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MEN WHO LEAVE THEIR MARK.

Death has, of late, been exceptionally busy in the ranks of ringers, and the Exercise has lost a number of loyal members in the last few weeks. In this issue we record the passing of several men who in their respective spheres have given devoted service to the art, and to the Church. The Reaper has been no respecter of age. Among those who have fallen by the way are a ringer of 31, a victim of the juvenile malady of measles, another of 41 carried off by that dread disease cancer; at the other end of the scale, a long life has closed at 92, when nature has run its course. And so the toll goes on, but we gain consolation from the fact that there are among the men who have been taken from us those who have left an influence for good behind them.

London has lost a valued member of the ringing fraternity by the passing of Mr. John D. Matthews, for more than twenty years Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Matthews' services to the art were given, in his younger days, in many parts of the country, but in London he did extremely useful work in reviving the fortunes of the Cumberlands at a time when they had reached a low ebb. In this century, at any rate, the Cumberlands may not have been so much to the fore as their old friends and rivals, the College Youths; but, thanks largely to Mr. Matthews' efforts, they were saved from a condition bordering on atrophy if not of actual extinction. In face of limited opportunities and growing restrictions Mr. Matthews put fresh vigour into the old Society, although, with a retiring disposition, he never sought the limelight. The fact that for so many years he retained the Mastership of the Society, together with the respect and esteem of the members, is proof of the appreciation which they held of his services. John D. Matthews was a Master without prejudices and with a deep sense of duty. He brought to bear on ringing affairs a broad commonsense, which those who knew him best appreciated most, for he was not given to airing his views in public. In an unassuming way he has done much for the art of ringing and the Society which he has so long piloted has lost an admirable officer.

And what of the example of William Taylor, of Wrotham, Kent, who has been gathered to his fathers at the age of nearly 93 years? He had been a ringer for 75 years; a chorister from boyhood until, at the age of 84, feeling that his voice was going, he resigned from the choir and became the organ blower. For more than eighty years, therefore, he was a devoted servant of his church, ready to perform the humblest of tasks and doing the work that lay nearest to his hand with all his heart,

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soul and strength. This is an example we would commend to the luke warm ringers; the men who, failing to recognise that, having become members of a band, they owe it to their colleagues and to the Church to be punctual and regular in their attendance. There is no worse drawback to the progress of a company than the man who cannot be depended upon either to be on time or, even, to be there at all. A man may not be a brilliant ringer, but if he is dependable his value to his company is above price. William Taylor, of Wrotham, was always dependable, and the death of such a man leaves a gap not always easily filled.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*PHYLLIS E. TILLET Treble	*CHARLES CLARKE 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	*GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
*HOBART E. SMITH 4	*JOHN F. TILLET 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Oxford Maximus. † First peal of Oxford Maximus on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Cecil W. Pipe on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Dorothy Mitchell, which took place at Virginia Water on the 18th inst. The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ever rung containing only five courses. Miss Tillett has now rung peals on six, eight, ten, eleven and twelve bells, and is not yet 15 years old.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Tuesday, November 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JOHN TYSON 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	PETER NUTTALL 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Bolton (the Rev. W. J. Havelock Davison, M.A.), who was inducted on November 4th. Also a compliment to Peter Nuttall, for 51 years a ringer at this church, on his 71st birthday.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	LEONARD P. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES M. BAILEY... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the termination of the Great War. This method is now rung for the first time, and is the 18th Surprise method to be rung on these bells by an entirely local band.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... Treble	WALTER ALLEN ... 5
SIDNEY COX ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	SYDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal. Rung with half-muffled bells.

WOODBERRY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	
GEORGE STOCKER ... Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... 5
EDWARD SPRAGUE ... 2	ALFRED LOVING ... 6
FRED DIMOND ... 3	WILLIAM HAYMAN ... 7
JOHN N. SKINNER ... 4	*BERT SKINNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT STANMORE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.	
CHARLES DYKE ... Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... 5
EDWARD ASHLY ... 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6
ELSIE K. FULTON ... 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 4	FRED HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for those who fell in the Great War and also as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen.

HILLINGDON WEST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST G. TURNER ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 6
AMES H. LUCAS ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	WILLIAM HONOR ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN BEAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM WHITING ... 5
GEORGE MARRINER ... 2	ARTHUR SMITH ... 6
*ALFRED H. WINCH ... 3	JOHN HOYLE ... 7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* 300th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
ERNEST BRETT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 4	JOSEPH MARKS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 97. Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.	
MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and completes peals in parts one to twenty on the odd-and-even bob plan, rung by the 'Wednesday afternoon' band.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
WILLIAM J. TBYNG ... 3	*CHARLIE BATES ... 7
JOHN W. SYKES ... 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 383.) Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Pegge, M.A.) and Mrs. Pegge for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FREDERICK FORSTER ... Treble	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
HAROLD HOUSON ... 2	*JAMES WILLIAMS ... 6
ALAN D. STEEL ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
*MATTHEW BUCKLEY ... 4	JOSEPH SIMISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. The treble and 5th hail from Newcastle-under-Lyne, the rest are local ringers. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, owing to sickness, and the band wish to thank the treble ringer for making up the band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... Treble	MADRICE SMITHER ... 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles N. Burdock, by past and present Sunday service ringing members of the Holy Trinity Society. Mr. Burdock had been a member of the society since 1911, and was interred at Guildford previously the same day.

STREET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK 6
*JOHN E. METCALFE 3	*THOMAS J. SETTER 7
HARRY J. SANGER 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. H. TUCKER.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*FRANK S. TAYLOR 2	*ALBERT R. WARD 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	*ERNEST R. WARNER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS G. MARTIN Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
CHARLES R. COLLINS 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
NORMAN G. LEBCH 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
NORMAN H. SMITH 4	WILLIAM H. LOWE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. D. Collins, captain of the local band.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HUGH J. DALCOMBE 2	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours & Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

REGINALD BROWN Treble	JAMES TOPP 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	*THOMAS HENMING 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	REGINALD CHANCE 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	JOHN BASS 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 2	BERNARD W. PETTITT 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
*ALBERT L. DIXEY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. W. Pettitt. The monthly peal for the division.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
*LAURENCE GREENBOW 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	HERBERT TOURLE Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. H. Lott, one of the local ringers, which took place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR W. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
THOMAS LAW 2	JOHN MAIN 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	JOSEPH C. DEAN 7
TOM TEBBUTT 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob.

EDWARD C. COOKE Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 4
ALLEN M. LOVELL 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
VINCENT R. OVENS 3	GEORGE A. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, also as a farewell peal for Allen M. Lovell, who is shortly leaving for Frome, Somerset. First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the 4th.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK CHAMBERS Treble	WALTER M. GODDARD ... 4
*JAMES W. GODDARD 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON 5
WILLIAM HOBSON 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the second is 13 years of age. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Fred Hill, who had been a member of the Parish Church choir for 50 years, also a member of the Parochial Church Council, and who was interred on this date; also in memory of the 164 Barton men who died in the Great War.

ACORINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL WALTON Treble	JACK BEATTIE 4
SIDNEY BROWN 2	*ARTHUR STANTON 5
*JAMES BARNES 3	WILLIE AARON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIE AARON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal by a local band at this church for 20 years. Rung in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. BAILLSS Treble	REV. R. P. FARROW 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	C. HENRY WEBB 5
*LEONARD P. WARD 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First touch in the method and first peal of Minor. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all the band and first in the method on the bells.

LAVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

*H. G. PHIPPEN Treble	B. GARRETT 4
*R. HAYTER 2	A. TAYLOR 5
H. GARRETT 3	*S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. GARRETT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. The ringer of the treble is the first member of the local band to ring a peal. The rest are all Sunday service ringers from Overton.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen of Grandsire and fourteen of Plain Bob.

*ALFRED HESKETT Treble	FREDERICK WOOLWAY 4
JOHN WOODCOCK 2	PERCY SINDEN 5
ARTHUR WENBAN 3	*FREDERICK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SINDEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled for those who fell in the Great War.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	FRED HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED YOUNG Treble	ALBERT MATTOCK 4
†STANLEY MURPHY 2	JOE GRAINGER 5
ARTHUR ABRAMS 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
ERNEST COX 3	CHARLES H. COX Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Mr. A. T. Poulton has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN PERKINS Treble	GEORGE L. PERKINS 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by treble and 4th ringers. A birthday compliment to 'Henry VIII.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN 4
*PERCY HOLMES 2	†KENNETH W. MAYER 5
*CECIL J. MAYERS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*THOMAS WELCH Treble	*PERCY L. BAZLEY 4
PERCY C. BONNETT 2	†REGINALD WEST 5
*HERBERT WELCH 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are members of the local company. First peal ever rung in this tower, and on the bells, recently restored and augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as an act of thanksgiving to celebrate the completion of the Bell Restoration Fund.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX... ..Treble	*HENRY G. KESLEY 4
*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 2	*FRANK E. BLACKMORE ... 5
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 3	FRANK PRICETenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Minor and in the method. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six and rehung in 1928. First peal of Minor ever rung by a band resident in West Dorset. All the ringers belong to the Lyme Regis tower.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT ARCHERFIELD, 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpires—T. Groombridge, sen. and W. J. Lemon.

* First peal 'in hand' on an inside pair.

WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method is another production by Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, and the first peal (5,088) of it was rung at Leiston on November 11th, conducted by C. F. Bailey.

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RUTLAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Amos is wrong to say that I would prejudice another's rights. The point is, I don't think it is 'right' to write letters to 'The Ringing World' which contain personal thrusts. No one, except those concerned in the grievance, know at whom they are aimed, and, therefore, all members of an association are tarred with the same brush.

Mr. Amos assures us that the grievance is purely a personal one and one which should have nothing at all to do with ringing. He should, therefore, keep it out of his letters, which are to a 'Ringing World.' I take my paper, 'The Ringing World,' to read, not just to see my name in a peal report now and then, and the articles, letters and reports are of interest to me, but I do hate to see the brotherly spirit (which, after all, is one of the things ringing associations are formed to foster) 'blighted' by letters which are written in what seems a bickering tone.

ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

MR. AMOS' 'DISMISSAL.'

Dear Sir,—As the controversy between Mr. Amos and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has assumed a personal aspect (on his side only), I feel it is time a few points should be made clear.

The Guild was formed on January 5th, 1924, by the union of as many of the existing societies as could possibly be obtained, with complete approval and consent of the Bishop of Peterborough. Since that time all other areas have been linked up with the exception of one. Considering the large area the Guild covers, this is a wonderful achievement on the part of all officers concerned.

It has for its objects: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) the cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing; and also a rule which reads:—

'The chief endeavour of the Guild being to instil greater reverence for God's House and worship among its members, any member misconducting himself may be dismissed at the discretion of the Central Committee, who shall report same to the annual general meeting, and such member shall forfeit any payment which he may have made to the Guild.'

After many committee meetings and personal talks to Mr. Amos by some of the chief officers of the Guild, whose advice was always ignored, Mr. Amos' case was brought before the Central Committee, and the result was his dismissal from the Guild on June 6th, 1927.

Since that date he has been continually trying to create dissent among Guild members, but not once has he attempted to apologise for past conduct.

FRED HOPPER.

Northampton.

[This correspondence is now closed.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOOD MEETING AT HACKNEY.

For the last meeting of the year, held on November 18th, the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association visited the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, and that this was a popular choice was shown by the attendance of some 40 or more ringers during the afternoon and evening, although the weather was not up to its previous 1933 standard. Punctually at 3 o'clock the bells were raised, and between that time and 5 p.m. were kept going to a great variety of methods. At the latter hour divine service was held, conducted by the Rev. — Morris, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. H. Cecil) through illness.

Afterwards an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, which was followed by the business meeting. The death of Mr. Joseph Waghorn was referred to by the hon. secretary, who stated that the deceased gentleman had been a member of the association from its commencement. He was also a member of the old Middlesex Association, and took part in the first peal for that association, which was rung at Tottenham on November 1st, 1889. Mr. Coles also referred to the death of Mr. John D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland, and at one time a member of the Middlesex Association. He asked the members present to stand in silence for a few moments to show their respect for the deceased gentlemen, and as a mark of sympathy with the relatives, and to the members of the Royal Cumberland Youths on the loss of their Master.—This was accordingly done.

Other business included the election of three new members and the choosing of Edmonton as the venue for the next meeting on January 27th, the annual meeting of the district.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, coupled with an expression of sympathy with him in his illness; to the Rev. Morris for conducting the service; and to Mr. A. Riley for arranging the meeting.—This was carried, and Mr. Riley replied.

The proceedings terminated with a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, W. Pye, G. R. Pye and G. B. Collins.

Afterwards another visit was made to the tower, where, under the direction of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the tastes of all present were considered, and nobody need have gone away without having had ample opportunity of ringing any method desired, whether it was Grandsire Triples, Bob Major or Surprise, rung singly or in the now increasingly popular 'spliced' fashion.

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DEATH OF HIGHAM FERRERS RINGER.

The death took place on November 4th under tragic circumstances of Mr. Horace Cecil Dunkley, one of the younger members of Higham Ferrers belfry. He was only 31 years of age. A few weeks ago his five-years-old son contracted measles, and shortly after both father and mother were affected. In the case of Mr. Dunkley, pneumonia supervened, from which he died.

Mr. Dunkley was not a great peal ringer, but was a most loyal and regular Sunday service ringer, and his loss will be greatly felt in the belfry.

In addition to his ringing, Mr. Dunkley was well known in the district as a cricketer. He had played regularly for Higham Ferrers for the past nine years, in no fewer than seven of which he topped the batting averages. Two years ago he captained the side, and during last season was vice-captain.

He began his ringing as Chelveston Parish Church, where he was also for a number of years a member of the choir. He joined the Higham Ferrers band on going to live in that town seven years ago.

On Tuesday, November 7th, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung at Higham Ferrers with the bells half-muffled, and Mr. G. D. Deighton, a member of the belfry, was one of the bearers at the funeral, which had taken place earlier, the others being a member of the Cricket Club and two of the deceased's fellow-workmen. The ringers also sent a wreath.

