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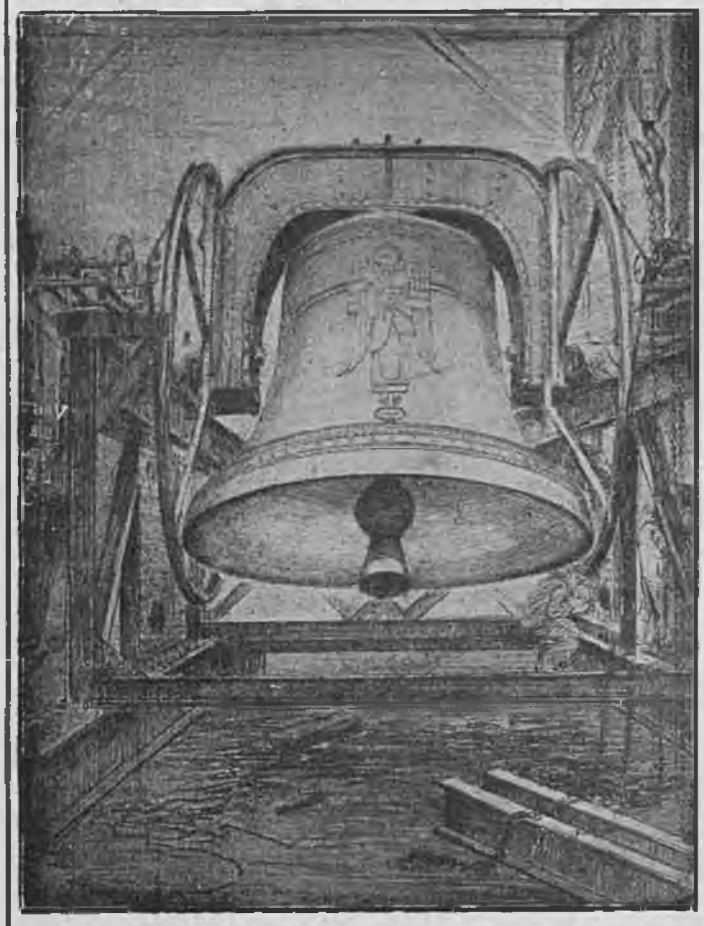

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

An article which appeared a few days ago in the 'Birmingham Evening Despatch' was headed 'Bell Ringing a Dying Hobby.' It related principally to bell ringing in the city of Gloucester, where, from various causes, few of the rings of bells are now regularly rung. Regrettable as it may seem, it is true that ringing in Gloucester is but a shadow of its former self; it may be largely lack of ringers, and the difficulty of interesting recruits, but it is also in some measure, we think, due to the restrictions imposed by the church authorities, which are a distinct discouragement to those who would be willing to do something to improve the position of the art in the city. Time was when Gloucester was a great centre of ringing progress, inspired by the enthusiasm of the brothers James and backed by the interest and ability of men whose names became familiar throughout the Exercise. It is, however, almost beyond reasonable expectation to think that ringers will continue indefinitely an uphill struggle against dual forces of discouragement—the absence of willing learners and the indirect repression of church officials. Some day, we hope, the pendulum will swing to the other side, and Gloucester will once more become a city of example to the Exercise. Conditions are constantly changing. There have been many examples within living memory of companies which have become, for a space, centres of great activity, which have radiated enthusiasm and inspired interest, only to fade out of view again after, perhaps, a few years' success. Some have regained their former position, after an interval; others are still 'beneath the cloud.'

In the sister city of Bristol, where church bells are probably more numerous than in any other place of the same size in the world, there is not the same lack either of ringers or of facilities. It is true that every church possessing a ring has not got a company to man the bells, but this is not from any discouragement in official quarters; nor is it from want of enthusiasm among the ringers of the city. Bristol has many ringing guilds, and for the most part they unite in the common interests of their craft, but no one who follows the events of the day can have failed to notice a serious rift in the lute, which must be having an unfortunate effect both upon the interests of the art in Bristol and the affairs of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. And the breach appears to be widening. We do not desire to assign reasons, or apportion blame, but for quite a few years there has been an undercurrent of feeling, which now appears to be breaking out into open hostility. Even in a city of the size of Bristol, where ringing can be had

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almost without stint, there is no room for animosities which may retard the progress of the art. Before the breach grows any wider we would express the fervent hope that all concerned should come together in a 'round table conference'; and talk over their differences, most of which could probably be settled with the exercise of a little tact and good intent. But if some real grievance still existed, let the hatchet be buried, the past forgotten and a new determination made to go forward as a really united body. Who will take the first step to bring this about?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	... 7
*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING...	... 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 3	HERBERT SHEMMING...	... 9
HARRY R. ROPER	 4	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	... 5	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	... 6	*WILLIAM TILLETT	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* Have now completed the 'circle' of this steeple. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of esteem to the memory of the Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet, Lincs. The composition has not a bell fixed in second's place, and is the first peal of this kind rung in this tower.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Treble*	C. FERGUSON HOWITT	... 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN	... 2	PERCY L. HARRISON ...	... 7
EPHRAIM W. RANDS ...	... 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON	... 8
ERNEST MORRIS	... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	... 9
ALAN W. RANDS	... 5	THOMAS TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mrs. Alice Bardsley, the beloved and devoted wife of Cyril, Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER	... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE	... 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ...	... 9
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	... 5	FRANK CORKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier, joint hon. secretary of the above association. Mr. Hollier kindly entertained the band after the peal.

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GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	†KENNETH A. NICHOLSON	6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	2	RICHARD A. GOFTON	7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	3	HAROLD G. FRAMPTON	8
ROBERT S. ANDERSON	4	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	9
*MURRAY D. OGBRIDGE	5	ADAM DEAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

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

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	J. WILLIAM CUNDALL	6
JAMES COTTERELL	2	MRS. JAMES COTTERELL	7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	3	*GEORGE AMBLER	8
WILLIAM BARTON	4	JOSEPH BROADLEY	9
FREDERICK N. DIXON	5	PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-FART. Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE N. HAINES	*Treble*	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	WILLIAM SEELEY	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	7
PERCY L. PARSLOW	4	WILLIAM CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. HOLMES	5
JAMES OSBORN	2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	6
*JOHN MACHIN	3	*GEORGE MILLS	7
ARTHUR H. PALMER	4	HORACE M. DAY	*Tenor*

‡ Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in the method and first peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the Rev. H. Law James, Ringing Master of the Guild.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEO. DETHEREDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	WALTER FARLEY	5
JOHN BASS	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE	3	†RALPH PARTON	7
CHARLES WM. COOPER	4	ALBERT TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Messrs. Greenfield, Taylor and Detheredge belong to the local band, J. Bass is from Wollaston, the rest from Stourbridge. Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Farley, the much esteemed leader of the Stourbridge company, who has now rung 172 peals in 101 different towers for 21 associations.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE	*Treble*	ROYDON DAVIES	5
HERBERT J. SKELT	2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	6
TONY PRICE	3	EDWARD G. TALBOT	7
H. STANLEY ROBINSON	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY G. THOMPSON	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
HECTOR G. BIRD	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

