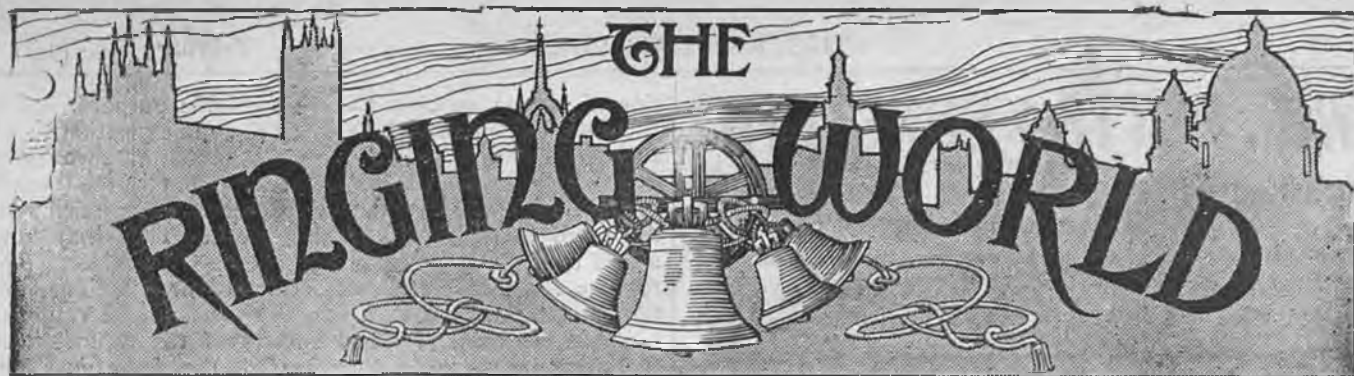




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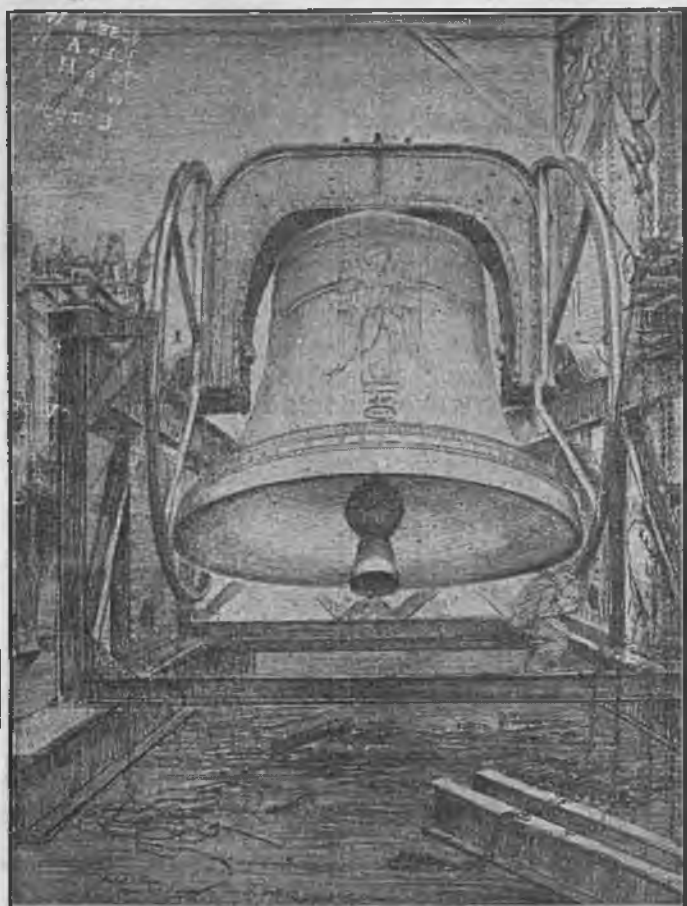
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It is now about five years since the Central Council's 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' went out of print. A revision of the work was completed long ago by the Methods Committee and, after various delays, the Exercise was promised the publication of the book as the result of the meeting in London last Whitsun. Now, however, there is further delay, due to disagreement between the Honorary Secretary of the Council, who is almost as if another Council meeting may come and go before the question at issue can be settled. In view of this further apparently inevitable delay the Committee have issued a statement explaining their position. Briefly, it is this: The Honorary Secretary wants the names of the officials of the Council printed on the cover of the book; the Committee insist that their own names, as authors, and no others, shall appear. To the outsider it seems to be a small point to quibble about and one which ought not to be allowed to hold up the publication of a work that is long overdue. There is, however, more behind the disagreement than the bare facts indicate. The Committee take their stand on the question of 'copyright,' and decline to be interfered with in regard to what shall be printed on the cover. The Secretary's attitude is based on a desire to make all the publications of the Council uniform in their style and in other recently revised books the officers' names have appeared on the covers and the names of the responsible Committee in each case on the title page.

There can be no question that established custom is on the side of the Committee. It was usual in the earlier Council publications, and it is customary in the case of books in general, to find the author or authors' names on the cover, and we think that in the case of the revised edition of the Minor Collection the men who have done the work are entitled to whatever distinction attaches to the appearance of their names on the outside of the book. Neither is it particularly clear why the names of the officials of the Council, who change from time to time, need take precedence over those of the individuals who have given their time and labour to the task. The question of the Committee's claim to the 'copyright,' however, does involve a serious matter of principle. It may be that, in the absence of a definite assignment of title, the Committee can claim a legal copyright in the book, but we feel quite sure that up to this moment the Council, as a corporate body, have looked upon all their publications as being in their sole right, the Committees who have done the work being in the posi-

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tion of agents appointed for the specific purpose. The Committee are not even in quite the same position as an author, who, having written a text book on his own initiative, offers his work to the Council for the benefit of the Exercise. The Methods Committee were definitely requested to revise an existing work. They may have added to it, but they have gone to the Council from time to time for confirmation of certain of their actions, and the Council have got to meet whatever financial responsibility is involved. Many members of the Council will, therefore, be surprised to learn that they have no rights in the book which they are issuing and that the Committee can, as it were, hold a pistol to their heads and say in effect, 'Unless we have our own way you shall not publish this book.' If the Committee are legally right it will be as well if the Council, before embarking on publications in future, made their position secure by obtaining the assignment of the copyright. In the meantime it is a great pity that so useful and badly-wanted a publication as the Minor Methods Collection should be held up for what, to most people, will appear to be a matter of no great consequence.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

*REV. H. LAW JAMES... ..Treble	*JOHN W. WOOD... .. 7
LEWIS SNELL... .. 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN... .. 8
HAROLD MARCON... .. 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES... .. 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS... .. 4	JOHN WALDEN... .. 10
C. BERT CHESTER... .. 5	H. LESLIE PASK... .. 11
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON... .. 6	ROBERT RICHARDSON...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE... ..Treble	HARRY BAKER... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	*CYRIL W. A. BROWN... .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE... .. 3	*WILLIAM BUTTON... .. 8
TOM SAUNDERS... .. 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 9
CHARLES H. SONE... .. 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Royal. This composition (No. 306) is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY...Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD... .. 5
HERBERT E. BOOTH... .. 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS... .. 6
JOSEPH FLAVELL... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON... .. 7
ERIC SANT... .. 4	JAMES SHAW... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Benjamin Fullwood, Sedgley.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D