Much sympathy has been expressed with the widow and little son who are left in bereavement.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SCUNTHORPE.**

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, November 4th. Members attended from Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby and the local members, Mrs. E. Brittain, Mr. Lunn, of Lea, and Mr. G. Lindoff. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Charles Steele), who gave a most inspiring address.

Members then adjourned for tea, to which 26 sat down.

The president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected, Miss Vera Blood, of Barton-on-Humber.

A collection for the district bell fund was taken.

Mr. J. Bury, District Ringing Master, then extended a welcome to a visitor who now is living in the district in the person of G. Lindoff, (Continued in next column.)

DO RINGERS TAKE THEIR PLEASURES MADLY?**'BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE' CELEBRATE.**

A notorious section of the 'Bright Young People' met to celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of a certain Guido Fawkes, also that of another not unknown fiery individual, Farmer Giles, to wit.

The qualifying condition was to bring at least one firework, and oh boy! (and girl!) what an assortment arrived.

There was Swithin and his Dickie, with an aeroplane so tricky,

There was Winnie and her Don, there was Ida, escort Tom,

A little Boy in Blue, his wife was with him too,

There were rousers, squibs and rockets, they all had filled their pockets,

There was Kath, there were wheels, this was better game than 'peals,'

There was Rosalind and Bill, of fun they had their fill,

Miss Morgan came with Tommy, there was Frank and Uncle Johnny.

There was Mary quite contrary, she isn't quite a fairy,

There were quite a lot of others, niece, sister, fathers, mothers,

And there was Mrs. Gough, scared of sparklers going off,

There were serpents in a mine, and a snowstorm that was 'fine,'

Roman Candles, jumping jacks, stars that made some lovely 'cracks.'

Rain of silver and of gold, a Jack in box, we can't grow old,

Coloured fire and sunshine ball, the moon came up and said,

'That's all.'

After the 'ball' was over and one or two had been 'led up the garden,' a little handbell ringing was indulged in, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples being rung (not without some 'Lewis' instructions). A few tunes were also tried.

The health of the 'Auther' was drunk in various concoctions. (He is already getting better.) After another hour or so of 'high jinks,' in which most of the ladies 'took the air,' and some of the gentle(?)men did some 'health and beauty' exercises, the party dispersed with reluctance, a few of them putting their heads together for another one next week.

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jun. Every ringer, he said, knew Mr. Lindoff's father if only by name.

Mr. Cecil Pye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address and for conducting the service, and also to the organist and to those who had made the arrangements.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in, and then the members returned to the tower again for further ringing before leaving for their various destinations, which some were fortunate to reach.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus rung at Ipswich makes the seventh different method rung to a peal on the twelve bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, this year, as follows: January 14th, Duffield Maximus; February 11th, Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus; July 29th, Cambridge Surprise Maximus; August 26th, Superlative Surprise Maximus; March 4th, Grand sire Cinques; October 21st, Stedman Cinques. This must surely be a record! To continue the sevens some of the band have rung a peal on seven consecutive Saturdays.

It is worthy of mention that before the peal at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, rung last Friday as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Keyston, the Rector met the ringers in the belfry, offered prayer and wished them luck. Then, when the peal was completed, he came to congratulate them on their success and good striking. This is an example which other clergy might copy.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, of St. Clement Dances, Strand, is confined to his bed as the result of a chill and overwork. On the 12th inst., the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who was in London for the College Youths' meeting, took part in conducting the evening service.

Mr. F. Sergison, the hon. secretary of the St. Clement's Youths, is, we are glad to state, making a good recovery from a serious operation which he underwent on the 10th inst. He has been lying in St. Charles' Hospital, N.W., for two months.

Mr. Ogden Moores has forwarded the report of a peal of Bob Major rung on Saturday without stating where it was rung.

Heartly congratulations and good wishes to Mr. James George, who will be 80 years old next Monday.

The bells of All Saints', Worcester, will be available from 3 o'clock on the occasion of the Worcestershire Association dinner on Saturday.

BROADCASTING CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have on several occasions heard the president of the Central Council very vigorously pushing the pamphlet on 'How to hold a rope, etc.' Undoubtedly a worthy object, but I would like to know if it is possible to pile another job on to one of the Central Council committees, namely, 'special instructions for bands who engage in periodical Sunday evening broadcasting.'

One hears many opinions of bells and ringers from the great outside public, and, while some of the bands put over real striking, there are, unfortunately, some who do not seem to realise their responsibility to the Exercise, judging from the indifferent striking which penetrates thousands of homes on Sunday evenings.

We had a movement some time ago to confine broadcasting to eight bells, as being more easily understood generally, but should we not have a movement to discourage indifferent striking being put on the ether?

I will mention no names except the monks of Buckfast Abbey, who did show many of the change ringing bands how to strike, and suggest that where a band of strikers cannot be obtained, two ropes should be hung up in preference to broadcasting an exhibition of 'clips' and 'gaps,' which exposes the art to ribald criticism from outsiders the next morning.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Crayford.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards took the chair when it was vacated by the retiring Master (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) at the meeting of the College Youths on Tuesday week. He declared Mr. E. A. Young duly elected Master and invested him with the insignia of office, pinning on the Master's silver badge and placing the Master's hammer in his hands, with the hope that the society would have a happy and successful year under its new officers, the rest of whom he also declared duly elected, there being no opposition in either case.

The list of officers was given in our last issue.

The newly-elected Master briefly replied, and said how pleased he was to receive unanimous election to the ancient office and upon the 297th occasion. He was sure that with such officers a Master could face the future with every confidence.

The remaining officers also acknowledged their election to their respective offices. Mr. C. W. Roberts (junior steward) took the opportunity of urging the members, especially the younger ones, to support the eight and ten bell practices better than had been done during the past two or three years.

The statement of accounts showed there was a slight deficit on the year's working.

Some 40 members and visitors were present during the evening.

A FIRST BY 'NATIVES.'

At Over, Camps, on Sunday, November 5th, for matins and Holy Communion service, 608 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Adams 1, G. Whybrow 2, R. Smith 3, C. Robinson 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. All are members of the local company and 'natives' of Over, it being the first 'touch' of Surprise Major for morning service ever rung in this church by all 'natives.'

SHERBORNE ABBEY BELLS.

OLD BOYS RECAST TENOR.

The bells of Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, are now being rehung in new bearings and fittings, and are now being recast and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and, as many ringers will say, not before they wanted it.

The bells themselves are exceedingly interesting, and weigh as follows before tuning:—

Tenor.—45 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. J. Warner, 1865.

7th.—29 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb. J. Warner, 1903.

6th.—23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. G. Mears, 1858.

5th.—16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. W. Bilbie, Chewstoke, 1787.

4th.—12 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. T. and J. Bilbie, Chewstoke, 1803.

3rd.—11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. J. Warner, 1803.

2nd.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. G. Mears, 1858.

Treble.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. G. Mears, 1858.

