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THE MINOR QUESTION.

Everyone, we think, agrees that the 'Minor Controversy,' as it was termed, was left in a most unsatisfactory position after last year's meeting of the Central Council, when a resolution passed by a majority could not be accepted because under the old rules that majority was not two-thirds of the meeting. In face of that, the Council's ruling on the subject of peals of Minor is the decision reached at the Hereford meeting six years ago. It is quite certain, however, that the matter will not be allowed to rest where it is, although for our part, and, we believe, in the opinion of many others, except 'extremists,' the Hereford resolution, with slight amendment, meets the requirements of the situation.

We are led to return to this subject for two reasons. Between now and Easter someone will have to formulate a motion for the next Council agenda, if the question is to be adequately settled, or it may be that several people will endeavour to put forward a suitable solution. Secondly, we refer to the matter now to call attention to a letter in another column from the Rev. E. Bankes James, who, after a long silence, expresses his views upon what is, after all, an important question. It was owing to Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor compositions that all the controversy arose. He was the first to put forward compositions of Minor in which the 720's did not each 'begin from and end with rounds,' and there has probably been no subject in ringing in which there has been such a sharp cleavage of opinion as there has in this. Yet it is likely that, had compositions, with the purpose which Mr. Bankes James had in view, been confined to the same type as those originally produced, they would have been accepted by the Exercise as a perfectly legitimate form for peal ringing. Since they first appeared, however, others have put forward compositions which do not comply with the same conditions, but which, it is claimed, must, on principle, be admitted if the Bankes James compositions are accepted.

Mr. Bankes James, in his letter, concisely puts forward his reasons for the type of composition which he introduced and which, as distinct from others to which it is said to open the door, includes 720 different rows, in each extent. Unfortunately in the heat of debate the issue is frequently confused, and too many complications are introduced. We believe it would simplify matters very considerably if ringers would consider the different points raised as separate subjects and not endeavour to find a solution by mixing them all in one common discussion. Could not the Council, for instance, first say whether or not 720 true 'rows' are as true as 720 true 'changes'?

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Afterwards they could decide whether, in their opinion, 5,040 of Minor is seven ' peals ' or one ' peal ' and, if the latter, whether the ' rows ' or ' changes ' shall be admitted in any order as long as each appears seven times. And so on with all the other points that arise.

The more the subject can be divided into its distinctive parts the easier we believe will be its solution, for, if one thing has been more apparent than another in many of the discussions that have taken place, it is that members of the Council have been asked to vote for principles with which some of them could only agree in part and, in the end, some have voted ' for ' to save the thing they wanted, although they disliked the rest, and others have voted ' against ' to save from adoption the thing with which they have disagreed, although they may have favoured some other part. What is wanted is something clear cut, and if this could be found in a short series of independent motions we believe the Council could come to some definite settlement instead of prolonging the unsatisfactory situation from year to year.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

JACK SPILLER	...*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	6
ERNEST SPILLER	2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... ...	7
FREDERICK A. LEESON ...	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	8
WILLIAM T. GRICE	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
HARRY BAKER	5	FRANK BELSEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN F. BAKER. Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

This peal was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who attained the age of 21 on the 11th inst. Mr. Harry Baker's first peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is believed to be rung for the first time. Possibly the quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE H. HAYDEN ...	...*Treble*	FRANK C. NEWMAN	6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	2	GEORGE DAWSON...	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	ALBERT J. BAYNES	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	4	LEONARD BAYBUT	9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	5	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of West Ham; also the 60th anniversary of the birth of Mr. George Dawson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR G. BRAY	...*Treble*	FRANK CORKE	5
PERCY E. JONES	2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	6
†REGINALD W. DARVILL ...	3	EDGAR HANCOX	7
JAMES H. LUCAS	4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. A birthday compliment to H. C. Chandler, of Histon, also to the second son of the ringer of the 2nd.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 4, 1934, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's No. 11. Tenor 18 cwt.

Fred Dunkerley	...Treble	John H. C. Massey	5
Stephen L. Parry	2	Andrew Sidebottom	6
Harry Mellor	3	Christopher Gudgeon	7
Herbert Barlow	4	Vernon Sykes	...Tenor

Conducted by C. Gudgeon.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Phyliss Tillett	...Treble	Charles Clarke	5
William J. G. Brown	2	Charles J. Sedgley	6
Charles A. Catchpole	3	Frederick J. Tillett	7
Charles Shemmings	4	John F. Tillett	...Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Charles J. Sedgley
Rung on the 15th birthday of Miss Phyllis Tillett.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt 7 lb. in F.

Charles M. Whitney	...Treble	Rev. E. S. Powell	5
Mrs. E. S. Powell	2	George W. Jeffs	6
Burley P. Morris	3	Cyril Wilson	7
Stanley G. Robinson	4	William J. Whitmore	...Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wm J. Whitmore.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 6 and 7. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Guild.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5504 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

William Seely	...Treble	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Francis Kirk	6
Charles N. Leman	3	Harold G. Cashmore	7
Stephen H. Hoare	4	Frederick W. Brinklow	...Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by H. C. Casemore.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

Alfred J. House	...Treble	Thomas G. Bannister	5
James Bennett	2	Albert W. Coles	6
Ernest W. Pye	3	Ernest W. Forbank	7
George R. Pye	4	William Pye	...Tenor