ORMESBY.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD BROWN	*Treble*	THOMAS METCALFE	5
GEORGE KEMBALL	2	JOHN REED	6
†GEORGE WORTHY	3	ARTHUR SPURDLE	7
HENRY R. JACKSON	4	WILLIAM WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN REED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM CROSS	*Treble*	HARRY PAGE	5
WILFRED PALMER	2	*WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	FREDERICK LASBURY	7
JOSEPH LOVETT	4	TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. G. Popnell, of Bedwellty. Also a birthday compliment to the tower secretary, Mr. T. J. Hamlin, on his 70th birthday. He has been tower secretary for 30 years.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
FREDERICK BIGGS	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	7
FRANK WEST	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

This 'attempt' was arranged by Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, by kind permission of the Vicar of Hughendon, but illness prevented his standing in.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Wednesday, February 17th, in 45 mins., for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Potter 1, Miss A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, M. Berry 5, A. Potter, jun., 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM FLATT	5
WALTER MOBBS	2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	6
STANLEY COPLING	4	EDWIN R. GOATE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DUNSTER DUNKERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

SIDNEY WYBURN	*Treble*	WALTER DIBBLE	5
HENRY W. LLOYD	2	ISAAC FARMER	6
SAMUEL GRABHAM	3	ALBERT J. STEVENS	7
NORMAN CHURLY	4	WILFRED OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

First peal of Triples for ringers of treble and 3rd. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal to the Vicar, Preb. Bell, who was 79 on Thursday, February 11th, and has been Vicar of Timberscombe for 31 years.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY	*Treble*	*JOHN NASH	5
HAROLD HAMER	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT	6
JAMES INGHAM	3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	7
FRANK FIELDEN	4	WILLIAM HORAN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. John Mitton, of Todmorden, who entertained the ringers after the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*C. JAMES SUMMERFIELD	*Treble*	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	5
FREDERICK J. FLOWERS	2	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS	6
JOHN W. WOOD	3	ERNEST A. FLOWERS	7
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. H. Law James. All the above belong to the local band.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT	*Treble*	GEORGE W. SIMPSON	5
STEPHEN MADDISON	2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW	6
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
GEORGE W. MILLS	4	ARTHUR J. FARR	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. H. Law James.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins.: B. Cooper 1, H. G. Lewis 2, C. R. Walker 3, H. Huxley 4, C. F. Austin 5, S. W. Ward (R.N.) (first quarter as conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, February 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 15. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	WALLACE BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. James George's first peal.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR HINGLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID HINGLEY	5
HERBERT T. PIPER	2	HARRY BOSWELL	6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	3	BERT HORTON	7
†CHARLES F. COTTRILL	4	*JACK GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*LIONEL J. CULLUM	*Treble*	*E. CHARLES PATTEN	5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE	*Treble*	*SIDNEY ELTON	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	ROYDON DAVIES	6
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	3	DANIEL COOPER	7
TONY PRICE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	5
FREDERICK DIGBY	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
JACK M. CRIPPS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
FRANK G. RINGE	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
ALEC RICHARDSON	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK WHITE	7
HERBERT MARKWELL	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Norfolk on the bells. A birthday peal for F. G. Lambert, also for the son of Alec. Richardson and the daughter of R. T. Lambert. This is the 50th peal Messrs. White and Markwell have rung together.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL	*Treble*	GORDON WOOTTON	5
*GEORGE LDFF	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	HARRY MULLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Master John Farnfield, grandson of the tenor ringer, also to G. Wootton and A. J. Bartlett.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Treble*	CHARLIE BATES	5
ROBERT HARRISON, SEN.	2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	6
MRS. ELSIE E. BERRIDGE	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. BIGGIN.

The conductor's 200th peal. The band wish to thank the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Pegg for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	*HENRY EVERS	5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	2	*RICHARD W. STANNARD	6
*GEORGE M. LASHBROOK	3	*WILLIAM DENT	7
*WILLIAM CHALK	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in a Surprise method. This is the first peal of Surprise Major ever rung by a band all resident in the north-eastern division of this association. The ringers are all members of the Sunday service band of St. Peter's, Colchester.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells and by four of the band. This composition, the 48 course-ends with the 6th the extent home and all combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, produced without the use of singles retaining the bells in 5-6, is now rung for the first time

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WAPPENHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*J. W. WILSON	*Treble*	H. HAYNES	3
*A. J. BEARMAN	2	*W. F. DUNKLEY	4

P. SUMMERS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by P. SUMMERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung at Wappenham. All ringers belong to Wappenham belfry and are regular Sunday service ringers.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	HAROLD F. MARTIN	5
CYRIL TANSELL	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN DIVISION.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*A. V. AYLMORE	*Treble*	W. CHEAL	4
†W. AYLMORE	2	J. NETLEY	5
H. HUNT	3	J. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. NETLEY.

* First attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal by present local band.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE W. CLARKE	*Treble*	CHARLES M. WHITNEY	3
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	FRANK P. HARWOOD	4
WILLIAM WILKINSON	2	FRANK DEWEY	5
FREDERICK LEGGOTT	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the late Rev. H. Law James.

LAUNTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

FREDERICK SHARPE	*Treble*	RICHARD A. POST	4
SYDNEY TAYLOR	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM SIMMONDS	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLO

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN C. ROYNON ... ...*Treble*		RICHMOND ROBERTS	4
G. EDWARD SHALLISH... ...	2	GEORGE GILLING	5
EDWARD G. NORTON	3	EDWARD J. AVERY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

First peal in two methods by all except the conductor. First peal in two methods as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Avery, of Court Farm, Churchill, on the eve of her 80th birthday.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM YOUNG ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR YOUNG	4
JOHN R. KEMP	2	GEORGE A. COLEMAN	5
JOHN R. YOUNG	3	GEORGE COLEMAN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE COLEMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th are sons of the treble ringer, and the ringer of the 5th the son of conductor. All have learned their change ringing at this tower.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON ... ...*Treble*		*WILLIAM ROBINSON	4
HERBERT LUDEIN	2	†JOHN ROBINSON	5
†JOHN GARDNER	3	JAMES GARDNER ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. GARDNER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court and six 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK DEWEY ... ...*Treble*		*ROBERT WARRINGTON ...	4
*FRANK A. BULLOCK	2	FRANK P. HARWOOD	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt and first extent of Single Court. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to the late Rev. H. Law James.

CODICOTE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 10½ cwt.

JEFFREY WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*		*FRANK TURNER	4
SIDNEY CARTER	2	*THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ...	5
BARNARD PATMORE	3	JOHN WELCH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal in seven methods.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, January 30th, 720 Double Court: J. A. Green 1, E. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, T. Tompkins 4, E. Yates 5, A. J. Green 6. The first 720 on the newly-restored bells.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24lb. in F.