The tenor originally was the gift of Cardinal Wolsey, and was brought from Tournai with other bells. It became cracked and was recast by Thomas Purdew, of Clossworth, on October 20th, 1670. It became cracked again and was recast in 1865 by Warners. The original 3rd and 7th were cast by Robert Austin, of Sherborne, in 1652.

The tenor is about to be recast again, and the old inscription will be reproduced with the addition of the present Vicar and churchwardens' names and the foundry stamps. The inscription runs:—

By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all.

To mirth; to Grief; to Church I serve to call!

Gustavus Horne, Walter Pride, Churchwardens. This bell was new cast by me Thomas Purdew, October 20th, 1670, again recast 1865. Edward Harston, Vicar. James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, Churchwardens. This bell was cast by John Warner and Sons, Crescent Foundry, London.

The new bell will probably be slightly heavier than the old. The tenor was always reputed, in old days, to weigh 46 cwt. 1 qr.

Sherborne and the neighbourhood have raised a great deal of money in the last six months, including £1,000 for the Lady Chapel, £200 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and the amount required for the rehanging and the retuning. The recasting of the tenor appeared to be out of the question, but Major J. H. B. Hesse, an Old Sherbornian, took an intense interest in the scheme, and made an appeal to other old boys of the school.

He wrote: 'The tenor bell of the peal of eight at Sherborne Abbey was originally given to the Abbey Church by Cardinal Wolsey, and is called the Wolsey Bell. She became cracked and was recast by the famous old bell founder Purdew, of Clossworth, a few miles from Sherborne, and was again recast by a London founder in 1865, having become cracked for the second time. A considerable amount is wanted to recast this bell again, not because she is cracked, but because she is the worst bell in the Abbey peal. The bells are now undergoing rehanging and retuning, and no amount of retuning will cure the fault in the tenor, because she is the wrong shape. Recasting, a very expensive operation, which is not needed in the case of the other bells, is the only cure. I cannot expect all who read this appeal to look on it as I do, because I could ring a bell before I went to Sherborne School, and have been a keen change ringer ever since. I feel the Abbey and the dear old school are bound up together. Our commemoration services were held in the Abbey. The Abbey clock chimes the quarters on the Abbey bells, the hours are struck on the Abbey tenor bell. So the Abbey bells have marked time for us, and how many of us have seen the chapel doors closed on us at the last stroke of the hour? May I ask you to give a small donation towards the recasting of this bell. As the bell is now she is out of tune in herself and the rest of the peal. This old-world Abbey is worthy of a better tenor bell, and, if recast, the difference will be enormous to any musical ear. A large sum has already been collected for the restoration of the bells, £1,000 for the completion of the Lady Chapel and £200 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, all within the last six months, and from the town and neighbourhood. This is my reason for appealing to you. No matter how small your gift is, may I ask you to give something?'

This appeal had the result of bringing in the necessary funds for recasting the tenor so that the restoration can be made complete.

When the bells were being removed from the Abbey, the boys of the Preparatory School, whose ages range between 7 and 14, and numbering about 60, went down to the Abbey to see the tenor lowered from the tower. They arrived there just as the bell was being lowered on to the trolley, the rope of which was trailing up the aisle. These youngsters pulled the bell up as far as the west door. Then there was a steep incline to negotiate on planks and there were not enough hands to get the bell out. This happened at 5 minutes to 11; the school break takes place between 10.45 and 11, and Major Hesse managed to get hold of about a hundred of the boys from the school itself, and they made very short work hauling the bell up into the Abbey Close. It was quite a pretty and interesting sight, and it was unfortunate that no photographic record was obtained of the event, for such a thing is unlikely to happen again in connection with the school in the lives of any that were present.

Those who are familiar with Sherborne will know the glorious old Abbey, with the school and cloisters adjoining; it is a peaceful and beautiful spot, and in future the bells will be in keeping with the old and interesting surroundings.

A PLEA FOR MODERATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—There has for some time been a growing tendency in the correspondence addressed to yourself in 'The Ringing World'—a tendency which no reader can fail to have noticed, and one which I feel sure must be deplored by a large majority of ordinary ringers who realise that their primary function is to ring to the glory of God, and not merely to talk about ringing and other ringers in an uncharitable spirit.

I submit, sir, that the ordinary ringer-in-the-belfry is tired of the bitter and acrimonious tone of the disputes that seem to be constantly raging in your paper. It is a fact well known even to those outside the Exercise that bellringers are a singularly good-natured and kindly race of men and women. A stranger might be forgiven for supposing exactly the opposite were he to open almost any number of 'The Ringing World' and read the correspondence. I can speak freely, as I am personally unacquainted with all the protagonists in the recent arguments to which I am referring. They can, therefore, be assured that this letter is in no way personal. I am certain that in their private and public lives they are all as charming and good-natured as those ringers whom I do know. It does seem a pity that when they put pen to paper they forget moderation and, in some cases, decency and common courtesy, and aim only at being clever, facetious or bitter at the expense of their opponent. I know that their letters do not represent their true characters.

The majority of us do not write to 'The Ringing World,' but I am sure that there would be general sympathy from the whole Exercise with an appeal for a more generous spirit. I do not say among ringers as a whole, nor even among certain of your correspondents in their private and public lives, but only on the occasions when they address themselves to you. Let us not try to be too clever; let us get on with the job as well as we can, and, if we have the opportunity, help the other fellow along the way too.

There must, of course, be occasions when we have a bone to pick with a fellow-ringer. Would it not be a good idea if on all such occasions we adopted the admirable suggestion of Mr. Amos contained in your issue of November 3rd? I refer to the last paragraph of his letter on page 694. Two purposes would thus be served: valuable space would be saved in your columns, which could then be devoted to items of interest to your readers, and also we should be spared the humiliating necessity each week of having our dirty linen washed in public.

This is the first time, sir, that I have addressed you. I hope that my views represent the opinions of the majority of those ringers who, though they may not be very ready with their pen or their tongue, yet constitute the main body of the Exercise. They may not be given to expressing their opinions, but this does not mean that their opinions do not count.

JOHN P. PELLOE.

Queen's College, Oxford.

KENT VETERAN'S DEATH.

LONG SERVICE TO WROTHAM CHURCH.

Many ringers in the Kent County Association will regret to hear of the death of Mr. William Taylor at the grand old age of 92½ years. For many years and until he was 26 he took his turn on the ropes of the bells of St. George's Church, Wrotham. He joined the Kent Association in 1882 and was a member until 1925.

Besides being a ringer, he was for 75 years a member in the church choir, and when, at the age of 84, he felt his voice going, he blew the bellows of the organ.

Outside his church work he was a dogged cricketer, and always went in first for the Wrotham side. A devoted follower of the county team, he was known to walk to Canterbury, nearly 40 miles, to see a day's cricket. When well over 80 he walked to Gravesend and back, a distance of 20 miles, to follow his county team.

Had 'Old Bill' lived one more month he would have completed 70 years of married life. He leaves a widow (90 years old), two sons and five daughters.

He has gone to rest with the affection of all who knew him. They feel that a link has been broken in the life of the English countryside.