Conducted by William Pye.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Vernon Sykes	...Treble	Fred Dunkerley	5
Thomas Jones	2	Christopher Gudgeon	6
Stephen Parry	3	Norman Heaps	7
*Donald Brown	4	Wilfred J. Moss	...Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Gudgeon.
* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

John H. B. Hesse	...Treble	John P. Pellor	5
Edwin H. Lewis	2	Albert A. Hughes	6
Maurice Smither	3	C. Ernest Smith	7
Alfred H. Pulling	4	Arthur J. Bartlett	...Tenor

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters. A birthday peal for C. E. Smith.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Samuel Warne	...Treble	Frederick Ridgwell	5
George Wiffen	2	Frank Claydon	6
Reginald Martin	3	Lewis W. Wiffen	7
Basil Redgwell	4	Albert Wiffen	...Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by L. W. Wiffen.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by all and by the association. Rung at first attempt. The band wish to thank Mr. C. H. Howard for his kind hospitality after the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

Charles F. Bailey	...Treble	James M. Bailey	5
Roy A. Woodard	2	Ernest S. Bailey	6
James G. Rumsey	3	Leonard P. Bailey	7
Alfred Keeble	4	Frederick J. Smith	...Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Chas. F. Bailey.
Rung on the 14th anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells. 100th peal on the bells for the Suffolk Guild. C. F. Bailey has rung in and conducted all the peals.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Herbert Sheppard	...Treble	Cyril Winwood	5
Harry Goodman	2	Albert Prestidge, jun.	6
Norman G. Leech	3	John Goodman, jun.	7
Thomas A. Townsend	4	Henry Goodman	...Tenor

Conducted by John Goodman, jun.
Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, sen., on attaining his 80th birthday. He has been a member of the Dudley band for 50 years. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Goodman.

CRANBROOK, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Frede. J. Lambert, sen.	...Treble	Reginald E. Lambert	5
Frederick White	2	Robert T. Lambert	6
A. Wingfield Durham	3	Herbert Markwell	7
Harry Baker	4	Stafford H. Green	...Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by S. H. Green.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. T. Carline Swingler, who is leaving Cranbrook to take the living of Blidworth, Notts; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Forest Hill. 150th peal for Mr. R. T. Lambert, and believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	‡ERNEST S. S. JOHNSON ...	5
*REGINALD GRAINGER ...	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
†STANLEY FISHER	3	HENRY NICHOLS...	7
ERNEST MINGAY...	4	FREDERICK FLUDDER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. The conductor's 450th peal for the Essex Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	*S. T. SLATER	5
H. W. EMMETT	2	F. KENDALL	6
J. HILL	3	J. BRACEWELL	7
W. E. RAWSON	4	WM. ASHWORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BRACEWELL.
* First peal in the method. All are service ringers with the exception of the tenorman, who is an old St. Saviour's ringer. Rung to commemorate 50 years' service as teacher and Sunday School superintendent by Mr. John Shepard, who is also a retired ringer.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWLETT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FLATT	5
*ROBERT GARDINER	2	GEORGE GOWER	6
ROBERT BARBER...	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	CHARLES LOOME	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT
* First peal of Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*KEITH W. WHITTLE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
†SHELFORD SPARROW	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	4	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

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ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEEL	5
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS	2	CHARLES E. LAWSON	6
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3	FRED HODGSON	7
GEORGE ROBINSON	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS	...*Treble*	JOHN SADDINGTON	5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	2	JOSEPH T. PACK	6
DAVID S. COLLINS	3	JOHN P. FIDLER	7
JOHN GRUNDY	4	COLIN HARRISON	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
The peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in the minimum number of changes. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to the late W. H. Inglesant, a former ringer at the Parish Church, who was interred on the 3rd inst.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*RAY JAMES	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	D. REES JAMES	7
‡ALFRED W. HEATH	4	†EDWIN M. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)
On Friday, January 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*EDWARD WEBSTER ...	...*Treble*	EVEREST FORD	5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH	2	PETER CROOK, JUN.	6
*MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ...	3	PETER CROOK	7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD	4	EDWARD IDDON	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.
* First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the conductor, who has never before called a touch of the method, and to the ringer of the 3rd, as this was her first 'touch' in the method. Rung as a token of respect to the late Titus Barlow, an old and esteemed member of the branch.

BISPHAM, BLACKPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR PRESTON ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD IDDON	5
PETER CROOK, JUN.	2	CHARLES SHARPLES	6
WILLIAM RATCLIFFE... ...	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOHN H. FOSTER	4	†THOMAS M. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Treble and 3rd ringers are from St. Annes-on-Sea. Tenor ringer from Kirkham. C. Sharples has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RALPH PARTON ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise. This peal was arranged specially to oblige Mr. Bradley, and was a birthday compliment to him.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
DOUGLAS JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM PIPER 6
GEORGE PIPER 3	ARTHUR PIPER 7
HAROLD TOWNSEND 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. The monthly peal for the division. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this tower, and the band includes two fathers, two sons and three brothers.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHAPWICK, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with five different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

IVOR HILLBURN ... ...*Treble*	HUGH SMITH 4
PERCIVAL BARNETT 2	HERBERT STEVENS 5
FRANK SKINNER 3	VICTOR BARNETT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. STEVENS.