HERBERT G. CLAY ... ...*Treble*		†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	4
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
WALTER LYCETT	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † 70th peal.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED L. TIDY ... ...*Treble*		REGINALD H. THORPE ...	4
JAMES W. KNIGHT	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
H. BERNARD WELLS	3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal in seven methods for ringer of treble (age 15), also ringer of 5th. Quarterly peal of the association.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ROCKWELL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, six callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... ...*Treble*		HENRY CHURCHILL	4
*WALTER H. POOLE	2	*JACK ROY	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	3	JAMES HUNT ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal on an even number of bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN	1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3-4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	7-8

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on handbells by Dr. Spencer Phillips. The conductor's 650th peal.

ST. ALBANS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN MALYAN	1-2	FRANCIS KIRK	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	CHARLES JEFFS	7-8

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY SOUVENIRS.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH ADVANCE.

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bradpole on Saturday last, and was attended by upwards of thirty ringers from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Loders, Evershot and Lyme Regis, including Mr. Shute from Kington Magna and Mr. Griffin, of Yeovil.

The bells were in use at Loders and Bradpole towers during the afternoon, service being held at the latter church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, and the address given by the Rev. L. Bartlett, Rector of Bridport, and Rural Dean.

At the meeting which followed tea in the Forster Institute, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitchurch Canonicorum on April 9th, also to arrange an evening meeting at Chideock at an early date.

The Chairman (Rev. C. Carew Cox) expressed the pleasure it always gave the members to come to Bradpole, honoured as it was by the memory of the work of the two pioneers of change ringing in West Dorset, viz., the Rev. C. F. Langford and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Rector of Bradpole for his welcome, the Rev. L. Bartlett for his practical address, the organist, and the ladies who were responsible for the lavish catering.

A special urge was given to those present to attend the jubilee gathering of the Guild in Salisbury on May 7th.

Further ringing took place afterwards at Bradpole, the methods rung showing a distinct advance on all previous meetings, comprising as they did Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Stedman Doubles and Triples and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on Saturday, February 6th. After ringing during the afternoon, the members assembled in the Minster for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Beliars, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. M. W. Willson, Mr. Simonson being at the organ. Tea followed at the Magnet Cafe, when 32, including the Vicar, sat down. The business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, branch chairman, who presided, paid a tribute to the late Mr. Thomas Ricketts, of Swindon, who, he said, was a great worker for the branch in its early days, having conducted the first peals for most of the older members. He asked those present to stand in silence for a few moments as a tribute to his memory.

The chairman went on to congratulate the members of St. James' tower, Trowbridge, on having rung a peal of Stedman Caters, this

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association took place at Heene on Saturday, more than 25 members being present from Brighton, Billingshurst, Hove, Heene, Lindfield, Steyning, Shoreham, Washington, Warnham and West Grinstead.

A short service was conducted by the Rector of Heene, the Rev. E. A. Haviland.

Tea was served at the Parish Rooms, and the short business meeting that followed was presided over by the Rector, who was elected an honorary member. The following new members were also elected: Edward Chandler (Heene), John Standford (Warnham), P. F. G. Duncton (Kirdford), G. Nickoby, A. Nickoby, J. Laker, S. Gill and J. Brown (Rudgwick), and Mr. H. Mullard (non-resident member).

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected district secretary, and Messrs. Chandler, Adams and Norris as representatives of the division on the general committee. Messrs. Greenfield, Burdfield and Lindup were appointed as members of the Committee of Advice.

Mr. A. D. Stone, the general secretary, read the notice inviting members to attend the coming all-England ringers' meeting, to be held at Croydon on April 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells and for presiding.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place during the afternoon and evening.

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being the first by an entirely local band, also the first by resident members of the Guild, and showed what good work was being put in at that tower.

The following new members were elected: J. Giddings (North Bradby), O. Wrintmore (Westbury), and B. Cooper (Seend), while Sidney Francis, of Trowbridge, was re-elected.

It was suggested that the next lecture on ringing, which will be given by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, should take place at Westbury (if it can be arranged) on February 22nd, which will enable members in the southern part of the branch to attend.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed, the members returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.30, the following methods being rung: Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles, and Bob Minor, with rounds for those who wished them. Representatives attended from the following towers: Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Westbury, North Bradley, Heytesbury, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Urchfont, Corsley, Warminster, Melksham, Trowbridge, and visitors from Mere, Zeals, Frome, and Bath.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is a curious coincidence that the longest peal of Doubles and the record length of Minor were rung on February 27th. The former, consisting of '10,080 changes or 84 peals,' was performed at Whaplode Church, Lincolnshire, in 1775, by Wm. Jackson, Richd. Harwood, Wm. Money, Stepn. Davis & Richd. Pottenger, who 'raised & settled the Bells in 7 hours and 25 mins.'

The longest peal of Minor was the famous 15,120 in 21 methods at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, in 1816.

To-morrow's gathering at Birmingham is a reminder that Henry Johnson, one of the most famous of nineteenth-century ringers, was born on February 28th, 1809.

'Many happy returns' to the veteran Mr. John Jagger, who was born at Oxford on March 3rd, 1861.

On Shrove Tuesday (March 3rd), 1778, a peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters 'was rung upon the deep, melodious peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Church in Nottingham, being the first and only attempt ever made for the same.' The peal, adds the old record, was performed by eleven men of the old Nottingham Society, 'the tenor as customary with bells that weight was rung by two men and the other nine singlehanded. St. Mary's bells are the heaviest peal of ten bells within one hundred miles of the place, York Minster excepted.'

Mr. C. N. Burdock, of Guildford, who has been twelve weeks in the Surrey County Hospital, where he has been twice operated on, is, we are pleased to say, making good progress towards recovery, and is now home. He tenders his heartfelt thanks to many ringing friends for their kind inquiries and good wishes. Mr. Burdock has been associated for a long period with the Cathedral Society at Guildford.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have just completed the rehanging of the peals at Little Missenden (5), Chirton, Wilts (5), Marden, Wilts (5), Nocton, Lincs (6), Ardeley, Herts (6), and St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), are casting the three trebles of a future peal of eight to be hung for ringing at Barkingside.

In recognition of his 25 years' service as captain of the ringers at St. James' Church, Poole, Mr. F. W. Townsend, this year's Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has been presented with an illuminated address, signed by past and present ringers at Poole, and a handsome armchair. Change ringing was instituted at Poole by Mr. Townsend, who has also given valuable help to visiting ringers from other towers.

THE BRISTOL 'INSULT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. Skidmore has achieved something like notoriety, especially considering his membership of the G. and B. Association only dates from 1928. Since August last he has complained to me about the actions and words of no less than four of our members, and now I am added to the list, to make it a 'nap hand.' The most serious of these complaints concerned the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, about the opening of the bells at Yate on December 22nd last. Why did he not mention this at St. Philip's? I should like to ask him, through you, sir, 'Did he not go off the "deep end" when he read in the Bristol Press that the bells at Yate would be opened by a band of the B.U.R.G.? Did he not get me to promise to write a letter on the subject? Did he not refuse to ring at the opening? Was he not upset because all the correspondence was written on B.U.R.G. notepaper?' The letter from the hon. secretary to the Vicar of Knowle, asking for official recognition at the opening, both for the association and the B.U.R.G., was also written on B.U.R.G. notepaper.