After the funeral the members of the local band rang a half-muffled touch as a farewell tribute to their old friend, and it is hoped that the Kent Association will attempt a half-muffled peal shortly as a last token of respect.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Lymminster on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and members afterwards attended a short service, conducted by the Vicar of Lymminster (the Rev. S. P. Duval).

Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, who was present, and presided at the business meeting which followed, when the following members were elected: P. Lowe, of Heene, G. Lee and A. V. Aylmore, of Lymminster, and Mr. H. F. Wisdom, of Chichester, hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in providing the excellent tea and granting the use of the bells; also to the lady helpers.

Another move was then made to the belfry for further ringing.

THE LATE MR. J. D. MATTHEWS.

MASTER OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

As briefly announced in part of our last issue, the death took place at his home, 6, Gatwick Road, Southfields, on Wednesday week, of Mr. John Daniel Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Matthews, who was 57 years of age, had been for many years a well-known and active figure in London ringing circles, having previously pursued the art in several other parts of the country. Early this year his health began to fail, and he had done no ringing since June. Of a cheery though somewhat retiring disposition, Mr. Matthews made a host of ringing friends, who greatly deplore his death and extend to his widow and family their deep sympathy.

Mr. Matthews was born at Penny Stratford, Bucks, and learnt to ring a bell at his Parish Church whilst a choirboy of about 12 years



THE LATE
MR. J. D. MATTHEWS.

of age. His first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Barnet Parish Church in May, 1894. At the end of that year he removed to Kettering, and in 1895 took part in the first peal by the Central Northamptonshire Association, as then constituted. In the following year he conducted the first peal by a local band at Kettering for over half a century. Migrating to Bristol in the early part of 1898, Mr. Matthews joined the St. Stephen's Youths, and took a rope in the first peal of Double Norwich rung by the society. Going to Bath in 1899, he became conductor of St. Mary's Guild, and called the first peal on St. Mary's bells. From Bath, Mr. Matthews went to Leamington, where he again was active in ringing, and eventually went to London in November, 1903.

In 1911 he was elected Master of the Cumberlands, a position he continued to occupy until his death, with the exception of the year 1913, when Mr. J. Parker occupied the office. He put new life into the society, and under his leadership many peals were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus, for the first time by the Cumberlands. Among the notable peals in which Mr. Matthews has shared have been a family peal on handbells, with his daughter and two sons (1915); a handbell peal in a railway train between Paddington and Strand (1923); the first Surprise peals in the counties of Louth, Armagh, Down and Antrim, during a tour of Northern Ireland in 1904; the 'John' peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate (1912); Stedman Caters by grandfathers, at Shoreditch (1927); and Stedman Cinques by six fathers and six sons at Shoreditch (1928). He was instrumental in ringing for the society Cambridge Maximus (conducted by himself), Cambridge Royal (conducted by Mr. G. H. Cross) and Cambridge Major (conducted by Mr. J. H. Cheesman), at St. Martin's and Shoreditch. Mr. Matthews had also rung in various Masonic peals, including Cambridge Major, Stedman Cinques, Treble Ten and Treble Twelve, all of which he conducted.

In February, 1916, in co-operation with the Rev. 'Dick' Sheppard, the formation of the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields band was undertaken, since when the ringing generally has made great strides, both at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Under Mr. Matthews' able guidance many peals have been rung at both churches, and he was never more delighted than to see asterisks under a peal report, denoting first peals on twelve. Many ringers throughout the country have appreciated his efforts in this direction, which enabled them to make headway in twelve-bell ringing.

Some nine years ago Cambridge Maximus was practised, but in a few months at least ten of the band moved from London. A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at Epsom on March 17th, 1928, the first of Surprise Royal for the society. In 1928 Mr. Matthews had again gathered together a band who under his excellent leadership were soon ringing Maximus. On November 17th, 1928 (just four years ago), he achieved his ambition of conducting a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, no fewer than eight of the band ringing a peal in that method on twelve for the first time. On Boxing Day in the same year Cambridge Maximus was again rung, at St. Martin's, this being the first Surprise peal on the bells.

From that time onwards Cambridge Maximus was rung practically every Sunday for service at both churches.

Mr. Matthews was a very popular Master of the Royal Cumberland Society, as witness his election for so many successive years, and in

January, 1929, at the annual meeting, was the recipient of a presentation clock from the members as a mark of appreciation of his work and his long tenure of office. For many years he was one of the society's representatives on the Central Council.

At the beginning of this year Mr. Matthews' health began to fail, and he was compelled, under medical advice, to take things easily. It was hoped that rest would again restore him, but he gradually grew worse, and last Wednesday week he passed peacefully away.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Streatham Cemetery on Monday afternoon and was largely attended. The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Matthews (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hawkins (son-in-law and daughter), Miss V. Matthews (daughter), Mr. V. Matthews (son), Mrs. F. W. Grover (sister), Mr. E. A. Matthews and Mr. W. R. Matthews (brothers), Mrs. F. Lamb and Mrs. W. England (sisters-in-law), Mr. F. Lamb (nephew), Mrs. W. Plumptre (niece), Capt. and Mrs. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith. Mr. Matthews' mother was not well enough to attend.

Among the many ringers who were present were Messrs. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths), T. Groombridge, sen., T. Berney, C. F. Winney, H. Pasmore and J. Hawkins (Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer of the Cumberlands), L. Baybutt, A. Hardy, A. Neale, T. Newman, R. Bevan and G. H. Cross (members of the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields band), W. H. Fussell (Slough), J. E. Davis (London), J. Lee (Streatham), W. Norton (Highgate), Mr. and Mrs. W. Bottrill (London), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (Edmonton), Mrs. R. F. Deal (East Ham), Mrs. G. H. Cross (Barnhurst), W. Bond (Crayford), A. Pye, J. Cernford, G. B. Lucas, W. Theobald and others. Messrs. J. Parker and J. Sparrow (former hon. secretary of the Cumberlands) were prevented by illness from attending. There were also many friends from the Southfields Club and Institute, of which the late Mr. Matthews was a member for many years.

At the close of the service a course of Bob Major, preceded by the 'whole pull and stand' three times, was rung over the grave by A. J. Neale 1-2, G. Cross 3-4, C. J. Matthews 5-6, T. Newman 7-8.

The wreaths numbered nearly 50, and included tributes from the Central Council, the Royal Cumberland Youths (bell-shaped and standing 3ft. high), Southfields Club and Institute, and the 'Rose of Denmark' Lodge of Freemasons.

It was not possible to ring on Mr. Matthews' favourite peal, St. Martin's, on the day of the funeral, but a quarter-peal will be attempted there with the bells half-muffled on Saturday. Shoreditch bells are at the moment awaiting some little repair, and, therefore, a peal cannot be attempted there.

MR. MATTHEWS' PEALS.

