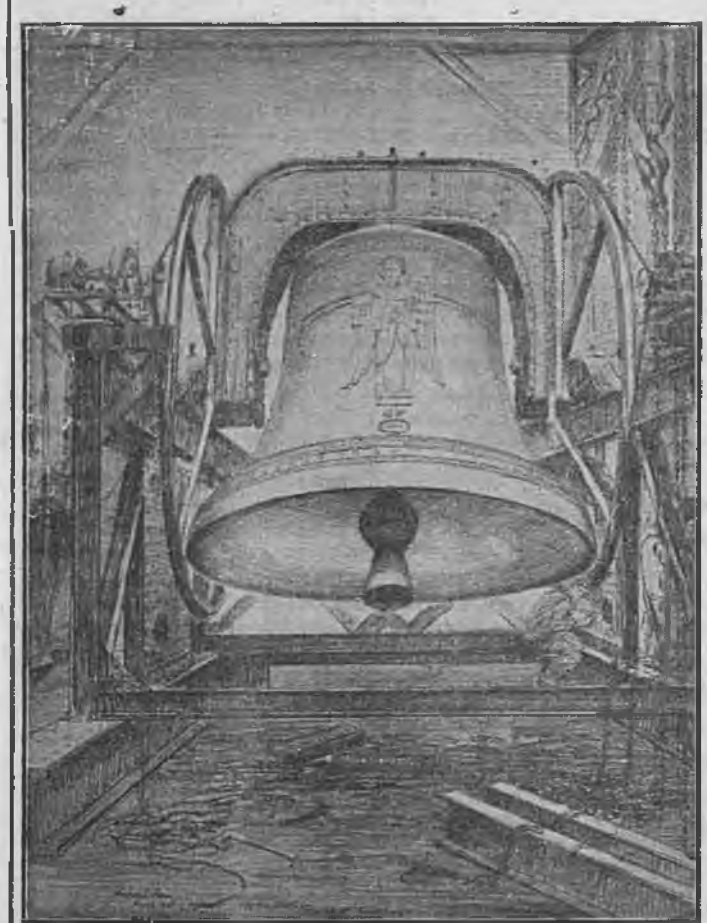
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EXTRA-TERRITORIAL PEALS.

A correspondent raises in a letter elsewhere in this issue a subject of general interest to peal ringers and to associations—that of a band visiting another association's territory and ringing a peal, which they put to the credit, not of the association into whose area they have come, but of their own 'home' organisation. It is not an uncommon practice, but it is one which sometimes raises a little feeling. Without inquiring too closely into the facts of the peal particularly mentioned by our correspondent, there is a strong case to be made out why a band, when ringing a peal, should, unless the circumstances are exceptional, credit the performance to the association or guild in whose area it has been rung. As a rule, it can be said that this practice is fairly generally carried out, and, where it is not observed, we have no doubt there is, in the great majority of cases, a perfectly valid reason in explanation.

Some years ago a motion was brought before the Central Council with the object of ensuring that peals should be rung for the associations in whose area the attempts were made, but so many obvious obstacles to such a scheme were forthcoming that the proposition was defeated. The activities of peal ringers cannot be controlled by the Council, and a matter of this kind, especially, must be left to the good feeling of those who take part. It may be somewhat galling to an association, under certain circumstances, to see ringers from another area using their towers for peal ringing without giving them whatever credit there may be, but the only remedy seems to be by gentle persuasion, to get those who are looked on as offenders to mend their ways.

If our correspondent is right, however, the action of the band in the peal in question was prompted by a very definite reason—the objection to paying a booking fee for the peal. There are many ringers who dislike paying booking fees, in the same way that there are many who object to paying steepleage. They object, not to the amount, but on principle. We must say, however, that where they take this line it would show more regard for the association which finds it necessary or desirable to charge a fee, if, while declining to pay the fees, the ringers also abstained from ringing peals in the towers attached to that association. This, perhaps, is a counsel of perfection, but it does seem to us that, unless the circumstances are exceptional, it is only an act of courtesy to give the credit to the association or guild in whose territory the peals are rung. It would be a pity if, as our correspondent suggests, any unpleasant feeling should arise between ringers on the Surrey and Sussex border,

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but the point which concerns the Exercise most is the general principle of whether the territorial organisation ought to be entitled to the credit of a peal—especially when it is rung by a band who are already members.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*ERIC J. COLE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	CHARLES WEBB	8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	9
HENRY H. FEARN	4	JOHN NEAL	10
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	A. PADDON SMITH	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal at first attempt on twelve bells. Specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted tittums and handstroke home positions to the memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	3	ROBERT W. GREEN	9
JESSE B. TYLER	4	JAMES BULLOCK	10
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD ...	5	HERBERT LANGDON	11
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	6	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

REV. H. LAW JAMES...	...*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	6
*FREDERICK J. FLOWERS ...	2	*JOHN CURRY	7
JOHN W. WOOD	3	SYDNEY J. FLOWERS	8
GEORGE LADD	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	9
*ARTHUR J. FARR	5	ERNEST A. FLOWERS...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Stedman.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS...	6
ARTHUR H. SMITH	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
EDITH K. FLETCHER	3	*ALAN R. PINK	8
JOHN T. KENTISH	4	†JAMES PARKER	9
EDWIN F. PIKE	5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal and 350th peal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Thursday, February 19th, for Confirmation service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Eldridge 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. Martin (conductor) 4, W. Walker 5, G. Martin 6, —. Eldridge 7, H. Baldwin 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST STONE ... ...*Treble*		ALFRED BALLARD	5
WALTER STONE	2	EDWIN MARTIN	6
ALFRED KING	3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE	7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	4	PERCIVAL ALDHAM ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by D. HAROLD ARGYLE.

The ringer of the fifth was elected a member of the Warwickshire Guild previous to starting the peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*SAM HEALEY ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM HALFORD	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	†CHARLES YOUNG	6
JOHN ROWLATT	3	FRED HAWKES	7
CHARLES CAMM	4	HENRY BISHOP ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

* First peal. Proposed a member of the association and local band previous to starting. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Camm.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY *Treble*		ARTHUR W. WARD	5
HARRY THORPE	2	SIDNEY PROCTOR	6
WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3	R. HENRY BARTRAM	7
*ROGER W. DANIELS	4	*JOHN T. SCOTT ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to Audrey Thorpe, only daughter of Mr. H. Thorpe.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.
THE OVER SOCIETY AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF ROYLE'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN... ... ...*Treble*		FRED C. GINN	5
CHARLES ROBINSON	2	ARTHUR J GINN	6
BERRY WAYMAN	3	FRANK HUBERT DRING ...	7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ...*Tenor*	

Transposed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PERCY AMOS... ... ...*Treble*		JOSEPH BEAL	5
ERNEST W. TIPLER	2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	6
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3	FRED COTTON	7
CECIL E. CARR	4	ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the conductor's 600th peal, the odd changes over 5,000 denoting the fact. The band are from Wellingborough, Lutterworth, Rugby, Broughton Astley, Wolvey, Leicester (St. John's), Hinckley, and Leicester (St. Margaret's).

