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A STRANGE DOCTRINE.

We imagine that most of our readers will get something of a shock when they peruse the letter of the Rev. Herbert Drake and read things like this: 'Ringers as a rule imagine that the general public prefers good striking to bad, and that by good striking one is likely to appease those who are opposed to ringing altogether. The opposite is nearer the fact.' Or again: 'A spell of bad striking every now and then is really a relief to the ordinary listener to a peal.' In these views Mr. Drake is preaching an entirely new doctrine to the majority of ringers—a doctrine which we believe very few members of the Exercise, with any respect for their art, will endorse, although it may meet with approval from some who would make it an excuse for indifferent ringing. Mr. Drake's experience may be different to our own, but we have never yet found any section of the public anywhere who welcomed a spell of bad striking as a relief to good ringing. The soul of our English form of change ringing from the listener's point of view is the rhythm of the bells, and we cannot imagine that for choice the lay listener would desire to hear the bells jangled at intervals in a peal, any more than lovers of music would like the introduction of splashes of jazz into such a masterpiece as the 'Messiah.' In another place in his letter Mr. Drake says, in effect, that bad methods of teaching should not be tolerated merely because they are easy or convenient. For the same reason bad striking should not be tolerated. We think Mr. Drake must have drawn a wrong conclusion from his own experiences, and that what the public really welcome is a spell of good striking as a relief to bad ringing.

With many of the things which Mr. Drake mentions in his letter we are in full agreement, but there is one other matter in which, at any rate, we would urge careful consideration before action is taken. The annoyance which the continued chiming of a single bell frequently causes to the public is unquestioned, but the regular bombardment of the Church Assembly with resolutions from the Central Council with a view to limiting the period of ringing a single bell might well prove a two-edged weapon. If the ringing of a single bell were to be limited to not more than two minutes consecutively, there are many people who would at once contend that, if that period is sufficient for one bell, it is enough for any number of bells. There are, we know, arguments against such a contention, but to forbid by Church law the single bell to be chimed for more than two minutes on end, would be to introduce the thin end of a wedge which might, conceivably, eventually be driven much further than we as ringers care to contemplate. We

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suggest that if any 'campaign' is to be carried on against the excessive use of the single bell it should be by moral suasion in rural-decanal and other such Church conferences, where ringing clergy can obtain the ear of their clerical brethren.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. Treble	WILLIAM TILLET 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	JOHN F. TILLYTT... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 9
HARRY R. KOPER 4	HERBERT SHERMING 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus ever rung.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

HAYDN THORPE Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
J. HENRY BOWER 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER 8
JOHN THORPE 3	MAURICE E. WILSON 9
ALBERT H. WARD 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER 10
HAROLD NAYLOR 5	*T. COLIN RYDER 11
*ALBERT NASH 6	*ERNEST A. THORPE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.
* First peal on twelve bells. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle in this tower. The conductor's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM 7
*REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 8
RALPH COLES 3	FRANK BOREHAM 9
GEORGE HINTON 4	P. S. CECIL A. SMITH 10
F. DONALD BOREHAM 5	EDWARD R. COLES 11
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL 6	*WILLIAM H. PLDMRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung by a complete band of All Saints' service ringers, who are all resident in the parish.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	EDDERT G. WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
Arranged as a farewell for the Rev. G. E. B. Scanlan, who is exchanging livings with the Rev. S. H. Rendall, of Sutton Courtenay, this peal had to be rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. K. Timpson, of Appleton Manor, who was interred the previous day.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.)

*CLIFFORD HUGHES Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 6
†FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	†ROBERT LEWIS 8
†F. BERNARD MARTIN 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
FRANK LAWRENCE 5	†FRED CRUMP Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Caters away from tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Messrs. Thomas Albutt, Jabez Eades, John Mason and Alfred Moore, formerly members of the Bromsgrove Guild, who have recently passed away.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SADDLEWORTH.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MOWBRAY Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
STEPHAN L. PARRY 4	GEORGE BARLOW Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by G. BARLOW.
Rung as a farewell to S. Stott and F. Crossland, both of whom have been ringers at Glodwick, Oldham, for 60 years; also for the birthday of Miss M. Sykes.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	JOHN WHEADON 7
GEORGE TALBOT 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Audsley, who was unable to stand in owing to illness.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. & qr. 20 lb. in G.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 6
JONATHAN ALDOGS 3	GEORGE POYNIZ 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
This composition, reduced from a 7,000, and which contains the 7468's and other extent qualities, is now rung for the first time.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	*HAROLD DAVIES 7
JOHN T. BIMSON 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First attempt for a peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir James De Hoghton, Bart., also to Mr. W. Cross, of Preston. It was also a wedding peal for Mr. H. Harrison and Miss M. Drain, who were married previous to starting for the peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	HERBERT SHEMMING 5
*CHARLES SHEMMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES CLARKE 3	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOL ... 4	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal of Major.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
ALFRED J. BATTIN 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
ROBERT EDWARDS 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
WILLIAM TICKNER 4	CECIL H. BALLARD Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART:

HARRY PALMER Treble	JIM TEBAY 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 2	HUBERT RICHARDSON 6
WILFRED WALKER 3	FRANK WILSON 7
HECTOR WOODBURN 4	*KENNETH HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by T. S. JEFFERSON.
* First peal of Triples. All are Sunday service ringers at Windermere Parish Church. Rung on the octo-centenary anniversary of the forming of the Diocese of Carlisle.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
CHARLES H. MOORE 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A 66th birthday compliment to 'Frederick the Great.' Incidentally the 200th peal in which Nolan Golden has taken part.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 6, 1933, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
*JOHN ARBON 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
†ALBERT WHITING 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by T. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' It was also J. Arbon's first peal on tower bells.

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On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD 1	*CHARLES E. PRYKE 5
ROBERT HEAZEL 2	FRANK G. RINGE 6
ALBERT PRYKE 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUYSFORTH 1	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
ARTHUR SEWART 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
EVEREST FORD 4	OWEN OLIVE Tenor

Composed by MISS G. ANNIE CROOK.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Norton, M.A.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 1	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
WILLIAM M. STONE 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING
W. E. Taylor's 100th peal. Rung for the 120th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples in this tower on February 7th, 1813.

MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE STAFF 1	HAROLD HAMER 5
WALTER STAFF 2	JAMES B. SHAW 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	IVAN KAY 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY 4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by G. STAFF.
Rung with half-muffled bells as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Willie Horan, treasurer of the Lancashire Association.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSELL 1	WILLIAM T. BEKSON 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
*LEONARD STILWELL 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN 1	SIDNEY TAYLOR 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
PERCY GREEN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM DICKINSON 1	EDWARD C. GOBRY 5
*EDWARD F. GOSEY 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
JOHN E. HOBBS 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald, son of the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM C. DARKE 1	JOHN S. MORTON 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 2	*HARRY HOVERD 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	LIONEL J. CULLUM 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN S. MORTON.
* First peal of Union. First peal in the method as conductor.
The ringers of 7th and tenor have now both 'completed the circle' at this tower.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 1	ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. 5
HENRY GOODMAN 2	HENRY HUBBALL 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4	*JOSEPH H. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Alderman H. J. Golding on his appointment to the Mayoralty of Dudley. He has also held nearly every office at the above church.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT 1	WILLIAM J. CARTER 5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 2	*PERCY RICHARDS 6
JOHN BASS 3	JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 7
ERNEST CALCUTT 4	RALPH PARTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. SHORT.
* First peal of Major. The ringers were invited to tea after the peal by Mrs. Handley, and wish to thank her for her hospitality on this and former visits.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 33 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CLARKE 1	JAMES MORGAN 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in connection with the general thanksgiving services held the same day for the safe recovery of the Dean of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett). Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Pegler, of Bangor, and Mr. J. W. Clarke, of Chester.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BROWN Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
FRED HINDLE 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
100th peal for ringers of 3rd and 8th.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	ROBERT PARKINSON 5
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 2	† W. NORMAN PARK 6
* STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	ADAM DRAS 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	† ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES WM. BAKENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	GEORGE W. STEEL 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	HARRY MARSDEN 7
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... 4	* PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	RUSSELL CURSON 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	WALTER R. FARROW 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY Treble	CECIL C. MAYNR 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3	FRANCIS KIRK 7
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE
First peal of New Cambridge by all except the ringer of the 6th.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
REGINALD CHANCE 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

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(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-six six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASBY Treble	WALTER SPENCER 3
GEORGE F. SMITHSON 2	HAROLD HARPER 4
NOEL B. THURLEY Tenor	

Conducted by G. W. CREASBY.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal on the bells.

CROSS STONE, TADMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

CLARENCE HUXLEY Treble	HERBERT HUTCHINSON ... 4
MISS R. A. BELL 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 5
MISS H. BELL 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Willie Moran, conductor of the above church, who interred at Todmorden Parish Church earlier in the afternoon.

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRADGHING SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* REGINALD STACEY Treble	OLIVER BARNARD 4
† FREDERICK BARKER 2	WILLIAM BARDWELL 5
‡ WALTER SMITH 3	* GEORGE SKIPP Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BARNARD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. First peal in this method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the tenor ringer.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different compositions. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. GOOD Treble	ALAN MISSING 4
* GEORGE C. HILL 2	JOSEPH T. PACK 5
WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal of Minor and first peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are local, the remainder are from Egerton.

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CHENIES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CHALWIN Treble	ERNEST G. STEVENS 4
EDWARD C. AYRES 2	EDGAR G. SWIFT 5
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

The 720's contained no 6-5's at backstroke. First peal in the method by all the band and first for the Guild. Ring to celebrate the christening of the infant daughter of the Rev. Tasker, Vicar of Chenies.

SWAYESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	GEORGE L. PERKINS 4
GEORGE WHYBROW 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
MANSFIELD GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in more than one method by G. L. Perkins, who hails from Hemingford Abbots.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*CHARLES M. WHITNEY Treble	CYRIL WILSON 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	AMOS SMART 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal in five methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. W. V. Tunks) for giving permission to ring this peal at short notice, and Mr. G. H. Roberts for having everything in readiness.

WEST MONKTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT W. BORDEN Treble	JACK ROY 4
*ALBERT E. PARKER 2	WALTER H. POOLE 5
*HENRY PHILLIPS 3	ARTHUR ROSSITER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. POOLE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. BAILLSS Treble	WILLIAM NEWTON 4
*PERCY AMOS 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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'NO. 3 VERSION' RUNG AT BEDDINGTON.

1234567890	This version is another
2135476980	by George Baker, of
1253749608	Brighton, and is named
2157394068	No. 3 because it is the
2517930486	third version that has
5271394068	been rung.
5217930486	Conductors will notice
2571394068	the similarity of the
5273149608	courseing order back and
5723416980	front to the Major, ex-
7532149608	cept that middle 9th's
7352416980	is made instead of 7th's,
3725461890	and four bells return to
3274568109	lead.
2347651890	The first peal in this
2436758109	version was rung at Bed-
4263578019	ddington, Surrey, on Sat-
4623750891	urday, February 4th.
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6342078591	THE COMPOSITION.
3624705891	5,000 BY F. E. DARBY.
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2346087591	
2436805719	
4263085179	35264 — x
4620381597	42563 —
6402835179	54263 —
6048231597	32465 —
0684213957	45265 —
0864129375	24365 —
8046213957	63542 —
8406129375	25346 —
4801692735	32546 —
8410967253	54326 —
8401692735	35426 —
4810967253	42356 —
4180692735	34256 —
1486029375	23456 —
4168203957	
1462830597	
1426385079	

4th's place bob.

DEATH OF EDWARD F. MITCHELL.

WOLVERHAMPTON RINGERS' FAREWELL TRIBUTE.

We regret to record the death of Edward F. Mitchell, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, which occurred on January 27th. Deceased was 70 years of age. His remains were laid to rest in St. Philip's Churchyard, Penn Fields, on January 30th, with those of his late wife, who predeceased him by nearly four years.

The first part of the service was taken at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Hodson, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., Vicar of Swindon (Dudley). The following friends acted as bearers: J. Perry (Brewood), R. Pickering (Tettenhall), H. Knight and W. H. Lawley (St. Peter's), T. Collinswood and I. Marsh (the last three being workmates). At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by R. Pickering 1-2, H. Knight 3-4, J. Perry 5-6, and H. Boswell 7-8. The number of changes coincided with the age of the deceased.

Among those present at the funeral were the churchwardens (Messrs. C. H. Clapham and S. H. Tunks), Messrs. J. Williams, H. T. Piper, G. Langley, N. H. Smith and T. Roden (St. Peter's company), A. D. Collins (St. Luke's) and A. Smith.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one each from St. Peter's and St. Luke's companies, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pickering and Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry.

'Ted,' as he was familiarly known, learned to ring on the then five bells at Somerton, near Banbury. At the age of 18 he migrated to Wolverhampton and began work at Messrs. Mander Bros., where he remained for 47 years. He did not, however, do any ringing until Wolverhampton possessed a ring of twelve bells, when in 1912 he began his change ringing at St. Peter's, and remained a member for 20 years. During most of that period he acted as hon. secretary and treasurer to the company. The following is a list of peals in which he took part: Grandsire Doubles (1 on handbells) 2, Triples 37, Caters 9, Cinques 5, Stedman Doubles 1, Triples (1 uncompleted) 39, Caters (1 on handbells) 11, Cinques 11, Bob Minor 1, Major 7, Royal 1, Maximus 1, Erin Triples 1; total 126.

The deceased leaves a son and two daughters to mourn their loss. On Monday evening, January 30th, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Peter's, half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand rung for 70 times, finishing up with the bells 'dying off' one by one.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT PERRANZABULOE.**

A meeting of the above was held at Perranzabuloe on Saturday, February 4th. Those present included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila (diocesan secretary) and about twenty members from Truro Cathedral, Illogan, Kenwyn, St. Newlyn East and the local band. The attendance was smaller than is usual, no doubt on account of Perranzabuloe being at the extreme north of the district and because of the prevalence of influenza.

Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., but ball bearings showed that the ropes needed careful handling, and the second stay was broken. Fortunately there were new stays 'in stock,' and Col. Jerram proved a worthy 'bellhanger,' and with the Rev. Trewheila (who was kept descending and ascending the tower for tools from his car) as an assistant, matters were soon put right.

The service was conducted and an address given by the Rev. Father Lyon (priest-in-charge).

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to all the helpers by Mr. A. S. Roberts, who, in a brief speech, urged the ringers to claim their weekly practice night, as this alone would improve their handling and striking of the bells. 'We do not,' he said, 'wish to be as the idols, of which the Psalmist said, "Hands have they, yet they handle not; ears have they, yet they hear not."'—The vote of thanks was seconded by the Rev. Trewheila, who remarked that only a few years ago he was called upon to inspect the three old bells and frame. Two local ringers suddenly appeared during his inspection, and they rang the bells up and down in peal and also rang changes. He sincerely hoped that the metal from those old bells which came from the old church which was found buried in the sand was in the new peal.—Mr. W. Jervis Hodge, local captain and donor of the present tenor, replied.

Mr. T. Slee, branch chairman, presided over the business meeting. It was decided to arrange a meeting in the summer at Lanivet to encourage outlying towers. Gwennap was chosen for the September meeting.

Ringing of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, together with call changes, rising and falling, was indulged in during the evening. Good striking was a special feature of the meeting. The call-change ringers could find no fault with the method striking. Many 'half-pull' ringers enjoyed the opportunity of call-changes and rising and falling.

Such a meeting certainly awakens a real live interest in ringing, especially for those who live many miles from any neighbouring tower.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday.

Ringers began to gather about 3 p.m., and St. Oswald's bells were soon going to Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Double Norwich.

A splendid tea at St. Oswald's Mission Hall was another delightful 'change,' and full justice was done to the good things provided.

After tea a short meeting was held, Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, being in the chair. After the loyal toast had been honoured, the chairman moved a vote of condolence with Mr. W. Storey, of Newcastle (who was present at the meeting) on the death of his wife.

Mr. Parker welcomed the Rev. T. H. Lilburn (Vicar of St. Oswald's) and the Rev. Maughan (curate of St. Aidan's), and hoped the incumbents of St. Aidan's would impress the ringers with the advantages to be gained by being members of the association. It would be an enormous help to them in furthering the art in their belfry and when they attended the meetings.

Mr. T. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy of St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's for granting the use of the bells, and also gave some happy reminiscences of his previous visits to West Hartlepool before the war, and said it was always a pleasure to come.

The Rev. Lilburn replied, and said that it was almost unnecessary to thank them, as he was quite sure the Vicar of St. Aidan's, as well as himself, were very glad indeed to have the ringers there, and he appreciated most heartily the great work the ringers were doing.—Mr. Maughan also replied, and said it was the first meeting of ringers he had been to, and it was a great pleasure to see what a happy party they were. What he knew about bellringing 'would go on a halfpenny stamp,' but he knew it was a most fascinating art and useful and valuable work for the Church.

Mr. J. Titt moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea, and in a humorous vein said that even if he hadn't had a ring the tea was worth visiting West Hartlepool for.—Mrs. Robson suitably replied for the ladies.

Mr. J. A. Briggs, St. John's College, Durham, was proposed a member and Mr. G. P. Kimball a life member of the association.

It was proposed that a joint meeting with the Western District be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 29th.

Ringing was further indulged in until 8.30 p.m. Members were present from Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Newcastle, Chester-le-Street, Durham and the local tower.

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Surfleet has become famous among ringers for many things—possession of the lightest ringing peal of twelve bells in the world is another claim which it can now make to celebrity.

The 'house party' at Glen Garth, when the opening took place, was another instance of the open-hearted hospitality of the present Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and his wife. Glen Garth has been described as a 'home of rest' for ringers, but during this particular week-end it belied its name, and for the best most of all, for while he and his guests spent long and hectic days, the claims of his dairy herd kept him busy all night.

A visit to Boston 'Stump,' a climb up the 185 steps to the eerie belfry and a ring on this glorious new peal of ten bells on Sunday afternoon was not the least among the series of interesting and enjoyable events of the week-end. Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s 'job,' in this famous tower, whose lantern rises to nearly 300ft. and stands watch over sea and fen, is a revelation in modern bell hanging.

By the way, we understand that several members of the Central Council have recently been qualifying as entering assistants. They gained a lot of experience at Surfleet in making sandwiches, although they sometimes missed a dodge and failed to put the meat between the bread and butter, while at others they got a whole pull out by putting in a double layer. Anyone organising a ringers' tea in future can apply for their services—if they are prepared to take the risks.

Forty years ago to-morrow the first Surprise peal in Birmingham, a 5,056 of Superlative at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral by the Kidderminster band of the Worcestershire Association, conducted by Mr. R. E. Grove, was rung.

The attention of the Leeds and District Society members is drawn to the place of the next meeting, which is to be held at Birstall and not at Liversedge as printed in the lists circulated to towers.

Eight 'Olivers' are wanted for a peal. Can they be found? They should communicate with Mr. Oliver G. Barnard, Station Road, Puckeridge, Warr, Herts.

The meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association, which was to have been held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th, had to be postponed at the last moment owing to illness near the church. The hon. divisional secretary (Mr. J. M. Cripps) wishes to express regret for any disappointment caused.

Here is an S.O.S.: LOST, between Mere and Zeals, Wilts, since December 27th last, a 'matchless' and very popular ringer answering to name of 'C-p-p-t.' It is feared that his love for a bell has been transferred to a belle, and that Harecourt has proved more intriguing to him than Single Court. Information is urgently required by his many ringing friends throughout Somerset, Wilts and Dorset.

We regret that we are compelled to hold over a number of reports and letters to the Editor. The second portion of Mr. Lewis' lecture on Bell Towers will appear next week.

IS IT WORTH IT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to trespass on your valuable space, but my answer to the above query in your recent leader is: in a large percentage of cases NO! Our beautiful hobby has too many jugglers of course-ends and part-ends, who are content with any din that is kept up for about three hours and then reported as a peal (see page 137, 'R.W.' for 1932).

This class are called the minority. Are they? Quite recently a conductor before commencing a peal ordered that no one was to set their bells until the conductor said 'Stand,' as they had lost a peal through this the previous week. I was accused of being premature in giving the word 'Stand' after what I considered was a glorious flounder on more than one occasion.

My candid opinion is that we are burdened with a great number who have been 'cluttered' through peals in the higher methods by the above so-called experts, who are absolutely incapable of ringing a peal of Bob Major, as they could not strike their bell in a plain method which would produce that rhythm which makes peal ringing so enjoyable. These peal-grabbers (yes, a peal at any price) are surely the cause of closing many towers for peal ringing, and creating just discontent amongst residents near many other towers, apart from causing the daily Press to publish articles which are not altogether in our favour.

In addition to your man having the courage to set up his bell when the ringing is so bad, I should like to see him have additional courage and send to 'The Ringing World' the name of the conductor who dared to wish the ringing to continue under such circumstances. This, I think is the only way to stamp out this scourge, and give the public what they are entitled to. We can afford to lose this type, as they are seldom found ringing for Sunday services, so it would be better for the Exercise even if there were only 1,000 peals rung, for your space could be much better utilised than by its being filled with reports of peals that are not worth the paper that they are printed on. Should anyone wish personally to abuse me re the above, and so save a little more space in 'The Ringing World,' my address is below.