THOMAS GUNNING Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 5
HOWARD H. YEATES ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 6
*MISS E. JESSIE ANGWIN ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 4	LEONARD G. TANNER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples on a working bell. Arranged for the ringers of 3rd and 6th, who hail from Truro Cathedral. Miss Angwin is the first Cornish lady to ring a working bell and a peal of Triples. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor's son, J. E. Lilley, who was unable to stand in. The band wish to tender their best thanks to Mr. G. Yeo for getting permission. The quickest peal on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	*GRAHAM LINDRIDGE ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN 2	*FREDERICK ELY ... 6
BASIL REDGEWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	WALTER HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. F. Pilcher, a former churchwarden, and an ardent churchworker at St. Michael's and for many years a member of local public bodies, whose death took place the previous Wednesday and the interment on the 24th; also as a token of respect to the late Mr. Wilby J. Hazell, who was interred at Little Bentley on the same day.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROST Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 5
†BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	THOMAS J. HULL ... 6
JOHN MALYAN 3	FREDERICK W. ALLEN ... 7
†THOMAS A. BLOW 4	FRANCIS KIRK ... Tenor

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

* First peal (aged 15 years). † First peal in method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CECIL BARRETT ... 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	CHARLES LOOME ... 6
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 3	WALTER BARRETT ... 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... 2	HENRY HARRISON ... 6
R. ALLAN HICKTON ... 3	JOSEPH A. BARRATT ... 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH A. BARRATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the three oldest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. GobeY—Edith Miriam (27), Winifred (24), and Mabel (23), all of whose birthdays occurred during the week.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

This composition, No. 378, is now rung for the first time. Mr. A. Waddington sat in the belfry and produced the lead-ends at the conclusion of the peal.

NORTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 4	THOMAS T. GOSTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. Arranged for Mr. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	GEORGE STAFF ... 6
WALTER STAFF 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
JAMES INGHAM 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
FRED BIGGS 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
JOHN EVANS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
*ROLAND BIGGS 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

WHEALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY HARGREAVES Treble	THOMAS JACKSON ... 5
ARTHUR EXTON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
H. BERTRAM POTTS ... 3	WILLIAM PROCTER ... 7
*GEORGE GARRETT 4	*HARRY PICKUP ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. All are service ringers at the above church with the exception of 6th ringer.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*NORMAN LEECH Treble	ALBERT LESLIE DUNN 5
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 2	JAMES WILLIAM SMITH 6
FRANK WILLIAM GIBBS 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
HAROLD AMPHLETT 4	†CHARLES W. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells by a local band, who are all regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank William Gibbs.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERTRAM GRIMSHAW Treble	†THOMAS ISHERWOOD 5
†JAMES JACKSON 2	†JOHN WISE 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	THOMAS WALLWORK 7
*JAMES CORBRIDGE 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY Treble	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 5
*ERNEST W. SAVAGE 2	HENRY SMALE 6
ALBERT HOBDEN 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 4	ERNEST GOWER Tenor

Composed by S. J. BRIERLEY.

Conducted by E. GOWER.

* First peal in the method. The peal was arranged for Mr. H. Smale, of Harlow Common, Essex, who was made a member of the association prior to starting.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	FRANK AINSLEY 5
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
ROBERT L. PATTERSON 4	JOHN J. LEIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Philip N. W. Strong, who was inducted by the Bishop of Durham on January 26th. * First peal away from the covering tenor. J. J. Leighton has now rung a peal on every bell in the three eight-bell towers in Sunderland.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD RUSHTON Treble	†ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. 6
*JOSEPH OWEN 3	†PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*EVERETT FORD 4	*RICHARD YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. † 50th peal together. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and third as they only commenced to learn to ring less than a year ago.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes, 3½
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S THREE-PART, No. 58.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BRADSMOORE 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Downager Lady Burion, of Rangemore Hall, Burton-on-Trent, patroness of the living of St. Paul's.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
*MRS. G. H. CROSS 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	HERRBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the seventh and tenor ringers. First peal of London as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Langley, Miss A. Langley and Miss I. Wolstencroft.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
*CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. George S. Bayley (father of ringer of the third), who passed away on the previous day in his 93rd year, at the residence of his eldest son, the Rev. George Bayley, Vicar of Huntingdon.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED FALLON	Treble	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL ...	2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ...	6
JOSEPH FLAVELL ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL ...	7
ERIC N. SANT ...	4	ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* 100th peal for this society. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Boswell (parents of the conductor); also as a 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. Knight (mother of Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton), and as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield. The band express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Boswell for their hospitality after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MILLETT	Treble	FRANK WILCON	4
ALF PALMER	2	LESLIE HURREN	5
STAN REES	3	C. H. HAWKINS	Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

Rung as a farewell to Canon Watcyn Morgan before taking up his duties as Dean of St. David's.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR CARTER	Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
WILLIAM RIMELL	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
*ARTHUR DEVEREUX ...	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

BIGBY, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*CHARLES H. BIRD	Treble	MRS. J. BRAY	4
JACK BRAY	2	*BERNARD GILLAIT, JUN. ...	5
†GEORGE L. HALL	3	FRANK LORD	Tenor

Conducted by F. LORD.

* First of Minor in five methods. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ANBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN C. ROYDON	Treble	GEORGE GILLING	4
FRED HAWKINS	2	EDWARD J. AVERY	5
EDWARD G. NORTON ...	3	*GILBERT E. GRIFFIN ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Then tenor ringer was proposed a member before starting.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	4
*ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	2	ERNEST BENNETT ...	5
*HARRY PARKER ...	3	JOHN WORTH ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. PATTENDEN	Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON	4
CHARLES TRIBE	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER	5
WILLIAM P. TICKNER ...	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

Arranged as a birthday peal for Mrs. Pattenden.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ...	4
*EDWARD S. T. FARR ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three methods. Rung on the 59th birthday of Mr. W. E. Taylor, and also as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Davis.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

JOHN J. BASSETT	Treble	TOM SAUNDERS	4
CHARLES H. SONE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	5
WILLIAM DURHAM	3	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

POTTENHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	4
GEORGE E. CLODE ...	2	RAYMOND J. PHILPOTT ...	5
C. ERNEST SMITH ...	3	ALFRED H. POLLING ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Marshall, of Puttenham, on the 42nd anniversary of their wedding, and Mr. Marshall's 67th birthday.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Tuesday, January 6th, at All Saints' Church, Feering, Essex, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, S. Pye 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludd 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the church and members of All Saints' Guild. This was the first peal by the Guild. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mrs. M. Hamilton, who had resided at the Vicarage with her daughter. Also as a mark of respect to the late Princess Royal.

POLEBROOK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt (approx.).

*GEORGE W. JEFFES Treble	*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	CHARLES WHITNEY 4
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells for the Guild, the last peal on them having been rung about 40 years ago.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

PERCIVAL R. NASH Treble	WILLIAM MAPP 4
HUBERT JONES 2	FORREST T. MASSEY 5
WILLIAM R. NASH 3	WILLIAM HABBERLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Hon. G. L. Hamilton-Russell, eldest son of Viscount and Viscountess Boyne, of Burwarton Hall, and Miss Joan Verney, daughter of Sir Harry and Lady Joan Verney, of 1, Rutland Gardens. The ceremony took place on January 20th at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS Treble	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells since relanging. The striking of this peal was creditable in spite of the indifferent 'go' of the bells.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ROBERT LEWIS Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS 4
*A. OLIVER LEWIS 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	HARRY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal for the above association. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Raxter, an esteemed member of the local band, who was married on this day at Droitwich.