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... ...*Treble*		ALFRED J. WYATT	5
SYDNEY A. WYATT	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	S. GEORGE COLES	7
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ...	4	PERCY MERSON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except treble man. First of Cambridge Major as conductor. All are local men. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Gigg.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM SCONCE...	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES SWINDLEY	6
MARTIN HARRIS	3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	7
ARTHUR G. WATKIN	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses Katie and Beryl Pegler, daughters of Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR MAXIM	5
THEODORE E. SLATER ...	2	ARTHUR TAYLOR	6
THOMAS CHINERY	3	PERCY GRIDLEY	7
*BERNARD ADAMS	4	SAMUEL EVANS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by S. EVANS.

* First peal in method. This peal was attempted on January 31st, the fortieth anniversary of the first peal rung by the conductor, who also rang in the first peals rung by all the band.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE ... ...*Treble*		JOSEPH LOVETT	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	FREDERICK LASBURY	7
*WILLIAM HEATH	4	TOM PAGE ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Seventieth peal for Harry Page. Also a compliment to T. J. Hamlin on his 69th birthday. This peal was arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who belong to Aberavon, Bedwellty, and Cardiff respectively.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings, 4.6.8 covering.

W. FARRIDAY ... ...*Treble*		REV. WILLIS	5
L. A. WILSON	2	B. REEVES	6
L. BOX	3	R. SHAILES	7
M. TUCKER	4	H. BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by L. A. WILSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. N. N. Barber, B.A., late of Stalybridge, Cheshire, on his induction as Vicar of this parish.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, January 27th, at St. Leonard's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: *E. E. Trusler 1, *H. Steele 2, F. Trusler 3, A. J. Cherryman 4, E. Godley 5, G. Steele (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH, SLEAFORD DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILFRED N. BROWN ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK LEGGOTT	5
†FRANK P. HARWOOD	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	6
FRED A. HOLDEN	3	ARTHUR DIXON	7
FRANK DEWEY	4	REGINALD HOWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.
* First peal (age 13). † First peal of Triples.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No 1. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	JOSEPH BAILEY	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE ...	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	WILLIAM H. CURZON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Curzon.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT ...	5
THOMAS W. ADAMS	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
JOHN COOK	4	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
The conductor's first attempt to call a peal. T. W. Adams was proposed a member of the Guild before starting.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
HARRY HOVERD	2	EDWARD J. BEER	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	RONALD H. BULLEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H CROSS.
* First peal in the method.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

RAY GRANT	...*Treble*	ALBERT G. HARRISON... ...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	FRANK S. CLARKE	6
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	7
ERIC G. BENNETT	4	CHARLES F. GOODMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First touch in the double method by all, on the bells and for the Norwich Association. E. G. Bennett has now completed the circle. The 93 course compositon, without the second dodging with the tenor, is rung for the first time.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*S. YATES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ...	5
THOMAS METCALFE	2	J. CYRIL POLLARD	6
*J. REED	3	THOMAS LANCASTER	7
MISS LANCASTER	4	WILLIAM WATSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Sir A. J. Dorman, a life member of the association; and also for the late Mrs. John Shaw, who has been a worker for the Church for many years.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER SMITH	...*Treble*	OSCAR GILBEY	5
GEORGE F. JAMES	2	GEORGE HUXLEY	6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ...	3	ISAAC EMBRY	7
WILLIAM GRACE	4	EDMUND MOUNTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC EMBRY.
First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS	...*Treble*	WM. E. BASON	5
MISS H. BILL	2	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ...	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	7
CHARLES E. LOVETT	4	GEORGE BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by G. BAILEY.
Rung on the Gabriel eight.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Ash Wednesday, February 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER	...*Treble*	D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.	5
J. W. FAITHFULL... ...	2	JOHN R. RODWELL	6
WILLIAM ROWE	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WALTER G. ROWE	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.
Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. E. Mundy, who has been clerk at North Stoneham Church for 37 years and a Sunday ringer since 1893. Mr. Mundy kindly entertained the band after the peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES PERRY	...*Treble*	GEORGE POPNELL	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
FRED CHAMBERLAIN	3	PETER HEATH	7
ARTHUR HAWKINS	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.
The peal was arranged to give Mr. Ernest Stitch the opportunity of conducting, for the first time, Holt's Original on these bells. Unfortunately, illness prevented him from taking part. Mr. Clift filled the breach as conductor, and Mr. Fred Chamberlain was good enough to take the spare rope.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN LUKINS ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6
HAROLD F. TRAVERS ... 3	FRANK ROWSELL 7
*CHARLES JEANES 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. ROWSELL.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for over thirty years.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN THORPE ... ...*Treble*	HAYDN THORPE 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	G. HENRY HURST 6
RALPH S. LONG 3	ERNEST A. THORPE 7
HEZEKIAH THORPE 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by J. THORPE.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the conductor's sister-in-law, Miss Doris Nicholson, and Mr. Caleb Heginbotham. The conductor has now rung each of the twelve bells at the Cathedral to a peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES W. JEFFREY ... ...*Treble*	TOM MITCHELL 5
GEORGE APPS 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
*ERNEST QUICKENDEN ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*CHARLES L. MITCHELL ... 4	*FRANK LENEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ERNEST COOPER ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT NASH 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	*JAMES MCCLOSKEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
J. EDWARD CAWSER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER
* First peal in the method away from the treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Single Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY JOHNSON ... ...*Treble*	FRANK DEWEY 4
GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	FRANK P. HARWOOD 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
The treble ringer was re-elected a member of the Guild, and this was his first peal in five methods.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and 2,160 of Grandsire.

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

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.
Rung for the 21st birthday of W. Parkes, one of the local ringers.

TRULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN CHURCHILL ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. SPARKES ... 4
ARTHUR S. PYKE 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 5
*LEONARD VICKERY 3	*SAMUEL WEAVER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by the Sunday service ringing band.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tuesday, February 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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.
Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Newcombe ('father' of the Hitcham band) on his departure for Worplesdon.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS WALTERS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. FRENCH 4
EDWARD WHITLOCK 2	CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... 5
*GEORGE F. FRENCH 3	ALEXANDER COLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD WHITLOCK.
* First peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. (approx.).

J. SLATTER ... ...*Treble*	R. BROCK 4
C. SCARROTT 2	F. PRITCHETT 5
W. BAGGOTT 3	A. GRANTHAM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. PRITCHETT.

First peal by all the band, and first peal on the bells by a local band. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN C. ROYNON ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE E. SHALLISH... ... 4
EDWARD J. AVERY 2	GEORGE GILLING... 5
EDWARD G. NORTON 3	WILLIAM F. WEBB ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. GILLING.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

DEANE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

W. LANCE ... ...*Treble*	A. TAYLOR 4
B. GARRETT 2	J. CHESTERMAN 5
W. HUNT 3	C. CHANT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. HUNT.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, for many years Rector of the parish, and secretary of the Basingstoke Branch of the Guild.

CORFE MULLEN, WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JAMES F. HATCHLEY ... ...*Treble*	H. JIM RALPH 4
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 5
CYRIL F. TURNER 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. TURNER.

First peal of Kent by ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd. Rung as a compliment to Canon E. C. Eddrupp, on his preferment as honorary canon at Salisbury Cathedral. First peal of Kent on the bells.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Sir William and Lady Carter.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

WILLIAM G. WILKINS ...*Treble*	FRANK W. BUNCE 4
*GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 2	PERCY W. FLETCHER ... 5
JOHN NOBBS 3	*JOHN P. CHAMBERS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. NOBBS.