First peal on the bells and the first by all the band.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ...*Treble*	CYRIL R. BURRELL 4
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob and one 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY DAVIS ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT JORDAN... 4
EWART ANDREWS 2	WILFRED NEWMAN 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS ... 3	JAMES HEMMING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal to Wilfred Newman, who is a Sunday service ringer and chorister at this church, and whose marriage to Miss Eileen Boswell took place here on December 26th.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

ROBERT SMITH ... ...*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	MANSFIELD GINN... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Lord Bishop of Ely, Dr. J. L. White Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Gleaves kindly entertained the band after the peal.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ...*Treble*	WILLIAM BALL 4
RONALD H. DOVE 2	J. HAROLD SPENCER 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THOMAS W. DODD ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT P. CLIFF 4
JOHN THOMPSON 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. P. Cliff.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Each 720 called differently.

*GEORGE SMITH ... ...*Treble*	‡JOSEPH HUNELEBY 4
†BENJAMIN PATMORE 2	‡ERNEST JOHN SPARKES ... 5
*CHARLES SAGGERS 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

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

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Spliced Oxford and Kent and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in B flat.

JOHN NEVIN ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 4
ELVIN HOWSAM 2	WILLIAM MIDDLETON 5
GEORGE BLANCHARD 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

Rung as a compliment to Canon Parry on being appointed Archdeacon of Linsay.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt.

*D. F. LANE .. ..*Treble*	W. G. GRAY 4
*E. BALE 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
W. AVERY 3	E. F. WHITE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday. In this peal the 5.3.4.2. were used in turn as observation bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Neasden and Grove Delight, (2) College Bob IV. and Wragby, (3) Sandal, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, (6) Kingston, (7) Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

*ROBERT ASHMORE	...Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON	4
†STANLEY ARDERN	2	‡ARTHUR WHITING	5
*GEORGE ASHMORE	3	JAMES A. MILNER	...Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in eight methods. † First peal in eight methods on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal on 'inside' bell. The first peal on the bells since rehanging in ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALBERT H. CHANT	...Treble	†CECIL H. SMART	4
†MISS VIDA F. DUBBEN	2	*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	5
*E. T. PAUL FIELD	3	†WILLIAM RUTTLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*V. JAMES CARLESS	...Treble	ALBERT E. JONES	4
JAMES P. HYETT	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
WILLIAM BEAVER	3	JAMES L. GOODE	...Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. Rung on the 25th anniversary of J. P. Hyett's first peal, which was rung in this tower, the band on both occasions being local except the conductor. Afterwards the ringers were invited to tea at the Vicarage. The treble man is the 300th ringer with whom J. P. Hyett has rung a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 34, HEADINGLEY MOUNT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM O. TALBOT	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	JOHN AMBLER	7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 29 BELLE VUE ROAD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK	1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5-6
WILLIAM CHALK	3-4	WILLIAM DENT	7-8

Composed by WILLIAM GARRARD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR DEVIZES BRANCH.

The Devizes Branch annual meeting was held at St. James', Southbroom, by special invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Plaxton, on Saturday, January 6th. The bells of St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, were also available during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Loxton, the choir being also in attendance.

The Vicar delivered a most inspiring address from the text, 'We have fellowship one with another' (1 John i. 7), and speaking as a brother ringer he mentioned the objects and benefits of the Guild, urging the ringers to work together in the service of Almighty God.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, to which 88 sat down.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the business meeting which followed. He offered all present the season's greetings, and went on to review the work of the past year, which was very satisfactory and most successful. He thanked his fellow officers and tower correspondents for their assistance in bringing about such a happy state of affairs.

The secretary then submitted his report and balance sheet, showing an increase in the membership, and in the credit balance.—This was considered very favourable and was adopted.

The election of officers then took place for the ensuing year, the following being unanimously re-elected: Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), chairman; Mr. E. F. White (Warminster), vice-chairman; Mr. W. C. West (Melksham), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) and Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge), Ringing Master.

Three new members were elected, and Market Lavington was decided upon for the next monthly meeting in February.

The meeting closed with speeches from Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. general secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. C. A. Plaxton. Devizes (St. John's) bells were not allowed to be rung during the evening, so arrangements were made for Bishop's Cannings to be available. The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. James'), Bishop's Cannings and All Cannings, Bromham, Bratton, Clinton, Rowde, Melksham, Bradford, Holt, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster, Corsley, Market Lavington, Swindon, Chippenham, Wootton Bassett, Ealing, Kington Magna, Frome, Stourton and Farnborough, Hants.

OXFORD'S OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' on January 5th re the first peal at Hughenden, Bucks, makes interesting reading, and it may interest readers of 'The Ringing World' to know that one of the band is still 'doing his bit' in the person of Mr. Samuel Hounslow, the conductor, who is the oldest active ringer in Oxford City.

Mr. Hounslow is probably the only survivor of this band, although I am not sure on this point. Two other members of the band, Messrs. T. Payne and W. Finch, have passed on within the last five years.

In spite of his seventy-odd years, 'Old Sam,' as he is familiarly called, is still very much on the active list. Only as recently as January 1st he started for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, but this came to grief after two hours.

He is a familiar figure in Magdalen tower, where he carries out duties as tower foreman, and he regularly chimes the bells for service each day, and every Sunday he and another ringer ring the 9th and tenor up and down.

He is a nephew of the famous Oxford veteran, Charles Hounslow, who also rang in the Hughenden peal, and it is sometimes a treat for some of 'us young 'uns' to hear Old Sam talk about his early ringing days. It is a curious fact that ringing in Sam's family has passed from uncle to nephew, Charles Hounslow's uncle, Philip, being a ringer about 1840-50.