KING'S CLIFFE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER WALDRON Treble	JAMES BLUFF 4
†GEORGE SLAUGHTER 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
JOHN R. NICHOLS 3	*LEONARD A. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six in 1930. The ringers of the treble and tenor were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On January 22nd, 720 College Exercise: J. Walter, jun., 1, B. H. Wells 2, A. Holman 3, C. Killick 4, H. K. Hooper 5, H. R. Thorpe (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except 2nd and tenor

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION AT LINDFIELD.

The meeting of the Central Division at Lindfield on Saturday, January 24th, should be recorded as very successful from the point of view of numbers present, methods rung, and from a social standpoint. Nearly fifty attended. A special service was held in church, the Vicar (Rev. S. Swan) officiating and delivering the address. A collection taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 15s. 6d.

Those present then adjourned to the Tiger, where an excellent tea had been provided by the kindness of the Vicar and Lady Bagot, who were there to welcome the members on their arrival.

At the conclusion of tea, and before Lady Bagot left the room, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to her and to the Vicar for their generous hospitality, and this was acknowledged in an excellent speech by Lady Bagot.

The usual business meeting followed, mostly of a routine nature, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master.—Frederick Roy Langford (Seaford) and Alfred Morris (Lewes) were elected members. The election of Mr. F. W. Burnett (Portsmouth) and Mr. J. O. Weller (Westerham, Kent) as non-resident members was confirmed.

At the close of the meeting the Vicar, who is an 'Old Blue,' gave an interesting account of his historic row from Dover to Calais in 3 hrs. 50 mins.—a record for pair-oared craft which has not been broken.

The company returned to the tower, where ringing was again resumed till eight o'clock, the methods brought round ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

Mention should be made of the valuable support of the local members, to whose endeavours much of the success of the meeting was due. The towers represented were Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and The Good Shepherd), Balcombe, Bolney, Coleman's Hatch, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Heene, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Shoreham, Lewes (Southover), Tunner's Hill.

The following is copied from a stone in the churchyard:—

'In Memory of
Richard Turner,
who died November 13th, 1763,
aged 21 years.

Long was my Pain, Great was my Grief,
Surgeons I'd many, but no relief.
I trust through Christ to rise with the Just.
My Leg and Thigh was hurried fast.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held on Saturday at St. Stephen's, City, and despite the unfavourable weather a good number of ringers and friends were present. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and some of the members had their first pull on ten bells, rounds and 'Queen's' being mainly the order. The usual service was conducted by the Rev. S. R. Worters, of Brislington, who stepped into the breach at very short notice, owing to the indisposition of the Rector (the Rev. W. G. H. Thomas). The organist and choir boys were in attendance. Tea was afterwards excellently served by the ladies at St. Thomas' Parish Hall. The Master of the association (Rev. E. S. Saleby) was present, and afterwards presided over the business meeting.

The annual report and balance sheet showed an increase of performing members, and was passed by the meeting as satisfactory. Places for four quarterly meetings during the year were selected as follows: March, St. James', Bristol; June, Abbots Leigh; September, Westbury-on-Trym and Henbury combined; December, Brislington. St. Luke's, Badminton, was chosen for the next monthly meeting.

All the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. S. R. Worters for taking the service, to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies for waiting at tea.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A meeting was held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, with a fairly good attendance. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods were brought round. A short service was held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Harill, with the Rev. C. H. Barker at the organ. A capital tea was laid in the schoolroom.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his helpful and inspiring address, use of bells, etc., and to the ladies who attended to the wants of those at the tea tables, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with applause.

In response, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the members, and expressed the hope that they would come again in the near future. Handbells were brought into use, and Messrs. J. Jaggard and J. Screen delighted the audience with a well-worn but ever welcome tune, followed by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters.

The next meeting is provisionally fixed to take place at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on April 18th.

BELL SOLD TO PAY WATER CHARGES.**WHY GATESHEAD HAS A LIGHT PEAL.**

The Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had a very enjoyable meeting at Gateshead-on-Pyne on Saturday, January 17th. About twenty members attended from Newcastle, South Shields, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, Chester-le-Street, etc., and after some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise, etc., during the afternoon, the party adjourned to the Anchorage, an old schoolroom near the church, for tea.

Mr. Wm. Story, of Newcastle, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and said it was always a pleasure to come to Gateshead, as the association were always made welcome.—Canon Stephenson, in responding, told a humorous story which had been dug out of the old records of the church. It appears that in the olden days the water supply for the parish was got from the little village of Heworth, and on one occasion the churchwardens of Gateshead were hard up and unable to meet the water bill. To settle the matter they gave Heworth one of their bells, and it is hanging in the tower of that church to this day. The churchwardens were left with seven bells, a very awkward number for ringing, and to get over this further difficulty they had the bells recast into eight, which accounted for the comparatively light weight of the peal now in the tower.

Thanks were accorded, on the motion of the president (Mr. E. E. Ferry) to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and it was decided, on the suggestion of the chairman, Mr. R. L. Patterson, Sunderland, to write Mr. F. Robson, West Hartlepool, the secretary for the district, expressing sympathy with him in his illness.

Messrs. Barber, Davidson, Anderson and Parker rang a touch of Bob Major on handbells, and some tune ringing by Messrs. Barber and Davidson with four bells each was loudly applauded.

The tower was then revisited, and the bells kept going until after eight o'clock.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Jarrow on March 7th.

A GOOD RECORD.

At Shouldham, Norfolk, on Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: W. Stewart 1, A. V. Bowen 2, G. Placco 3, A. Kirchen 4, B. Malby 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob by the same band for morning service on Christmas Day. This band, with the addition of K. Porter, G. Rudd, and Miss E. H. J. Price, have rung for every service on Sundays throughout the whole year, which is a record for the village. All the ringers are residents in the parish.

WELL-KNOWN LADY RINGER MARRIED.**CEREMONY AT ISHAM**

A wedding of considerable interest to ringers in all districts took place at St. Peter's Church, Isham, on Saturday, January 17th, the bride being Miss Cecil E. Hepburn, niece and adopted daughter of Mr. Walter T. Wilson, the treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. She was one of the pioneers of lady ringers in Northamptonshire, and was the first secretary of the Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild. Miss Hepburn has taken part in many peals in various belfries, and is life member of several other societies. The bride rang her first peal at the age of 14, and conducted from the tenor the ladies' peal at Isham in 1923. The bridegroom was Mr. R. Geoffrey Sandifer, who is a member of the East Haddon belfry. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Walter T. Wilson, the wedding was of a very quiet nature, and the reception already arranged for had to be cancelled at the last moment. The church had been beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. E. J. Atkins, R.D. Many well-known ringers were present, including Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Guild, Miss Thursfield, secretary of the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet. As the bridal party left the church, to walk through an archway of copies of the newspapers, 'Kettering Leader' and 'Evening Telegraph,' with which the bride has been associated during the whole of her business career, the bells were 'fired' and rung by the following lady ringers, all of whom are friends of the bride: Miss D. M. Atkins, Miss Mary Randall and Miss Dorothy Lewis (of Isham), Miss Kittie Moore (Weekley), Miss S. Thursfield (Cranford) and Mrs. Norman (Rothwell). No peal had been arranged owing to Mr. Wilson's illness.