* First peal.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT BEALE ... ...*Treble*	†ALFRED KETCHEL 4
†WILLIAM G. WHEELER ... 2	†GEORGE CLUER 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	†ARTHUR CAMBERS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at the above church. The peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Booker, who is a member of the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*ERNEST SIBLEY 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6	ALBERT E. NORMAN 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: FREDK. W. WALKER.

* First peal at first attempt on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Russam and Mrs. Albert Walker.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Island District was held at Carisbrooke and good use was made of the beautiful peal of bells at this old and historical church. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Footman, R.D.), and Dr. J. B. Williamson, of Ventnor, presided at the organ. The Rural Dean afterwards kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and at the business meeting which followed he was elected district president in place of the Rev. J. C. Orr, who, much to the regret of all Island ringers, is leaving the district at the end of February.

The statement of accounts showed receipts £10 15s. 8d., against expenditure £7 6s. 5d. (including £4 3s. 6d. sent to the headquarters of the Guild), leaving a credit balance of £3 9s. 3d. to the district.

Messrs. H. Barton, Ventnor (Ringing Master), B. J. Snow, Ryde (hon. secretary and treasurer), and H. A. Phillips, Godshill (hon. auditor), were re-elected and thanked for their past services.

Messrs. F. Wake and E. T. Drake, of Carisbrooke, were elected members of the Guild, and it was resolved to hold the next annual district meeting at Newport on January 30th, also a quarterly meeting at Brading on Saturday, April 25th.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar for his kind hospitality, also for the use of the bells. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Beedon on Saturday, February 7th, when thirty ringers attended from Brightwalton, Compton, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham, and the Beedon ringers. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Coles), who gave a very interesting address. Mrs. W. Wells presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Vicarage by Mrs. L. H. Coles. The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. Bonsey (chairman of the branch) presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The next meeting was fixed for Kintbury in April. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. L. H. Coles for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Mrs. Wells for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. L. H. Coles for providing the tea.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Bonsey for presiding at the meeting, which was carried with applause. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor rung.

FROM 'STONEY' TO METHOD RINGING.

A desire by the Cottenham, Cambs, ringers to be helped by the men of Over from 'Stoney' to method ringing has resulted in two of the band scoring their first 720. This was a 720 of Plain Bob rung at Cottenham on February 12th by: W. Gifford (first 720) 1, C. Robinson 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, F. Gifford 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT MILTON.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent Association was held at Milton-next-Gravesend, the following towers being represented: Rochester, Frindsbury, Chatham, Gillingham, Queenborough, Borden, Upchurch, Lewisham, Crayford, Gravesend and Prittlewell.

The bells were available from 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. the association service was conducted in the church by the Rector, Rev. G. W. Mennie, who gave an interesting and instructive address, particularly emphasising the vast audience which the bellringers had. This had recently been brought to his notice by people who were not regular attendants at church, but who had remarked how much they had missed the bells during the period they were silent recently whilst being augmented and rehung.

After service, a company upwards of seventy assembled in the Johnston Institute for tea, provided by the generosity of the general secretary, who is leader at Milton, and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell). Mrs. Mitchell is indeed to be particularly commended on the manner she herself had prepared for so large a gathering, and the thanks of all are extended to her and the ladies who waited at the tables.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector, who presided, was elected an honorary member of the association, and several new practising members were also made. Mr. Churchwarden Knowles, who gave one of the new bells, voiced the pleasure he had derived from the service, the tea, and also the meeting, and hoped another visit would be paid by the association to Milton.

Every advantage was taken to enjoy a pull on the bells, it being the unanimous opinion that a thoroughly good and pleasing peal of eight was the proud possession of the people of Milton.

RINGER'S EARLY DEATH.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on February 4th, at the Church of St. Peter, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, J. R. Owers 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of sympathy on the death of Mr. G. H. Southgate, who, to the great regret of the band, passed away in Ipswich Hospital on January 30th, at the early age of forty years, leaving a widow and five children (the youngest being only two months old) in bereavement.

George Southgate went to Goldhanger about twenty years ago and rang his first 720 on September 30th, 1911. He remained with the band about four years, leaving, on his marriage, to reside in Suffolk. He was a member of the Suffolk Guild.

EIGHTY—AND STILL GOING STRONG.

The annual meeting of Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild took place at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 14th, and was a very happy gathering, notable for the presence of Mr. John Overton, who completed his 80th year on the 15th. Ringing took place at St. Mary's in the afternoon and St. Leonard's in the evening. Mr. John Overton visited St. Mary's during the afternoon, and took part in the ringing, and at St. Leonard's he raised the treble in peal as only John Overton can do. A special touch of Stedman Triples was especially arranged with Mr. Overton ringing the treble, two of his sons, Horace and Wilfred, also taking part, the latter conducting. A beautiful 'run down,' with Mr. Overton on the treble, was brought to a perfect chime, and his usual 'That will do' brought to a close a delightful gathering.

At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of Mr. Overton's 80th birthday, and at Coalbrookdale on Sunday, for evensong, 768 of Bob Major: Fred Jones 1, Joe Stanier 2, W. Saunders 3, Alf Bayley 4, W. Lago 5, J. Hanley 6, L. Jones 7, Len Hewitt (conductor) 8.

The quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Bridgnorth was rung by B. Head 1, H. Thomas 2, C. Pointon (first quarter of Stedman) 3, E. Foxall 4, J. Elcock 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. W. Overton 7, G. Oliver 8. It was intended to attempt a 5,040, but owing to a serious case of illness near the church the attempt had to be abandoned.

On Monday, February 16th, at the Church of St. Mary, Ripple, Worcestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 45 mins.: C. Haylings 1, H. Smith 2, E. Maund 3, S. Jakeman 4, F. Hawkes (conductor) 5, J. Hill 6. This was arranged specially for the ringer of the 2nd, who is in his 84th year, and is a regular ringer in the local band.

BANBURY RINGER'S 'JUBILEE.'

On Sunday, February 15th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Banbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: R. Higham (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, R. R. Lewis 2, J. Simons 3, F. E. Taylor 4, F. Baldwin 5, F. Selwyn 6, T. Impey 7, W. F. Judge 8, H. Impey 9, G. Bliss (first qparter-peal) 10. Conducted by W. F. Judge. The above are all regular service ringers of St. Mary's except Messrs. Judge and Taylor, who come from Oxford. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of tenor who has completed fifty years as a ringer at Banbury Church, and was 72 years of age on Thursday, February 19th. The band wish to thank Mr. Judge and Mr. Taylor for coming to assist on this and previous occasions.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The history of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, who revived their annual dinner the other day, goes back two centuries. The first peal which they rang was a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church on New Year's Day, 1733.

Some promising young ringers have found their way to St. Martin's, Birmingham, in recent years. Among the latest of the recruits to be developed in the famous Bull Ring tower is E. J. Cole, who last week rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, his only previous peal having been one of Grandsire Triples.

Another promising youth to step into the limelight in Birmingham last week was E. Sibley, who rang a pair of handbells to Stedman Cinques—his first peal on twelve bells—his previous performances having been two peals on handbells, and about ten on tower bells. All the while St. Martin's Guild can find such excellent material as these and the other young men who have 'made good' recently, there need be little fear for the future of ringing at St. Martin's.