Mr. Matthews had rung 214 peals, of which he had conducted 95, his last having been a peal of Stedman Caters at West Ham, which he conducted on February 25th of this year. His last touch was for service at St. Martin's in June. Appended is his list of peals, 104 of which (conducted 68) he rang for the Royal Cumberland Youths:—

	Tower bells		Handbells	
	Rung	Conducted	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	9	7	1	
Grandsire Caters	1		2	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	1		
Bob Major	9	4	14	10
Bob Royal	1	1	10	8
Bob Maximus	3	1		
Stedman Triples	13	2	1	
Stedman Caters	37	12	2	1
Stedman Cinques	45	34	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	2	2	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	3		
Forward Royal	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	22			
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	2		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	1		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	2		
Double Norwich Major	13	1		
New Cambridge Major	1			
London Surprise Major	8			
Little Bob Maximus	1			
Total	181	74	33	21

On Monday, November 20th, the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J. D. Matthews, the following ringers taking part: A. Pye, O. T. Coles, H. Hoskins, J. Davis, J. Marks, J. G. Prior, E. Brett and C. W. Roberts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. J. D. Matthews and family wish to thank all ringers and friends for expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

DEDICATION OF BIRSTWITH BELLS. NEW OCTAVE IN YORKSHIRE VILLAGE.

Birstwith, a pretty Yorkshire village situated in beautiful Nidderdale, was the scene of great activity on Saturday, November 4th. The Parish Church of St. James had previously possessed a very moderate peal of six bells, and on this day a new peal of eight were dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough. Five of the old peal were given by the founder of the church, Mr. Frederick Greenwood, in 1860, a treble was added and the bells rehung in 1905, all this work being carried out by Messrs. Warner, of London.

As a result of a public meeting held in the village, it was decided to appeal for funds to recast and restore the peal. A most generous response followed, over 70 per cent. of the sum required being subscribed within four days. The remaining sum has now been raised, practically every parishioner subscribing, and the bells were dedicated free of debt, a remarkable achievement for a comparatively small parish.

Every seat was occupied when the dedication service began with the processional hymn, 'The God of Abraham praise.' There were 14 surplised clergy present, the accommodation in the choir stalls being insufficient to accommodate them all. Amongst the congregation were ringers from Bradford Cathedral, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Tadcaster, Guiseley, Thirsk and Ripon Cathedral. The bellfounders (Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.) were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

Immediately after the singing of the processional hymn the Vicar (the Rev. R. Brittain) read a brief account of the history of the bells. This was followed by the singing of the Versicles and Psalms cxxi. and cl. The lesson was taken from I. Chronicles xxix. During the singing of the hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' the Bishop, Vicar and other clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, which is situated on the ground floor at the west end of the church.

At the request of Capt. Greenwood (churchwarden), the Bishop dedicated the bells, after which a few rounds were rung by the local ringers: J. Ewbank 1, F. Whitworn 2, J. C. Lofthouse 3, A. C. Ewbank 4, G. Wainwright 5, R. Morley 6, G. Gill 7, H. Burrells 8. After further prayers the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel, while the hymn, 'Fling ye bells your songs to Heaven,' was sung. The Bishop preached an eloquent sermon on the message of the bells from the text Psalm xix., 3 and 4.

The service concluded with Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells,' sung as an offertory hymn.

Immediately after the service, and in full view of the congregation, an excellent touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of the Yorkshire Association: J. Hardcastle 1, R. Thomas 2, F. G. Sherwood 3, P. J. Johnson 4, J. Cotterell 5, F. W. Dixon 6, W. Talbot 7, E. Hudson 8. The tone of the bells delighted both parishioners and ringers, and the ringers were equally pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

A public tea was afterwards held in the Village School, at which over 200 sat down. Touches were rung on the handbells. The ringers then returned to the church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung, some of the local ringers managing their first course of Grandsire.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on making another very fine addition to Yorkshire's bells. The bells are hung in two tiers of four each, and have a considerable draught of rope. The tenor is 11½ cwt. in G, and the volume of sound inside the church and in the neighbourhood has been pleasingly controlled. The ropes form a perfect circle in a small but comfortable ringing room.

This octave should prove a valuable addition to a district in which towers are rather scattered; it is easily accessible both from the sparsely populated North Riding and from the industrial district of the West Riding.

The local ringers, under the captaincy of Mr. Jackson Ewbank, are very keen, and hope soon to master the intricacies of change ringing.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Sawston, Cambs, for evensong on Sunday, November 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. R. Natrass, late Vicar of Sawston: W. Hurry 1, S. Stabbings 2, L. Hurry 3, W. Stone 4, F. Matthews 5, H. Churchman 6, F. Hurry (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Longest touch in the method by 3rd and 6th.

At Amersham, on Sunday, November 19th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. H. Haddon 1, C. Chalwin 2, E. C. Ayres (conductor) 3, P. J. Lapham 4, W. E. Redrup 5, W. Edwards 6. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to L. Edwards, a late ringer at Amersham, and father of the tenor ringer, who was interred on the 16th inst.

At St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, on November 14th, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost owing to a shift course, a quarter-peal by D. Newell 1, W. Wilby 2, W. Martin 3, C. Palmer 4, G. Smith 5, G. D. Deighton 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, A. Wilson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for H. Dunkley, who was a member of the local band.

DEATH OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL RINGER. THE PASSING OF MR. C. N. BURDOCK.

After two years of suffering, borne with the greatest fortitude, there passed away on Tuesday week at his home in Guildford, Surrey, Mr. Charles Nicholls Burdock, a member of the Guildford Cathedral Society and formerly its honorary secretary. Mr. Burdock, who was only 41 years of age, was a victim of cancer, and he leaves in bereavement a widow and a son, six years old, with whom great sympathy is felt.

Mr. Burdock was a native of Derby, and went to Guildford with his parents in 1901. He was one of three brothers who learned to ring at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford (which has since become the Cathedral). One brother was killed in the war, the other retired from ringing, but 'Charlie' Burdock retained the keenest interest in it to the end of his comparatively short life. He started ringing when he was about 17 years old, and was admitted a member of Holy Trinity Society in 1911, ringing his first peal—Stedman Triples—in April of that year at Haslemere. Owing to his health, he was not able to take part in peals as often as he would have wished, but he rang 76 in all, among them being a number of Surprise methods. His last was in August, 1931, a peal of Stedman, which was Mr. A. H. Pulling's one thousandth peal, and he always looked back on that peal as one of the finest of his career. Mr. Burdock was always at the light end in a peal, but he was a splendid striker.

From the time of its formation Mr. Burdock was honorary auditor of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and was honorary secretary of the Holy Trinity Society during the last four years of his active ringing career.

His list of peals was as follows: Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 22, Stedman Caters 4, Little St. Lawrence Major 1, Double Norwich Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, St. Blaise Surprise Major 1, Dublin Surprise Major 1, Double Dublin Surprise Major 1, Guildford Surprise Major 2, Surrey Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 4, London Surprise Major 17, total 76.

The funeral service on Saturday was attended by a large number of friends and sympathisers. The first portion was held in the Cathedral, and, prior to the arrival of the cortege, touches of Stedman Triples, with muffled bells and the tenor open at backstroke, were rung, followed by the 'whole pull and stand' forty-one times. The Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) officiated, and the choirboys were present. The hymns, 'We love the place, O God' and 'Abide with me,' had been selected by Mr. Burdock, when he knew his life was nearing its end.