Many messages of congratulations and good wishes were received from ringers from all parts of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer received many beautiful and valuable presents, including a breakfast service from the Isham belfry and a gift from the Rothwell members of the Ladies' Guild.

A THRIVING HUNTS BAND.

At the Parish Church of All Saints, Hartford, Hunts, on Sunday, January 25th, 720's of Bob Minor were rung by the regular Sunday service ringers at both morning and evening services: C. Pannell 1, E. Pannell 2, H. Lindford 3, J. M. Pannell 4, J. Smart 5, R. Hibberd 6. The band, which has been learning method ringing since March, 1930, under Mr. J. Smart, is now in a thriving condition, five new ringers having joined in the new year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mansfield Ginn, of Over, Cambs, who is 18 years of age and the son of Mr. A. J. Ginn, captain of Over ringers, took part in more than one hundred 720's in the year 1930, nearly 80 of which were rung for church services.

The vacant space on the fine peal board at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, is soon to be filled up. The peal of London Surprise, for which space was left, has been rung, and is the eighth Surprise method of which a peal has been rung on the bells since August, 1926.

The peal of London on Saturday was the first in which Mr. Harry Langley has taken part since his serious illness two years ago, and the band were delighted to have him back again in apparently complete health.

One hundred and thirty years ago to-day the Society of London Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Whitechapel. It was 'composed and called' by John Reeves.

The first Surprise peal in the Metropolis was a 5,600 Superlative rung at Bethnal Green on February 9th, 1850.

One hundred and ten years ago next Thursday a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Oldham in 7 hrs. 26 mins.

The peal of Bob Major at Crayford, reported in last week's issue, was rung on Friday, January 16th, not Saturday, the 17th.

In Parliamentary language, the reply to an inquiry made by the Helmingham ringers is in the affirmative. The first peal of Kent Surprise Major was called by Mr. George Dent, of Harlow, very shortly after the publication of the method.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will secretaries please note that subscriptions on the revised scale became due on January 1st last, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, 165, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6. Honorary members are also invited to subscribe towards the funds.

For pro. E. ALEX. YOUNG,
W. A. CAVE.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The local committee of the Lancashire Association (with Mr. C. I. Davies as hon. secretary), who are making preparations for the Council's visit to Liverpool at Whitsun, have been able to arrange for headquarters at the Stork Hotel, where special terms will be granted to members.

The Lord Mayor has granted the use of the Town Hall for the meeting on Tuesday, May 26th, and although he may be on holiday himself he will, if absent from the city, arrange for an official welcome to the Council by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

The Council's visit to Liverpool promises to be an interesting and memorable one.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS. COMMITTEE EXPLAIN FURTHER DELAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We shall be glad if you will publish the following statement. Last Whitsuntide, at its meeting at Lambeth, the Central Council approved the publication of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' and voted a sufficient sum to defray the cost.

The MSS. were accordingly sent to the printer. The book has been in type for some months, and the final correction of proofs made. The Council is committed to an expenditure of over £70, a substantial part of which, we believe, has been paid on account. After the book was already in print, the hon. secretary informed us that instructions had been given by him that the names of the executive officers of the Council were to appear on the cover instead of those of the authors, as had always been done before, and announced just before leaving for South Africa that, unless his instructions were carried out, he would not pass the account.

To this demand we objected on the following grounds among others:—

(1) It is a departure from the thirty-five years' old custom of the Council and is entirely unauthorised.

(2) It is a breach of the tacit agreement between us and the Council, under which we gave our time and labour but surrendered no rights in our property.

(3) It is an infringement of our legal copyright. This, indeed, is the root of the matter.

The Council has never made any claim to the ownership of copyright of books produced by its members and published by it, and we feel bound to resist on behalf of others as well as ourselves this unprecedented demand of the hon. secretary that we should surrender our rights.

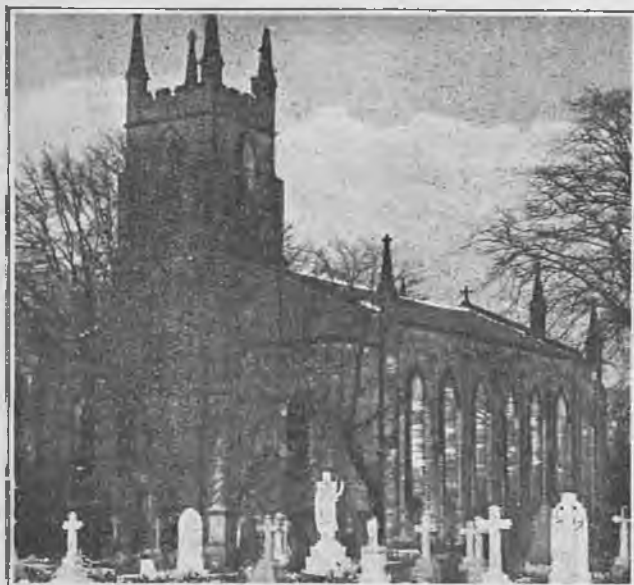
We greatly regret the disappointment caused to members of the Exercise who have been anxiously awaiting the issue of the book, but at the same time we have no alternative to withholding publication until this untenable claim to ownership of copyright (implied and expressed) be definitely withdrawn.

H. LAW JAMES.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
E. S. POWELL.

THE BELLS OF NORBURY, CHESHIRE

A CELEBRATED TOWER.

'Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire,' is a place known, at any rate by name, to a large number of ringers, for it was here that the possibilities of method splicing were first so completely demonstrated. Prior to 1925, many six-bell peals were rung culminating in the peal of 35 methods rung in December, 1923. Soon after that a great scheme of church restoration was embarked upon, including the recasting of four of the six bells and the addition of four new ones, the two oldest of the six, which came originally from Disley Church and bear the date 1617, being preserved in the church. Since then the Norbury ringers have done much to justify the possession of an octave, and last Saturday saw the culmination of their aspirations in the ringing of a peal of London Surprise Major, the eighth Surprise method in which a peal on the new bells has been rung.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

The two ancient bells which have now gone into honoured retirement were cast by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, and hung in Disley Church. These two, with three others, were at a later date brought to Norbury, when Disley got a new ring of six, and Norbury's bells were also made into a peal of six. They were rehung by William Greenleaf, of Hereford, about the year 1900, and it was in 1925 that the present peal came from the Loughborough Foundry. The old and new inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—(Peter Lee, Esq., 1750.) Recast 1925, as the Gift of the Nonconformists of Hazel Grove.

'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is,
Brethren to dwell together in unity.'

Weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

2.—(Peter Lee, Lord of Lime, Daniel Hepperley, F.R. 1748.) Recast 1925. In Memory of the Men of this Parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918. 'For God, King, and Country.' Weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

3.—Ringers' Bell, 1925. In Memory of Private Herbert Williamson, Loyal North Lancs. Regiment, who died December 15th, 1918, aged 38. For many years a ringer at this Church. Weight 4 cwt. 24 lb.

4.—Dedicated by the Freemasons of Hazel Grove and District, 1925. (Square and Compasses.) 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.' Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

5.—(Thomas, of London, Founder. God Save this Church. Thomas Leigh, Esq., Lyme Park. 1837.) Recast 1925. Weight 5 cwt. 16 lb.