Henry Johnson, whose memory will be honoured to-morrow at Birmingham, was born on February 28th, 1809. He died at Aston in 1890. The 'Johnson dinner' originated in 1882 with a supper party of 25 at the Dog and Partridge, after a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of Johnson's 73rd birthday.

Some famous ringers took part in that peal, the band being William Hayward, Job Joynes, Charles H. Hattersley, Wm. Rock Small, Samuel Reeves, Henry Johnson, sen., Henry Johnson, jun., John Buffery, John James, Thomas Hattersley, Wm. Hollsworth and Thomas Reynolds.

'Many happy returns of the day' to the Midland veteran, Mr. John Jaggar, who was born on March 3rd, 1861.

The peal at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on February 6th, was Mr. Abraham Greenfield's 50th peal of Grandsire Triples, not his 50th peal for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. He rang his 100th peal for the society on January 31st.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

THE FAMILY'S THANKS.

Mrs. Davies has written to Mr. W. A. Cave, acting secretary of the Central Council, conveying thanks for the sympathy which the Council and ringers in various parts of the country have expressed in the great loss which she and her family have sustained by the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. 'I feel,' she writes, 'that you all knew and loved my dear husband, and to the very end of his life he kept up his deep and true interest in all that concerned bells and ringers. I know how you will all miss him, not only his great knowledge of the art, but his anxiety that every matter connected with the Exercise should be carried out in the best way possible, so as to keep the whole Exercise united. You know that, and do please convey to all who have written such kindly words about him how deeply grateful I and our children are for the esteem and affection which they have shown his memory. We were specially touched by the peal of handbells over the grave.'

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S TRIBUTE.

Among the ringers who were contemporary with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies in his Oxford days was Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham. 'I rang with him,' Alderman Pritchett writes, 'for two years (1876-1878) as a member of the University Guild, and thus formed a friendship which endured till his death. I should like to add my tribute of respect to his memory. Apart from his services to campanology, he won my esteem and regard as one of the most unselfish and benevolent men it has ever been my good fortune to know.'

At St. James' Church, Poole, on Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies: P. Davis 1, F. W. Townsend 2, Miss N. M. Hodge 3, V. Young 4, I. Davis 5, H. Baverstock (conductor) 6, J. P. Votcher 7, E. J. Doel 8.

'SHUNTS' AGAIN.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—One had thought that we had heard the last of this horrible word. But here in this wonderfully lucid article on 'Variation and Transposition' it occurs again. Everything in the article is quite clear, till one gets to the last line. Then, unless one knows the peculiar predilection of the writer for this word, when he cannot find any other word to describe what he wants, one must be quite unaware what the writer was driving at. However, if your younger readers will substitute the word 'moves' for 'shunts,' all will be clear.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A 'RAYMOND' PEAL.

With the idea of attempting a 'Raymond' peal, Mr. Raymond Philpott, of 8, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, will be glad to hear from all ringers with the Christian name of Raymond.

RINGERS OF ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY SIXTY YEARS AGO.

To-morrow's commemoration of Henry Johnson at Birmingham inevitably recalls memories of past days and other celebrated men who were associated with him. We have records of their performances—these are treasured in the peal books of St. Martin's Guild—but what were these men like in themselves? They were unknown to all but a few living men, but here in this photograph ringers of to-day can glimpse some of the ringers of St. Martin's Society of 1868.



The above is from a photograph of members of St. Martin's Society of Change Ringers, Birmingham, taken in the year 1868.

In the back row are: John Day (president), John James, Thomas Edgshill, George Baldwin, S. Power.

In front: Thomas Day, Henry Johnson (secretary), William Haywood, John Perks, Job Joynes.

The old picture has come into possession of the successors of the society, St. Martin's Guild, to be added to their many interesting reminders of the past. We are indebted to the Guild for the opportunity of reproducing this photograph. We regret that its arrangement prevents us giving the picture in its entirety; to do so would have meant reducing the size until all detail would have been lost, but in the portion of the group which is here printed are some men who were leading lights in their day, and who helped in the accomplishment of great performances.

Of Henry Johnson, who was secretary of the society in 1868, nothing need here be said—his services to ringing and the veneration in which his memory is held are too well known—but among the others, John Day was president of the society at the time the picture was taken. Thomas Day was a composer of repute. It was his composition of 15,840 Treble Bob that was rung at Bethnal Green on April 27th, 1868, a peal which he subsequently lengthened to 16,608—the longest length which was obtained until comparatively recent years.

The photograph also takes us back to much earlier days than 1868, for three of those included—Henry Johnson, William Haywood and John James—took part in the then longest peal of Stedman Cinques (7,392) rung at Birmingham on December 12th, 1848, while Johnson and James make a connecting link with another record length, the 9,238 rung at St. Martin's on February 28th, 1881 (Johnson's 72nd birthday), in which they both took part.

ESSEX VETERAN DEAD.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The death occurred on Friday, February 13th, of Mr. William Hawkes, at the age of 85 years. He had been a member of the Essex Association since its formation on Whit Monday, 1879, by the Rev. J. B. Seamain. He was one of the first to join, and was one of six survivors at the jubilee gathering held in Chelmsford on Whit Monday, 1929. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 56 years. He joined the Springfield company (Chelmsford) in 1879, and was connected with it up to the time of its disbandment owing to the deaths of two or three of its members in 1915.

On the formation of a new company in 1919, under the leadership of Mr. E. Buckingham, he again took up ringing and attended practices and Sunday service ringing until he finally took to his bed some weeks ago.

In his young days Mr. Hawkes would think lightly of walking to one or other of the towers in the district, a distance of ten or twelve miles each night in the week for practice, to help other young ones to learn the art of change ringing. He rang several peals in various towers in Essex, but at that time peals were few and far between. He was always noted for his excellent striking, and has been known to set his bell rather than carry on when the ringing has been bad.

Two days after his 80th birthday, on July 11th, 1925, he rang the third bell at All Saints', Springfield, to a 5,040 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 2 hours 40 mins., conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, and was congratulated by him for the way in which he rang his bells.

Deceased was a bachelor and lived with his sister, Miss Hawkes, in Lawn Lane, Springfield, all his life. He carried out his duties as stockman to Mr. Herbert Gray until his retirement. He was of most amiable disposition, and liked by everyone.

The first part of the burial service was held in All Saints' Church on Wednesday of last week, and as the cortege left the church for the interment at the burial ground at Trinity Church a muffled touch of 240 Oxford Treble Bob (deceased's favourite method) was rung upon the bells by his colleagues: J. Myhill 1, J. Longley 2, T. Poulton 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Kemp 5, E. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, February 14th, and was well attended, 17 towers being represented.

The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m., and kept going in various methods until 3.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Spalding owing to illness. Tea was provided at Barker's Restaurant, to which 44 sat down, and at the business meeting afterwards held the officers were all re-elected.

The following places and dates of meeting were fixed for 1931: Surfleet, May 2nd; Tydd St. Mary, July 18th; Lutton, October 10th; Donington, January 9th, 1932.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells, to the Rev. H. Law James for conducting the service, and to the officers for their services.

Afterwards the bells were kept going in the standard methods from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 123.)

Now it is pretty obvious that there are other ways than C, given in the last article, of doing away with the falseness in B. If we take the first section by itself we shall find that there is only one way, thus:—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21435687
12345678	12346578
21436587	21436587

We have made Kent places in 5-6. We could make Kent places in 3-4, but then the 3rd would lie three blows in Fourth's. And we could make the Kent places in 7-8, but that would turn the tenors the wrong way.