GEORGE GILBERT.

8, St. Luke's Road North,
Maidenhead, Berks.

STRIKING.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Every ringer will agree with your article on striking. There exists, however, one fallacy which we should bear in mind. Ringers as a rule imagine that the general public prefers good striking to bad, and that by good striking one is likely to appease those who are opposed to ringing altogether. The opposite is nearer the fact. The ordinary man expects to hear what he, if he is poetical, terms wild jangling from the bells. And abroad the only ringing they know is actual jangling: the more noise and clashing there is, the better pleased everyone is. I have never heard that there was any objection to this on the Continent.

What is true is that there are quite a number of people who do not know much about ringing, but who do appreciate good striking when they hear it. Yet after all they are a very small minority of listeners, and most certainly none of them would ever try to stop bells being rung.

The greatest cause of offence to most people is the ringing of a single bell for five minutes or more at a time. This is really objectionable, and all change ringers hate it. What we ought to do is get the Central Council to send every year, until it is passed, a request to the Church Assembly to agree to a measure forbidding any single bell to be chimed for more than two minutes consecutively.

The next cause of offence is when a bell is out of tune or cracked. This also gets on people's nerves, and should be forbidden.

A third cause is when bells are badly hung. A bell is an instrument of sound, and the first thing to be striven for in hanging them is to get the sound right. Ringers are at fault here, for the only thing they require is that the bells should 'go' well. Of course, if they do not go well, they must be hung badly, but the go of the bell should in every case take second place to the sound. Not only should the sound be sent upwards instead of downwards, but it should be properly blended before it leaves the tower. Nothing gets on people's nerves so much as one bell being nearer the window and so sounding louder in every row than the rest.

A fourth cause is the ringing of call changes. And here again the better the striking, and the more clear cut the movement from one change to another, the greater the annoyance. I can speak feelingly on this point. I well remember what I have experienced when lying ill and listening to the bells here. Rounds, whether well or badly struck, had a soothing effect, and half-pull changes were interesting; but when it was call changes, one could only think, 'When will they stop?' The repetition of even the most musical yows very soon becomes wearisome, but in call-changes it seems as if the most unmusical changes are chosen, and in the most unmusical order. Rules could be drawn up forbidding all these causes of offence.

The last cause, however, we do not want any rules about. It is that of length. Ringers are alive to this trouble, if not to the others, and when ringing peals try to avoid being troublesome as far as possible. It has, however, probably never occurred to them that a spell of bad striking every now and then is really a relief to the ordinary listener to a peal. Of course, I do not mean that one should cultivate this as a new method of peal ringing, but it is worth while remembering it, as showing how differently ringing appeals to different people.

II.

As regards learning how to strike well, one may imagine that among the indifferent strikers will always be found those of us who had to learn on Seage's apparatus. I remember Mr. Law James telling me that this would be the case (when he was teaching me at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge) if I could not get sufficient practice with the bells open. The best strikers will probably be those who learnt on five heavy bells. If more ringers learnt on four bells, they would be the best strikers of all. The reason is that the fewer the bells the more slowly can they be rung, and the better can the learner appreciate the place he is putting his bell into.

The greater the distance between the strokes the better can the learner hear what is being done, and at the same time the harder it is to do it, and, therefore, the better the practice. Many ringers on higher numbers find it difficult to strike well on five, more so on four, and most of all on three. I do not advocate much ringing of the sixes on three bells, as they cannot be made very pleasant, especially if, as is usually the case, the three lowest bells are rung; but every ringer should be proficient in it.

The ringing of four bells is, however, a different matter. Their music is the most readily appreciated by the ordinary listener. I doubt whether there is anyone who could not follow the rhythm of the four and twenty changes when well struck if he tried to do so. They are a pleasing variety from the changes on the higher numbers and a splendid foil for setting them off, and should be rung once at least at every practice, out of consideration for the ordinary listener. Moreover, they are good practice, not only in striking, but in understanding the basis of method construction. If every ringer were often ringing these changes it would not mean time wasted. The striking would be so improved that fewer rounds would be required before each touch. Perhaps also we should not hear members of the Central Council say that matters of method construction were beyond them.

It is very unenterprising only to ring those bells which lie next to one another in the tower when other combinations are available. For three bells, 468, 146, 357, on eight; 246 or 135 on six; and 135 on

five, make admirable music and excellent practice. While for four, 1468 or 1357 are delightful.

Just as ordinary listeners appreciate the lower numbers best, so do they least understand the highest. In fact, it is probably quite possible for even a change ringer to be a good striker on other numbers, and yet not to be able to tell good striking in Maximus when he hears it; while the ordinary listener would in many cases not know whether changes were being rung or the bells merely jangled when the twelve are ringing.

This does not mean that such changes ought not to be rung, but it does indicate that we might ring more than we do on three, four and five bells.

III.

In teaching striking, it should be remembered that call changes do more harm than anything else. It is quite true that a certain kind of striking is required to ring call changes well, but it is not the same kind of striking as is required in the half-pull changes. It is also true that to one who finds little difficulty in striking well it will probably be equally easy to acquire either. But this is certainly not the case with those who find a difficulty in learning striking, and it is these latter whom we have to consider.

For what is it we have to teach? As the Devonshire ringer in your issue of January 27th so well puts it, it is to listen, listen, listen all the time. Before he rings himself, the learner should be taught to listen for the treble. When he rings rounds he will still listen first for the treble, then for his own bell. Next, when others are ringing he can be taught to listen to the treble hunting up and down so as to tell when she is leading. All this before he attempts to ring changes himself, either on hand or tower bells.

If now this progress is to be interspersed with call changes, what chance of learning to listen do you give the beginner? Before he has rung rounds long enough to be able to identify the treble and his own bell with confidence, he is hurried off to a kind of ringing in which neither has any rational or recognisable course. All his landmarks are gone, and he is being taught to shuffle his bell along, instead of placing it with precision just where he wants, or ought to want, to.

Just as rovesight can best be learned by watching, when you are not ringing or doing anything to distract your attention, so striking can only be learned by listening when you are not ringing or doing anything to distract the attention from the one thing in hand. Now I defy anyone to learn or teach anything that is good, in rovesight or in striking, either by watching call changes or by listening to them. If you want to ruin your beginners in rovesight or striking, you will let them practice call changes. If you want to give them a fair chance, you will keep them away from it.

IV.

This is all very well, no doubt someone is saying, but often one has a whole band to instruct at once; in such a case one must use call changes. I admit that it is then easy to teach call changes, but neither here nor anywhere else may one do what is wrong simply because it is easy. The right thing to do when teaching a band is to let them get a hunting course by heart. Which hunting course depends on circumstances. But the best way with a band of eight beginners is to put half of them to ring the hunting course ('The Eight') on four bells, while the rest learn to watch and listen. They should not leave 'The Eight' until they begin to understand what good striking means. Probably by then the hunting course on Doubles and Triples will make the practice perfect.