The ringing for the opening of the bells at Holy Nativity was performed by the G. and B. Association all right, and had the band rung a peal it would have been a G. and B. peal; the twopences would have been paid, and the peal entered in the peal book. Not only was it a G. and B. band, but a worthy and honourable band, and, what is more to the point, an efficient band, a band whose membership of the association averaged 30½ years.

Passing on to Mr. Braven's 'offence,' I should like to associate myself with Mr. Amos' approval of the speech. Trades unions must do a good work among their members or they would not flourish, but those outside only hear of their strikes, lock-outs, picketing, boycotting, and of forcing unwilling persons into membership. If Mr. Skidmore wishes, and you, sir, consent, I will give particulars and dates of each of these being practised by the Bristol Branch of the G. and B. Association, under the guise of the B.U.R.G.

If you think, Mr. Editor, that it would be as well for me to give the reason I did not advise an official invitation being sent to the association, I will give it. I can assure you, though, that nothing Mr. Skidmore did or did not do had anything whatever to do with it. I must tell him, however, that my promise to assist him as much as possible in the event of his taking over the secretaryship of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from Mr. Guise is absolutely withdrawn.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

The Hythe, 10, Lilymead Avenue,
Knowle, Bristol.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

BY R. A. DANIELL.

If it were necessary to the possibility of the traditional origin of the College Youths' name that Whittington's College should still have been in existence in 1637, of course the tradition cannot be supported. But I do not accept that necessity. It is not the accuracy, but the persistence of a name that seems to me the material point.

To illustrate my meaning, let us suppose the existence of a ringing society founded in 1637, having the name 'Abbey Youths,' of the origin of which name we had no certain knowledge, but a tradition that it arose from some connection with Westminster Abbey. Should we say, 'That tradition cannot possibly be true, because in 1637 there was no Abbey at Westminster'? Surely, we should not say so. Yet there was no Abbey at Westminster then any more than there is now. The Abbey had been dissolved in the sixteenth century; the community was then dispersed, and its buildings suffered some destruction and some adaptation to new uses. Some, including the church, remained, and those who had known the place when it was an Abbey and had witnessed its dissolution did not alter the name by which they had been used to call it; their younger contemporaries spoke of it as did their elders, and overlapping generations have done so ever since. Who of us speaks of it as 'The Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster,' which has been its correct name since Queen Elizabeth's time?

This persistency of the names of dissolved communities and their buildings, common throughout the country, has left many traces in London. The dissolution did not involve the entire disappearance of buildings from the face of the earth. It was nothing like the clearance of an area for a railway terminus or a housing scheme; there was always something left, and so the old names continued. Whitefriars, Blackfriars, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the Minories and others still belong to the old sites, and in the seventeenth century there were existing building remains of them all. Even to-day we can see some at St. Bartholomew's Priory, Smithfield, at Austinfriars and at the Charterhouse.

In the same way, Whittington's College at St. Michael's in Royal Street would have been called a College till its dissolution. That was its proper name. In the same way, too, its name would be perpetuated after its dissolution. The City of London was not a mass of offices and warehouses where few people lived; it was not only a city of business but also a city of homes, in which persons of all classes resided, where, in short, traditional names lingered. Of Whittington's foundation, the almshouses remained in the seventeenth century, and, in particular, the church. The accommodation for the priests may have disappeared, but it is much more likely to have remained in a more or less altered condition to suit requirements of residence or trade. There was certainly enough of the old buildings to keep alive the old name. We learn from Stow, our authority for the condition of the city in the early seventeenth century, that the Tower Royal, after which Royal Street was named, had by his time lost all connection with royalty, and was let out in tenements, and evidently the tradition of the College waxed at its expense, culminating in the name College Hill superseding Royal Street. 'Hill' is the name of several thoroughfares, two of them in the immediate neighbourhood of College Hill, rising from Thames Street to the higher ground, and it is probable that the ultimate change of name only recognised a popular use. At any rate, in 1637, there was, unless we are to suppose that for some unknown reason Londoners had deviated from their usual practice in this particular instance, ample College tradition remaining. Men ringing at St. Michael's would be ringing in the tower of the College in the same sense in which we still say men ring in the tower of Westminster Abbey. And here, surely, is a ready suggestion for a name of a society. There can be no good reason why a fancy name should not be a place name. The 'Scholars of Cheapside' had already adopted one.

I hope to conclude next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE ANALYSIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For the sake of the accuracy of their report, I wish to draw the attention of the Analysis Committee to the fact that the peal rung at North Lopham, Norfolk, on February 15th, 1931, under the name of Double Little Bob Major, will be printed in the Norwich Diocesan Association Report for 1931 as Erith Little Bob Major, and the peal rung at the same tower and recorded as St. Clement's Bob Triples, should have been described as St. Simon's Triples, and will appear under this title in the aforementioned report.

Incidentally, those who were interested in the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Wymondham on August 1st, 1931, should note that two bobs in a lead of a peal of Superlative, or any other method, cannot in any sense be termed a 'spliced' peal, and that the composition in question did not and could not exist as a true peal until the first course had been produced.

I regret these corrections have not appeared before. I had anticipated them from another quarter, although they were conducted by yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.

'DISTRICT MEETINGS.'

'STALWARTS' WHO DO NOT ASSIST.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I was more than interested in your leading article of last week, February 19th, and feel that it calls for a certain amount of comment. Without reference to any particular association or guild, I should like to say that I have attended many of these meetings and found the same handful of 'stalwarts' referred to, who should, but do not, assist their less fortunate brethren. This, I think, is the reason why such a small percentage attend. How often it happens that six or seven people (all of whom have rung peals of London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, etc.) will attempt and fail to ring a course and still attempt again, and yet, if asked to stand in for a touch of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major to assist another one on to the bottom step of the ladder, will at once advise putting in all of those who want to attempt it at once, and, in addition, when the first inglorious smash comes (as come it must), they immediately look around for another course of 'Surprise' (that wonderful word).

I have in mind whilst writing a meeting that took place in a tower where call changes were rung and STRUCK. The band of 'stalwarts,' which included some of the officers of the association, were anxious to make it into a change-ringing tower, and at the meeting they had three or four attempts (murderous attempts) to ring a course of LONDON (capitals, please). The tower is still a stoney tower. One could tolerate it a little better if these stalwarts would only get themselves out of bed early enough to ring for Sunday morning services, but they don't. They are always grousing about not being able to get youngsters to take up ringing, but they themselves are the cause of those who have started getting disgusted with it all. Scathing, but true.

No youngster wants to go to a meeting to sit down in the tower and watch these 'so called' expert ringers constantly attempting course after course of 224 changes each. One oftimes wonders how it is that their names appear so often in 'The Ringing World' as having rung peals in the methods. Perhaps an umpire on the job would leave more space in the peal columns for articles of this nature. I am not ashamed to sign my name, and sincerely hope I have not used up too much of your valuable space. If I was a secretary (the people to whom I raise my hat) I should always be more proud to put in my report for 'The Ringing World' 'six or seven rang their first touch of Plain Bob and Grandsire and some their first of rounds on eight,' in preference to 'London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., etc., etc., were rung.'—Yours faithfully, GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

BRANCH SECRETARIES' ENDORSEMENT.