If we take the first and second sections together we find we can get besides C the following:—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21435768
12345678	12317586
21436587	21437856
24135678	24138765
42316587	42318675
24135678	24136857
42316587	42316587
24361578	24361578

If we use this we shall have to make second's at the lead-end, otherwise a bell will lie for four blows in eighth's, and if we take these two sections as the quarter of a double method we have Peterborough Surprise.

It follows that Peterborough is constructionally just as simple a variation of Double Oxford as Norfolk is of Double Norwich.

If we take the first six rows of B, we find we can do away with the falseness in two ways, thus:—

12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
12345678	12346857	12346578
21436587	21438675	21435687
24135678	24136857	24136578
42316587	42316587	42316587

Then take the part of the course with the treble in 5-6 and 7-8, and see how the repetition may be done away with. You will find there are a great many more ways there than in the first two sections, especially when seventh's is made at the half lead-end. Each one of these additional shunts, of course, must bring the bells back again to the rows of B.

Now work out all the combinations of these additional shunts, which will do away with all the repetition in the lead, and you will be surprised how many Surprise Major methods you have got. They number many hundred, and they are all variations of Double Norwich in the same way that Norfolk is.

That is not all. If in B you let 3-4 lie still in the first section, you will remove the repetition, but there is no other place in the lead where you can turn them back again, as 5-6 are done in Norfolk. But you can get the same result by rather more complicated means, thus:—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12345678	12435678
21436587	21346587
24135678	23145678
42316587	32416587
24135678	32145678
42316587	23416587
24361578	24361578

And into this you can work the combinations of the other additional shunts, giving you many more methods. And there are other similar dodges, each of them giving a group of methods.

We need not carry the argument further and show how other methods grow out of these. The point I want to make is this: Given Double Norwich and its three variations (with second's place added, seventh's place added, and second's and seventh's added), we can turn it into a Surprise Method, and then, by means of additional shunts, most of which are quite simple and obvious, produce thousands of methods which are just as much variations of Double Norwich as Norfolk is. And again the question arises: What room is there here for originality or authorship?

(To be continued.)

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On February 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: R. Greaves (aged 14) (first 720 and first attempt) 1, Miss C. Wade 2, H. G. Grimwood 3, F. Jackson 4, J. Tinckray 5, S. Helliwell 6.

SUSSEX PEALS IN SURREY TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Recorded in the issue of 'The Ringing World' for February 20th is a peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Godstone, **Surrey**, for the **Sussex County Association**. The whole of the band that took part are members of the Surrey Association as well as of the Sussex Association, and it leads me to ask: 'Why ring the peal for the Sussex?' (all due respect to the Sussex Association). It is fairly well known, I think, that owing to the financial position of the Surrey Association we have found it necessary for a year or two to level a small charge of 3d. per rope per peal. Should it not be a matter of common courtesy for visitors from one county who visit another county's tower to ring a peal, to ring the peal for the county whose hospitality they are enjoying? At any rate, when three-quarters of the band (or more, as in this instance the entire band) are members of the visited county! The conductor of this peal (Mr. Sippetts) has told me himself, on more than one occasion, that he refuses to pay the peal charge referred to above, and so he rings the peal for a different association on principle. Yet he, or one of his ringers, did not scruple to apply for and get one of our rings of bells here in Surrey and then slight our hospitality by ringing the peal for another association! A band that spends several shillings in getting to a tower quibbles over a 3d. peal tax. Is this not being rather narrow-minded? I can assure Mr. Sippetts and his ringers that we Surrey ringers, and especially my own Southern District, feel this very warmly, more especially as this is not the first time his band have done this. Further, they do not now come and support our meetings. Writing from memory, I believe I am right in saying that it is over a year since we have seen any of that band at our meetings, although most of them only live just over the border. They even arrange peals on our ringing meeting days. There is no peal tax at our ringing meetings. We are always pleased to see Mr. Sippetts and his ringers in our district, at meetings or for peals, but we shall be much more pleased if they will be a little more public spirited and ring **Surrey peals in Surrey**.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD H. WELLS.

South Merstham, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 14th. A large number of ringers met at St. Lawrence Jewry, nearby the Guildhall, and had much pleasure in ringing the recently restored bells. At the same time many gathered at the headquarters Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, where some excellent ringing took place. Service in St. Clement Danes Church was well attended. The lessons were read by Messrs. C. O. Moore and A. H. Keighley, and a most appropriate address on the subject, 'Bells,' was delivered by the Rector (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, hon. chaplain of the association). The members took tea at the Willow Restaurant close by, afterwards adjourning to the Parish House for the business meeting.

The Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) took the chair, and over fifty members attended. Several ratifications and election of new members took place.

The balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1930, was presented by the auditor, Mr. J. G. O. Prior, and showed an increase to the funds of £5 1s. 2d. The assets of the association include War Savings Certificates £42 1s. 3d., cash in bank £1 6s. 4d., and cash in hand £2 6s. 1½d., making a total of £45 13s. 8½d., which was considered excellent, as the association's funds had never been so large. However, it was stated that certain expenditure would be incurred during 1931 for such items of new rule books, printed notice forms, etc.

The report of the past year showed that a good number of ringers had been elected members, and almost twice the number of peals had been rung as in the year 1929. The practices had also been maintained.

There was a certain amount of criticism as to the working of one of the offices of the association, and an independent committee was formed to enquire into the matter and report.

The peals rung during the year were accepted and authorised for writing in the peal book.

The four officers of each, the northern and southern districts, were ratified to serve on the general committee, and the following officers were elected for the present year: Master, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender; hon. secretary, Mr. Charles O. Moore; first assistant secretary, Mr. A. H. Keighley; second assistant secretary, Mr. T. W. Taffender; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; senior steward, Mr. T. W. Wyatt; junior steward, Mr. W. Batten; trustees, Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. J. George.

A vote of thanks was accorded for the splendid assistance given by the Rector and chaplain in arranging the service, choir, organist, etc., and for the use of the Parish Hall. The verger, Mr. Harris, was also thanked for his assistance.

The meeting terminated with touches on handbells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

An enjoyable practice meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, February 21st. The musical ring of six was set going soon after three o'clock to touches of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. York Surprise followed, and then touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire for those not so proficient.

Before tea, some of the energetic ones climbed the hill behind the church for a view of the surrounding country, which presented a very beautiful picture in the rays of the setting sun.

The hill is cone-shaped with a number of trees set in a ring at the apex. It is believed to be a 'barrow,' the burial place of an old British chieftain.

Tea, which was served in the Church Rooms, was enlivened by the presence of Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who is residing in this district for a time.

There was no business meeting, but Mr. E. H. Adams (Warwick) spoke feelingly of the loss the Exercise has sustained in the death of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and of his personal association with him. All the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to his memory.

Upon returning to the belfry, London Surprise was rung, followed by Stedman and the easier methods, some of those present scoring their first 'touch.' The members attending represented the following towers: Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Higham, Leamington, Lillington, Shilton, Warwick and Monk's Kirby.

D. E. L.

THE SYSTON TURKEY.

Now the turkey's put to rest,
None can state he weren't the best.
What a cry of exultation
When we smelt him at the station!