They should not be allowed to ring a *method* until they can at least strike well, even if not yet perfectly. You can never teach a beginner properly if he is trying to do two things at once. Concentration is the only path to learning.

When the beginner can strike well in plain hunting, let him start learning how to ring a method on tower bells, having first grasped the idea on handbells. But he must always begin on four bells. On these he can both see and hear what happens when he dodges or makes a place far more readily than on five or more bells. Let him thoroughly get into his mind the 'Four and Twenty,' and understand why and wherefore he does it all, and he will have cause to bless his teacher all the rest of his ringing life. Remember that each ringer learns differently. It is folly to refuse to teach a ringer who cannot hear when the treble leads, considering that many good ringers cannot do this. Even on four bells it is not only the best possible music, but it is excellent practice in striking.

If, however, it is not a band of beginners, but one of regular ringers who want to learn how to strike better, let them keep on ringing a hunting course (say the last lead of the Grandsire plain course), and nothing else, till they are perfect. They will find it worth doing.

HERBERT DRAKE.

FIFTY YEARS ON.

On Sunday, February 12th, at the Church of St. Mary, Hornsey, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, G. B. Lucas 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6. Arranged with very great measure for Mr. G. B. Lucas, who on February 11th, 1883, rang in a 720 of Bob Minor at this church—his first 720 in any method. Included in the band of those far off days were Messrs. Griffin, Nixon, Titchener, Hannington and Jacob. Many ringers have commenced their ringing career at Hornsey, and to-day the band has a 'red hot' enthusiast in its ranks.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS BLACKBOURN, A FORMER BELLHANGER.

A personality well known to a former generation of ringers has passed away at Luton. Mr. Thomas Blackbourn died on January 24th at the age of 73 years, after an illness of six weeks' duration.

Born at Holbeach, Lincs, Mr. Blackbourn was for some time in business at Salisbury as a bellhanger, and carried out many bell restorations in the South and West of England, one of the jobs of which he was particularly proud being the re-hanging of the heavy ring of ten at Wells Cathedral. He was a sound craftsman and a good ringer.

After leaving Salisbury he went to live at Luton in 1918, and joined the band at the Parish Church, where he became steep-keeper and took great pride in the bells.

He was taught to ring 55 years ago by the late Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, and had rung about 200 peals in various methods. While working in Brighton in 1892 he rang in the first handbell peal in which a lady ever rang a pair of bells, the band being Mrs. G. Williams 1-2, T. Blackbourn 3-4, G. Williams (conductor) 5-6, A. P. Goddard 7-8.

Mr. Blackbourn leaves a family of four sons and one daughter in bereavement, his wife having predeceased him in September, 1931.

The funeral took place on January 28th, the service being held in the Parish Church and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Howard). The interment took place in the church cemetery. The Luton band was represented by Messrs. A. King, L. A. Goodenough, H. Walker, F. Walker, A. Smith and E. Shann, and a wreath in the shape of a bell was sent. Mr. Blackbourn will be much missed in Luton tower, where his cheery face and genial manner endeared him to all.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RECORD YEAR OF THE WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, January 28th, when 18 towers were represented. The fine peal of eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative, Cambridge and a well-struck course of Yorkshire Surprise.

The Guild service was held in the beautiful Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Owen), who also gave an address, in the course of which he offered a most hearty welcome to the members and went on to speak of the value of worship.—The hearty rendering of the hymns, with the help of Mr. L. Clippson at the organ, was a delight to hear. The members afterwards adjourned to the old Grammar School close by, where tea had been prepared by the local ringers, with their wives and lady friends, 63 being present.

Owing to the Rev. D. N. Dabson (president of the branch) being in bed with a severe cold, the Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed. Earls Barton was suggested as the place for the next quarterly meeting, and it was announced that a special meeting would be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of celebrating the jubilee of the formation in 1893 of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, which was the forerunner of the present Guild, and the hope was expressed that as many as possible would attend, so that as a body they could meet the present Vicar.

Dr. Crew, one of the churchwardens, and Mr. L. Clippson, organist, were elected honorary members, and 12 new ringing members were elected. A Guild certificate for the ringing of his first peal was presented to Mr. W. F. Nutt, of Stauwick, with congratulations.

The branch secretary (Mr. F. Barber) presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, and was proud to say it had been a record one, both financially and in point of view of new members. There was a gain of 27 members on the year. On the financial side the balance had increased from £22 1s. 2d. to £26 16s. 5d., which, he thought, was a very fine achievement, considering the difficult time it had been for many.

The Vicar said he was sure they would all wish him on their behalf to thank the secretary for his excellent report and congratulate him on the efficiency of his work.—Mr. R. G. Black, the general secretary of the Guild, added further testimony to the work that had been done, and hoped they would retain Mr. Barber's services for many years to come.

The Secretary said he was sure it would be of interest to those present and to ringers generally to know that the Rev. Dr. Robinson, Dean of Calgary, who had just been appointed to the Rectorship of Wilby Church, was a son of the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson, one of the most noted ringers of his day, several in that room having had the privilege of ringing peals with him, and it was interesting to note that his name was on a tablet in Higham Ferrers bellry, as well as in many others in this district. He hoped they would all have the privilege of meeting him in the near future.

Apologies were received from the Rev. D. N. Dabson, the Rev. J. H. Manlow and Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Guild), who had been ill for the past three weeks. Amongst those present were Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, who took part in the course of Yorkshire Surprise.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist and the local ringers and wives for preparing tea.

BELLS ON THE WIRELESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read certain things recently published in 'The Ringing World' with wholehearted approval. One such is your leading article on 'The essential need for good striking,' together with the wise remarks on that subject by the president of the Central Council, which were the occasion of the article. All ringers will do well to mark that word 'essential' and take its vital significance to heart.

Another point is that raised in A. Reeves' letter on the subject of 'Bells on the "wireless."' I am bound emphatically to agree with his statement that anything beyond Triples or Major is unsuitable for broadcasting. Slow, steady ringing on six or eight bells is far the best thing for this purpose. Even the perfect examples of Stedman Cinques broadcast from St. Martin's, Birmingham, probably have far less meaning for the general public than would a touch of Stedman or Kent rung slowly on the back eight of that famous peal. One would like to hear that experiment tried. It is my belief, though I may be mistaken, that it would sound more musical and impressive over the ether than the twelve. The quick succession of tones in Cinques inevitably produces a confused jumble of harmonics. Heretical though it may be to say so, I hold that, when twelve bells are broadcast, they sound much better rung in a set change. About the best bell music that I have ever heard by wireless was Bow Bells rung in 'Whittingtons.' Nor are ten bells in changes often satisfactory. The troubles are frequently inaudible except to an acute ear. The rounds on the ten bells of Boston came over very clearly, and those responsible did well to keep them in rounds for the broadcast: that was intelligible to the public.

I would not for a moment appear to depreciate broadcasts of change ringing on a suitable number of bells, but it certainly seems to me that in most cases eight bells measure the limit of effective capacity for the microphone.