6.—(All people may behold and see the workes of good Sir Peeter Leigh, 1682.) Recast 1873 and again recast 1925. Two crests on waist. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

(Continued in next column.)

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

WAS STEDMAN A CAMBRIDGE GRADUATE?

To the Editor.

Sir,—While we are thinking of the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman, there is one factor in his little known history that it would prove interesting to explore. 'Tintinnalogia' stands by itself as a book on ringing, and bears many marks that suggest the academical rather than the tradesman.

His residence in Cambridge, coupled with our lack of knowledge of his activities, seems to hint at the possibility that he may have been connected with one of the colleges. Is it too much to hope that some resident member of the Cambridge University Guild will make a search of University records on the off chance of discovering that he may have been at least a graduate of Cambridge?—Yours truly,

E. S. POWELL.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW WEALD BELLS TO BE AUGMENTED.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday last, was noticeable for the enthusiasm displayed by the large number of members present. The Rector (Rev. A. H. Lloyd), who is an hon. member, gave the association a cordial welcome to that ancient and historic church, and treated his hearers to an illuminating address. Some 75 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, at the close of which Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) thanked the Rector and Mrs. Lloyd, the Rev. L. C. and Mrs. Loveless, Mr. R. E. Geare (churchwardens), and several others for the splendid welcome given to the association that afternoon, and for a tea worth much more than the small sum charged for it. The Rector, in a witty speech, replied, and it is certain that it will not be long before his invitation to come again will be accepted.

After some handbell ringing by Messrs. Trollope, Cross, Thomas and the brothers Pye, the usual business meeting was held. Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) took the chair, being supported by Messrs. A. W. Coles (District Master), W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer), G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), W. Pye (Association Master), and C. T. Coles (hon. secretary). Amongst the many welcome 'visitors' present were Messrs. W. H. Hollier and J. A. Trollope, hon. secretary and vice-president of the South and West District. A letter from the president, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, regretting his inability to attend, was read by the hon. secretary.

After the minutes had been passed, the members present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wilby J. Hazell, of Edmonton, who had been a member for about 23 years, and to the late Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. W. D. Smith, a most respected member since the association was formed.

The balance sheet, which showed a credit balance on the year's working as well as a sum of £5 paid to the Isleworth bell augmentation fund, was adopted, and it was noted that the assets of the district amount to the sum of £99 14s. 11d.

Twenty-eight new members were elected, including the Rev. L. C. Loveless (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) as an hon. member.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, and a vacancy on the Central Committee, which arose during the year, was filled by the election of Mr. H. Kilby (Willesden).

All Saints', Edmonton, was chosen for the next annual meeting, and St. Mark's, Dalston, for the next district meeting for March 7th.

The hon. secretary drew the attention of members to the appeal made for the erection of a memorial to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, one of the founders and late president of the association. A sum of about £15 was needed to carry out the scheme to place a mural tablet in Barnet Parish Church, and members were urged to support this.

Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer), on behalf of the committee, moved that a donation of £5 be given to the Harrow Weald band towards the cost of adding two bells to the existing six. It was intended to rebang the present peal, and the local ringers had undertaken to raise the sum of £100 for two new bells, and it was towards this that the sum voted was to be placed.—Mr. G. B. Lucas seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.—Mr. G. R. Goodship thanked the members for their generosity.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded the Rev. A. H. Lloyd (St. Giles') and the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes) for the use of the bells at those churches, and to many others for valuable help rendered.

Ringing in a great variety of methods, ranging from Grand sire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, and Stedman Caters to Cambridge Royal, besides rounds for several learners present, took place at the two churches named above during the afternoon and evening, and it was estimated that upwards of 80 members took part.

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7.—To Deum Laudamus. A Thankoffering from the Congregation, 1925. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Tenor.—Nisi Dominus Frustra. 1925. Arthur James Humphreys, B.A., B.D., Vicar. Edward Donovan Reeman, B.A., Curate. John W. Fernley, John T. Coles, Wardens. Weight, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. Note F sharp. Each has on the waist the Foundry mark of Taylor.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 74.)

Now suppose one of my readers sits down and, taking the hint I have given him, writes out some of these peals. The chances are that he will get a peal which has never before been written out. Whose peal will that be? He has got the key of the composition from Mr. Lindoff. If he does not know how to bob his 'Q sets,' so as to add the other courses, he can find out from articles I have written from time to time in the ringing papers. According to recognised standards, he could call the peal his own, but, surely, he has done nothing except follow instructions given him by other people. Shall we, then, say that all these compositions are Mr. Lindoff's, since his peal contains the key of them all? I am afraid that that will not quite do.

I turn to 'The Clavis' and I find there a peal of Bob Major. Except that it is a three-part and has the sixty course-ends, it is apparently as unlike Mr. Lindoff's as any peal could well be. We look for the key of it, and we find it in the following set of bobs:—

23456 B. 5th, 4th.

35264	1	—	—
42635	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

Not very much like the key of the Double Norwich, you may say at first sight, but if you look closer you will see that, allowing for the differences of the bob making in the two methods, one is the almost exact equivalent of the other. They both have the effect of joining together an even number of full and short courses, and they are able to do so for the same reason. Both make peals with the sixty course-ends possible.

Now I do not suppose for one minute that Mr. Lindoff copied his peal from Reeves. Nor, if he had, would he have been doing anything other than competent composers continually do. But I do think it quite possible that a man having found the key of Reeves' peal might have thought something like it was possible in Double Norwich. And once he started to look for it he could hardly miss it. Anyhow, we do know of these keys in Bob Major and Double Norwich, and we will ask: Are there any equivalents in any of the other groups of Plain Methods? What of Double Bob, for instance? We turn to the tables of lead-ends in 'Major Methods' and we do not need to search very long. Here it is:—

23456 B. W.

52436	—	—
23564	—	—
62534	—	—
23645	—	—
42635	—	—
23456	—	—

To this we can easily add the other fifty-four courses by bobbing 'Q sets.' We can do as John Reeves did and try and make our peal as near 5,000 as possible; or we can do as Mr. Lindoff did and try and make our peal as long as is possible. This has not yet been done, so I will leave off writing this article and work it out:—

23456 B. M. W. R.

24536	1	2
25346	1	2
35642	1	3
32546	2	1
24653	1	2
52643	3	1
43526	2	1
52436	1	1
23564	1	—

The curious may settle, if they can, how far this is an original peal and who the author is, if there be one. Meanwhile, we have a good instance of how compositions, apparently quite dissimilar, are really related to each other.

(To be continued.)

A FRIEND OF RINGERS.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF BRAY.

Ringers in the Oxford Diocese have lost a good friend by the death of the Rev. W. S. Riddelsdale, M.A., Vicar of Bray and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who died at the Vicarage on Saturday. Mr. Riddelsdale was taken ill on Thursday, January 22nd, after conducting the funeral of an old inhabitant.

The Rev. W. S. Riddelsdale had for some years presided at the various meetings of the branch, and one could not but be impressed by his sound advice and sincere sympathy in various matters which arose for discussion. His services in the branch will be greatly missed, and the sympathy of the members goes out to those who are left in bereavement.

THE RULES OF TRUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When you say it would not be a very big step from having to recognise a peal of 5,160 Bob Minor, in which two courses had been added in the middle of one of the 720's, to the recognition of the attempted long peal at Painswick, you are comparing two incommensurable things.

