ringer, successfully applied herself to the task, and here is the correct solution shown by the bob leads:—

23456

(d) 5 42356
(a) 2 63425
4 25463
(c) 2 34256
(b) 3 34562
3 34625
1 42563
2 35426
2 64352
1 45236
3 45362
(e) 2 23456

It may interest conductors of Cambridge to know that 720's in the method with tenors the right way can also be obtained by commencing at (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e), and placing the bobs at the same intervals. In the case of (a) and (b) the intervals are in the same order forward; in the case of (c), (d) and (e) the intervals are in reverse order, and in none of the 720's, of course, do the changes come up in the same sequence.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

At St. Mary's Church, Timsbury, on Monday, December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Doubles (consisting of Grandsire and Plain Bob) in 44 mins., with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral at Corston of the Rev. C. C. Parker, Ringing Master of the Bath and Wells Association for 19 years: W. Young 1, Geo. Comer 2, A. Clark 3, Wilf Young 4, G. M. Hasell (conductor) 5, F. Fear 6. First quarter in two methods by the 2nd and 3rd ringers, and first quarter-peal by the 6th.

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancs, on Sunday, December 28th, for evensong, 630 Grandsire Triples in 24 mins., with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rector (Rev. J. H. Kidd), who died on Saturday, December 27th: J. Bolton 1, A. Lees 2, J. Hall 3, R. Longdon (conductor) 4, H. Hollingworth 5, W. Fitton 6, H. Lees 7, E. Boswell (first touch in the method) 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday. The bells of St. John's (eight), St. Mary's (six), and St. James', Southbroom (six) were all available, and ringing commenced about 3 p.m. Service was held at St. John's Church, and was conducted by the Rector of Devizes, the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, who also gave a short address based on the 34th and following verses of St. Matthew xxv. Mr. H. H. Baker was the organist.

Tea followed at the Parish Room, 73 sitting down, including the Rev. Canon Kewley (Vicar of Potterne and Rural Dean), the Rector of Devizes, Rev. G. G. Morres (Vicar of Chittoe), Mrs. C. D. Heginbothom, Mrs. and Miss Green, Mr. L. Green and others.

The business meeting followed, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, presiding. He wished all 'a happy New Year,' and gave a resume of the work done in the branch, and the advance made during the past year. He also thanked the officers of the branch for their assistance, and made special mention of the work done by the esteemed secretary, Mr. F. Green. He referred to the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of Lord Radnor, of Longford Castle, Salisbury, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant secretary of the Guild, Dr. T. Wood Locket, and Mr. H. J. Mead, of Bratton, the last-named being one of the first members of the Guild.—All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The secretary (Mr. F. Green) presented his report and the balance sheet for the past year.

On the motion of Mr. E. F. White, Warminster, seconded by the Rev. Canon Kewley, the officers were re-elected en bloc with thanks for their past services, viz.: Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, Devizes, chairman; Mr. B. Cook, Bratton, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Green, Devizes, secretary; Messrs. S. Hillier, Devizes, and J. Francis, Trowbridge, as Ringing Masters. All returned thanks for their election and the confidence reposed in them.

The following were elected members of the Guild, viz.: Mr. W. Andrews, Winchester, life member; Messrs. P. M. Sturgess, F. Fribbence, R. Taylor and F. Buckland (Upavon), F. May (Steeple Ashton), F. H. Reynolds (Heytesbury), and R. Huxtable (Market Lavington), ringing members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the organist, and to Mr. Stone for providing the tea, the Rector replying.

Mr. W. Swift was thanked for auditing the accounts.

The following places were selected for the next meetings: Bishop's Lavington (February), Hilperton (March), and Melksham for the next quarterly in April, if the bells are available.

The visitors included Miss N. G. Williams (Weston, Bath), Mr. H. Ellis (Weston, Bath), and Mr. G. C. Gardiner (Swindon). Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Potterne, Bromham, Bishop's Cannings, Rowde, Urchfont, Trowbridge, Melksham, Market Lavington, Bradford-on-Avon, Bratton, Chirton and Holt.

The following methods were rung during the day: Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

BICESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Bicester ringers took place on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells, the ringers made their way to the Rose and Crown, where they sat down to an excellent repast, at which the Vicar (Rev. O'Reilly) presided. Those present were Messrs. T. Clifton (captain), W. Scarrott, H. Hatfield, B. Cox, L. Evans, F. Neale, W. Keeys, W. Constable, T. Ward, G. Auger and the verger (Mr. Bert Walker).

