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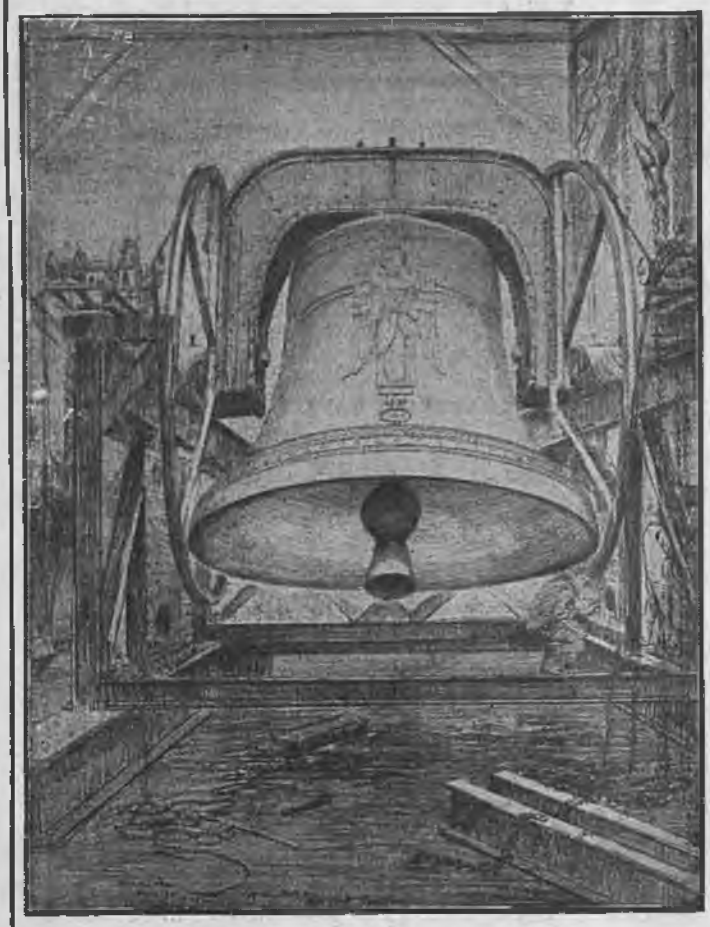

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STEDMAN'S TERCENTENARY.

This year is the tercentenary of the 'father' of change ringing. As far as the most authoritative research has been able to carry us, Fabian Stedman was born in the year 1631, and his name has always been associated with Cambridge, where he carried on the business of a printer. It is established that he was a ringer at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, and it was there, in all probability, that change ringing, as we know it today, had its birth, or, at any rate, saw its first development. In the history of change ringing Stedman's name stands first; he was the author of the first treatise on the art and was its first 'missionary'; three hundred years ago this year he was born, and the Exercise ought to celebrate the event in some appropriate manner.

St. Benedict's should be the 'mother church' of ringers the world over; instead, the bells—five of which are still the same as in Stedman's days—remain silent and neglected, and, until the Ely Diocesan Association specially visited the tower a fortnight ago, had not been touched since 1924. How long it is since they were regularly rung for the church services it is impossible for us to say. The present conditions in the tower are detrimental to any attempt being made in this direction, but what a glorious opportunity now occurs to do something to put these bells in order and get them regularly rung again! Would it be possible for the Exercise to undertake this task to mark the tercentenary of Stedman and then hold a great ringers' rally in Cambridge, with a thanksgiving service at St. Benedict's when the bells are re-opened? Such a scheme for celebrating this three-hundredth anniversary ought not to be beyond the powers of the ringers of this country, and the occasion should not be allowed to pass by. With the goodwill of the church authorities and the whole-hearted support of the associations and the leaders of the Exercise it could, we are convinced, be brought to a successful issue.

Many schemes have been carried through by ringers in the past to commemorate some one of their number whose memory they have delighted to honour, but never, we think, has such an opportunity occurred for a really national effort to commemorate a national figure — and Stedman stands out as a national figure if ever there was one associated with our art. There may be some who will say that Stedman's memory is already perpetuated in the method which bears his name. That is true, but St. Benedict's ought to be a shrine for ringers. As the first real home of change ringing the maintenance of its bells and belfry deserves to be a matter for the special care and consideration of the Exercise, now that it is effectually

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established in every corner of the land. The tower itself is said to be the oldest in East Anglia and is the only one existent of pre-Conquest date, being of Saxon origin. It goes back, therefore, almost to the days of the first introduction of bells into this country; just as the bells themselves were among the first to be used for change ringing. Never was there, therefore, such a blend of circumstances as that offered to ringers in the present year, and we hope that not only may a commemoration of the tercentenary be carried out, but that the opportunity may be seized to mark the event in a fitting way.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	GORDON CAULDWELL	6
JONATHAN HONEY	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	7
*MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	PERCY J. DYKE	8
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	4	*HARRY W. SMITH	9
*WILLIAM HENLEY	5	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	GEORGE W. STEERE	8
JOHN BEAMS	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	9
*GEORGE WILSON	5	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Caters.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HARRY GOODMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN	6
SAMUEL BAKER	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	HARRY HUBBALL	8
*SAMUEL J. HUGHES	4	JOHN GOODMAN	9
CHARLES WM. COOPER	5	HENRY GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* 100th peal. Rung in honour of the 77th birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, a much respected member of the Guild, father of 6th, 9th and tenor ringers, and grandfather of treble ringer.