Just one more story of this Oxford Youth. Sam sometimes takes a party into the churchyard of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, where he points out a tombstone bearing the name of one of his ancestors. This stone informs one that this man died on 'February 31st, 1873.' 'Well,' says Old Sam, 'if that stone tells the truth, he ain't dead yet.'

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 13th. The splendid heavy ring of eight bells of St. Lawrence Jewry were rung during the afternoon to the tune of Stedman Triples and methods up to Cambridge Surprise. After tea the business meeting was held in the tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East.

The secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) presented his report, in which he said that the year could be safely put down as the most successful in the district's history. The attendance at the annual general meeting at Whitechapel was the highest ever reached at a Northern District meeting, and the average attendance of 27 at the bi-monthly meetings was a record. The cash balance was also a record, and, last but decidedly not least, the standard of ringing, both in methods and striking, had been very high. The Secretary said how very encouraging these results were to him, but emphasised that they had only been obtained by the strong support that he had received from the other officers and those members who regularly came to the meetings. The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. H. King, in proposing the re-election of the retiring officers en bloc, said he did not think that they could be bettered.—Mr. R. Motton seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

The district officers are: Mr. J. A. Waugh, Master; Mr. J. G. Prior, secretary; Mr. R. G. Cousins, treasurer; Mr. E. E. Holman, steward; and Messrs. E. D. Smith and C. A. Hughes, committee members.

St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, was chosen for the March meeting.

The senior steward of the association drew the attention of the members to the handbell competition for the 'Dawe' cup to be held on February 10th at the annual meeting. This is open to all local bands affiliated to the London County Association, and entries will be accepted up till the time of the competition.

Votes of thanks to those responsible for the ringing were passed, and the Master said how pleased the members were to have Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, with them.

Ringing on the tower bells then took place until eight o'clock.

The sudden appearance in the ringing chamber of two 'boys in blue' caused some qualms of conscience in the Master and secretary and a certain 'plus foured' individual, who 'hails from Forest Hill,' but these qualms were unfounded, as the visit was quite unofficial.

After the tower bells were stopped, some of the younger members stayed for handbell ringing.

Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and this meeting provided a splendid start for the year.

DEATH OF MR. A. J. LEWIS.

WELL-KNOWN WEST KENT RINGER.

Many of his friends will learn with deep regret of the passing of Mr. Arthur James Lewis, of Westerham, Kent, who died on Monday, January 8th, in a London hospital following an operation. The deceased gentleman, who was 66 years of age, was born at Cranbrook, but spent the earlier years of his life at Hastings, whence he came to Westerham upwards of 37 years ago.

For many years a member of the band of ringers at St. Mary's, Westerham, and vice-cantain for a considerable period, Arthur Lewis was a regular service ringer with his band, and, in his earlier ringing days, made a host of friends amongst ringers throughout West Kent. Of a genial and happy disposition, he was ever ready to 'make one' whenever a peal or touch was mooted.

Not only in ringing circles was his unbounded energy and popularity displayed, for, in addition, he took a deep interest in most of the social activities of the town in which he made his home, being a valued member of the Tradesmen's Association, the Men's Club, the British Legion and the Bowling Club, among other local associations, and in all the spheres of his activity he endeared himself to his associates and to the fellow-townsmen at large. His passing undoubtedly leaves a definite gap in the social life of the town.

The choir, of which he had also been a member for many years, took part in the touching service at St. Mary's, when his remains were laid to rest in the beautiful churchyard on Friday, January 12th.

In the evening the following past and present members of St. Mary's band met, and, as a last tribute to their departed colleague, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: C. Taylor 1, A. Nicholas 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, G. A. S. Selby 4, F. Nicholas 5, J. T. Weller 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, G. Steer 8.

DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD KENT RINGER.

We regret to record the passing of another old member of the Kent County Association, in the person of Mr. William Tassell, of Borden.

Mr. Tassell was a very enthusiastic member for many years, until he had to give up through ill-health. He had rung many peals at Borden and elsewhere in Kent, and was 76 years of age.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 6th, at Borden, when several of his old ringing friends attended. After the interment a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by: W. Spice, sen., 1, J. Excell 2, G. Kenward 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, W. Wood 5, W. Walker 6, S. B. Dobbie (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A photograph of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn is being reproduced in postcard size, and will be on sale in a few days. We have seen a proof, and can say that it is a 'speaking' likeness. Everyone who knew the late Master of the Oxford Guild will, we are sure, desire to possess a copy. We understand they are to be sold at 2d. each, and will be available through the general and district secretaries of the Guild.

Any young ringer, not more than 16 years of age, who would like to stand in a young people's peal of Bob Major at Crayford, Kent, on Saturday, February 10th, should write at once to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who will forward the applications to the right quarter. There are only one or two vacancies, and selection will be made on ability and youth.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who is now Vicar of Staverton, near Daventry, has been presented with a typewriter, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Devonshire Guild as an appreciation of the services he rendered to the Guild during his presidency.

The picture of Lambeth Church, which appeared in our issue of December 8th, was the copyright of Mr. T. F. Garnish, by whose courtesy the photograph was reproduced.

A sum of at least £200 is still required towards the £800 cost of the bell restoration at Lambeth, and contributions will be gladly received by the Rector.