Home for heroes, sight of beauty,
To see Jim stand and do his duty,
While John goes round with gleaming tankard.
Never had we better anchored.

Soon we six-and-twenty diners
Felt as big as ocean liners,
As we sat about the carcase,
Mansfield's Bell could scarcely park us.

Memories of that night will linger
In the mind of every ringer.
Should that turkey have some chicks,
Critics need not throw their bricks.

A FLAT.

And thereby hangs a tale—we suppose turkeys do have tails. It all arose from a long wait on a foggy night on a railway platform after the reopening of Syston bells. Guesses were hazarded as to which train would first depart—that for Leicester or that for Loughborough—and eventually the excitement grew so intense that in a rash moment someone 'backed his fancy' with a turkey supper. The bet was taken. The Loughborough train steamed in. The Leicester train was not in sight. The Loughborough train waited. The Leicester train arrived—and departed. And Loughborough had to pay for the supper.

HARWELL CHURCH BELLS.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION FUND.

Proceeds of fete and concert, £45 8s. 6d.; per general appeal, £19 0s. 6d.; per Rev. J. C. Cohen, £7 13s.; per Mr. H. J. Balcombe, £3 12s. 11d.; per Misses Day, £2 17s.; per Mr. W. Hitchman, £2 5s.; per Mr. R. G. Rice, £3 13s.; Oxford Diocesan Guild Restoration Fund, £5 5s.; North Berkshire Branch, £5; North Bucks Branch, £2 2s.; Banbury Branch, £1; Abingdon ringers, 11s.; Childrey, Berks, ringers, 12s. 6d.; Shiplake, Oxon, ringers, 10s.; collecting boxes in village, £7 13s. 10d.; various donations in village, 18s.; proceeds of carols by church choir, £3 3s.; organ recital, £4 10s. 6d.; allocated by Church Council from offertories for 1930, £50; bank interest to December, 1930, 14s. 5d.; total to January 31st, 1931, £166 0s. 2d.

During the last three years the congregation has contributed £160 towards repairs to the fabric, and the installation of electric light throughout the church, so it can be realised that an appeal outside the parish (the first for a hundred years) is quite justified, as there are no wealthy people living in or owning land in this parish of 800 population. Any subscription, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the hon. secretary, R. G. Rice, Harwell, Didcot, Berkshire.

The present ring of six (tenor approximately 19 cwt.) at St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, is the oldest in England, and the bells have hung in the tower in the present frame since 1615. They are now quite unringable, and have been silent for 18 months.

The proposal is to tune and one-eighth turn the present six, add two trebles and rehang the whole in a new frame with new fittings. The cost will be about £500.

RINGERS 'TOO ALOOF'

A BODY NOT TO BE DESPISED.

Interesting speeches were made at the dinner held by the Oxford Society at the Greyhound Hotel, Oxford, on Saturday week. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Collett, the president. The Mayor of Oxford (Ald. W. Stobie) and Ald. C. H. Brown, who is a member of the society, were among those present, and the company included Miss M. Reynolds, Oxford's first resident lady ringer.

Mr. Collett, in welcoming the Mayor and Ald. Brown, said the society was glad of any recognition it could get.

'There is,' he said, 'a danger nowadays of the man in the street looking on bellringers with a supercilious and patronising air and a smile of contempt. The bellringer is the butt of the novelist and comedian as is the plumber and policeman. Unfortunately the people who make jokes about us don't know as much about us as they do about plumbers and policemen. Any contempt or derision we receive is due to ignorance. The authors of these jokes don't know what they're talking about, and we've got to show them. We're not a body of men to be despised at all, and if people knew what we had done they would have more respect for us. Ald. Brown is opening Carfax tower on certain days of the year to the public, and it would repay him and us if we were to organise parties of competent ringers to go to the tower on those days. We should be teaching the public something we want them to know and also helping Ald. Brown.'

'I wish every association in the city was as pleased with us as you appear to be,' replied the Mayor, to the toast of 'The Mayor and Corporation.' 'I hope your faith won't be disturbed during the next nine months I am still in office.'

Ald. Brown, who proposed the toast of 'The Society,' said that in his opinion the reason why they were not appreciated as they should be was largely their own fault. 'We keep ourselves too aloof,' he said.

'If the public knew more about us they would appreciate not only the privileges and opportunities of listening to the bells, but also, more and more, the very intricate work we have to put in to produce that beautiful ringing.

'Oxford is the Mecca for ringers, inasmuch as there is no other city in the kingdom where there are more peals of bells, of different numbers, as there are here. Therefore we have exceptional facilities for introducing the general public to ringing that other towns and cities do not enjoy, and I think, seeing that Oxford is what it is, the public should know more about bellringing.'

'We are just beginning to make headway again after the chaos of the war,' said the secretary, Mr. V. J. F. Bennett, 'and we have the material to do some really good work. I hope that in a few years we shall have as good a ringing company as any in the country.'

EXETER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

AN APPEAL FOR YOUNG MEN.

St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, together with friends, were entertained on February 16th to their annual supper at the Institute by the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon-Owen). Among those present were the Revs. T. G. Blackwood-Price and R. R. Walker, Messrs. J. D. Hellier (senior churchwarden), C. Panter, and C. Yeo (ex-wardens).

Following the loyal toast, the Rector proposed 'Success to the ringers,' and spoke of the courtesy he had received from them during the seven years he had been Rector of St. Sidwell's.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. T. J. Stokes, treasurer of the Devonshire Guild, whose funeral accounted for the absence of some guests who were usually present.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd (Ringing Master) responded for the ringers. He mentioned that St. Sidwell's was the oldest society in the city, dating back to 1865. Difficulties had been met and overcome, and the ringers were never downhearted. During the last few years the society had lost several members by death, and he appealed to any young men willing to learn ringing to come forward. He thanked the Rector for his kindness in inviting the ringers to supper, and stated that, although the bells were under the control of the Rector, he gave the ringers an entirely free hand, for which they were very grateful.

Response for the visitors was made by the Rev. T. G. Blackwood-Price. The Rev. R. R. Walker and Messrs. J. D. Hellier and W. J. Richardson also spoke. The greater part of the evening was given up to songs, etc., to which the Rector, the Rev. R. R. Walker and Messrs. J. D. Hellier, C. Yeo and A. Hunt contributed. The ringers rang changes on handbells. Messrs. Dennis Reed and T. Tuckett assisted at the piano.

The Rector, on behalf of the ringers, handed to Mr. A. G. Betts, one of their members, a handsome barometer, suitably inscribed, with best wishes for health and happiness on his recent marriage.

A very enjoyable evening ended by Mr. Panter proposing, on behalf of all present, a vote of thanks to the Rector for his welcome, and expressing the hope that Mrs. Lanyon-Owen would be speedily restored to health. This was heartily endorsed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 14th, 51 members being present, representing Deal, Elham, Sturry, Dover, Herne, Faversham, Lyminge, St. Peter's Thanet, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Ashford, Headcorn, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Wingham, and the two local towers, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege.

A number of ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral, and subsequently all the members met at the Mercery Lane Dining Rooms for tea, which was provided by the association. Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, a vice-president of the association, presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Mitchell), the district secretary (Mr. Percy W. Smith), and the two district representatives (Mr. F. Brett and Mr. H. Smith.