EWERBY, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, SLEAFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, January 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK J. BOOLBS	*Treble*	†JACK WILSON	6
*FRANCIS J. PORTER	2	*GEORGE ROBINSON	7
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	3	*ARTHUR J. MONEY	8
*HARRY LYON	4	GEORGE SMITH	9
WILLIAM C. WILSON	5	*JOHN WILSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung by an entirely local band at the third attempt. The conductor's 275th peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	*EDWIN F. PIKE	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	*JOHN A. WAUGH	7
*JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	9
JOHN T. KENTISH	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by the association. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON	*Treble*	JAMES W. CHAPMAN	5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD	2	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE	6
JOHN LEE	3	DANIEL D. COOPER	7
*FRANK E. MITCHELL	4	*LEONARD F. HOPGOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.
* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector (Rev. G. W. White, B.A.), who is leaving the parish on account of ill-health. Also for the 32nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. F. G. Goddard.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE HESKETH	*Treble*	HARRY GRACE	5
*JOHN M. BROADBENT	2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES	6
THOMAS W. HESKETH	3	GEORGE R. NEWTON	7
SIDNEY G. HUMPHRISS	4	PERCY GRINDEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss and Miss Cecilia Broadbent. The bridegroom was for some years leader of the local company, and the bride is the sister of the ringer of the second bell.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
GEORGE WHITING	2	ERNEST E. LANHAM	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
The composition appeared in 'The Ringing World,' December 19th, 1930. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and to the credit of the Suffolk Guild, and rung at the first attempt. This is the 6th different Surprise peal which has been rung on these bells in 1930, the conducting having been shared by four of the band.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
G. RONALD EDWARDS	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
JAMES MARTIN	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5144 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. CLODE	*Treble*	GEORGE WILSON	5
HENRY HUTTON	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
Longest peal on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch night service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES WALKLATE	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ALLEN	5
*JOHN E. SANDERS	2	HARRY D. HOLLICK	6
BERNARD H. SWINSON	3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	7
JOHN MALYAN	4	FREDERICK JEFFS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the watchnight service, also as a welcome home to Bernard H. Swinson, who has returned after three years in Venezuela, South America.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS
Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	GEORGE R. JONES	5
EDWARD HARRISON	2	FRANK FOX	6
RONALD E. JONES	3	ARTHUR NEWELL	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	HARRY PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
Rung by all Sunday service ringers with bells half-muffled for the departure of the Old Year.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES W. COLBY	*Treble*	CHARLES ELLIOTT	5
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN	3	JIM HURRELL	7
ERNEST B. CROWDER	4	RICHARD STEERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.
* First peal. The peal was rung for watchnight service, also for the 56th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—In the belfry of St. Saviour's Church, on handbells, 1,440 Bob Minor: T. Leving 1-2, J. Wilson 3, Miss Elizabeth Madders 4, A. Hadley (conductor) 5-6.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JAMES S. REDHEAD ...	...*Treble*	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	2	ADAM DEAS	6
JOHN ANDERSON	3	THOMAS T. GOFTON	7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	4	RICHARD THOMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
* First peal in the method.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT RICHARDSON ...	5
EDWIN JENNINGS	2	GORDON WHITTAM	6
JIM TEBAY	3	THOMAS F. HEWITSON ...	7
WILLIAM PICTHALL	4	THOMAS METCALF ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
Rung after meeting short for Royal. The ringer of the 6th, who belongs to Dalton, was elected a member previous to starting.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung after meeting short for London Surprise owing to the indisposition of one of the band. W. Williams has now completed the circle on these bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 38 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	7
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	4	CECIL W. PIPE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY ELTON	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	ROBERT PICKERING	6
JOHN C. ADAMS	3	JOHN PERRY	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by J. PIGOTT.
First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and rung as a compliment on the 70th birthday of an old ringing friend, Mr. John Jaggar.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
THOMAS WALLWORK	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN W. JONES	5
*CHARLES H. PERRY	2	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
FRANK ROWSELL	3	DAVID R. JAMES	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.
* 50th peal together. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon David Phillips, M.A., R.D., who has completed 30 years as Vicar of this parish.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	7
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method and first attempt.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR A. COLLYER	...*Treble*	GEORGE TOMSETT	5
CHARLES DENYER	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
HENRY HUTTON	4	†GEORGE E. CLODE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 4. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ...	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOHN CURTIS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
Mr. James George has now rung a peal on 8, 10, or 12 tower bells on every date in the year. He is the first person to do this on tower bells. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. John Jaggar. The band thank the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King, for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKASTER ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
THOMAS LOCK	3	*HARRY KILBY	7
GEORGE M. KILBY	4	JOHN T. KENTISH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 150th peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	*WILLIAM DURHAM	7
JOHN J. BASSETT	4	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' This composition, No. 301, composed in 1882, is now rung for the first time. 75th peal as conductor, also 50th peal of Treble Bob. C. H. Sone has now rung 90, A. Relfe 50, T. Saunders 25 peals, with the conductor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

P.C. N. S. BAGWORTH	...*Treble*	WILLIAM MADGWICK... ..	5
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6
P.C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT ...	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ...	4	*INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS	2	WALTER ARNOLD...	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	FRANK CLAYDON	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor. He had never called a bob in the method previously. Three of the band have now accomplished this in the same tower. Rung to celebrate the 53rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, of Great Tey, the former having been a service ringer at Coggeshall for over 50 years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
JONATHAN HONEY	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
JOHN NOBES	4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On December 30th, at St. Peter's, after an abortive peal attempt, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Haley's): R. Barrow 1, C. F. Howitt 2, A. Skinner 3, G. Straw 4, W. H. Clarke 5, F. H. Dexter 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, F. Graham 8.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

INSPR. FREDK. PORTER	...*Treble*	P.S. GEORGE SHIPP	5
INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	2	P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM ...	6
P.C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT ...	3	P.C. NORMAN BAGWORTH ...	7
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ...	4	P.C. FREDK. DIGBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by INSPR. W. BOTTRILL.

All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Guild. Insp. Bottrill has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

TOM WILDE	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. FROST	5
*ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ...	2	JOHN BRIERLEY	6
THOMAS JONES	3	ERNEST BENNETT	7
*ERNEST GARSIDE	4	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowdon Branch.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Treble*	MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL	5
MRS. JACK BRAY	2	MISS E. MARSHALL	6
MISS P. BAKER	3	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...	4	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE

The band wish to thank the Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Baker for their kind welcome and hospitality.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS FULLER	...*Treble*	BERTRAM LUCK	4
ALBERT RELFE	2	JAMES BASSETT	5
WILLIAM DURHAM	3	JAMES WAGHORN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

This peal, taken from the 'Mad Hatter's' tables, has seven 720's with 5-6 the right way behind. Each extent is a different composition; that is, none can be produced from another by transposition or reversal, or by the two means combined.