Mr. Thomas M. Roberts, who rang the tenor to a peal at Bispham, Lancs, on Saturday, is the first Kirkham ringer for 37 years to ring a peal! It is time Kirkham looked into this, and provided some more peal ringers.

At the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Southbroom, Devizes, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, offered the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, on behalf of the Branch, their heartiest congratulations on entering his 21st year as hon. general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Kempsey, Worcestershire, on December 23rd, should be credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The first Surprise peal on the bells at Leiston, Suffolk, was rung on January 25th, 1908. On January 6th last the 100th peal by the Suffolk Guild was rung there, and they have all been conducted by Mr. C. F. Bailey!

Mr. Bailey has 'circled' the tower four times, and has conducted a peal in each of the four methods: London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, from every bell. This, it is said, is believed to be the first time it has been done on one peal of bells. About that we should say there is little doubt.

The report of the dedication of the restored bells at Woodbridge, together with a picture of the tower, will appear in our next issue.

An excellent performance at Shapwick, Somerset, is recorded this week. A peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal on the bells and the first peal of all the band!

ACCIDENT TO CANON COLERIDGE.

A FALL WITH HIS BICYCLE.

Canon G. F. Coleridge has met with a painful accident, and is confined to his bed.

When leaving his house at Crowthorne, early on the morning of Wednesday in last week, when it was hardly light, he missed the pedal of his bicycle which he was about to mount and fell heavily with the machine on top of him. He twisted his left knee so badly that the doctor ordered him to bed, where he has remained ever since, and is unlikely to be up for some days yet.

We are glad to be able to state that he is going on satisfactorily and is as comfortable as can be expected.

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN GIBBS.

AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edwin Gibbs, formerly a well-known London ringer, who passed away at Crayford, Kent, on Saturday at the advanced age of 77 years.

Forty or fifty years ago Mr. Gibbs did a great deal of ringing in the Metropolis and took part in several notable peals, including the 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in December, 1883.

At first, Mr. Gibbs was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and his joining the Ancient Society of College Youths about the year 1880 created quite a stir in London ringing circles.

He was a very able ringer, and eventually became a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral company. During the last few years, however, Mr. Gibbs had been incapacitated, but his interest in ringing never failed.

MUFFLED BELLS.

The death has taken place at Little Waldingfield, of Mr. John Kingsbury, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church for many years. On Friday week a quarter-peal of Doubles (780 of Grandsire and 480 of Plain Bob) was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the deceased, the funeral having taken place in the afternoon. The ringers were: B. Cornell 1, L. Poulson 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

HAMPSHIRE'S NEW RING OF TEN.

BARRON BELL TRUST GIFT TO SOUTHAMPTON.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild received a valuable addition to the bells in its area on Saturday, when the dedication of two trebles at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, gave Hampshire another ring of ten. Since Christchurch Priory Church was raised to the dignity of a twelve-bell tower, the county has had only one peal of ten, created when two trebles were installed at North Stoneham, and constituting the lightest ring of this number in any church in the country.

The augmentation at St. Mary's, Southampton, has resulted in a magnificent peal. The octave was installed a few years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have now carried out the addition, and the bells form a very fine ring, with a tenor of 22 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON.

The dedication was combined with the annual meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and over 100 ringers were present from towers in the area and places as far apart as London, Oxford and Swanage.

The service opened with the hymn, 'O Praise ye the Lord,' followed by Psalms 122 and 150, the Magnificat, lessons, etc., and during the singing of the ringers' hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' the procession, which included the local ringers, Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) and several well-known Winchester Guild officials, proceeded to the tower, where they were met by Mr. F. Hopkins, who, on behalf of Emma Barron Bell Trust, presented to Canon R. B. Jolly the two new bells, and requested him to dedicate them to the glory of Almighty God.

The Rector having offered the customary prayers, a few well-struck rounds were rung by the local band, while the procession returned to the chancel.

(Continued in next column.)

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the first place I would take the opportunity of sending hearty greetings to yourself and all ringers for the new year.

Then I wish to make a few remarks on the Cambridge Minor controversy, as it will come up again at the next Central Council meeting, and I wish all members of the Council to come prepared, knowing exactly what they are going to vote for, or vote against.

In the first place, then, I would ask, 'Why should a peal begin and end with rounds?' Surely it is to mark the beginning and ending of the performance, that listeners, either outside or inside the belfry, may know for certain that all has ended well. If there is any other reason I have yet to learn it.

But in ringing a 5,040 of Minor is there any reason why there should be 719 rows between each repetition of rounds, and if of rounds why not of every other row? To get that you must ring the same 720, row for row, seven times over, which is an absurd demand.

At the same time, we do not want the same rows to be coming up more than once in every block of 720 changes.

I would then suggest for the consideration of members of the Council the following definition:—

'A peal of Minor shall consist of seven, or more, blocks of 720 rows each, in each of which no row is repeated, and the whole performance shall begin and end with rounds.'

I would note that my arrangement of Cambridge is not confined to one, but suitable for all methods.

E. BANKES JAMES.

'DIFFERENT' 720's.

Sir,—In answer to the request of 'Curious' there is one sense and only one in which it can be said that there is but one extent of Minor, viz., that in all 720's the same rows have to be rung. In exactly the same way you would have to hold that there is only one extent (5,040) of Triples; but I am quite sure that few ringers would consider that Parker's 12-part (say) of Grandsire Triples is the same extent as Thurstans' 4-part of Stedman.