Dear Sir,—As a branch secretary, I would like to thank you for your 'leading article' in the issue of February 19th.

I wonder how many readers scan the front page, breathe a comment, and pass on without further thought. Yet the first column invariably contains a well-thought-out expression of opinion, naturally not always agreeable to everyone, but always worthy of real consideration.

The value of the various associations has been amply proved during the last half-century, and in order to continue the good work support must be given to local meetings.

I would like to urge all readers of this letter to refer back to this article and study it again. There will be some who, with a little reminder, can stimulate the interest of several others in their attendance at branch meetings.

If this end is attained, your work will be invaluable.—Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE I. DAVIES,
Branch Secretary,
Liverpool Branch, Lancashire Association.

Dear Sir,—As a branch secretary for twenty-one years, I can endorse every word of your leading article. I can assure you I get very disheartened at times at the poor attendances at meetings.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. LEWIS.

Cirencester.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, February 8th, at St. Peter's Church, Belgrave, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. by: F. Graham 1, Ernest Morris (conductor) 2, E. R. Whitehead 3, R. Barrow 4, G. Tillson 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, W. A. Skinner 7, K. Lawson 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Rose, the beloved wife of Fred Sharman, one of the local band, who was interred this day.

On Sunday evening, February 14th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, 1,313 Grandsire Caters in 58 mins. by: E. E. Tanser 1, S. Harrison 2, G. Humphreys 3, T. Bent 4, L. Whitehead 5, Ernest Morris (composer and conductor) 6, L. Johnson 7, J. Morris 8, G. S. Morris 9, E. Cattell 10. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Alice, the beloved and devoted wife of the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester.

BOW BELLS.

We understand that the restoration of the famous ring of bells at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, which have for so long been silent, is shortly to be taken in hand.

A NORFOLK PEAL RESTORED.

REDEDICATION OF BELLS AT SCARNING.

The bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Scarning, Norfolk, were rededicated by the Bishop of Norwich on Sunday afternoon, February 14th, when they were rung for the first time for nearly a quarter of a century. The five bells have been rehung in the old frame with new fittings and cast-iron headstocks instead of the old wooden ones, and, among other modern innovations, have been fitted with ball bearings at a cost of £285. They have also been tuned on a modern tuning machine to ensure accurate tone, and a new treble bell has been added, tuned on a five-tone harmonic principle.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited, Croydon, who have been entrusted with the work, said, as old peals go, it was one of the best that had been through his hands.

Note.	Inscriptions.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble, C sharp.	Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1931.	5	2	9
2nd, B.	The Jesus Bell. Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697.	5	2	12
3rd, A.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697.	6	1	2
4th, G sharp.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697.	9	0	2
5th, F sharp.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1697. Benjamin Lane, John Wilkinsno, C.W.	10	1	19
Tenor, E.	Charles Newman Made Mee, 1703. Robeart Clark, Ham Rvdd, C.W.	14	2	18

The peal thus has a total weight of 51 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

The Rector (Rev. W. Eugene Perkyn) conducted the service at which the dedication took place. The lesson was read by the Rural Dean, the Rev. E. H. Townsend, Vicar of North Elmham. After the prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace, the verger and churchwardens (Messrs. David Milk and Arthur Wright), with the Rector and visiting clergy, conducted the Bishop to the tower, where the churchwardens, taking the ropes of the bells, asked the Bishop to dedicate the restored bells to the glory of God and the use of his church. The Bishop, receiving the ropes, said, 'I solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells now dedicated to the glory of God for the benefit of His Holy Church.' The Bishop then prayed for those who answer the call to worship, for the negligent, for wedded folk, and for the dying.

As the Rector, verger and churchwardens conducted the Bishop to the pulpit, a representative company of ringers of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a plain course of Bob Minor.

The Bishop preached an appropriate sermon, and a collection was taken for church expenses.

The dedication service was attended by a large congregation, and the ringers present from East Dereham, Gressenhall, Fakenham, Reepham, North Elmham, Norwich and Saxlingham included Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer of the association, and Mr. W. B. Duncan, hon. secretary of the North Norfolk Branch. As the congregation were dispersing, touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung until tea time, when the ringers were kindly entertained by the Rector to tea at the Village Hall, about 40 ringers being present.

After tea, the ringers adjourned to the belfry and rang touches in various Minor methods until late in the evening, much to the delight and enjoyment of the inhabitants of Scarning, after the long silence of their Parish Church bells.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year was held at Tuxford on Saturday, February 6th, when a large number of members were present from Collingham, East Markham, Edwinstow, Gamston, Ordsall, Mansfield Woodhouse, Sutton-on-Trent, Treeton, Warsop, and a few local ringers. During the afternoon and evening the ringers enjoyed the wonderful 'go' of the peal of six bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The methods ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

The business meeting was held in the belfry after tea at a local cafe. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the meeting, and first remarked upon the loss sustained by the association by the death of the treasurer, the late Mr. Herbert Haigh. He said that he would never be forgotton by the association members. He asked them to stand for a minute as a token of respect to their departed friend.

Mr. Wilson, of Worksop, was proposed as a performing member, while Sutton-on-Trent added four performing members to the list, these being Mr. S. Hutchinson, Mr. M. Moxon and Mr. F. Carrot. All these were duly elected.

The place of the next meeting was left over for the general committee to decide. This and other committees will meet on Saturday, February 27th, at Ordsall.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the churchwardens for granting permission for the use of the bells, and hoped the time was not far off when Tuxford would have a Vicar appointed.

LANCASHIRE RINGERS' SOCIAL.

POLICE HELP IN BIG BOLTON GATHERING.

The annual winter social of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association this year was extended in the way of a joint meeting of the Manchester and Bolton Branches. On Saturday last the bells of Holy Trinity, Bolton, were open for ringing during the afternoon, and they were kept going in various methods until 6 p.m. Then, on an invitation from the Bolton Borough Police, an adjournment was made to their recreation room, where a billiards match had been arranged, but, owing to the large attendance, billiards was impossible, so the 'free and easy' got going before 7 p.m., and was kept up until 10.45 p.m.

The helm was taken by the vice-president, Sergt. P. Crook, and, with artistes galore, the 150 who attended felt more than satisfied that it had been well worth the long journey many had made.

Holy Trinity Church handbell ringers gave several selections on their four-octave set of bells, and 'touches' were also rung 'in hand' by others. Songs were rendered by Miss A. Potter, Miss Yates, Miss Birchby, Mr. Dootson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Norman Brown and Mr. Gash; duets by Miss Potter and Mr. Brown, and Mr. Gash and Mr. Brown. Miss H. Sandiford, A.L.C.M., elocutionist, also entertained. Mr. Grime gave selections on his dulcimer, and Mr. C. Sandiford a violin solo. The humour was supplied by Mr. Gash. Community singing was also indulged in, 'community sheets' being supplied to all present.

Mr. J. Potter moved a vote of thanks to the Bolton Police for their kind invitation. He said it was a valuable asset to the branch to be able to have such a room at their disposal. He also thanked the artistes for their entertainment. Everyone, he was sure, would agree with him when he said this was the best social that had been held.—The vote was seconded by Mr. R. Fiddes, and carried by acclamation.