LECKHAMPSTEAD, BUCKS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*FREDERICK W. PATEMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	3
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	*FREDERICK WALTON	4

DENNIS CARTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

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THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)
On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDERICK W. J. COPHAM *Treble*	PERCY SPARKES 3
*THOMAS W. BAKER 2	JACK ROY 4

WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. *Tenor*
Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal Exercise, New London, Royston, Penistone and York Minster.

*JOHN MAJOR ... ...*Treble*	DANIEL SMITH 4
†ARTHUR KELSALL 2	‡JOHN T. WHITE 5
MOSES PERRY 3	HAROLD CHANT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CHANT.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal off the tenor. First peal as a conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent, Oxford and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS *Treble*	*STANLEY PYE 4
*REGINALD W. PYE 2	WILLIAM S. BUTLER... ... 5
†VICTOR GLASS 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter on December 25th to the ringer of the 5th. The conductor's 54th peal during the year.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS BROTHERTON... ...*Treble*	ROBERT PICKERING 4
JOHN PERRY 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.
First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band except the conductor, and first on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD DENMAN ... ...*Treble*	MISS K. BURCHNALL 4
*HUBERT M. CAFFERATA ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.
* First peal. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all the band, who are all ringers at the above church. Rung with half-muffled clappers to ring out the old year.

AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Willoughby, on Boxing Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the restoration of church tower and bells: A. Hancock (first quarter-peal) 1, M. H. Smith 2, G. H. Hancock (conductor) 3, H. Shimmell 4, J. M. Hancock 5, F. W. Hancock 6

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Beverley, York and Cambridge, and one 720 of London. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

EDWIN BROMLEY ... ...*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	GEORGE BURT 5
ALAN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.
Rung to ring out the old year.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*HARRY CHAMBERS ... ...*Treble*	†ALBERT E. BALL 4
†HARRY RICHARDSON 2	AMOS SMART 5
†FRANCIS BALL 3	WALTER PERKINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and the first peal in five Surprise methods for the Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Six Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 10,800 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Ringers', Carlisle, Munden, Hexham, Surfleet, Chester, Berwick, Beverley, London, Canterbury, York, Wells, Newcastle and Durham Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER ... ...*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ALBERT NASH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. NASH.
Record length of Surprise Minor for all the above societies. Longest length by all except the conductor.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 Plain Bob.

*JOSH J. PARTRIDGE ...*Treble*	AMOS SMART 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	J. BRAGG, Gren. Gds. ... 5
ALBERT J. BARCOCK 3	E. CHARLES ALLEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. CHARLES ALLEN.
* Elected a member previous to starting for the peal. It is 42 years since the ringers of 3rd and tenor rang their first peal together. First peal as conductor.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... ...*Treble*	FRED HARWOOD 4
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.
First peal on the bells after being rehung on ball bearings by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, the 'go' being very good. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Madely for their kind hospitality after the peal, which was very much appreciated.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, December 1st, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes, composed of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob), in 48 mins.: T. Bettison 1, C. M. Heathcote 2, T. Clarke 3, E. R. Partridge 4, J. L. Bleby 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 23, GREEK STREET,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 20 in E.

ALFRED BARNES ... ... 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... ... 3-4 | FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE EARLE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven variations of extents. Tenor size 17 in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY 5-6
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Witness: GEORGE EARLE.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Wednesday, January 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 16, GODSTONE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. COLIN RYDER ... ... 1-2 | ALBERT NASH 5-6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... ... 3-4 | COLIN RYDER 7-8
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. NASH.
(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: G. Upshall 1, J. Read 2, T. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Komp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 416 Bob Major.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 3rd, at St. Martin's Hotel, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

The first business was the election of officers, and, on the proposition of the chairman, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

The Secretary proposed the re-election of Mr. Alderman Pritchett as Presiding Ringing Master, and in doing so congratulated him on behalf of the Guild on having reached his 76th birthday, full of vigour and continuing his many activities with undiminished enthusiasm.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchett, in acknowledging his election, thanked the members for their continued good wishes, and stated that he was happy to preside over them and do all he could in the interests of the Guild. He had a most capable deputy in Mr. Albert Walker, and would like to take that opportunity of thanking him for his many services.

Mr. Walker was re-elected Deputy Ringing Master on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. G. F. Swann, and supported by Mr. J. W. Pemberton, Mr. Swann remarking that he thought more of the older members of the Guild should turn up at the Tuesday night practices and support Mr. Walker in instructing the younger members.—Mr. Walker thanked the members for his election. He added that several young twelve-bell ringers were progressing nicely, and he had every confidence in the future.

Messrs. Tom Russam and A. Paddon Smith were re-elected trustees, and Messrs. Jonathan Preston and Ernest T. Allaway auditors.

In proposing Mr. G. F. Swann be re-elected librarians, Mr. Walker stated that this office entailed quite a lot of work in getting out statistics regarding peals rung by the Guild.—The motion was seconded by Mr. F. W. Rishworth and carried unanimously.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, was also re-elected.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer and duly adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

The Henry Johnson Dinner was fixed for Saturday, February 28th, at the Imperial Hotel as usual, and on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, it was unanimously agreed that the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, be asked to preside. The other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the officers.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton on Saturday, March 28th, if possible.

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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 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.

Something new in dishes for ringers' dinners was suggested at Guildford on Saturday. A well-known ringing clergyman had been sitting all the evening in close proximity to a gas fire, and when he rose to propose a toast he informed the company that they would soon be able to have a cut of 'roast parson.'

The Guildford Cathedral band intended to ring the 'extent' of Guildford Surprise Major for their customary 'old year' peal, but a few minutes before starting they learned that there was in existence a composition with three more leads.

The Metropolitan Police Guild have rung a peal of Bob Major at St. George's, Southwark, the band consisting of two inspectors, two sergeants and four constables.

At Handsworth, Sheffield, where the first peal of Major by a ladies' band was rung, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major has now been scored by members of the Ladies' Guild.

Members of the Devon Guild should note that to-morrow's meeting at Payhembury has been cancelled.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild is to be held at Appledore to-morrow, January 17th, and not on the 24th as announced in the notices last week.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Benjamin Annable, was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1725.