Among the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild present were Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford district secretary), Messrs. A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton, W. Robinson, W. R. Melville, H. Harris, W. M. Stone, B. H. G. Whitbourn, G. E. Clode, G. W. Steere (Sutton); M. Smither (Chiddingfold) and C. H. Dobbie (Kingston), present and past members of Holy Trinity Society; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, E. A. Etheridge and E. G. Heath (St. Nicolas', Guildford), Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. C. E. Smith (Godalming), Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), Mr. W. Denyer and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham district secretary), Aldershot, L. Hunter (Shalford), etc. Others who attended included Mr. H. le Cocq, Mr. J. Weller (representing the Sales Branch, Post Office Telephones), Mr. H. T. Little (representing the Post Office Engineers), Mr. E. G. Knowles (representing the Post Office Section), Messrs. L. V. Garrod, I. M. Lock and P. E. Padgham (Guildford Post Office Telephones), Mrs. Jelley, Mr. L. Jelley, Miss P. Buckell, Mrs. E. G. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tribe, Miss Campion (superintendent, Guildford Queen's Nursing), Messdames Hoskins, Bullard, Hutton and Chorley, the Misses Pulling, Ward, Heath and Hutchison, and Messrs. H. Gingell, A. Sherwin, W. Martin, W. R. Fry, C. W. T. Boyce, F. Ballam, W. H. Blake, J. Bald and C. Tucker.

The interment took place at Guildford Cemetery, the committal being said by the curate (the Rev. H. D. Pilcher). At the conclusion of the service, a band chosen by Mr. Burdock himself rang a perfect course of Grandsire Triples in slow time over the open grave. This fitting requiem to a brother ringer fell with impressive beauty on the silence of the November afternoon.

In the evening present and past members of Holy Trinity Society rang a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at the Cathedral, and at a meeting of the Guildford District of the Diocesan Guild, held at Woking, a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the widow of Mr. Burdock was passed by the members standing in silence.

There were a large number of floral tributes. On the coffin was one from the widow and the little son, in the form of a bell, suspended in a frame. Among those who sent wreaths were the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Holy Trinity Society, and St. Nicolas' Society, Guildford.

THE LATE MR. J. WAGHORN.

At All Hallows' Church, Tottenham, on Tuesday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) was rung in memory of the late Joseph Waghorn, for many years a member of the society: H. W. H. Strickland 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

ECHOES OF THE LAKE DISTRICT TOUR.

MR. HOGARTH'S REJOINDER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I did not intend to take up any more of your valuable space regarding the tour in the Lake District, but Mr. Jennings in his letter of November 10th asked me to reply. I feel bound to comply with his request, if only to correct a few of his many misstatements. Apparently he is one of those egoistic people who, when criticised, resort to personalities. I did not pen my letter of September 8th through any personal grievance, or any animosity towards Mr. Jennings, but with the hope that future tourists will not make such a whirlwind trip as the one in question, but will stay a few hours after their peal and do a little 'missionary' work. Surely the Exercise is in need of missionary work at these times. Unfortunately, I could not receive the tourists personally at Keswick owing to business ties, the day being Bank Holiday, nor could I have taken part in any peal if I had been asked to do so.

Our tower secretary was deputed to meet the visitors, and I can assure Mr. Jennings that he did not misinform me with regard to the procedure adopted at the church. I have visited several towers since the tour, and I ask Mr. Jennings if he accepted all the local arrangements in the same spirit in which they were welcomed? My information is to the contrary.

Mr. Jennings leads your readers to believe that I am antagonistic to peal ringing. That is far from the truth. I am against peal ringing which is performed by men of tried abilities who only ring peals where the band is composed of this standard.

Some letters which Mr. Jennings holds of mine appear to be his trump card. I am not afraid of the contents being made public, but can he say the same of his, which I have in my possession, and does he forget that in one of them he asks me to treat them confidentially?

With regard to Sunday trading for profit, a little advice to Mr. Jennings on this point would not be out of place. Be certain of your information before making public statements. Two businesses of the same name and trade can be misleading. My business premises are locked up on Sundays.

Mr. Jennings is quite welcome to visit our tower at any time, as he has done in the past. The most proficient ringer can acquire a little more knowledge from an unexpected quarter.

TYSON HOGARTH.

'GRAB AND RUN.'

Sir,—Mr. Jennings, in his letter published on November 10th, regarding the Lake District tour, refers to a youth who met them at the church. The said youth, being the undersigned, can confirm the statements made by Mr. Hogarth regarding the procedure adopted by Mr. Jennings and the information that I gave him of the peals previously rung on the bells. He was most anxious to go for a peal of Stedman, which had been previously attempted by a mixed band from Windermere, Ambleside and Keswick.

After the peal Mr. Jennings rushed the tourists off to a neighbouring town. No chance was given of seeking any help that could have been asked for from the tourists. The whole procedure was one of 'grab and run,' and not very encouraging for young ringers. Such methods as these do not promote change ringing, but rather leave one with a feeling of disgust. I hope that Mr. Jennings will use a little more discretion when he has the arrangements in hand for another tour.

J. W. BROWNRIGG.

Keswick, Cumberland.

AN OMISSION.

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter which appeared in your issue of the 10th, I find, on a perusal of my copy, that inadvertently I have omitted a few words, which, in conjunction with the sentence from which they are omitted, are of some importance.

It occurred in paragraph 6, re Sunday peals, and following 'trading for profit on Sundays' should have read, 'and, as this is rife in Keswick, I would suggest that Mr. Hogarth would find an outlet for his zeal re Sunday observance if he raised his voice in protest against things of that description.'

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Kendal.

DEATH OF FORMER WELLINGBOROUGH RINGER.

At the age of 76 years, Mr. Ephraim West, of Wellingborough, has passed to his rest. He was a member of the belfry for about 30 years, although, owing to ill-health, he had not taken part in any ringing for several years.

The funeral took place on November 7th, when the local ringers were represented by Mr. H. Lilley. Muffled touches were rung in the evening by the local ringers.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, September 24th, at Christ Church for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival, 1,008 Double Norwich Major: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th, all of whom only started to ring the method a fortnight since. It was their first touch. This is the first time Double Norwich has been rung in Macclesfield by a service band.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF MONTHLY PEALS IN NORTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Dunmow on Saturday, November 11th, when 22 towers were represented. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock with a well-struck course of Cambridge Major. Service was conducted by the Rev. E. N. Mellish, V.C., the lesson being read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).—A collection in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 13s. 6d.

The Vicar presided at the tea in St. Mary's Room, and there were also present Col. and Mrs. Gibbons and other ladies, Mr. Barnard (organist), Mr. S. Roper (representative from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) and 54 ringers. Tea had been beautifully arranged by members of the local company, their wives and other lady helpers.

At the business meeting, the Vicar took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard).

The district secretary read a short report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 42. Sixty-three peals had been rung on tower and handbells, 14 members acting as conductors, Mr. Keeble heading the list with 39 peals, whilst six conducted their first peal. Two hon. members, two non-resident and five ringing members had been elected. The monthly peals on eight-bell towers, suggested by Mr. W. Keeble at the last annual district meeting, had proved successful, ten out of twelve had already been rung.