The Chairman said he did not know on which side to speak. He was one of the 'inviters' and one of the 'invited,' but he supported the thanks to the artistes for the way they had come forward. He also said that what had been in his mind during the evening was, if the numbers increased each year as they were doing, he would have to find a larger room. The police were having new premises built, and he hoped that next year they would have the pleasure of being accommodated with everything up to date. On behalf of the police, Sergt. Crook extended a hearty invitation to the ringers to the bowling green and athletic ground on August 6th next.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, February 6th.

During the afternoon, rounds for the beginners and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, St. Laurence's, and St. Giles' Churches. A well-attended service followed at St. Giles', conducted by the Rev. C. F. Band, who gave an appropriate address. Fifty-seven members from the branch towers, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild), Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. S. Pearton, Mr. L. Joyce (branch chairman), Mr. F. W. Hopgood (branch treasurer and secretary), and visitors from Fairford, Bushey, Maidenhead, Newbury, Slough, Oxford, Cookham and Datchet then attended the excellent tea at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street.

The business meeting followed, at which the balance sheet was read and adopted. The secretary's report showed another successful year, with an increase of honorary and ordinary members, and an increased balance. Successful and enjoyable quarterly meetings had been held at Shiplake, Nettlebed and Mortimer. Mention was made of three members whom the branch had lost during the year by death.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, namely: Chairman, Mr. L. Joyce; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, with his assistant, Miss M. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and E. G. Foster; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker. They were thanked for their services during the past year, and each suitably responded.

The quarterly meetings for 1932 were arranged for Shinfield, Checkendon and Henley. Apologies for absence were read by the chairman, who also welcomed the visitors, for whom Mr. T. J. Fowler responded.

Satisfactory tower reports were given from most of the branch towers. Good Sunday ringing had been maintained throughout the year.

The Master, in referring to general matters, asked the ringers to give more support to 'The Ringing World'; mentioned the Stedman Tercentenary fund for the restoration of the fine old Saxon tower at Cambridge: and spoke of the healthy state of the branch.—The meeting voted £2 2s. to the restoration fund.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, was made a non-resident life member of the Guild.

The Chairman then expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist, and choir of St. Giles' for the beautiful service which had been held.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NO NOMINATION FOR SUCCESSOR TO RETIRING SECRETARY.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract. By the courtesy of the respective clergy, the bells of All Saints' and St. Giles' Churches were available for ringing, and these two beautiful rings were used extensively during the day. The day being fine, a large and representative gathering was brought together, who much enjoyed the bells and exploring the nearby ancient castle grounds and ruins. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, which was conducted in All Saints' Church Room by Messrs. Holder and Applegate. Service was held in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m., when the Rev. F. E. Hayward preached an interesting and forceful sermon in the unavoidable absence of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, who was unable to be present through illness. An excellent tea was served in the Church Room, where some ninety members availed themselves of the facilities afforded them.

The business meeting followed, with the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. A. G. Shipley (Vicar of All Saints') and the principal officers of the association.

In presenting the report of the committee, the President called the special notice of members to the wide variety of methods in the peals rung during the year, and also to the balance in hand at the year-end of £3 14s. 3d. on the year's working, despite the fact that during this year all members who had joined the association prior to and including the year 1895 had been made life members of the association.

A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Barton for his compiling of the peals report.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for granting the use of the bells at All Saints' and St. Giles' was responded to by the Rev. A. G. Shipley (Vicar of All Saints'), who in turn received the greeting extended by the members to an old and honoured friend.

A vote of thanks to the local company was moved and seconded by Messrs. C. D. Potter and F. G. Sherwood respectively, and Mr. H. C. Walters replied on behalf of the local company.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. W. Pearson, seconded by Mr. H. Morley, to hold the next general meeting on May 21st, the place of the meeting to be left to the general committee to arrange.

No nominations having been received for the post of hon. general secretary, in place of Mr. P. J. Johnson, who is retiring, it was agreed that the general committee be empowered to make any necessary arrangements.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, brought a pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close.

Messrs. J. Ingham, V. Capley, V. C. Capley, E. Brooks, H. Broadhead, W. Dyson, R. Crosland, G. Cutt, C. E. Netherwood, F. Newton, J. E. Atkinson, J. Lindsay, H. Fordham and C. Cooper were elected as members of the association.

DEATH OF MR. F. EDWARDS, OF CIRENCESTER.

We regret to announce the death, suddenly, of Mr. F. Edwards, of Cirencester.

On Tuesday, February 16th, he was ringing as usual, and the following evening he attended a Masonic dinner. His death took place the next morning, Thursday, February 18th.

Mr. Edwards, who was a native of Tenterden, Kent, came to Cirencester about nine years ago, and soon identified himself with the social and business life of the town. He was chairman of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, a member of the Freemasons, a member of the Urban District Council, and an energetic member of the local branch of the British Legion.

He was not a great peal ringer, but was very fond of taking a party of ringers in his car to the various towers in the neighbourhood and testing the musical qualities of the bells, and, incidentally, helping the work of the association. The writer has had many pleasant trips with him.

The funeral took place at Tenterden on Monday.

A memorial service was held at Cirencester Parish Church on Sunday, when all the local ringers attended in a body, and there were also present the members of the Cirencester Urban District Council, the Cotteswold Lodge of Freemasons, and a large body of the British Legion. Amongst the various wreaths was one from the Cirencester ringers, and one from the officers and members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Mr. Edwards, a man of fine physique, was characterised by a friendly and genial demeanour. His friendship was worth having and keeping, and his untimely death will be deeply mourned by all who knew him.

On Sunday, after evening service, the bells were rung half-muffled. A short touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the minor eight (tenor 21 cwt. in E minor), of which he was very fond, by: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. C. Bond 6, H. Lewis 7, J. Roberts 8, and was followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) on the back ten (tenor 29 cwt. in D): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, H. Gassor 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. L. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. J. Lewis, jun., 10. F. J. L.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT TAKES A ROPE.

A pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, ringers and friends turning up from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Dore, Great Longstone, Matlock, Norton-in-the-Moors and Tideswell. The bells, a pretty light peal of six, were rung with clappers half-muffled, owing to the death of a local resident, during the afternoon and evening, and some good ringing was accomplished in most of the standard methods. The district's new vice-president, the Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow, the Vicar of Bakewell, was present during the whole of the ringing, in which he showed great interest, eventually being persuaded to take a rope under the guidance of the secretary, and, considering that it was his first attempt, performing in rounds very well indeed.

A very enjoyable tea was provided at the White Lion, presided over by the vice-president, and was followed by a short informal business meeting. A hearty welcome was accorded to the Rev. A. E. J. B. Barrow by the secretary, who assured him that his kindness in accepting the office and in promising to attend the meetings was greatly appreciated. To this the Vicar of Bakewell suitably responded.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Youlgreave on March 19th, if possible, where the fine peal of eight (tenor 27 cwt.) should be an attraction.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Longstone and the local company closed the proceedings.