The 'London Youths'—a long defunct society—rang a peal of 6,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch on January 19th, 1767.

Performances by the Cambridge Youths at Great St. Mary's recalls the fact that they are one of the oldest ringing societies. On January 21st, 1788, they rang a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus at Great St. Mary's.

A correspondent writes: 'Don't you think it is a good job Grandsire Triples does not run to more than 5,040? If it did, the result would be that more eight-bell record lengths would go west.'

A peal by a local band at Ewerby, Lincs, included no fewer than six 'firsts' as well as one 'first away from the tenor.' Change ringing is encouraged at this tower by a generous yearly gift from the beneficence of the late Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, who was himself a ringer and donor of the new bells. The Dowager Countess still shows interest in the progress by many acts of kindness.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the note in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that the Society of Cambridge Youths had not rung a peal on the bells of St. Mary-the-Great for 78 years, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there on Thursday, August 28th, 1924, which I conducted, the band at that time being all members of the Society of Cambridge Youths.

E. G. HIBBINS.

23, Hemingford Road, Cambridge.

WHERE STEDMAN RANG.

ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

There is a special interest to ringers in the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, for it was here that Fabian Stedman rang and developed in Doubles the method for ever associated with his name. It was Stedman who first really visualised the possibilities of half-pull change ringing as it is practised to-day, and although he was probably not the originator of the system, which came by the process of evolution, it was he who really gave it the first great push that sent it on its ever-expanding course.

ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

In the 'Tintinnalogia,' published in 1668, the first book on the art of ringing, Stedman says:—

'Within these fifty or sixty years changes were not known or thought possible to be rung. Then were invented the Sixes, being the very ground of a six-score; then the "twenty" and "twenty-four," and several other changes.'

There we have a statement of the very beginnings of our art, which Stedman did so much to develop. This year is the tercentenary of Stedman's birth, and a suggestion is made in our leading article for its fitting celebration.

As to the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church, they are extremely interesting in themselves, apart from Stedman's association with them. The tower is claimed to be the oldest building in the country, and, indeed, in all East Anglia, being the only one now standing of pre-Conquest date. The building is Saxon, and contains fine examples of the 'long and short work' of that period.

Early records show that in 1273 a composition was made between the Rector and the University for the use of the church bell, and for this the University paid 6s. 8d. annually until 1683.

In 1491 the bell was repaired, at the expense of the University.

Thomas Hobson, the famous carrier and originator of 'Hobson's choice,' was buried in the chancel in the year 1632. It is recorded that in 1667 a bell was tolled as the body of Matthew Wren, Bishop of Ely (grandfather or father of Sir Christopher Wren) passed through the parish.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 10th. The bells were raised about 3 p.m. Service was held in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. Spense, curate of Christ Church, and the Rev. N. S. Willis, Vicar of Purton, who presided at the organ and gave a short address, in the absence of the Rev. J. Gilbert, Vicar of Swindon, who was on the sick list.

Tea was taken at Elma House, Hunt Street, and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. E. Bishop being in the chair.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston was elected a representative on the management committee, in succession to Mr. E. Bishop, who wished to resign. Mr. C. J. Gardiner was appointed chairman for the ensuing year. There being no rush for the post of hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Hopper accepted the office for another year, and asked for the support of the members, especially in tea arrangements at meetings in country places.

Messrs. S. Palmer, G. Lancaster and N. Allnott were elected as Branch Committee.

Highworth was chosen for the quarterly meeting in March, South Marston for a monthly meeting in February, the meetings to be on the third Saturdays in the months if possible. Due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was proposed to the clergy who took part in the service and gave the address. This concluded the business, and a return to the tower was made for further ringing.

The following towers were represented: Brinkworth, Faringdon, Fairford, Purton, Minchinhampton, Shrivenham, Wootton Bassett, and the two local towers.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES IN THE BEDFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association was held on Saturday, January 3rd, at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kempston, and was attended by 33 members, although the afternoon was anything but pleasant. The bells were available for the afternoon and evening, and were raised in peal about 3 p.m., some good ringing being done in methods from London Surprise to Grandsire Doubles. Mr. H. Stapleton, of Turvey, was in charge of the ringing, and saw that all ringers present were 'fixed up' for the methods wanted.

A short service was held at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. W. Barker, gave an interesting and inspiring address that was greatly appreciated. Miss E. Steel (vice-president) was at the organ, and accompanied the hymns.

An excellent tea was served in the schoolroom, after which followed the business meeting, the Vicar being in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. P. C. Bonnett) presented a report of the past year. The report stated that meetings had been held at thirteen towers—Thurleigh, Cardington, Kempston, Sharnbrook, Milton Ernest, Keysoe and Riseley, Stagsden, Bromham, Biddenham, Turvey, Willington and Elstow, and the majority had been well attended. Eight new members had been elected, and nine peals had been rung, including the first peal for the association of Stedman Doubles at St. Peter's, Bedford. It was here that Mr. W. Stapleton has just rung his 50th peal on the bells, and the members congratulated him. During the year the bells of St. Paul's Church, Bedford, had been rehung and overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and were now in excellent going order. Funds were being raised for the restoration of the bells at Stagsden, and it was hoped that before long they, also, would be in a good state of repair. The deaths of three members had occurred during the past year, including the president, Canon W. W. C. Baker, and the association missed them all tremendously.

The balance sheet was next dealt with, and this showed that expenses were £1 14s. 11½d., receipts £5 9s., leaving a balance in hand of £3 14s. 0½d., which was considered very satisfactory.

The election of officers resulted in the following: District Committee, Messrs. E. Freeman, H. Stapleton, P. Inskip, L. Williams and W. Addington, Messrs. P. Inskip and L. Williams to attend general committee meeting: Mr. P. C. Bonnett was re-elected district secretary, and was thanked for his past services.

The next meeting will be held at Bletsoe, if the bells are available, with Sharnbrook as an alternative.

The election of two new members, who were proposed before peals, was also confirmed, viz., Messrs. R. West and J. J. Partridge, of Bozeat, Northants.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and his address, also to the ladies who had arranged the tea, and to all who had assisted to make the meeting a success.