As regards Cambridge Minor there are two independent compositions, and no more, which bring up no 6-5's at backstroke. One of these is the ordinary or standard 3-part calling; the other, being a one-part, can be started at either of the 3 lead-heads with 5.6 behind. The calling of each of these four 720's can naturally be reversed, and thus we obtain the eight extents often referred to.

According to generally recognised practice you would describe a peal containing seven of these as consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. At the same time it must be confessed that the three one-part 720's are so similar to one another that few ringers would be aware, without taking special notice, which of the three the conductor was calling. And this is, of course, equally true of the three reversed. So you can rightly say that there are no more than four 720's of Cambridge Minor with the tenors the right way which are appreciably different from one another.

Theoretically, by starting at a different lead-head you are doing exactly the same thing as if in one 720 you call the sixth behind without the 5th, and in another call the 4th behind without the 2nd. But in practice it is altogether 'another pair of shoes.'

Without entering into the rights or wrongs of the recent controversy, the reason can doubtless be found here why a very large number of ringers prefer plans similar to that of Mr. Bankes James to the use of seven out of the eight round blocks discussed above.

Staverton, Daventry.

E. S. POWELL.

(Continued from previous column.)

An inspiring sermon was preached by Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, whose text was Numbers x., 1, 2 and 10. His discourse was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all present. The service closed with the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

Immediately after the service was over a well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by nine officers of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

A large number sat down to tea in the Chantry Hall, presided over by Canon R. B. Jolly, and supported by a number of local clergy.

At the close of the tea Canon Jolly expressed the grateful thanks of himself and parish to the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their gift to Southampton, and Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary) expressed the thanks of the Guild.—Mr. F. Hopkins replied for the Barron Bell Trust, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, who represented the bell founders, amused the company with one of his usual stories.

At the business meeting of the Southampton District the usual routine subjects were dealt with. The Secretary reported steady progress during the year, and said that the bands at Fawley and Lockerley had joined.

Canon C. P. Clarke was elected an hon. member, and sixteen new ringing members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on January 12th, 1935, and quarterly meetings at Lockerley, Dibden and Fawley.

The district officers were all re-elected. Afterwards, throughout the evening, touches in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on the bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLERGY'S LACK OF INTEREST IN RINGERS.

Criticism of the attitude of the clergy towards those who ring the bells in their churches was made at the fourth annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. A company of about a hundred was presided over by the Bishop of Guildford (president of the Guild), supported by the Very Rev. the Provost and Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-presidents), Canon Martin Jones (Rector of Haslemere), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers), Mrs. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. E. A. Young (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. S. Roper (Croydon), Mr. J. Corbett (hon treasurer of the Guildford Guild), Mrs. Corbett, Capt. H. J. Cann (Pirbright), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Leatherhead, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Witley, Chiddingfold, Haslemere, Wonersh, Shalford, Farnham, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Seale, Puttenham, West Clandon, Bagshot, Frensham, Oxford and Reading.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was in bed as the result of a cycle accident, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), Mr. J. B. Hessey (Chertsey) and Mrs. W. Viggers (Aldershot).

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. Walter Harrison submitted the health of 'Our President.' He recalled that when the Bishop first came to the diocese he (the speaker) was one of a deputation of three who walked very warily to the vestry of the pro-Cathedral for an appointment with the Bishop, when they were going to ask him if they might make sundry additions and alterations to their Guild service. They were most courteously received by him and warmly welcomed by his charming personality. He was mindful that that was the second time in succession that His Lordship had favoured them by occupying the chair at the annual dinner, and he assured him they felt it no small favour.

THE BISHOP AND RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The Bishop thanked the company for drinking to his health. Their solicitude for his health had some justification, especially as the years went by, and in another four weeks he would enter upon his seventieth year. Naturally one had not that vim and force one would like to have. If there was anything that cheered one and tended to give one back real vigour and zest in doing certain tasks which took away health, he was sure it was to be a Bishop in the Church of England. He did not want to say that was the greatest and best diocese in the world (The Provost: 'It is'), but there were certain characteristics which it had which were of very great value. He had had a good deal of experience of diocesan life, but he never knew a diocese where both clergy and laity, as far as he could say, were so undivided. They were not cut up into little cliques or partisan bodies who would not meet one another and who only referred to one another's utterances to condemn them.

Speaking as their president, he thought they had a very enthusiastic body of ringers, and, what was a delightful and to him a new experience, they had a considerable number of lady bellringers. 'I hope that you will realise,' he said, 'what an extraordinary useful, uplifting and helpful piece of work it is which you do, and how people's hearts and minds and souls are attuned to heavenly things when, as it were, from the Heavens itself there comes down the call to worship, not with words but with the beauty and sonorousness of the bells of our parish churches. It is really a very great adjunct in church life, and would be even more so if, as you ring your bells, you pray that they who heard might come and, coming, might find their God. We clergy who have to get up into the pulpit and with ordinary words try and express the glory of being part of the creation of God, find ourselves without music, without poetry—with just prose —whereas when you take the bellropes in your hands to do your part you have the great power of music, of rhythm and the beauty of something which is almost, if not quite, supernatural, and I congratulate you on your task and on the privilege of your being bellringers Sunday by Sunday to bring people to their God. It is a great ministry, and your coming here together to-night has been a very great and joyous experience to me, and I wish you every blessing in the great work to which God has called you.'