If a peal, or, indeed, any change ringing, is attempted, and in the course of it any change, or changes, are repeated, that ringing is false. It is not recorded, not because of any rules, but because it is false. Nothing that the Central Council, or any other body could do, could ever make it anything else. It does not matter a bit whether the Painswick ringers are affiliated to the Central Council, or to any other body, they cannot make their 17,665 true, if any changes are repeated. If they were to attempt to record it as a peal, they would cease to be change ringers. They might call the ringing glorified call changes, but they could not call it true changes, because they obviously are not true.

Now there are other attempts which fail, not because they are in themselves wrong, but because conventions or rules have been made to shut them out. Thus an attempt at a long peal may break down after 5,000 changes have been rung, but it cannot be recorded as a peal, although it may have been quite true as far as it went, and may have included the necessary number of changes. This is a mere convention, which has been handed down to us. The Central Council could change this if it seemed good to do so, though it is not likely to, nor is any other body of change ringers.

In the case of five and six bells, there is a further convention. Because the extent does not run to 5,000 changes, repetitions are allowed. The way in which these repetitions are made is subject to rules, arbitrarily made. We may agree with these rules, or disagree, and want them altered. But we cannot say that it is impossible to alter them. In short, there is no inflexible truth in a 5,040 of Double or Minor. There cannot be, as the extent of true changes is not great enough.

It is not a fair argument for either side, in the proposals still before us, to say that the other side are lowering the standard of ringing, or that if one takes a step in one direction, one is therefore bound, or even likely, to take a step in quite another direction.

One may say that in Minor, each 720 must be true and complete in itself, and must be completed before beginning another. This is quite a good argument, but it bears with it the implication that it would be a step in advance, if a few rounds were rung between each 720.

Others may say that two or more 720's may well be intertwined. We may not like this, but there is no real argument in saying that it is a retrograde suggestion, especially as it is in that way that progress is now being made, e.g., in splicing methods. Nor is it right to assume that those who adopt this position may not also hold the opinion that no 'peal' of Minor should exceed 5,040 changes.

Arguments should be used for what they are worth, neither more nor less.

HERBERT DRAKE.

DEATH OF AN OLD BOLSTERSTONE RINGER.

The death occurred on Tuesday, January 20th, of Mr. Jas. T. Shaw, of Deepcar, who passed away at the age of 66 years.

Mr. Shaw had not been well for some time, and had not worked, but the end came very suddenly and unexpectedly. He was one of the original band who learnt to ring at Bolsterstone, under the tuition of the late Mr. David Brearley, when the bells were hung in 1892. He was a safe ringer and a good striker, and had rung about twenty peals for the Yorkshire Association. For several years, however, he had not rung, as the climb up to Bolsterstone, which is a thousand feet above sea level, was too much for him.

He was buried on Saturday, January 24th, when the local ringers, together with Mr. Samuel Harrison, of Conisborough, and Mr. W. A. Wooler, of Wortley, rang the tower bells, deeply muffled, as the funeral procession came up the hill and again as they went to the graveside for the committal service.

DEATH OF MRS. PRINCE, OF GRESFORD.

At the advanced age of 96 years, Mrs. Prince, of Gresford, mother of Mr. Arthur Prince, of Bath, passed away on January 22nd. On the previous Monday evening she was taking a walk when she unfortunately slipped and broke her right thigh.

The interment took place at Gresford Parish Church on Monday week, the service being conducted, in the absence of the Vicar (Ven. Archdeacon J. E. Williams), by the Rev. J. H. Barker-Owen, Rector of Isy-Coed, a very close friend.

Mrs. Prince was well known to many ringing visitors to Gresford, where her husband, who died in 1923 at the age of 90, was at one time a member of the band, and where, also, Mr. Arthur Prince commenced his ringing career.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.**

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday at Leatherhead, there being an attendance of about thirty, who in the afternoon and evening participated in ringing at the Parish Church, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, conducted the Guild's service, and subsequently presided over the tea and meeting held at the Institute. He was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), the District Ringing Master (Mr. A. Harman), the district hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith), Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. D. Cooper (hon. secretary of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association) Mr. D. Wright (Croydon), and members of the Guild from Ashted, Banstead, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom, Guildford, Leatherhead and Newdigate and visitors from Croydon and Benhillton.

The balance sheet showed that the subscriptions from members amounted to £26 13s., and the balance in hand had been increased from 8s. 9d. to £2 3s. This was considered most satisfactory, and was adopted, as was also the officers' report, which stated that 61 ringing and four hon. members paid subscriptions. Although ringing in the district had not entirely reached the standard hoped for, yet in some towers steady progress had been made. The bells at Christ Church, Epsom, had been restored during the year, but nothing had yet been done to Chapel bells, which were out of commission. The reorganised scheme of combined practices had been carried out with varying success, and the officers appealed to the members for better support in this direction. They would like to see more members visiting other towers than their own.

Four new members were elected, and the election of four others in a tower confirmed.

The District Ringing Master and hon. secretary were re-elected. There were four nominations for two places on the executive committee, but two candidates having withdrawn, Messrs. G. Marriner and W. Newberry were returned unopposed. The Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was re-elected as an hon. members' representative.

Although the general secretary intimated that he desired to resign at the next annual meeting of the Guild, all the retiring general officers were re-nominated.

Christ Church, Epsom, Newdigate, and Banstead were chosen for district meetings during the year, with a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Rammore on July 25th, and the annual meeting of the district at Leatherhead in January, 1932. It was decided to provide an instructor for Dorking tower, the arrangements being left to the district committee.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the district officers (including Mr. Alan Pink, whose removal from the district caused him to resign the secretaryship in the course of the year), and to the Vicar and the Leatherhead ringers, particularly Mr. Arthur Dean, for their assistance in making the meeting a success. The members then returned to the belfry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) was held at Folkingham on Saturday, January 24th, when a very good attendance was made, ringers being present from Surfleet, Spalding, Peterborough, Bourne, Grantham, Nottingham, Whittlesey, Market Deeping, Edenham, Morton, Rippingale, Hough, and the local band. The Rector (the Rev. F. V. Heath) kindly allowed the use of bells during the afternoon and evening, and a good variety of Minor methods were successfully brought round, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. It was also pleasing to see a number of young ringers scoring their first touch in different methods, and also those ringing rounds for the first time.

Service was held in the fine old church, which is of the Perpendicular period. The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) officiated in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

The tea and business meeting were held at the Greyhound Hotel, an historical old coaching inn, which was a favourite midway calling place for coaches bound from Peterborough to Lincoln. A most sumptuous tea was provided, 27 sitting down.

At the business meeting the Rev. H. Law James presided, and the usual routine was transacted. There were no changes made in the officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. T. Kew, W. Exton and G. Beever, of Rippingale, were elected as performing members; Mr. J. Gibbard, jun., of Rippingale, and Miss F. Humphrey, of Folkingham, were accepted as probationers of the Southern Branch.

It was decided to hold the April meeting at Edenham, when it is hoped that the work being done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. will have been completed at this tower by the adding of two new trebles, and so making a peal of eight.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of bells, to the Rev. H. Law James for conducting the service, and to all who had made the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting. The tower was then again visited and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

C. T. H. B.

POLICE RINGERS.**A NATIONAL GUILD FORMED.**

Thanks to the initiative of Inspector W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Force, and the able co-operation of Detective-Constable Poole, of Leicester, a raid was made on the latter city on Saturday, January 24th, by police ringers from various parts of the country, including splendid musters from London and Manchester.