The bells were made good use of afterwards, a variety of methods being rung until 8.30 p.m., when they were lowered in peal. Members were present from Bedford (St. Peter's and St. Paul's), Bromham, Biddenham, Cardington, Clapham, Clifton, Turvey, Keysoe, Wilden, Wellingborough, Southhill, Stagsden and the local company.

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Except for the fourth bell, which was recast in 1825, the bells in the tower are those upon which Stedman and his band practised. The inscriptions on them were given in our last issue.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

'COMPOSE' AS YOU RING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 26.)

When you are comparing two compositions the easiest mistake you can make is to judge from apparent similarity or dissimilarity. It by no means follows that two peals are variations of each other because they look alike; or that two peals are distinct and separate because they do not look alike.

Two good examples of the first occur to me, both of which have been debated in years gone by.

23456	W.	M.	R.	23456	W.	M.	R.
42635	—	—		42635	—	—	
64523	—	—		64523	—	—	
56342	—	—		56342	—	—	
23564	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—
24653	—	—		24653	—	—	
62345	—	—		62345	—	—	
36524	—	—		36524	—	—	
45362	—	—	—	45362	—	—	—
34256	—	—					
Five times repeated, Single half-way and end.				Four times repeated.			

The first is by Annable; the second by D. Prentice, of Ipswich. Up to a point these two compositions are identical—the course-ends, the bobs, the actual changes are the same. And yet the whole peals are quite distinct and independent.

Treble Bob Maximus. 6,000.				Cambridge Maximus. 5,280.			
23456	M.	W.	R.	23456	M.	W.	R.
64352	1		1	64352	—		—
56342		1		56342		—	
Four times repeated.				Four times repeated.			

The first, by Henry Hubbard, appears in his 'Campanalogia,' A.D. 1876; the second was, I believe, rung at Ipswich, the first in the method.

In these two the course-ends throughout are the same, and the incidence of the bobs much the same, but the general conditions of the two methods are so unlike that we cannot call these variations.

In its simplest and most general form, composition consists of joining together a number of separate courses by bobs and singles, usually arranged in 'Q sets.' In Double Norwich or Bob Major or any of the Plain Major methods there are one hundred and twenty course-ends. From each of these a course of 112 rows can be written out, and as, in a course, 1.7.8 never fall twice into the same relative positions, these one hundred and twenty courses will contain 13,440 true rows. If you start with the plain course and call three 'Homes' you will join together three complete courses into one round block. Anywhere in this block you can call three 'Middles,' and that will add two more courses. So you can go on adding courses till you have got the total number available or as many as you want. Bobs and Singles are links in a chain which binds separate courses into one whole.

But it is obvious that if a set of bobs will link up a number of courses, it will also link up the same number of any sort of round blocks, provided that you have the necessary positions to call the bobs. And if you have conditions similar to those of a course, the result will be true. For instance, here are three round blocks:—

23456	W	B.	M.	23456	W	M.	23456	W.	M.
35264		1		43652		—	42635	—	—
23456	—		—	63254		—	64523	—	—
				56234	—		56342	—	—
				35264	—		35264	—	—
				23456	—	—	23456	—	—

In these 1-6-7-8 never fall into the same relative positions, so we can take any touch with the sixth never moved, and in place of the courses put one of these blocks, and get a true composition. We cannot call a bob 'Wrong' in the third block, but if we call a 'Home' in the fourth course the result is the same. If we take any block which has twenty-four courses with the sixth at home, and use the second or third block, we get the full extent of the method with 7-8 together. If we use the first we have a peal with the sixth its extent each way. And if we care to work out the different combinations and variations of these we shall get several peals which have passed as the original work of different composers.

We could also use the same block to link up a mixture of courses and different sorts of blocks, providing we pay regard to the truth of the result. There is a further useful way of linking up round blocks. In Double Norwich (and in Bob Major and the rest) there are a number of touches to be had by bobs only of different lengths without moving the sixth. Actually their number is small, but by beginning at different course-ends, by reversal, and by reduction, we can get for practical purposes quite a good number. There will be the same number out-of-course touches, and the same with the Fourth a sixth's-place bell, and the Fifth a sixth's place bell. Now, provided each has a position where a bob may be called on 4-5-6, you can take six of these blocks (one from every group), and by four bobs and two singles make them into one block. According to the lengths of the different blocks, so will the length of your peal be. The result will look like an irregular one-part, but all the conductor has to do is to call six easy touches, all of which probably are familiar to him. There are a quite a large number of peals to be had like this, and any conductor who knows this plan need never be at a loss for a peal if he is called on at a minute's notice

In Bob Major I use a somewhat similar plan. Personally, I always have had a liking for Bob Major. I think that, next to Spliced Surprise, I get more enjoyment out of ringing that method than any other, and I am always quite ready for a peal of it. What I do is this. First I take a block of twenty-four courses with the sixth at home. There are, I think, three of such blocks; but by variation and reversal they become a fair number for practical purposes. And there are others if you use short courses. Then I have a number of blocks with the sixth in Fifth's place. I start my first block. At a point I switch into one of the others; finish that; go back to the first block; then again into one of the others; finish that; back to the first block, and so to the end of the peal. I have two ways of switching from block to block:—

23456	W.	B.	M.	23456	W.	M.
35264		1		43652		—
23456	—		—	63254		—
				56234	—	
				35264	—	
				23456	—	—

It does not matter a bit which I use, what course I put it in, or what particular blocks I use with the Sixth in fifth's place provided that one of them is 'In Course' and one 'Out of Course.' Usually when I call a peal of Bob Major we have met short for something else, and I have worked this dodge quite a number of times, perhaps twenty, perhaps more. And so far as I am aware I always use a different variation. I have heard people talk about composing peals as you ring them. If you use some sort of plan as this it is quite easy. But you might get let down if you take it too cheap. Once I made a mistake and rang a course longer than I intended. It might have been a course too short.

(To be continued.)

TAUNTON RINGER'S FATALITY.

A distressing accident occurred at noon on Saturday, January 3rd, as a result of which Mr. George Frederick A. Reeves, of Toneside, Priory Avenue, Taunton, died in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital at 1.30 a.m. on Sunday. The unfortunate man, who was married and was aged 25 years, was working at F. G. Halliday, Ltd.'s, shops planing the edge of a round table. As it revolved on a lathe it parted and struck deceased on the forehead. He fell to the ground unconscious, and later passed away.