'OUT OF SIGHT; OUT OF MIND.'

'The visitors and kindred societies' was submitted by the Provost, who referred to the death of Mr. N. Vincent, one of their hon. members, and the Rev. F. Quirk, Rector of Merrow. He welcomed the president of the Central Council and also the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which dated from 1637. He was told nowadays that it was not very easy to get ringers. Bells, spires and towers did remind them, as nothing else could, of religion, and it would be a thousand pities if the bells ever became silent, so they must do all they could to get hold of young members and induce them to take up ringing. 'I don't think sometimes the clergy give all the encouragement they might do to this very important work of the church,' he said. 'The reason is that ringers are out of sight, and there is just a chance of them being out of mind. Speaking for myself and for my fellow-clergy, we really are deeply grateful, and some of my greatest friends in Guildford are those who ring in the Cathedral tower.'

Mr. Young, expressing the appreciation of the visitors, said it was a very great thing in their ringing fraternities and work that they found that spirit of hospitality and welcome to visitors. On behalf of the Society of College Youths he congratulated them on their year, and wished them success in their work. His society would shortly be celebrating its 300th anniversary, and he hoped some of the Guildford Guild would be with them at the festival they were arranging to celebrate that event. He referred to a medallion which he was wearing as Master of the College Youths, and said it was given to celebrate the 200th birthday. That night was the first occasion it had left London. His society was an ancient one, and they endeavoured to keep in touch with the old times. It was all for the good to keep in touch with the past, and he suggested that they should endeavour to do so in their own society.

MORE CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

The toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. Lewis, who said while the Guild had every reason to be satisfied with its progress, he was sure there were still points upon which it might be improved. They were an association for the encouragement of ringing primarily as a branch of church service, and he wanted to emphasise that. He was told they had 57 towers in the diocese with peals of bells, and 41 of them were represented in the Guild. That was not a bad proportion, but only 19 of those towers were represented by their clergy as honorary members, and there was not a single clergyman who was a ringing member. That ought to be put right. It would be difficult to do, because it was difficult to teach a clergyman to be a good ringer after he had become a clergyman. Why that was so he did not know, unless it was that ringers were frightened to say to a man who wore a 'dog collar' things as plainly as they would otherwise, and one could not make a good ringer unless he had been talked to pretty plainly. 'Ringing parsons who were good ringers had nearly all been ringers before they were clergymen. Another thing was there were 16 towers represented at that dinner, yet they only had one incumbent present. That was not right, and he hoped they would put it right another year.

'The diocesan character of the Guild implies co-operation between towers in the diocese and between clergy and laity, and I think there are certain ways in which the clergy might help rather more than they do,' he continued. 'I don't know what your experience is, but mine is that clergy in a great many towers very seldom go up the belfry steps if ever. I certainly think it would be a good thing for clergy sometimes to go up to say the belfry prayers instead of the foreman saying them, as I hope he does in your towers. Generally speaking, ringers do get practice at least once a week, though it is often rather short, and it has been said that a performer on no other musical instrument could possibly perform satisfactorily if he limited his practice to one hour a week. I don't suggest that you should ask for two or three practices a week, unless something is done to modify the sound of the bells outside the tower, but I think the clergy are sometimes a little bit offhand in this way.' Mr. Lewis said they should have their practice fixed for a certain night so that other ringers would know when to come, but it was not unknown for a clergyman to say on Sunday that there was a concert in the Village Hall on the usual night, so would they mind putting off the practice. Then with regard to peal ringing, clergy in some towers were rather shy about giving permission for peals—some were not at all shy about refusing permission or even closing up their towers altogether. If peals could not occasionally be rung in a tower there was something wrong, and it was up to the Parochial Church Council, in consultation with the parson, to see that it was put right. Some towers were closed because of the bells being too noisy outside, but that could be altered quite easily, and in most cases fairly cheaply, and it only required a little intelligent co-operation. He believed a reasonable number of peals was essential to make a ringer a really good striker.

He coupled the toast with the name of Major Hesse, a good striker, a good handler of a bell, an expert on their hanging, and one who put service ringing before all else.

SERVICE RINGING.

Major Hesse, in reply, agreed with Mr. Lewis that it was a pity they had not some of the 'fraternity of the dog collar' in the room. He felt they were not backed up in that diocese in the way they should be by the clergy. During the last year there had been 23 peals rung on tower bells and seven on handbells. There were places they should have been allowed to go to for peals, but they had not. There were Epsom, Grayshott, Chertsey and others. But it was not only the number of peals—that was a small thing—but had they progressed as service ringers? He rather doubted it. The attendances had not been so good as they might be, but they must do their utmost to improve their service ringing. There was a great deal about the Guild that was encouraging.

A vote of thanks to the artistes was proposed by Mr. Goldsmith, who mentioned that that was the first time they had had the assistance of their own members in the musical programme.

At the conclusion Major Hesse, amid laughter, let out the secret that that day was their secretary's birthday, and the company drank to his health with musical honours.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 6th, at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president), Mr. E. T. Allaway (auditor), and Mr. Harry Mason, the last-named wishing the Guild and all the members a very happy and prosperous new year.

Before commencing the ordinary business the Master referred to the continued serious illness of Mrs. Joseph Johnson, who had been in hospital for over three months, and expressed the sympathy of the Guild with Mr. Johnson in his trouble.