Mr. A. A. Saunders was re-elected District Master and acknowledged the honour conferred upon him.—The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) was also re-elected, and he thanked all present, and especially the correspondent of each company, who had done so much to assist him in his office.

One non-resident and two ringing members were elected.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Keeble, it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Witham on February 3rd, 1934.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address and for presiding at the tea and business meeting. He also thanked the local ringers and their wives for kindly providing tea.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to be with them and to see such great friendship. He was sure the local ringers were only too happy to do what they had done. He was very sorry Mr. Howard was unable to be present, as he had been such an ardent worker for the association, and he hoped he would very soon be amongst them again (applause).

Mr. H. W. Smith also thanked the Vicar. He welcomed Col. and Mrs. Gibbons and thanked the organist for his services. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visiting ringers and hoped they would soon pay another visit.—Touches on handbells and in various methods on the tower bells, including London Surprise Major, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the fallen in the Great War: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Stacey 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, A. Staveley 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, R. Thompson 7, F. Newsome 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At St. Peter's Church on Remembrance Sunday (November 5th), 1,260 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. Taylor (first quarter Stedman) 1, A. Batin 2, W. Laiter 3, H. Markwell 4, W. Collison 5, E. J. Ladd 6, A. Richardson (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On November 12th for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,280 changes): B. Rawlinson 1, R. Grainger 2, W. S. Butler 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, W. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8.

WINDSOR.—For evening service at the Parish Church on Armistice Sunday, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Glass 1, L. Stilwell 2, T. Smith 3, H. H. Hillyer 4, W. Phipps 5, E. Gosling 6, A. R. Pink 7, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble, 4th and 5th. First quarter of Bob Major by the local band.

FEERING.—On Sunday, November 12th, for annual Armistice service at 3 p.m., 1,040 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, E. Johnson 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, November 5th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,232 changes): F. J. Hurroll 1, J. J. Lamb 2, H. Hoskins 3, H. James 4, J. Hurrell 5, G. E. Rawlings 6, H. Wood 7, C. A. Bines (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 5th, half-muffled for Remembrance Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips 1, J. Trimmer 2, J. Dale 3, J. Cross 4, A. Rolph 5, J. Blay 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, S. Miles 8.

LAVENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church for evening service, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Jarvis 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, L. Pryke (first quarter of Stedman) 7, F. Pryke 8.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—St. Mary the Virgin, UPTON GREY.—The peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea (6d.) follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Service 3 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North, East, South and West Branches.—A combined meeting of the association at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 o'clock. *Names for tea, please.*—William B. Duncan, John G. W. Harwood, Nolan Golden and Wm. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas (combined). Bells (12 and 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at Redcliffe. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Thomas'. Please let me know for tea by 22nd inst. Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus and train service. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Sunday, Nov. 26th, at morning service (11.15 a.m.), at which the Mayor and Corporation will be present.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on Nov. 28th, St. Magnus' on the 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Dec. 7th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the three new bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to eight.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kings-thorpe on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 28th.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beenham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Guild members 9d. Non-members 1s. Please notify Mr. A. Arlott, Beenham, by Nov. 28th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. As the Vicar has kindly invited the ringers to be his guests, will you please notify me of your intention to be present before Thursday, Nov. 30th, so that arrangements may be made for tea?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our annual social will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Social at 6 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. Entwistle, 8, Willow Street, Burnley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 29th?—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (just augmented to 8 by Taylor and Co.) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday previous? All ringers welcome.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. All requiring tea should notify by Nov. 29th Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle. Good attendance requested. — A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Topsham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Address by the Vicar (Rev. Guy Halliday). Tea 4.45 (free). Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Saturday, Nov. 25th? — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Chisleton on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—A. W. Deane, 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head). Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsbury and Burton (6). Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 28th?—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses leave Bedford St. Peter's 2, 3.30 and 5.30. Everyone heartily welcome. Please pay up your subscription, if not yet paid.—P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Dec. 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—WANTED for Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 30 KEEN ringers to attend at St. James's Church, Poolstock. Bells, reputed by experts to be the finest octave in ENGLAND, ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by invitation, to all who notify Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 29th. *No names, no tea.* Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Owing to the bad state of the Wigan Parish Church bells the meeting is transferred to Poolstock.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Bourn on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3-4.30, also 6-7 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Duffil.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8). Tea 1s. each. Please notify Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 33, Brocklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, not later than Nov. 30th. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me by Nov. 28th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock at the Battle Axes Hotel.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify by Nov. 29th. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at All Saints', Hamer (bells 6) on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea by Nov. 28th.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea inform secretary by Thursday, Nov. 30th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. The usual Garston welcome is assured.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Dec. 9th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, free to members, bands and visitors attending. Please notify me by Dec. 2nd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 6th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday. All sorts and sizes of ringers are welcome, but come prepared to wander off the beaten track.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (10) at the Minster available from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 6 p.m. onwards. Service in Minster 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. R. Owen, 8, Long Lane, Beverley, by Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 6th.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Church Room after service. Officers for 1934 to be nominated at this meeting. It is therefore hoped as many as can do so will attend. Please let me have numbers for tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester on Saturday, Dec. 9th. St. Peter's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and St. Leonard's (6) from 3 till 4 p.m. Divine service at St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m., will be conducted by the Rev. B. R. Bertin, and in place of an address a talk will be given by the Divisional Master (Mr. Edward P. Duffield). Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday, Dec. 7th.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934. Tickets 5s. 6d. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, November 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. James 1, C. H. Walker 2, A. L. Bennett 3, J. Bennett (conductor) 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. Simmons 6, J. Foskett 7, H. Goodwin 8. Rung to oblige the ringer of the 3rd whilst on holiday from Buckfastleigh, Devon.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 College Exercise, 360 Kent and 180 of Plain Bob: W. J. White 1, H. B. Gardner (conductor) 2, J. O. Buckingham 3, B. C. Mann 4, J. R. Owers 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor, the infant being the first grandchild of the Rector and Mrs. Gardner.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) for evening: V. Butler 1, H. Beechey 2, S. Wright 3, W. Rose 4, T. Little 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. Brice (conductor) 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Armistice Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 1,251 Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, S. Wade 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, G. Plater 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. This service was attended by the Charter Mayor and Corporation of Southgate. For evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: A. G. Crane 1, D. Pink (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, G. Plater 3, W. Bowden 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Manning 1, L. Rudd (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, R. March 3, E. Measures 4, J. Chester 5, F. Wallington 6, W. Hector (conductor) 7, W. Wallington 8.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,278 changes): H. Yeates 1, H. H. Yeates 2, T. Ferris 3, J. Gait 4, W. Nipper 5, A. Ferris 6, F. Nipper 7, T. Brice 8, H. W. Wright (conductor) 9, H. Vowles 10.

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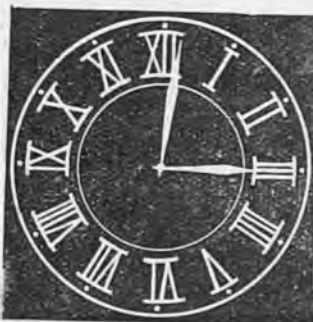
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