At the business meeting the District Secretary read his report for 1930, and the balance sheet. The report showed that a very successful year had been experienced by the district, and pointed out that the members were in a large measure indebted to many of the clergy and church officials for their ready hospitality and encouragement. The report also showed that the Canterbury District had 22 towers in union with the association, with a total membership of 190.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc, with thanks for their services.

Meetings for 1931 were arranged as follows: Summer meeting at St. Peter's Thanet, autumn meeting at Wingham, annual meeting at Canterbury, and the next by-meeting at Whitstable.

Four new hon. members were accepted, viz., Rev. W. N. Westmore, Canterbury; Rev. J. P. Smith, St. Peter's Thanet; Mr. H. Jarvis and Mr. P. Duthoit, Littlebourne; and eleven practising members; while eight members of Whitstable were accepted as probationers.

Owing to St. Alphege bells being in the hands of the bell hangers, only two towers were available for ringing after the meeting, namely, the Cathedral and St. Stephen's. At St. Stephen's, ringing was delayed owing to the tenor being thrown out of its bearings while being raised, because of an obstruction that had been blown across the bell during the gales. However, three or four of the ringers, with the help of levers, etc., soon replaced the bell, and ringing continued undisturbed.

PROGRESS OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

About seventy members were present at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Penshurst on February 7th. The following bands were represented: Penshurst, Tonbridge, Leigh, Shipbourne, Cranbrook, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Seal Chart, Beckenham, Westerham and Edenbridge.

The meeting was preceded by a service in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. James Cropper) officiating, and later presiding over the tea and meeting held in the Village Hall.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Latter), in his annual report, expressed his pleasure that after an absence of two years the Marden band had rejoined. The district now had 20 towers in union, with 192 practising members, as against 168 last year. Forty-three new members were elected, and three non-resident life members. The seventh and tenor bells at Chiddingstone had been rehung with ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the 'go' of them was all that could be desired. There was a probability of the five bells at Leigh being increased by one.

Mr. Latter gave details of the various peals that had been rung during the year, and congratulated Lamberhurst upon their excellent ringing, with three members only 15 years of age in their band.

Receipts for the year totalled £26 2s., there being a balance in hand of £18 13s. 6d.

The report was adopted.

Mr. George Edwards reported on the activities of the Central Committee, to which he is a delegate.

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook), moving Mr. Latter's re-election, said there was no association with a better secretary (hear, hear).—Mr. F. Waters (Westerham) seconded, and this was carried with acclamation.

In response, Mr. Latter said it was his 36th year of office, but as long as they were satisfied he was.

Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell were re-elected as delegates to the Central Committee.

The following new members were elected: Miss Joan Baker (Sevenoaks), Mr. Frank Pannell (Edenbridge), Messrs. V. Maynard, S. Maddocks, J. Still and A. Moon (Speldhurst), Messrs. W. Matthews and W. Cosgrove (Westerham), Messrs. C. Vickery and F. Bailey (Seal Chart), Mr. A. Aylward (Chiddingstone), and the Misses D. and C. Orlebar (non-resident life members).

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Sevenoaks, Seal Chart, Chiddingstone and Tunbridge Wells (annual).

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne) invited them to come to his parish, where the jubilee was being celebrated on August 7th and 9th.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting there, probably on Saturday, August 15th.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association had an enjoyable meeting at Rettendon on Saturday last. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. was followed by a service conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Norman), who gave a most helpful address. Twenty-one members sat down to tea, served in the Parish Hall, and presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard).

The District Master presided at the business meeting, at which one non-resident life member and three ringing members were elected. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Great Totham on Saturday, April 25th.

Mr. C. H. Howard referred to the death of Mr. W. Hawkes, an old member, of Springfield, and spoke of the great help that he had given to the association in past years. He also referred to the loss of Mr. Head, of Writtle, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect to these two members.

Mr. N. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, who was present at the meeting, said that the last time he was at Rettendon was in 1884. Since then he has rung in 687 towers, 135 of which were in Essex.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist.—The Rector, in reply, said he was always glad to welcome the ringers to Rettendon.—Ringing afterwards continued until 9 p.m. in various methods.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

STILL ADVANCING.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore recently, when a service was held in church conducted by the Vicar, Rev. M. M. Vischer, president of the Guild, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Long, Vicar of Aldington. Mr. C. Coleman ably presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, about fifty being present. The Rev. M. M. Vischer presided, supported by Rev. G. S. Long, Mr. C. W. Everett (Guild Master), Mr. A. J. Battin (hon. secretary and treasurer), while among those present were the veteran of the Guild, Mr. C. Slingsby, who is 93½ years of age, and still ringing, and members from Hythe, Ashford, Benenden, Rolvenden, Egerton, Tenterden, Rye, Stone Eastwell, Kennington and Appledore.

The president took the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary gave a report of his attendance at the Central Council meeting as Guild representative, pointing out the value of affiliation, and emphasising the importance of sending only really experience ringers as representatives.

The report and balance sheet were next presented, and showed that the Guild was still advancing, not only in point of numbers and financially, but also in regard to its primary object, the advancement of change ringing. Fifteen peals were rung for the Guild against nine in 1929, and in those peals there were 16 first peal 'stars.' The conductors were C. W. Player (4), K. Pattenden (4), E. Ruck (2), T. Sone (2), E. Buesden (2), H. Parkes (1). Membership has increased from 112 to 136, and the balance in hand from £6 8s. 5d. to £7 8s. 9d. The average attendance at the monthly meetings had increased from 18 in 1929 to 29 in 1930. In concluding his report, the secretary thanked the steeplekeepers and secretary for their assistance in arranging the meetings, and also the members for their support, which made a secretary feel his work was really appreciated. The report and balance sheet were passed unanimously, the chairman congratulating the hon. secretary on such a record, considering the heavy expenditure which had been incurred. The president was unanimously re-elected, as was also the Guild Master and hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. C. Slingsby (Aldington) and Mr. R. Burch (Hythe). Mr. P. Page was elected in place of Mr. H. Parkes, who has left the district. Benenden was chosen for the next meeting on February 21st.

A discussion then ensued on the resolution of the Central Council, viz., 'That in order to bring ringing societies into closer communion and co-operation with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, every affiliated society be requested to include in its rules words to the following effect: "That this society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof."' The unanimous opinion was expressed that it was useless to be affiliated to the Council and send a representative to the meetings and then not abide by their decisions.

The secretary was instructed to send to the Council an affirmative reply.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the organist.

This concluded the business, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

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A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Penshurst on the motion of Mr. G. Edwards, seconded by Mr. F. White.

Thanks were also accorded Mr. W. Meade and Mr. George Edwards, the latter for making the necessary arrangements and for augmenting the tea fare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at St. John's, Egham, there being an attendance of twenty-two. During the afternoon and evening, Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Service was conducted by Canon H. J. F. Tringham (Rural Dean), Mr. Geo. Copland, F.R.C.O., being at the organ. The preacher and organist both came from Longcross, as the Vicar of Egham was away. Tea was partaken of in the Church Room.

The business was presided over by Admiral Walker, who thanked Canon Tringham and the organist for their services.

The District Secretary unfortunately was unable to attend owing to indisposition.

The balance sheet showed subscriptions £4 4s. 6d., and a balance on the year of 5s. 3d. The membership showed a falling-off from the previous year of about ten.