The deceased was a valued member of St. Mary's Guild, and also a member of the Taunton Ambulance Brigade. He leaves a widow and infant child.

The funeral took place at Taunton on Thursday last week, the service at St. Mary's Church being conducted by the Rev. A. F. Judd, Vicar of St. George's, Wilton, assisted by the Rev. P. Cowley, curate of St. Mary's. The interment followed at St. Mary's cemetery. The bells were rung muffled by St. Mary's Guild, three courses of Grandsire Cinques (528 changes) being brought round by F. Chedgey 1, W. Millard 2, S. A. Wyatt 3, A. Wyatt 4, E. Lloyd 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, W. H. Tarr 7, W. Lloyd 8, J. A. Grant 9, F. Sadd 10, E. Wyatt 11, P. Merson 12.

NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Jim Ashby, of Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, who passed away on Tuesday, January 6th, at the age of 53 years. Deceased was a member of the local band for many years. For some time he had not enjoyed the best of health, but he attended the choir and ringers' supper on New Year's Eve, and assisted in ringing the old year out and new year in.

He was interred at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, January 10th. In the evening, 720 Bob Minor were rung with bells muffled as a last token of respect and esteem, with 6-8 covering, by the following: J. Josh 1, A. Hodgson 2, G. Howling 3, G. Burton 4, E. Easter 5, J. Moore 6, J. W. T. Wright (conductor) 7, W. Howling 8.

CUMBERLAND BAND'S FIRST LONDON SURPRISE.

At the Parish Church, Egremont, Cumberland, on Wednesday, January 7th, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Spedding 1, W. H. Cook 2, W. Norman 3, A. Elibeck 4, J. H. Rothery 5, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION.

The experiment of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, in holding a dinner and social, proved a great success, and a party of over ninety spent a very enjoyable evening at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. Visitors were accorded the privilege during the afternoon of ringing on the Cathedral bells, which were half-muffled on account of the funeral of the Princess Royal, and also at S. Nicolas' Church.

The dinner was presided over by the Provost of the Cathedral (Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan), who was supported by Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guild), Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C., Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Canon G. F. Coleridge (late president of the Central Council), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally (Haslemere), Mr. N. Vincent (Guildford), and Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham). Other visitors included Mr. A. A. Hughes (Ancient Society of College Youths, London), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), and Mr. R. H. Dove (Croydon). Members of the Guild were present from the Cathedral and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Aldershot, Bagshot, Cranleigh, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Dorking, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, West Clandon, Witley, Woking, etc. After an excellent repast, served by Messrs. Boyce and Son, the loyal toast was honoured.

Mr. W. C. Ryde proposed 'The Church,' but first took the opportunity to express indebtedness for what members of the Guild had done in connection with the scheme for providing a new peal of bells at his own church at Grayshott, where the Master of the Guild had given them expert and valued advice, while the ringers at Haslemere and Woking had come forward with help. Dealing with the toast, he referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury's utterance at the Kent Association's jubilee, in which he publicly recognised church bell-ringers as servants of the Church, and spoke of the interest which the Bishop of Guildford took in the Diocesan Guild. He also referred to the indebtedness of the members to the Provost and the parochial clergy for their interest and assistance in forwarding the Guild's objects.—The toast was responded to by the Provost, who said that at the Cathedral he looked upon the ringers as his fellow-workers in the church, and he felt that that was the attitude adopted in this diocese to the ringers at other churches. As long as they had bodies of loyal workers in the church like the ringers they could look forward with confidence to the future.

OVER 46,000 RINGERS IN ENGLAND.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He said that, having been present at the inaugural meeting and tea at Guildford when the Guild was started, he was proud to be there on the occasion of the first dinner, because there were two things in the activities of a ringer which were doing an enormous lot of good. One was the friendship he made in the belfry, and the other was the cementing of those friendships at a joyous and convivial gathering like that. He congratulated the Guild on the progress it had made, and said they were fortunate in having a strong combination of officers to carry it through. Continuing, Canon Coleridge said the latest available figures given in the Church Year Book, compiled from the annual parochial statistical returns, showed that there were in the Guildford diocese, in the year 1929, 619 ringers. He did not know whether they all belonged to the Guild; if not, why not? Of this number, 152 were paid ringers, and 467 were voluntary workers doing it for the love of the thing and the glory of God. Guildford was a small diocese compared with his own, the Oxford diocese, where they had 2,987 ringers. There were some dioceses where they had even more in proportion to the size. If they went to Devon or Cornwall, they might find small parishes of, perhaps, 600 inhabitants where there were 70 ringers. At one parish he knew of there were six different bands of ringers, and they were always ringing—three times a week at least, and as much on Sundays as they could manage. They were not all change ringers, but they were intensely keen, and they did not find the same keenness in this part of the country. The total number of ringers in the whole of England in 1929 amounted to 46,270, which was an increase of 187 over the previous year. It was not a large increase, perhaps, but it showed that ringing was still alive, and he had no doubt it would continue to grow and increase as time went on. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was doing its part nobly in carrying on that great work for the Church, and he wished it all prosperity and great success, both in their Sunday service ringing and in their peal-ringing efforts. In the past he had been indebted to the ringers both at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' for opportunities to ring peals, but he was not able to take part in peals so often now. As they got older they did not feel the same boyish enthusiasm, and, while the spirit might be willing, the flesh was weak. With all his heart he wished the Guild success in the future, and he hoped that God would bless their work (applause).

The Master, who responded, said the Guild had been wonderfully well supported by the clergy of the diocese; all the officers had worked together in unity and had done their best. Major Hesse referred to the achievements of the Cathedral band, and congratulated Mr. Pulling upon all that he had been able to do since recovering from his serious accident. He thought that on the whole Sunday ringing throughout the Guild had improved, but he would remind the members that wherever there were eight bells, eight bells should be rung for the services, and where there were ten, ten should be rung (hear, hear). It was a duty that every ringer owed to the church to turn up for the service ringing. He congratulated the band who on Boxing Day rang a peal at Chiddingfold. There were five first peals, and they were all local ringers. This success had been due to the efforts of Mr. 'Jimmy' Bartlett (hear, hear).