And whether bells are rung in rounds or changes, it is, to return to our first point, absolutely essential that the striking should be perfect. If a local band cannot ring even a Plain Course with faultless precision, they should confine themselves to ringing rounds—and even practice doing that until they attain a perfect rhythm. Quite frequently one hears a touch fairly well rung and yet failing to come into rounds clean and in true time. At least as often as not even in rounds one bell spoils the whole effect by striking slightly too close or too wide at every other blow. In response to requests from the Central Council and the College Youths the B.B.C. are now 'featuring' bells more prominently in their programmes, and it is a matter of supreme importance that their listeners should hear nothing but the very best of its kind.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

THE LATE MR. W. HORAN.

FUNERAL OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION TREASURER.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Horan, hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association, whose death we recorded in our last issue, took place at Todmorden Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The Vicar of Cross Stone (the Rev. R. Marle) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. In addition to the family mourners, there were among those present Miss H. Bell, Miss R. Bell and Mr. W. Brown (bell-ringers from Cross Stone Church), Messrs. W. Crabtree, H. Davenport and S. Hartley (Todmorden Parish Church), Mr. J. Milton (Todmorden Unitarian Church), Mr. T. B. Worsley (Deane, Bolton), and Mr. H. Hamer (Minrow). (Glen View Lodge of Oddfellows was represented by Councillor P. Crowther and Messrs. C. Crowther and S. Prior.

Over the grave a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss R. Bell 1-2, Mr. Davenport 3-4, Mr. Crabtree 5-6, Mrs. Crabtree 7-8; while after the interment an adjournment was made to the bellry of the church to ring on muffled bells a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples: Mr. Crabtree (conductor) 1, Mr. Hamer 2, Miss H. Bell 3, Mrs. Crabtree 4, Miss R. Bell 5, Mr. Worsley 6, Mr. Davenport 7, Mr. Hartley 8.

There were a large number of wreaths, and among those who sent flowers were the Cross Stone Church Council and friends, Cross Stone Operatic Society, Cross Stone ringers, Glen View Lodge of Oddfellows and the Manchester staff of W. Bolton and Co.

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Winifred Giles, of Beenham, Bucks, at the early age of 30 years.

She was a regular Sunday service ringer, and although not far advanced in method ringing, was a cheerful and willing learner, and could always be relied upon to be at practice.

She will be sadly missed by her ringing friends and others in the village. She was buried at Beenham on Thursday, February 9th, and as a token of respect the bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday. A 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung before service and a 360 after by B. Churchill 1, R. Abery 2, E. Richardson 3, A. Claydon 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, F. Wigmore 6.

AN IPSWICH RING AUGMENTED.**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH GETS ITS TREBLE BELL.**

At last the peal of six bells at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, is complete, for at the morning service on Sunday, January 29th, the Rector (the Rev. Robert Sinker) dedicated the new treble bell which, as recently reported, was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Morfey (a former churchwarden). The bells were all rehung in a new oak frame for six by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of the Ipswich Bell Foundry, in 1903. From time to time various efforts have been made to fill the gap, and about a year ago the present Rector made an appeal with the above good result.

The new bell has been cast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, and bears the inscription, 'George Morfey gave me; Alfred Bowell made me; One Nine Three Three'; 'And keep in tune with heaven.'

At the evening service the first 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by four of the service band who rang the peal of Doubles, assisted by Mr. Bowell and his son: Fred Bowell (St. Clement's), (conductor) 1, Reg Arbon 2, Gordon Leech 3, Cecil Aldous 4, Walter Holloway 5, Alfred Bowell (St. Clement's) 6. First 720 by R. Arbon, and also on the bells. Also 216 Bob Minor, G. Mothersole and G. Biggs taking part.

St. Matthew's Church will be remembered as the garrison church by those stationed in Ipswich during the Great War.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRADFIELD DEANERY'S NEW MOVE.**

The Bradfield Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is arranging a series of combined practices to enable ringers to meet and practice method ringing.

The first practice was held at Pangbourne recently, and was well attended. The Rural Dean (Rev. H. C. Wilder) was among those present, and joined in the ringing. Members also attended from the following towers: Beenham, Bradfield, Englefield, Goring, Pangbourne and Whitechurch, making a total of seventeen, including visitors from Cholsey and Tilehurst.

Some very good ringing took place, including touches of Grand-sire, Plain Bob and Stelman. The evening was enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. T. W. Palmer, of Theale, has recently taken over the secretaryship of the branch.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Saturday, January 21st. Proceedings opened at Shoreditch, where a large number of members gathered, the tower being opened at 2 p.m., and touches were rung in various methods until 3.30 p.m., when a move was made to headquarters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where a large number of members had already assembled and the belfry filled to overflowing. Touches were rung in various methods, including rounds for beginners, till 5.30. A sumptuous tea was provided in the crypt, about 50 sitting down, and being joined by the Vicar, the Rev. Pat McCormick.

The business meeting was held in the famous Vestry Hall, the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, presiding, supported by the Vicar, who gave the members a cordial welcome, and said it gave him great pleasure to attend such a splendid gathering.

The balance sheet was adopted as quite satisfactory, and the hon. secretary gave his report, which showed progress had been made during the year.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; trustees, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy; stewards, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. T. Bevan; auditors, Mr. R. Bevan and Mr. T. Newman; hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Card. Fifteen new members were elected.

The usual votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, and to the Vicar for his presence and cordial welcome, brought a most successful meeting to a close, after which further ringing took place, in which the ladies were to the fore, while a touch on the handbells concluded the programme.

TWO HUNDRED 720's IN A YEAR.**FRYERNING RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.**

During the year 1932 the St. Mary's company at Fryerning, Essex, rang no fewer than 201 720's. Of these 124 were rung for divine service and 77 for practice. These extents were rung chiefly under the conductorship of the company's leader, Mr. A. Bradley, who rang 190 and conducted 112. He was well supported by the other members of the company, all of whom had a high total of 720's to their credit for the year. They were Messrs. L. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright and J. Sitch. Mr. J. Sitch earned the thanks of the company by regularly attending service ringing and practice, although he has a journey of four miles each way to the church.

In Minor there were 101 720's in 30 Surprise methods, 77 in 18 Treble Bob methods, and 18 in seven Plain methods. In addition there were five 720's of Doubles.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual general meeting of the Southern District was held at Betchworth on Saturday, January 28th. There was a fair attendance, ringers putting in an appearance from Charlwood, Croydon, Beddington, Buckland, Godstone, Reigate, Kingswood, Merstham, Newdigate, Leigh and Horley. Owing to the sudden death of a Betchworth resident, ringing took place at Buckland, by kind permission of the Rev. H. W. Dunk, Rector of Buckland.

The business meeting was held at the Dolphin Inn, Betchworth, and Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association, occupied the chair. Three new members were elected—Messrs. Stephen Martin (Merstham), Arthur Slaughter (Horley) and Philip Worsfold (Leigh). The towers to be visited for meetings during the year are: Charlwood, March 11th; Bletchingley, May 20th; Burstow, July 22nd; Limpsfield Chart, September 16th; and Redhill, November 18th. By the request of the Rev. H. W. Dunk a special meeting will be held at Buckland about midsummer.

The secretary, in his report, thanked all the officers, also the local secretaries, for their support in arranging the meetings, etc.