After the dinner the loyal toast was honoured, and then came touches on the handbells.

Mr. T. Clifton proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' and the Vicar, in responding, said there were several fresh faces in the room, and he was pleased to see young men of the town taking interest in church bellringing. He also congratulated Mr. T. Clifton on being awarded the 'long service medal' for postmen, Mr. Clifton having been a postman for about forty years.

The chairman asked the company to drink the toast of 'Absent ringers,' Messrs. A. Clifton and J. Evans, who unfortunately were unable to attend. The only other toast was 'The Ladies,' the Vicar thanking Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Cox and Miss Neale for the excellent spread they had provided.—Mrs. Cox suitably responded.—During the evening songs and community singing were enjoyed, and, after 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'God save the King,' the ringers went to the belfry and rang the Old Year out and the New Year in.

ABBOTS LEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. John Ackerman, a ringer of Abbots Leigh, Bristol, and for many years a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, took place on Christmas Eve. The deceased was also a churchwarden.

The bells were rung muffled after the funeral by the local ringers and others from the neighbouring towers of Portishead, Portbury and Easton-in-Gordano.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

For the passing of the Old Year, at Hitchin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 49 mins., with clappers half-muffled: C. V. Hare 1, T. R. Scott 2, L. Houghton 3, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, D. C. Mears 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, A. E. Symonds 8. To herald the New Year, with the clappers open, 224 changes of Double Norwich. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on January 1st, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. (from Holt's Original): T. Marshall 1, H. T. Hughes 2, J. Hughes 3, R. T. Evans 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, T. H. Reeves (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. Arranged for Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: Miss M. I. Holland 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. G. Taylor 3, Miss A. I. Whitson 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, H. Mann 6, Thos. Ritchie 7, J. L. Fraser 8. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th. After midnight, to usher in the New Year, a course in the same method was rung by other members of the society with the bells open: Thos. Ritchie 1, W. C. S. Heathcote 2, W. V. Wright 3, E. J. Rose 4, F. Halmshaw 5, H. Mann 6, D. Stocks 7, J. L. Fraser 8.

ALDENHAM.—To ring out the old year and usher in the new at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gibbs 1, S. Jones 2, W. Inwood 3, C. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, J. Marsh 6, W. Gilks 7, L. Harpen 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On New Year's Eve, a peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, —. Flint 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. H. Biggs 4, E. A. Morris 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. T. Beadle 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Wednesday, December 31st, at St. Andrew's Church, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the Old Year, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—On Thursday, January 1st, to welcome in the New Year, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Beagley 2, G. Upshall 3, C. Wells 4, H. Kemp 5, E. Beagley 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.—On New Year's Eve, December 31st, in 43 mins., at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): James Conquest 1, William Franks 2, Joe Parkyn 3, Edgar Field 4, John Parkyn 5, William Strictland 6. Conducted by Horace Anstee (captain of the band). It is the first attempt at a quarter-peal by all the members, except Joe Parkyn, who has rung the tenor in one previous quarter-peal. All the ringers are local members, and the 4th and 5th men have only been ringing for twelve months. As this tower is in a rural district six miles from the nearest town, the band are to be congratulated.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—For evensong, on Sunday, January 4th, at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: L. Lee (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, R. Butcher 2, H. B. Whitney 3, W. Botsford 4, F. Plummer 5, A. E. Butcher 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: R. Middleton (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Acock 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, R. Davies (conductor) 4, A. W. Clark 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, D. Cooper 7, H. G. Pratt 8. First quarter-peal for ringer of the treble.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, J. C. Eden (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. S. Parsons 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 4th, and as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. A. D. R. Brooke), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Springham 1, R. Haydon 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. Wacey 4, H. Bull 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, S. Walker 2, G. Tuke 3, F. C. Wilson 4, E. Pammenter 5, F. Pickering 6, H. Mortimore (conductor) 7, R. McFarlane 8.