JOINT MEETING IN THE NORTH.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET AT DARLINGTON.

A joint meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the Southern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Darlington and proved a huge success. Some thirty members of the two associations attended, and the bells of the Parish Church were ringing soon after mid-day. During the afternoon a party was sent from the Parish Church to St. John's, and both peals were kept ringing merrily. A short visit was paid to St. Cuthbert's after the tea, but the gathering soon divided again, and the bells of Holy Trinity and St. John's were kept going till a late hour.

A feature of the meeting was the good ringing, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being obtained at the eight-bell towers, whilst Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, and London Minor were rung on the six bells of Holy Trinity.

Meetings of the two associations were held immediately after tea, and the Vicars and churchwardens of the three churches were thanked for the use of the bells, and the appreciation of the ringers was expressed to those in charge of the arrangements, which proved so successful.

The next meeting of the Southern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association was arranged to be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, March 5th.

Altogether it was a good day; the weather was fine, the ringing was excellent, and the meal ample and good. What more can a ringer desire? J. C. P.

YAXLEY CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication of the restored ring of six at Yaxley, Peterborough, took place on Sunday, February 7th, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

The original ring of four was installed in 1721, and two trebles were added in 1881, when the old 3rd was recast. These did service until four years ago, when No. 4 became cracked, and ringing was discontinued.

The cracked bell has now been recast, the remaining five tuned and quarter-turned, and the whole peal hung in a new teak frame with new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung by members of the local band, while touches in various methods were rung after the service by visitors, including Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, and ringers from St. Mary's and St. John's, Peterborough, Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Buckden, Market Deeping, and Deeping St. James, Folkingham, All Saints', Stamford.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the smooth running of the bells and the excellent 'splice' of the new bell with the old five, which have been carefully tuned, testify to the splendid workmanship with which the contract has been carried out.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, February 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Fricker 1, B. Ham 2, H. Moody 3, N. Knee 4, E. F. Marlow (conductor) 5, T. Snelgrove 6. The 4th and 5th ringers are from Warminster, the others are Corsley ringers. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 6, and first 'inside' for N. Knee.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Hon. secretaries of affiliated societies are again reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st.

The attention of members is drawn to rule 9, and in order to comply with this rule notices of motions must be sent to me forthwith.

It is proposed to apply for cheap travelling facilities for the Plymouth meeting, and it is desired to submit a complete schedule of the tickets required. Will all members and visitors, therefore, kindly send me a postcard with answers to the following questions:—

1. Name.
2. If cheap facilities are obtained, are you willing to travel by train?
3. Station of departure.
4. Date of departure.
5. Date of return.
6. Single fare from station of departure to Plymouth.
7. If necessary, are you willing to book in advance?

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BELLS FOR SHANGHAI.

The present trouble around Shanghai adds interest to the fact that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are shipping to that much harassed city a chiming peal of eight bells, which are to be erected at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Another peal for overseas is to be made at the Whitechapel Foundry. This is an octave with a tenor of 30 cwt., to be hung for ringing at Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand.

AN OLD RINGER OF OLD WINDSOR.

FAREWELL TO A VETERAN.

Mr. Joseph Gutteridge, of Old Windsor, passed away on Wednesday, February 3rd, in the 83rd year of his age, much regretted by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers and the Brotherhood of Gardeners in the Berks and Bucks district.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church of St. Peter on Saturday, February 6th, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. Russell-Napier, M.A., who held a long friendship with the deceased before moving to Sussex. The family of two sons—both change ringers—and ten daughters (with one exception) were present, as well as a number of relations and friends, and some beautiful wreaths were placed round the grave.

Berks and Bucks ringers assembled at the tower, four on each side of the belfry, as the coffin was borne into the church, and afterwards rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with muffled clappers as the cortege left the church for the burial ground.

Born at Mapledurham, Oxon, where he learnt to ring, the late Mr. Gutteridge's first migration was to Epsom, the next to Old Windsor, where he was employed by the Romain family for two generations at the Priory Gardens.

The deceased was an authority on the sweet pea and the English rose, and there were few flower shows in the district without his exhibits. He won outright the challenge bowl at Reading and many prizes elsewhere, and served on the committee of the Windsor Rose Society.

For 43 years he ably filled the office of parish clerk and verger, and many a dry anecdote can be related of him. On one occasion a strange clergyman, asking after his family, was informed by the verger that he had 'a L of a family.' It transpired that all the daughters' Christian names began with that letter. Once a visiting London ringer was inquiring of Mr. Gutteridge what they rang. He at once asked the questioner if he could ring 'London.' On being told, 'Yes,' replied, 'Ah! we can't.'

A presentation watch was given him by the parishioners in appreciation of his long service, and his employer, Mr. Colin Romain, gave him a pension and cottage for life.

As a change ringer, Mr. Gutteridge had rung about 50 peals, mostly in Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples. His first, on January 10th, 1891, the year after the octave was made, was conducted by Mr. J. W. Wilkins, in which the writer took part. His last peal was in 1924, with the young band of Welling's boys, and he remarked, when the bells came home, 'It's about time I gave up!'

In 1884, the six-bell team—speaking plainly—were sacked by the Vicar for not staying to the service. In January, 1885, a new team was raised by Mr. Gutteridge as foreman, and from that date many a pupil has raised a blister with Joe's help. He was always very proud of the prowess of one of his lads, Mr. Wm. Welling, who was unfortunately laid up (with his wife and family) and unable to attend the funeral ceremony.

A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted the following week, and was lost a few leads past the half-way Single. The following ringers took part in showing their respect to the passing of a faithful servant of the belfry: Messrs. H. G. and R. Owen, H. Cropley, T. S. Smith, W. H. Fussell, T. G. Leader, L. Stilwell, T. Farr, A. Bateman, R. Franklin and W. Tyndall (conductor).

W. H. F.

EXPULSION OR RETIREMENT ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader of February 5th shows that we are still at such cross purposes that I must write again, although I had hoped I had said my last word.

The Axioms which you published on February 5th are not (as you put it) in addition to the previous resolution, but in substitution thereof. The original resolution was passed in plenty of time to allow for criticism, which it certainly got; and now, as a result of this criticism, these Axioms have been evolved. They convey what we wanted to be conveyed before, but the previous resolution was so concise that it was not unreasonably misunderstood. These are the actual 'effective measures' which you ask us to tell the world at once. Of course they will not be effective in expelling any member from our Guild or any other body; but, as I have so often said, that never entered our heads, and has not even been mentioned among us. They should, however, be effective in telling members whether they ought to retire or not. In order to avoid further misunderstanding, I will hasten to add that I do not suppose there is a single member of any such body who would even think that he ought to retire. But the Painswick tablet has, quite unintentionally, of course, given the world to understand that there are such undesirable persons among ringers.

You, sir, would, I think, agree that anyone who would claim to have rung a certain number of changes when he had not done so ought not to be a member of any of our associations. I take it that your articles mean that it would be better in such a case (if the member would not listen to reason) that he should resign than that he should be expelled. If so, we are all agreed. Thus the question now is, Are these axioms a good basis to work on? Apparently you think they are all right as far as they go, but that they do not go far enough. If so, I am inclined to agree with you. Further, I am prepared to survey the whole field, either in your columns, under such limits as you may suggest, or under the direction of the Central Council, with the help of such others as may be appointed.