The following officers were elected: District Master, Mr. L. A. Tidy; treasurer, Mr. M. A. Northover; auditor, Mr. A. Gear; secretary, Mr. Geo. Hoad; committee, Messrs. Robert Hoare, J. Wallis, jun., and A. J. Bull.

The Chairman said how sorry they were to hear of Mr. Bull resigning the secretaryship. Mr. Bull, in replying, said he hoped to see the members give their new secretary the same support as he had received during his term of office.

The next annual meeting for the district is to be held at Godstone in January, 1934.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. W. Dunk and Mr. Frank Sanders for allowing the bells to be used at the last moment. Mr. T. Arrow was thanked for his assistance in arranging the tea, and the meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Most of the company returned again to Buckland, where the bells were kept going to methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise till nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MR. W. KEEBLE'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Halstead on Saturday, January 21st. The Vicar (Canon T. H. Curling, R.D.) visited the belfry and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Touches in various methods were rung until 4.30, when a service was held at which the Vicar officiated, Mr. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson, and the service was choral. In his address the Vicar said how pleased he was that the association should pay another visit to Halstead. He was struck by the excellent comradeship which existed amongst the ringers, and hoped it would be extended to other branches of life. It was most appropriate, he said, to have a meeting there this year, as it was the thirtieth anniversary of the rehanging of the bells and the addition of two trebles to complete the octave.

Tea was afterwards provided at St. Andrew's Hall, where 35 sat down, fifteen towers being represented. The Vicar presided, supported by the Master, the District Master and district secretary.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. Chilton, M.V.O., D.D., Rector of Colce Engaine, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. E. Claydon, Halstead, a probationer.—It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Peering on April 29th.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, the use of the bells and the use of St. Andrew's Hall for tea. He extended thanks to the organist and choir for their services, also to Miss Thompson and the Young People's Fellowship for providing tea. He congratulated the Halstead ringers on ringing regularly for divine service, and complimented various companies in the division for the progress they had made. He added that he owed a debt of gratitude to all the old members. He referred to the veterans' peal recently rung at Hart Street, City, in which Mr. W. J. Nevard took part. Extracts were also read from a letter from Mr. W. Keeble (Peering), who was unable to be present, in which it was stated he had rung 16 peals in three weeks. These were rung with 51 ringers—32 rang one each, 8 two each, 3 three each, 1 four, 1 five and 1 seven. Eight rang their first peal, one rang his first peal in two methods. He had travelled a distance of 280 miles by walking, private car, bus and train.

The district secretary was instructed to write Mr. Keeble and compliment him on his excellent achievement, and to thank him for all he was doing for the association.

The Vicar, replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a real pleasure to meet members of the association again. He referred to the ringers 'jar' which was in a glass case in the belfry, and what puzzled him most was that it was given to the ringers at a time when it was illegal for the bells to be rung (laughter).

Handbell ringing was subsequently indulged in, whilst others returned to the tower. This brought a most successful and pleasant meeting to a close.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

AN ENJOYABLE DAY AT MANCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held at Manchester on Saturday, February 4th. Members attended from the following forces: Metropolitan, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Reigate Borough, Liverpool City, Bolton Borough, Leicester County and Nottingham County, and were met on arrival by the local members.

During the morning they visited the Town Hall belfry, where the famous 'Policemen's Peal' of ten bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. During the ringing the company was honoured by the presence of the Lady Mayoress of Manchester, Mrs. J. D. Peattie, who extended, on behalf of the city, a welcome to the visitors. Mrs. Peattie was keenly interested in the ringing and specially asked for the tower bells and handbells to be rung whilst she was present. After hearing the ringing, the Lady Mayoress thanked the ringers and said that she had no idea that bellringing was such an art, and thought it should be advertised more.

One of the most interested spectators was the sweet little baby of the Lady Mayoress, who was later given a small handbell to hold. When efforts were made to replace the handbell on the table, baby thought otherwise and clung on firmly to the bell strap. This caused no little amusement and surely indicates an inclination towards the art.

After leaving the Town Hall, the party adjourned to the Waldorf Hotel, near by, for luncheon, at which they were joined by one of Lancashire's nobles, Mr. G. R. Newton, vice-president of the Lancashire Association. A company of about 50 sat down to an excellent repast.

The business meeting followed the luncheon, and at the commencement the party had to be 'cautioned' not to say too much, not because it would be 'taken down in writing and might be given in evidence against them,' but because time was limited.

Supt. F. R. Williams, Manchester City, was elected president, and the retiring president, Sub-Div. Inspector W. Battrell, Metropolitan Police, was elected vice-president. Det. Sergt. H. J. Poole was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Sergt. H. G. Jenney Guild auditor. Both are members of the Leicester City Police Force.

The following members were elected to the committee: P.C.s F. Page and G. Pye, Manchester City; P. Sergt. H. Jenney, Leicester City; P.C. W. Claydon, Reigate Borough; P.C. N. Bagworth, Metropolitan Police; ex-Sergt. W. Dowling, Birmingham City; and ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts County.

As the result of an invitation from Mr. Albert Walker, Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, conveyed by Sergt. Dowling, it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Birmingham in January or February, 1934.

BIG INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

In his report, the secretary stated that there were now 70 ringing members and two hon. members. This showed an increase during the year of 24 members. Four peals had been rung during the year, namely, Grandsire Caters (2), Stedman Triples (1) and Kent Treble Bob Major (1).

The question of being affiliated to the Central Council of Ringers was discussed, but it was ultimately decided to leave this matter over until the next meeting. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring president and the hon. secretary.

The next item was a visit to Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church. Two magnificent motor-coaches were waiting outside the hotel to convey the party there. The passengers truly travelled in comfort, even to the extent of enjoying a wireless programme on the journey. On arrival at Ashton, they were welcomed by Mr. B. Thorpe and members of the local company. The ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Many complimentary remarks were passed regarding this fine peal of twelve, upon which the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung.

A visit was then made to the Cathedral tower at Manchester, where a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Superlative Surprise Major were rung. Touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples were also brought round.

The company then returned to the Waldorf Hotel, where a room had been reserved for a social evening, and where Mr. W. H. Shaker, secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. A. F. Bailey, Mr. P. Laffin, Mr. A. Barnes and many other Lancashire notables joined the party.

Several articles rendered songs, and the proceedings were very much enlivened by tales from P.C.s J. Brooke, Robinson and Lines. Indeed, the surroundings were so much changed at times by these artistes in their mimicking of 'Scotchmen and Jews' that it was difficult to decide whether one was in Aberdeen or Jerusalem. Courses of Grandsire Cinques and Triples and Stedman Caters were rung on handbells, with the assistance of the Stockport company, and some tunes were rung by Leicester City Police tune ringers.

Supt. Williams apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Chief Constable of Manchester, Mr. John Maxwell, who had promised to attend the social, and referred to a letter the secretary had received from the Chief Constable of Leicester City, who is an honorary member of the Guild, wishing the Guild success.—Mr. G. R. Newton, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, invited the Guild to Liverpool

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HON. ORGANIST OF DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting was held at Hilperton on Saturday, February 4th. The bells, a light peal of six (tenor 7½ cwt.) were set going at 3 p.m., and good use was made of them. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. B. Proby), Mr. Watts being at the organ, and Sir Edward Wallington, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., reading the lesson.