BALDOCK.—On Christmas Day, before matins, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: B. Hills 1, L. Squires 2, A. Bray 3, W. Pooley 4, T. Castle 5, A. Bowskill 6, R. T. Newman (conductor) 7, H. Spice 8. Rung with 6.8 covering. First 720 by ringers of 6.8.—On Sunday evening, January 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Hills 1, L. Squires 2, W. Hanscombe 3, W. Pooley 4, A. C. Rose 5, T. Castle 6, R. T. Newman (first as conductor) 7, A. Bowskill 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 6 and 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637.) — The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 15th, 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The following branches will hold a joint meeting at Blackburn on Jan. 10th: Blackburn, Preston and Fylde Branches. Bells available from 3 p.m. at Blackburn Cathedral, Holy Trinity and St. Michael's (10, 8, and 8 bells respectively). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., arranged as usual. A hearty welcome to all. N.B.—Annual meeting at Isleworth, Feb. 7th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Blankney and Metheringham, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: Blankney (6) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (only for those who send names to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln). Business afterwards. Metheringham (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscription for 1931 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for 1931, etc.) in the belfry at 6.45 p.m. A well-attended meeting is hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden (bells 6) on Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service. Tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held in Derby on Saturday, Jan. 10th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's (8) from 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held at St. Andrew's belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Tea can be obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Institute afterwards, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Howson. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to attend this meeting. An important discussion on the association Rule 3 will take place. A very good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting for this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Loughborough. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcomed. Please turn up in good numbers.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Cathedral bells (12) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Maurice Church 4.30. Tea at Dumper's Restaurant, 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Service in church at 6 p.m. Please send number for tea to G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ross to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in schoolroom churchyard and business meeting. Election of officers. All ringers welcome. — J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by Rev. H. R. H. Coney, Vicar of Felkirk. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room, 1s. 6d. each. Nominations of officers. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing at Cathedral (8) from 3 p.m. and S. Nicolas' (10) at 4.30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the above association will be held on Monday next, 12th inst., at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers are specially asked to attend.—Wm. D. Grainger, Acting Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Wokingham. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 4.45. Members 6d. Visitors 1s. Please notify by Jan. 13th. Usual ringing arrangements. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available, and it is hoped Burbage (8) will be available after tea. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting, in Church Rooms. Tea, about 1s. 3d. per head, can only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, by Jan. 15th latest. Short 15 minute service in Hinckley Church follows tea, to which all present are invited by the Vicar. Ringing again afterwards. Important business to be settled. So, everyone, please turn up!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' TENTH ANNUAL DINNER. — Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Jan. 17th, 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. P. C. Williams. Chief guest: Rev. D. Jacquet (St. James'). St. Ambrose (8) open 1.30 p.m. Visit to Bristol University and Great George (9½ tons) bell at 3 p.m. by ticket (application for latter through hon. secretary only). Various bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Tickets now available from Bristol tower secretaries: Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; S. Hopper, Swindon; J. Austen, Gloucester; Merrett, Chippenham; Prescott, Bath; A. Walker, Birmingham; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; Knight, Wroughton; Shallish, Barnwell, and from hon. sec.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Wordsley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 13th? The secretary would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the members a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells available 6 p.m. Ottery St. Mary (8). All welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Cathedral bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Will all those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 14th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Anyone requiring tea will be informed at the tower. Bells 5.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, Jan. 17th (10 bells). Ringing commences at 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4 p.m. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 4.45 p.m. Will those intending to be present inform me on or before Jan. 14th? — Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 13th. Adoption of report and balance sheet.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells of St. Mary's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and ringers requiring same should send p.c. to Mr. R. Pattinson, 22, Alfred Street, Gateshead, not later than Jan. 15th. January may be a cold month, but a warm welcome awaits all ringers, so please come.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea are being made. Bus leaves St. Albans at 3 p.m. and 3.30, Luton 2.10 p.m. and 2.50. Please make an effort to attend this meeting.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Jan. 17th, when the bells will be ready at 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify Mr. A. E. Midwinter, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, before Jan. 14th. Good attendance requested. Good bus and rail services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Copdock on Jan. 17th. Bells (6) and at Hintlesham (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall (1s. each) at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held in the Schoolroom, St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. All members are earnestly asked to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late treasurer, Henry W. Jackson, will be unveiled at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, by the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 p.m., unveiling ceremony immediately afterwards. The towers of the Parish Church, St. George's and Holy Trinity will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (FARNHAM DISTRICT) & LADIES' GUILD (SOUTHERN DISTRICT).—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings in Church House. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 21st inst.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec. Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec. Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House at 6 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting. Further information next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church House. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Will members who intend to be present kindly let me know by 22nd at latest? Please make this meeting known, and see that it is well attended.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. P. Hartill, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bath, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (2 towers) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all members try to support the work of the Guild by attending if possible? Visitors welcomed. If tea required, please notify by Jan. 28th to Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—All who are interested are asked to kindly note that Robert W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., North Notts Association, is now residing at Mr. W. J. Bowman's, East Markham, Newark, Notts.

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