The Ringing Master reported that things were rather slack among the members of the district. Although the average attendance at the meetings was 18, the members of the district present only averaged 6, but at the present meeting there were 14 present. He hoped that this was the turning point. He pointed out that a new Ringing Master of the district was to be elected, and he hoped they would all help him as much as they could. He also recommended ringers not to stay at their home towers so much, but get out to other towers and help themselves.

The district hon. secretary (Mr. H. Hancock) was re-elected, Mr. F. Hawthorne elected Ringing Master, Mrs. Beeson and Mr. H. J. Chaffey elected on the executive committee, and Rev. F. T. Robinson, of Chobham, as the hon. members' representative. With the exception of Mr. G. Grover as hon. secretary, all the retiring general officers were re-nominated.

The places for meeting chosen for 1931 were Thames Ditton, Horsell, East Molesey, Oatlands Park and Weybridge, with Chertsey for the annual meeting.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to Admiral Walker for taking the chair and to the Vicar for use of the bells and the Parish Room. The bells were lowered at eight o'clock, and brought to a close one of the best meetings of the Chertsey District for the year.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Leeds and District Society held a well-attended meeting at Pudsey, on Saturday, February 7th, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell and Rotherham.

The business meeting was held in the Park Hotel, immediately after tea. The president was unavoidably absent owing to illness, and Mr. T. Strangeway, vice-president, occupied the chair.

The date of the next meeting was February 28th, at Birstall.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey, and to the local company for the arrangements. Mr. Johnson said that he would specially like to couple the name of Mr. P. Cordingley with the vote of thanks.—Mr. G. Barraclough seconded.—Mr. W. H. Senior supported, and said he would like to place on record the assistance the members of the Pudsey company had given to the visitors that afternoon in helping them to ring higher methods.—Mr. Procter replied on behalf of the local company. The handbells were again well struck in various methods. The tower bells were rung during the day to the following methods: London, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

A YEAR'S GOOD WORK.

No fewer than 163 720's of Minor were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, during 1930. These extents included 21 Surprise methods, 12 Treble Bob methods, and 7 plain methods. Surprise methods: London 6, Cambridge 11, Ipswich 8, Beverley 3, Carlisle 3, Wells 4, York 5, Norwich 7, Chester 3, Canterbury 3, Annable's London 3, Southwell 4, Cunecastre 3, Surfleet 3, Westminster 3, Durham 4, Norfolk 2, Bourne 3, Hull 2, Allendale 2, Northumberland 2; total 720's in Surprise methods 84. Treble Bob methods: Oxford 8, Kent 7, Woodbine 10, Duke of York 5, New London Pleasure 7, London Scholars' Pleasure 5, Kingston 4, College Bob IV. 2, College Exercise 4, Cambridge Delight 2, Braintree Delight 2, St. Albans Delight 2; total 720's in Treble Bob methods, 58. Plain methods: Plain Bob 5, Double Court 7, Double Oxford 2, St. Clement's 2, College Single 2, Double Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1; total 720's in plain methods, 21. Of these 720's, 124 were rung for Sunday services, and 39 on practice nights. Mr. Arthur Bradley, who is the leader at the tower, was the principal conductor, and the company is greatly indebted to him. For most of the year. St. Mary's could boast of only six ringers, and had it not been for the visits of Mr. J. Sitch, of Sherfield, the company would often have been short-handed. Their sincere thanks are, therefore, extended to him for his assistance. The other ringers taking part were Messrs. L. Camp, G. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington and E. Sitch.

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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) and Bishop Ryder's (8) 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.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Good bus service from Worcester.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, S. Shore, Blackpool (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service. Turn up in good numbers.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Feb. 28th. Bells available (and at Great Finborough) at 2.30 p.m., Tea, 1s. each, at the Church House, 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome and a well attended meeting is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashwell.—On Saturday, Feb. 28th, a meeting will be held at Ashwell. This fine peal of six have just been rehung. Bells ready at 3 p.m. The Rector is very keen to encourage change ringing here, so please make an effort to attend and so help the local band.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy). — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Rings at the Pulhams available Saturday, Feb. 28th. Meeting 5 p.m.—Golden, Diss.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available: Stokes Poges 3 p.m., Slough 7 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Slough if required. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Feb. 28th, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea, by kind permission at the Bishop's College, 1s. each, at 5.15 p.m. Service in church after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available from about 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcomed. —J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; important business meeting re annual subscriptions.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 5th, at 8 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— Next meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea at usual terms, and business meeting. All requiring tea must advise me by March 4th. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The 112th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. at the Thatched Tavern. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby de la Zouch on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, 1, Avenue Rd., Ashby, by March 5th. at latest. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at this meeting. Now then, Stedman men, roll up and let's have a jolly good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Give me number for tea by Tuesday, March 3rd. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 7th. Members to make their own arrangements for tea. —C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please send numbers attending not later than March 3rd. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells of Christ Church available from 2 30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northern Cafe, Ellison Street. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, for same. It is hoped that ringers will rally at this meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-upon-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Further particulars later. Nominations for general officers to be sent to me in writing not later than March 1st.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets obtainable of W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Secretary, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Ringing will be arranged during the afternoon.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, March 14th. Bells of both towers available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Important.—In view of the secretary's intending resignation, the post will be open at this meeting for nominations. A hearty welcome extended to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre St., Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Northgate Street) on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. The following towers open for ringing during the afternoon: St. Michael's (10), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4.50 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. All ringers, ladies and friends welcome. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable of W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Will those requiring tickets apply for them not later than March 9th?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingrave (Brentwood 3 miles) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, to all those who advise me by Wednesday, March 11th, of their intention of being present. Herongate buses, which pass the church, leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) every half hour. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824) AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for March: Sunday, March 1st: 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Practices: Mondays, March 9th and March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand; Tuesday, March 17th, at 7.30, St. Mary, Lambeth. Members and others will be welcomed.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5. (Phone: Brixton 1885.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting. All those intending to be present at the tea must advise me not later than Wednesday, March 18th.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (D.V.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later.—R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on February 22nd, on the visit of the Archdeacon of Hampstead, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: J. Armstrong 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, February 22nd, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. W. Dickinson 1, W. J. Ellis 2, F. G. Symonds 3, E. A. Hull 4, H. Ellis 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, H. W. Strickland 8. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Fensom on the 21st anniversary of their wedding.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for matins, on Sunday, February 22nd, 720 of Kent Minor: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, H. Robinson 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, R. Pye 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, S. Piper 7, J. Dyer (conductor) 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. H. Swinson 2, T. Blow 3, W. Allen 4, J. G. Blow 5, C. Jeffs 6, H. Hollick 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Superlative rung in the city by a local band.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Miss B. Stewart 1, Miss N. Denyer 2, Miss E. Southby 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, A. Cox 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6, P. L. Eldridge 7, R. A. Eldridge 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master T. Denyer, a young member of the tower.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, on Sunday, February 1st, for evensong, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, W. Williams 2, W. H. Hewett 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, C. W. Grimwood 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. F. Deal 8.

LEICESTER.—On January 25th, for evening service at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Tanser 1, T. Bent 2, S. A. Johnson 3, G. S. Morris 4, W. Tanser 5, L. Johnson 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, S. Harrison 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 47 mins.: T. F. King 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. W. Brown 6, W. J. Prescott 7, G. H. Harding (conductor) 8. Arranged for Miss I. Hastie, of Leatherhead.

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