THE BISHOP'S APPRECIATION.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) proposed 'The president, vice-president and hon. members,' and read a letter from the president in which the Lord Bishop expressed regret at being unable to attend because his important Sunday work necessitated his taking Saturday evening quite quietly. He extended to the members his cordial greetings and best wishes, and added: 'I hope that they will not only have a good and pleasant reunion, but that the work of the ringers of the diocese may go on with ever increasing vigour, and that the services done to God and the cause of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the belfries of the diocese will increase, not diminish, as the years go by. I value this work very much, and I am glad to find, wherever I go, that this branch of Church work, at all events, is receiving a considerable number of recruits among the younger men and women.' Mr. Goldsmith referred to the interest which the Bishop had always shown in the Guild, thanked the hon. members for their support, and spoke of the extremely valued services rendered to them by Mr. Harrison as vice-president and chairman of the executive committee. Although not a ringer, Mr. Harrison had the greatest interest in and sympathy with their objects, and he served them further as a sort of liaison officer between the Guild and the ecclesiastical authorities.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Harrison said they were extremely lucky to have as president a Bishop who took so much interest in their work. He recalled the occasion when a small deputation met the Bishop, soon after his arrival in the diocese, to discuss various matters with him in connection with the formation of the Guild. They were received with the utmost courtesy and cordiality, and ever since that time the Bishop had taken a keen interest in the Guild and had accorded it full recognition as part and parcel of the Church organisation in the diocese. Continuing, Mr. Harrison said they were continually receiving as a Guild pats on the back, and he was not sure they might not be in danger of getting too self-satisfied. He thought there were still places where missionary work was necessary, and he hoped this might be undertaken. Mr. Harrison added that he thought the vice-president of the Guild should be a ringer, but when he had mentioned it he had been told that the members wanted him to remain in office. As that was their desire, he was quite willing to remain as long as he could be of real use to the Guild (applause).

Mr. George Grover submitted 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' and welcomed the visitors. He said he was convinced that the social side was a great help to the scientific side of ringing, for it helped to keep the members of bands together, and gave them something to meet for beside the actual ringing. In the villages particularly, there was an absence of social activity, and if they could, in connection with ringing, offer young men something of interest on the social side, he believed they would be better able to keep them while they were learning the art of ringing.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who first responded, said the suggestion thrown out by the proposer of the toast had certain points about it which might be considered by associations, especially in regard to young ringers. He congratulated those responsible for that inaugural dinner, and added that between his own Guild and the new Guild there were strong links which went back to the days when the area covered by the Guildford diocese was a branch of the old Winchester Guild. A spirit of great fraternity existed between them, and he hoped it would long continue (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes also replied, remarking that he could foresee that dinner was going to be the beginning of many happy gatherings in the future of the Guild. He brought greetings from the Ancient Society of College Youths, and said it was to the interest of these older societies to do all they could to welcome the inauguration of the younger Guilds. Many of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were members of the old London Society, but all would find a welcome if at any time they were able to join the College Youths at any of their practices.

Admiral Walker proposed 'The health of the chairman,' who, he said, they regarded with affection, and looked upon as a splendid friend of ringers and of the Guild.—The Provost replied, and appreciation having been expressed to those who had worked to make the evening a success, the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

The 'community singing' which was indulged in was a great feature of the musical programme, this being led by Mr. T. Stroud, organist at Frensham Church, who is a member of the Guild, and who acted as accompanist. The party much enjoyed the songs of Madame Welbrock Smith (Guildford) and Miss Kathleen Corbett (Bagshot), and were delighted with the artistically rendered handbell solos contributed by Mrs. Hughes (London), who was loudly encored on each occasion. The change ringing element was in evidence in a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples rung on handbells by Messrs. R. Philpott, A. H. Pulling, C. H. Kippin and W. Melville.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. F. A. MILNE

At the annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild it was agreed that a memorial to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, president and treasurer of the association, should be erected in the Parish Church at Barnet.

The sub-committee set up to carry out the scheme have obtained plans and estimates for a mural tablet, and are now awaiting the granting of a faculty before proceeding further.

In his early days, Mr. Milne was hon. secretary of the Cambridge University Guild; later on he helped to form the Middlesex Association, being for some time hon. secretary of this society prior to the formation of the present county association.

His work on the Central Council is well known; he was a member of the 'Legal Liability Committee,' whose valuable report was submitted at the 1929 meeting of the Council only a few months before his death.

It is felt that, besides members of the Middlesex County Association, many members of the Exercise in general would wish to subscribe to this memorial, and any ringers desiring to do so should send their donations to either of the undersigned, who will gratefully acknowledge same:—

*W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, Southgate, N.14.
*J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.5.
*C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.
W. H. Hollier, 21, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

* Members of the Memorial Sub-Committee.

RUTLAND SURPRISE.