Tea was taken in the music room of Hilperton House, by kind invitation of Major E. A. Mackay, to which 47 sat down, including Sir Edward and Miss Wallington.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), who voiced his regret that Major Mackay was unable to be present, being confined to his room through illness. Speaking on behalf of the members present, he hoped that he would be speedily restored to health. The chairman then welcomed the visitors, mentioning that distinguished gentleman, Sir Edward Wallington, and ringing visitors from the North Dorset Branch, Messrs. W. C. Shute and C. E. Roe.

Five new members were then elected and the places of the next two meetings were fixed provisionally, viz., Potterne for March and Warminster (quarterly) for April.

It was unanimously decided to ask Mr. C. F. Andrews to repeat his series of lectures, and an invitation from Westbury was accepted as the venue for the first, subject to Mr. Andrews' convenience.

An application was received from Holt for a course of change ringing instruction, and this was granted subject to the approval of the general secretary.

A letter was read inviting members to the dedication of the Langford-Beams memorial at Bradpole on February 25th.

The secretary brought forward the subject of organist, and the sometime difficulty in arranging with the local authorities. Miss E. M. Wright, being present, was unanimously elected hon. organist for branch meetings.

Sir Edward Wallington expressed his pleasure at being asked to be present, and offered to entertain the branch on their next visit to Hilperton.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Rector for taking the service, and to the organist, and especially to Major Mackay for providing such an excellent tea.

The ringers then returned to the tower. Holt bells being available during the evening, by kind permission of Rev. C. F. H. Brewis, and this somewhat made things easier, the space for ringing being limited at Hilperton.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Urchfont, Holt, Warminster, Westbury, Bratton, Rowds, Chilton, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Melksham, Hilperton, Bishop's Caundle, and Kington Magna, taking part in the following methods: London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Rounds were also rung for those wishing for them.

CELEBRATING A CENTENARY.

On January 18th, at Christchurch Priory, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes): A. Bishop 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, E. V. Hinton 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, S. White 6, P. E. Pitman 7, K. Derham 8, F. Sparshott 9, W. Fowler 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, H. Gillard 12. First quarter-peal on twelve by the local band. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the late Mrs. Druitt, of Christchurch, whose name appears on the 3rd, 4th and 8th bells. All are Sunday service ringers.

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for a meeting when it was decided to go North.—The President of the Guild replied to this invitation.

Sub-Div. Inspector Battrell, Metropolitan Police, and Sergt. Jenney, Leicester City, thanked Supt. Williams and the Manchester members for the very excellent arrangements which had contributed to such an enjoyable day.

By the time some of the members arrived home they would have travelled over 400 miles. The tiring journey, however, did not damp their enthusiasm and appreciation. In fact, they would be quite willing to travel further for another such day's enjoyment.

The end came all too soon, in spite of the extension which had been granted, and at 11 p.m. they dispersed.

The London and Leicester contingents arrived at the station (railway, of course) with about 20 minutes to spare. To the surprise of all, the evening's entertainment had not finished. Two vagrant-singers, with hats in hands and the hopeful—'we've got no lodgemony'—look, sang woefully on the platform. But, alas! no financial assistance was forthcoming from the party. As was only to be expected after such an anti-spendthrift entertainment of an hour before, hands went into pockets—and remained there in true miserly style.

The train steamed out at midnight. She made the journey to Leicester in real good time, in spite of the 'Pull to the shore' efforts to 'Turn (her), which were constantly made by the self-appointed wailer and his 'Porter.'

Members who were unable to attend the meeting are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for the present year are now due.

H. J. P.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

All Hon. Secretaries of Affiliated Societies are reminded that Subscriptions became due on January 1st, and should be sent to me at 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

Hon. members are invited to subscribe to the funds.

The attention of members is drawn to Rule 9.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, 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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at 'The Coffee Pot' on the 21st (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Feb. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation has been extended to the Guild by the Vicar, so it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Tea will be served in the School at 5 o'clock, 1s. a head. Good bus service to Shilton from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, February 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting in the schoolrooms after service. *Special business.* Will every member please make an effort to attend service, tea and meeting. Non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Basford, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. No. 3 tram from Victoria Statue to Church St. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above four branches has been arranged, and will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Preacher, Rev. J. Payne, M.A., Vicar of Ince Parish Church. Tea in school at 5.30. Worsley Mesnes bus from station to the church, 2d. return.—Norman Brown, Wigan Branch Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Haddenham and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6), recently rehung in ball bearings, 3 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers, pro tem. Subject to approval, annual meeting in the Schoolroom, following tea, at 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, tailor, Haddenham, Cambs, for tea. All past and present members welcome. Come and make your presence known. — Frank Warrington (proposer).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Storrington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Old Forge, Church Street, at 1s. 3d. each. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C.3, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells, just overhauled, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. A p.c. to me by the previous Wednesday, please. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BARNBY, NEWARK.—The ring of 4 bells, recast and augmented to 5 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions for 1933 are due at this meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Feb. 20th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m.: Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know early in that week.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, 22nd? Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30, at 1s. a head. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boiney on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at The Eight Bells. Secretaries should notify the undersigned, not later than Wed., Feb. 22nd, how many may be expected from their towers. Half rail fare maximum 1/6.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by February 21st?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

RAWMARSH PARISH CHURCH.—Saturday, February 25th, dedication of peal boards. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Kindly notify for tea by Wednesday, 22nd.—F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatercroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 25th, at the two six-bell towers of St. Michael's and St. Stephen's. St. Michael's bells available at 3 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by February 20th prompt, to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Levett.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reepham on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea if sufficient members advise me not later than February 23rd.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 25th, when the choir stall erected as a memorial to the late T. Hervey Beams will be dedicated. The preacher will be the Rev. L. Edwards, secretary of the Guild, and the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) will dedicate the memorial. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Forster Institute at 5.15, to be followed by meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers for this dedication. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, February 22nd, to C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea, by invitation of Colonel Canning (donor of new treble bell), for those who notify me by Wednesday, February 22nd.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea (rs. each) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. A good attendance is desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 25th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service St. Nicholas' 5 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 23rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at West Wycombe on Saturday, February 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by February 20th. High Wycombe bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, February 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available after 3. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate. Tea 1s. 3d. each. Members intending to be present please let me have postcard not later than the 23rd.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Wye. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting for business following. A hearty welcome to all ringers, and a good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 115th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells

available all day. At 3 p.m. the Grandsire Caters record tablet will be unveiled by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Dinner at the Thatched Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than February 28th?

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 6d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sketty on March 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please advise by Tuesday, February 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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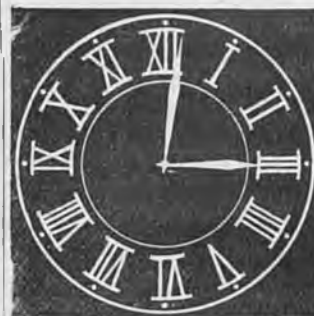
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