A company of nearly forty adjourned to the Police Recreation Rooms on arrival, owing to the Cathedral bells not being available during the morning. Whilst some refreshed the inner man, others endeavoured to emulate the prowess of Lindrum at billiards and Davis at snooker, with varying degrees of efficiency. Inspector Bottrill made use of the occasion to call an impromptu meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a National Guild of Police Ringers. The idea was received with enthusiasm and adopted forthwith. Inspector Bottrill was unanimously elected the first president, and Detective-Constable Harold Poole secretary and treasurer.

The President said he hoped the formation of the Guild would be the means of bringing all police ringers throughout the country in contact and lead to the arrangement of many successful social and ringing gatherings. It would probably also add to the interest taken in ringing by heads of forces, who would, perhaps, be induced to join the Guild as hon. members, and by their interest do all they could to facilitate the bringing together of members of the forces who became members.

In the afternoon the bells of St. John-the-Divine and St. Margaret's Churches were available for ringing, and full use was made of these splendid peals of ten and twelve respectively, even to the extent of trying 'Cambridge Maximus.'

Tea was taken at the Co-operative Society's cafe, and the company then again adjourned to the Recreation Rooms, where a hearty welcome was extended to the visitors by the chief constable of Leicester City, Mr. Oswald J. B. Cole, who was formerly chief constable of Worcester, and who had lived under the shadow of Worcester Cathedral, and therefore appreciated a good peal of bells. He promised to use his influence with the Dean of Worcester should a band of police ringers ever aspire to attempt a peal on those famous bells.

Thanks were accorded to the chief constable for his kindness in attending, to Sergt. Jenney, of Leicester City, and Detective-Constable Poole for local arrangements, and to ringers who assisted in providing an entertainment of handbell music, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Everyone voted the day a most successful one, and returned home full of confidence as to the success of the newly-formed Guild, which received an excellent start in membership.

All police ringers are cordially invited to become members of the Guild, and will be duly enrolled on forwarding the first annual subscription of 1s. to the secretary at 326, Netherborough Road, Leicester. He will also be pleased to welcome hon. members, whose annual subscription has been fixed at 2s. 6d.

OLD SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. Joseph Last has removed from the parish of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, another of 'the boys of the Old Brigade.' His association with the ringers was of long standing, and being both a splendid conductor and a patient instructor, he will be greatly missed.

At about the age of 18, he joined the company of ringers, and very quickly repaid the labours of his tutors. In company with Mr. Frederick Clarke, who is the only survivor of the old band, he used to walk many miles to various churches for a pull, and many were the nights he came home with feelings of satisfaction and victory over a new peal which had been scored. From the time when the village bells were in an unringable condition he joined the Hasketon company and was a most regular member, and many young men, including the writer, did he put on the right road to the science of ringing. Ill-health during the past two years compelled him to curtail his activities as a campanologist, and he passed away on January 9th, at the age of 75 years. The funeral took place on January 12th, and sympathy was shown to the widow and family by the many friends who followed him to his resting place. In the evening eight members of the Suffolk Guild rang a half-muffled peal as a last token of respect and to his memory.

C. W. P.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the number of changes in the peal rung at Alburgh, Norfolk, on March 29th last, said to contain 5,104 changes of Double Norwich, and composed and conducted by me. I regret that only 4,992 changes were rung on this occasion; how the error was made is not clear to me, since a 5,104 can be obtained from this composition in several ways without much variation in the calling, and at the time, and since Friday last, I was convinced that the peal conformed to the usually accepted standards of our art. In withdrawing this peal, I have to thank the band for the sporting way in which my apology has been accepted.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

By kind permission of the Rector, a successful combined practice was held at the picturesque little village of Chenies (near Chalfont Road station), on Saturday, by members of the Misbourne Valley towers in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. Eighteen ringers attended from Chalfont St. Peter, Amersham, Chalfont St. Giles, Fulmer, Hillingdon and Iver Heath. The appearance of Chenies church inside and out is quite in keeping with the trim little village. The sweet-toned peal of six bells by Mears are in first-class ringing order, and were kept busy until 8.45, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

The ringers were warmly welcomed by the local band, who said they had enjoyed listening to the method ringing, and extended an invitation to the visitors to come again when possible.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, January 24th. Ringing commenced at 4.15 p.m., and continued until 5.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, where a substantial tea was soon disposed of.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. A. Waugh, of Woodford, was elected Master and Mr. J. G. A. Prior, of St. George-in-the-East, secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. P. D. Roberts was elected treasurer, Mr. A. E. Reeve re-elected steward, and Messrs. E. D. Smith and W. Hewson committee members.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness, concluded the business, and a return was then made to the tower for further ringing.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN DARLINGTON RINGER.

The death occurred at Darlington, on Sunday, January 25th, of Mr. William D. Lister, who was a ringer at St. John's Church for 42 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1885, and was also a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He rang regularly for service and practice from 1885 to 1927, when he was compelled to retire owing to failing health. He always retained great interest in ringing generally, and particularly in the progress of the company and tower of which he was a member for so many years. He was not a great peal ringer, his number being about 22. He took part in a peal by railwaymen to celebrate the centenary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1925 at Shildon, that being his last peal. Of a very genial disposition, he was greatly respected by a large number of ringers in Durham and Yorkshire, and by all who knew him.

The bells in the three Darlington towers were rung half-muffled for evening service on January 25th as a token of respect and esteem.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO CHURCH WITH TWO PEALS OF BELLS.

The January quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, January 24th, at Rugby. There was a fairly good attendance of members from Allesley, Brinklow, Chilvers Coton, Husbands Bosworth, Leamington, Lillington, Stoke, Warwick and Willoughby, together with the local band, while two visitors from the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were welcomed.

Various methods were rung on the eight bells of St. Andrew's Church from three o'clock until 4.30. A service was then held in the choir of the church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (Rev. J. W. Hunkin), who is also Rector of Rugby, and who gave a splendid address.

Tea was then partaken of at the Corner House Cafe, and the business meeting followed. The Ringing Master (Mr. J. H. W. White) presided in the absence of the president. Apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. L. White), Rev. J. A. B. Davies and Rev. J. H. Dingley.

Brinklow was decided upon for the February meeting, and Bedworth for March.

The question as to whether there should be reports issued covering the two years 1929-30 was discussed, and, the secretary having reported the balance in hand and the estimated cost, it was decided to proceed with the printing of the reports.

Six new members were elected, three from Brinklow, one from Chilvers Coton, and two from Rugby.

It was announced that the annual meeting would be held at Birmingham on April 18th, Mr. James George promising to make arrangements for the use of the bells of Bishop Ryder's Church and St. Chad's Cathedral.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and Mr. J. A. Fenton, who had made the necessary arrangements for the tea and meeting.

The members then returned to the church and ascended to the belfry in the old tower, where the five bells were rung for about half an hour before a return was made to the newer tower for ringing on eight bells, which continued until about eight o'clock. D. E. L.

YOUNG RINGER'S GREAT YEAR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please let me offer congratulations to Mr. James Bennett, jun., on his splendid record of 27 peals rung during 1930.