Mr. H. W. Wilde points out that the statement that any peal of London Surprise will be true for Rutland is not correct. The majority of peals of London are on the 'In and 5th's' plan, and if 'In and 5th's' is used for Rutland there are four false course-ends to contend with. If it is used in every course, three are cut out, but there is still one to deal with, so that many peals of London on this plan would be false for Rutland. With regard to bobs 'Before' breaking up the symmetry of the courses, it does cut out one lead in Rutland, but 'In and Fifth's' cuts out three leads of the plain course, and parts the tenor for two leads.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, January 11th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, by St. Mary's Society, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') in 45 mins.: S. A. Wells 1, J. Eagles 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7. C. Hardeman 8.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—On Sunday, January 4th, at the Parish Church, 935 Grandsire Caters: *H. Walker 1, A. Walker, sen., 2, J. H. Lenton 3, T. Holder 4, *A. T. Stranguard 5, *W. Swallow 6, H. Walters (conductor) 7, A. Walker, jun., 8, J. Fryer 9, *G. Cooke 10.
* Longest length of Caters.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 4th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: W. Payne 1, T. J. Salter 2, A. Wright 3, J. E. Lawrence (conductor) 4, J. Smith 5, A. Jones 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, C. H. Winney (conductor) 4, A. Cutmore 5, H. Cook 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, A. Harding 8, C. F. Hunt 9, Wm. Butler 10.—For evening service, on December 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, Wm. H. Hollier 2, C. H. Winney 3, H. Ellis 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, H. Congreve Pridgeon (conductor) 7, J. W. Driver 8, C. F. Hunt 9, Wm. Butler 10.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes from Holt's Original) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, E. Stitch (conductor) 2, W. Williams 3, F. E. Stone 4, W. J. Nurton 5, C. Mathers 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Weatherby 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday evening, December 21st, for nave service, at the Cathedral Church, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: G. E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn 2, S. T. Holt 3, C. Tansell 4, E. T. Allaway 5, F. Price 6, H. Bird 7, W. Dowding 8, R. Mathews 9, S. Grove 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, W. Davies 12.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 14th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. This was rung by the local band to welcome the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, who was instituted to the Rectorate of Seales by the Bishop of Derby the previous day, also a birthday compliment to J. W. Cotton: G. Clayfield 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Clayfield 3, J. W. Cotton 4, P. W. Grice 5, W. H. Curson (first 720 as conductor) 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, December 14th, for Confirmation service, 882 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Smith 1, G. Lambert 2, H. D. Whyte 3, J. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd 5, R. Stredwick 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chisson 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, December 14th, at Christ Church, for evensong, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal in 62 mins.: W. W. T. Daniells 1, H. W. Bishop 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, H. W. L. Wells 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop 9, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 10.

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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 to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 29th, 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.

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. 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. 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.

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.—The meeting arranged to be held at Payhembury to-morrow has been cancelled—J. 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.—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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Copduck 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. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — Tenth Annual Dinner, Jan. 17th.—St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, open at 1 p.m. to leave parcels, etc. Free tea and bun at 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' bells (10) available 4.30 p.m., St. Ambrose's bells (8) at 1.30 p.m. Dinner at Grand Hotel, Broad Street; commence 6 p.m. University invitations (limited in number) have now been terminated. This inspection is at 3 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 5s. 6d., not obtainable after to-day (16th).—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

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. 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. Good attendance requested. Good bus and rail services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

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. 17th. 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday next, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ardeley (6 bells) on Jan. 24th. Service in church. Tea and business to follow. Bells ready any time. A sweet little peal of six. First meeting ever held here. — W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster (St. George's Church) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD. — Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Paul's (8 bells), Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Andrew's bells (8) will also be open. Service 4.45. Tea after. Business meeting to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Creaton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—R. Adams, East Haddon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise me early who intends coming. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at South Hackney on Jan. 24th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and after the meeting. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Watermoor bells open 3 o'clock. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Bells open after service. Will those requiring tea please let me know by 20th? — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Committee meeting at Vicarage 4 p.m. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who intend having tea must let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 21st. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 17½ cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting about 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and members from other districts are welcome. Nominations are required for the office of vice-president and secretary and for two committeemen. An earnest appeal is made for further subscriptions to the Chamber Memorial Fund, which will shortly be closed. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (kindly supplied by Vicar and churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be reserved only for those who notify me before Tuesday, Jan. 20th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Deanery School at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome, but please notify me for tea by Jan. 20th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — Owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable, the annual meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, and business meeting at Greyhound Hotel. Meat tea 1s. 9d. Will those intending to be present for tea please consider the caterer and notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st? — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 20th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells of St. Andrew's available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting 4 o'clock in the Vestry. Service in church 4.30, to be conducted by Rev. J. W. Hunkin, Archdeacon of Coventry. Tea at Corner House Café (next to the church) at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. — D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Stockport Parish Church (St. Mary) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. W. Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—*Book this date*, Jan. 31st. On Saturday, Jan. 31st, a meeting will be held at Royston. Good bus and train services. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The tea is by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. F. Greig), who will provide tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Jan. 29th, to the Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card *this time* if you never have before!—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service in church 5. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please send number for tea before the 27th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available from noon onward. Reports will be distributed in the Schools from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Divine service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, will be served in the Wakefield Co-operative Café at 5 p.m., and all applications for same should reach Mr. A. Tate, 11, Haselden Road, Snapethorpe, Wakefield, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. General meeting in the Cathedral School Room, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1930-31 are now due.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). Members intending to accept kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to tea at the Johnston Institute must acquaint me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid without delay.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by the usual meat tea (1s. 6d.), with business meeting afterwards at the Institute. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Jan. 28th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 'The Waverley,' by kind invitation of the Vicar of Carisbrooke, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Ringers requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The 2nd annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only. All applications for tickets (5s. each) must be accompanied by remittance, and must be made to the undersigned not later than Saturday, Jan. 31st. As accommodation is somewhat limited, early application is desirable. All ringers and friends will be very heartily welcome. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John-the-Divine (10) 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) 3.15 p.m. till 5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5) 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

BUSHEY, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 6. Cheap tickets from all parts by motor coach or train. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—A dinner will be held at the Greyhound, Worcester Street, Oxford, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before Feb. 1st. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's 5-7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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Mr. G. A. Hughes (Master) proposed the toast of 'The Rector and churchwardens.'—The Rev. W. A. Hewitt, in reply, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the churchwardens, and took the opportunity afforded him of thanking the ringers for their services to the church. He also, on behalf of the Stanmore band, presented to Mr. F. Edwards a very fine barometer in acknowledgment of the services so kindly rendered.—Mr. Edwards, in returning thanks for the gift, urged the ringers to greater efforts at their practices, which showed signs of falling off. Practice was very necessary in ringing, and he hoped for improvement in this respect.

Mr. F. Hill (hon. secretary) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' coupling with it the names of Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mr. G. R. Goodship (Harrow Weald).

The former first replied, and took occasion to thank Mr. Edwards for his services to the Stanmore band.—Mr. Goodship gave some sound advice when he urged ringers to attend association meetings, where, he said, they could practise any method they desired.

The musical programme, which was provided by Miss Atkinson and Master B. Holliday (songs), Mr. Wood (violinist) and Mr. Springett (piano) was much enjoyed and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

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