This is, however, hardly a job which a single Guild can tackle. All it can do is to deal with such matters as come within its purview, as we have done here.

Two criticisms of the Axioms have been made. One is that those who ring call changes do actually ring changes. This is not the case. The changes, such as they are, which are heard in call changes, are the result of the calls, not of the ringing. The performers simply do what they are told, and their skill is shown by the quickness with which they do this.

The other criticism is that we do not actually ring rows, but changes. Of course the exact opposite is the case. No one has ever rung, or could ring, a change, if one is to be strictly accurate. We ring rows, and the rows make the changes. To be more accurate still, we do not even ring rows. What we actually ring are bells; and the order of the bells, as we ring them, can be expressed by rows, and when these rows are different, changes result. There is, however, nothing wrong in saying either that we ring rows or that we ring changes, as long as we understand that the expression is a concise or elliptical one. Much of our colloquial language is contracted in this way.

HERBERT DRAKE.

AXIOMS THAT DO NOT BEAR INVESTIGATION.

Dear Sir,—You are right, Mr. Editor, in saying that it is high time we had more careful and accurate definitions, and as a start Mr. Drake's axioms, A, B, C and D, will no doubt meet with approval.

Axiom E, however, states that in the case of false ringing there are more rows than changes; and axiom F that 'a claim to have rung the same number of changes as rows is a false statement.'

These two axioms do not bear investigation:—

1st change	1234	
	2143	2nd change
3rd change	2413	
	4231	4th change
5th change	4321	
	3412	6th change
7th change	3142	
	1324	8th change
	1234	

8 changes, 8 rows. Same number of each. No repetition of rows. True.

1st change	1234	
	2143	2nd change
3rd change	2413	
	4231	4th change
5th change	2413	
	4231	6th change
7th change	4321	
	3412	8th change
9th change	3142	
	1324	10th change
	1234	

10 changes, 10 rows. Same number of each. Two repetitions of rows. False.

Axiom E might read: 'If, however, there is one or more repetitions of rows, the ringing is said to be false.'

It follows from the above examples that when ringing is false there are fewer different rows than changes, which is a mathematical fact that Mr. Drake has overlooked in framing his axioms E and F.—Yours faithfully,

C. G.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, 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) 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.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. — ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 27th, when a service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Over on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please look up Double Oxford Bob Major. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of Ledbury District will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. — Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Buses from Leeds (Aire Street) pass the church. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open at 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m, Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.; also Woodbridge after 6 p.m. Tea, in St. Mary's Hall, 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3.30 p.m. —A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 3rd and 31st at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th at 7.30 p.m.; *the Coffee Pot on the 22nd at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd. The Ribble buses on the Preston to Blackburn Old Road route pass the church every half hour each way. Three miles Preston, 8 Blackburn. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at Johnston's Institute. Please notify Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by March 2nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. G. H. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The 114th anniversary of these bells will be held Saturday, March 5th. Tower open for ringing all day. Dinner at 4 p.m. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than March 1st?

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me, not later than March 3rd, to enable estimate to be given.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 1st, those who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.— C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 2nd?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be at Ashby on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at Radford's Café 1s. Those intending to be present kindly inform E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, not later than Friday, March 4th. All welcome. — A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 5th. Bells ready afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting for business after. All ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. —A joint meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service and unveiling of two peal tablets by the Archdeacon of Stoke at 3 p.m. Tea (4 p.m.) will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 28, Fifth Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, before March 3rd at a charge of 1s. per head.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 2nd number requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, March 1st, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District —A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Wye. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers are heartily welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at usual terms. Kindly advise me. All members and friends welcomed. Special meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th, to re-open bells.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea, in Parish Room, at 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—March 5th. Ashwell. This grand peal of 6 ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea for all who will just send him a card. This is the last meeting of the ringing year 1931-32, and it would be a great help to me to get a few more subscriptions. All names for tea to the Rev. H. A. Griffiths, The Rectory, Ashwell, Herts. — Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Ringers are requested to look up London, Cambridge and York for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please turn up and put your backs into it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 1st. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Meeting at 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will take place at Ranmoor Church on March 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Tea, after the service, in the Rectory Hall, for those who notify the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, Whickham Rectory, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than March 9th. Visiting ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 1.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. R. Noble, 29, Towngate, Northowram, Halifax.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 9th. All welcome. Heaps of room.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, in Church House, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. S. F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. The annual report is now available and subscriptions for 1932 due. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Hanslope. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before March 12th.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—Ring of 8, recast and rehung in new frame, after the fire, by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bedford on Saturday, March 19th. Service at 3. Visiting ringers welcomed. Tea provided for those who write to the Vicar of their wish to be present by Monday, March 14th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday next. Bells available at 10 a.m. Service at noon. Lunch, presided over by His Worship the Mayor (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting will be held at Dursley, Glos., on Easter Monday, March 28th. Propositions re alteration, addition or deletion of rules, should be notified before March 1st. Nomination of officers may be sent in. Full details later.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —Annual Committee Meeting.—Will members of committee please note that the annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 2nd? Particulars later.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The fourth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, April 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 6 p.m. prompt. Definite arrangements later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

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DEATH.

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A RINGERS' 'STRIKE.'

According to a newspaper report, the ringers of Neston, Wirral, have gone 'on strike' because they were not invited to a party given by the Vicar to the choir, as they had been in former years.

Previously, it appears, the choir and ringers were entertained by the Vicar and churchwardens, but this year the churchwardens did not participate, and the Vicar himself entertained the choir.

The Neston Guild of ringers have a very old set of rules which provide that all disputes among the ringers should be referred to the Vicar.

DATE TOUCHES.

On Monday, February 15th, at Middleton, Lancs, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 6 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, W. Howard (longest length in the method) 3, J. Jacques 4, R. Johnson 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, J. H. Bastow 8.

At Woking Parish Church, on Saturday, February 13th, in 1 hour 20 mins., a date touch of Plain Bob Triples (1,932 changes) was rung by the local band: D. Munday 1, Admiral T. P. Walker 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, A. P. Osborne 4, J. Brackley 5, W. H. Edwards 6, T. Strudwick 7, F. Foot 8. Arranged and conducted by J. Brackley.

On Friday, January 29th, at St. Peter's Church, Blaxhall, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch of Minor, comprising 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 132 Plain Bob: C. Newson 1, A. Ling (conductor) 2, H. Puttock 3, W. Smith 4, A. E. Smith 5, R. Woodard 6.

A half-muffled 'date' touch (1,932 changes) was rung at Bromham, Bedfordshire, by: J. Freeman 1, G. White 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, E. Freeman (conductor) 4, P. C. Bonnett 5, S. Foskett 6, as a token of sympathy with Mr. P. Inskip, of Kempston, whose wife was buried on Thursday, January 7th. Mr. Inskip is a native of Bromham, and has rendered assistance to the local band.

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