The record of his namesake, Ernest Bennett, of Norbury, Cheshire, is also worth mentioning. He also is 18 years of age, and his record for last year is 37 peals, 14 of which were Surprise Major peals in seven different methods: Bristol 2, Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 3, Pudsey 2, Rutland 1, Yorkshire 1. He also rang Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Double Norwich 4 (conducted two, one of which he also composed), Kent Treble Bob Major 2 (both conducted), Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 2, Minor in 1, 3, 4 and 7 methods 8 (conducted 3). On handbells: Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 2; total 37 (conducted 7). I may also mention that twelve peals were rung within eight days, and two ten-bell peals on the same day.

May both these young ringers and many other youngsters surpass their 1930 records during 1931.—Yours truly,

TOM WILDE.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon H. E. Hone (Rector of St. Mary's, Barnsley) in the absence of the Rev. H. R. H. Coney, Vicar of Felkirk, who had been appointed, but was called away at the last moment to visit a sick relative.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, Canon Hone presiding.

The auditors, Messrs. P. Hawthorthwaite and M. Perry, presented their report of balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand on the year's work of £2 19s. 1d., and was considered most satisfactory.

The retiring officers were Mr. A. Nash (president), Mr. H. Chant (treasurer), and Mr. A. Panther (secretary), and the whole were re-elected for another year.

Mr. J. Major, of Felkirk, and Mr. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, were elected members.

Horbury was selected for the next place of meeting. Mr. A. Nash put before the members a suggestion that the quarterly meeting be a joint meeting of the local associations.—It was finally agreed that it be left over for the representatives of each tower to consult their members and report at next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his address and use of the bells, and also to Mrs. Hone and helpers for the splendid tea served. Ringing, which took place in the afternoon, was continued after the meeting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEANERY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.

The annual meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, January 24th, at Castle Cary. Touches of Grandsire Triples were indulged in during the afternoon, and a choral service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. Preb. Ross, of Claverton, Bath (former Vicar and president of the Cary Deanery) being the preacher. After referring to the great pleasure it gave him to again address the ringers of the Cary Deanery, he gave an interesting address on the use of church bells, and mentioned some other early methods of calling people to worship. Tea was then partaken of in the Schoolroom by about 45 members, after which the business meeting followed.

The Rev. R. Moline, of North Cadbury, was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. E. F. Creed secretary, despite the fact that he wished to relinquish office owing to not having the time necessary to keep in close touch with the towers in the deanery.

To assist Mr. Creed, Mr. H. Sanger, of Evercreech, was appointed Ringing Master of the Deanery. Mr. E. F. Creed was also elected representative on the general committee.

Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, a letter was read from Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the association, explaining what portion of the deanery contribution can be used for instructional purposes. It was considered that the explanation given did not satisfactorily clear the matter up, and a representative committee was appointed to go into the subject and get a clearer ruling and to deal with other deanery matters. The committee elected was Mr. E. Creed (Castle Cary), Mr. H. Sanger (Evercreech), Mr. W. Tiley (Bruton), Mr. W. Osborn (North Cadbury), Mr. R. Look (Ditchat), Mr. Rainey (Marston Magna).

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Lupton, for the use of the bells and for asking the chair, to the Rev. Preb. Ross for his attendance and his address, to the choir and organist for their services, and to Mr. E. F. Creed for his untiring services in the past, and the ladies who so kindly waited upon the ringers at tea.

A return was afterwards made to the tower, where a busy and pleasant time was spent by members from Evercreech, Ditchat, Bruton, Babecary, Barton St. David, Henstridge, West Lydford, North Cadbury, Marston Magna, Yeovil and Castle Cary.

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. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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. (5s. per head). 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.

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. 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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Business meeting follows.—H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, Hants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, as guests of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar) and his wardens, in the Church Hall.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4. N.B.—Brentford bells (6) available from 2.30 to 4.30.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the school at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available early. Tea 5 p.m. Good attendance desired. — H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Beedon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Buses from Newbury at 2.20 p.m. (6 miles). — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

A JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual commemoration lunch will be held on Feb. 7th at the George Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. An 8-bell tower in or near Oxford will be available in the afternoon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good train and bus services.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped that members will turn up in force.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea provided at 6 o'clock for all ringers notifying me not later than Feb. 4th.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

A SIGN OF SPRING.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, February 7th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Institute 6. Cheap tickets from all parts either by motor coach or train.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Rd., Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Practice meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 7.30, and a social half-hour afterwards.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available 2.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Prince of Wales 5.15 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by Feb. 9th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. Please send numbers for tea by Feb. 9th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 4.30 p.m., Barker's Restaurant. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 10th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Laurence's at 6 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify me their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hoppood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 10th. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge (only for those who notify me by Feb. 11th). A good attendance requested. Buses leave Lincoln (Unity Square) for Welton 1.45, 2.45, 4; return 8 and 9.40.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Hunt, 8, Ranters Fold, Horbury, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, 12th. All ringers welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the morning of the 10th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Rd., Earl's Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral (12) and St. Stephen's (8) bells available from 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend service at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is particularly requested that members intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 12th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available after 2.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the Parish Hall at 5. Committee meeting at 4.30. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 11th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.30, followed by the business meeting in the Vestry. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at Castle Restaurant. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 12th? Visitors welcomed.—Walter Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. to those notifying me by Wednesday, Feb. 11th.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower opened 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 10th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Next meeting Buckland, near Faringdon, on Feb. 14th. Service 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. A. Webley, Faringdon, by the previous Wednesday.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and also at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, from 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Service will be at St. Clement Danes' Church at 4.45 p.m., and tea will be taken at The Willow Restaurant, 48, Essex Street, opposite, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at 6.30. All ringers and members are asked to make a special effort to be present.—Wm. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Beckley, 14, Lawn View, Station Road, Sutton, by Thursday, Feb. 12th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) ready from 4.30. All ringers welcome. Come and try this nice little lot.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Annual meeting at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street, 5. Notification for tea by February 12th, please.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The Bolton Borough Police have again invited ringers, their wives and friends to the Old Hall Street Club on Saturday, February 21st, for a 'free and easy' social. Please forward names to me not later than Thursday, 19th inst.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the first post on Thursday, Feb. 19th? Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells are available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly let me know not later than Feb. 18th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 43rd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at

the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and St. Chad's R.C. (8) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, by the Wilton Guild, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 51 mins.: E. J. Bull 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, A. W. Hayward (conductor) 7, S. G. Coles 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by all the band.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Berridge 1, Miss Elsie Smith 2, W. Bates 3, B. Shaw 4, N. Harrison 5, W. Biggin (conductor) 6, C. Bates 7, A. Fox 8. The above was rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Elsie Smith to Mr. Joseph Berridge, who are both capable ringers and natives of Norton parish.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. W. Clarke 1, H. Patrick 2, E. J. Sargeant 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evensong at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Osborne 1, H. Egby 2, A. W. Osborne 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, G. E. G. Moody (St. Mary's, Putney) 6, L. T. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Jeffery 8.

A SURREY RECTOR'S DEATH.

On Monday evening, January 19th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Shalford, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,440 changes) in 54 mins.: K. A. Girdler 1, W. Pullen 2, H. E. Schupke 3, H. O. Schupke 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, L. G. King 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and first as conductor.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. Hamilton Jackson, M.A., Vicar of Shalford since 1919, who was interred at Milton, Oxfordshire, earlier in the day. Mr. Jackson had been an hon. member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation. He had been ill for a long time, following an operation. On January 15th he was missed from his home, and later on his body was found in the Tillingbourne stream not far from the Rectory.

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