Mr. Albert Walker also referred to the premature death of Mr. F. L. C. Gibbs, of Selby Park, who was elected a member at the previous quarterly meeting, and who met with a fatal motor accident whilst on his way to the weekly ringing practice. The secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to his relatives.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. F. Perrins proposed, and Mr. F. Haynes seconded, that the president and vice-presidents be re-elected en bloc, and this was carried unanimously.

The Secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, in proposing the re-election of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., as Master, referred to a letter he had received from him in which he stated that if the members thought that a man almost 79 could be of any use to them he was quite willing to be re-elected. He, the secretary, felt quite sure every member desired the alderman to continue as Master, and that in spite of his years he was a very real asset to the Guild and was esteemed by all. He had much pleasure in proposing his re-election, and also took the opportunity of wishing him many happy returns of his birthday, that took place on the 8th.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Johnson, supported by Mr. J. George and Mr. A. Walker, and carried unanimously.

In acknowledging his re-election, the Master thanked the members for their good wishes. Although he was almost 79 he was still younger than Mr. George, and he hoped to continue so for some years. He was pleased to know that he had been useful to the Guild, and desired to continue so. He liked to come amongst his ringing friends, and if he could assist any member at any time he hoped they would come to him.

The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. Albert Walker as Ringing Master, and referred to his many activities not only in the tower but also at various meetings and dinners, which took up a lot of his time and money.—Mr. J. George seconded the resolution, which was supported by the secretary.—Mr. Edgar Shepherd also referred to Mr. Walker's activities, particularly referring to the publicity he was giving ringing in his various lectures, and also to his kindness to every ringer who came up to St. Martin's belfry on practice nights, no matter what his degree of proficiency.

Mr. Walker thanked the members for their continued confidence, and said he had expressed a desire to be relieved of his office. His business was making increasing demands on his time, but besides that he knew there was talent in the Guild capable of taking the office. The peals rung during the year had been of quality, and included Cambridge Maximus with no bobs called, and a silent peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. Whether as Ringing Master or not, the Guild could always rely on his services. He also referred to the Bristol Guild's dinner to be held on January 20th, and he hoped all who could would attend.

The trustees (Messrs. Tom Russam and A. Paddon Smith), the auditors (Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway), and the librarian Mr. G. F. Swann) were unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. George, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S VALUABLE SERVICES.

Mr. F. Haynes, in proposing the re-election of Mr. T. H. Reeves, as hon. secretary and treasurer, said that although they did not see as much of him during the week as they would like, his business taking him away from home, the interests of the Guild in no way suffered. He attended every meeting and carried out his duties efficiently, and he hoped would continue in office for a long time.—Mr. A. Walker seconded the resolution, and said he considered it the most important office in the Guild. Those who knew the work it entailed appreciated what Mr. Reeves was doing for them. The Master also supported the resolution, and in referring to the accounts said these were kept with care and accuracy.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and Mr. Reeves, in acknowledging his re-election, said that so long as he held their confidence he would be happy to serve them.

In presenting the accounts and balance sheet the Treasurer said he was pleased to be able to show an increased balance in hand. He also suggested that the cash in the bank be transferred to the Birmingham Municipal Bank, where it would earn more interest, and that part of the cash in hand should also be banked.—Mr. J. Preston gave the auditors' report and stated the accounts were quite satisfactory.

Mr. Walker proposed, and Mr. H. Withers seconded, that the cash in the Post Office Savings Bank be transferred to the Birmingham Municipal Bank, and that it be left to the discretion of the treasurer to bank part of the cash in hand.—This was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr. J. George, it was unanimously resolved to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 3rd, and that the Rector of St. Martin's be invited to preside. Also that invitations be sent to the Bishop of Birmingham and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

The following new members were duly elected: Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, London; Messrs. E. Roper and John H. Wilde, of Sutton Coldfield; Messrs. John Jukes and Harold Hofton, of Solihull.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Shirley on Saturday, April 7th.

Under the item 'any other business,' Mr. Dowding called attention to the annual meeting of the National Police Guild of Change Ringers which was to be held in Birmingham on Saturday, January 27th. Ringing would take place at several towers in the district, and a social in the new police institute had been arranged to commence at 7.30 in the evening. All ringers were invited to attend, but names should be sent to him in good time.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Master, who had travelled from Lincoln in order to preside at that meeting, proposed by Mr. Walker, concluded the business.

The remainder of the evening was given up to change ringing and tune ringing on the handbells, accompanied by Mr. Walker at the piano. Mr. Harry Withers also entertained the company with several old songs, including the famous 'Bob Major.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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During the evening an enjoyable musical programme was contributed by Mrs. A. A. Hughes (handbell solos), Miss M. P. Kingdon (violin solos), the Misses H. Davenport Jones, J., M. and P. Kingdon (instrumental quartette), the Misses G. and S. Harman (pianoforte and violin duet), and Mr. W. Martin (songs). Mr. T. A. Stroud was the accompanist. Members of the Guild rang a course of Stedman Caters on handbells, and a feature of the proceedings was the community singing, which went with gusto.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CLERGY'S OMISSION.

The annual meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Croft on Saturday, January 13th, members attending from Barwell, Broughton Astley, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham-on-the-Hill, Hinckley, Kirby Mallory, Peckleton, Sapcote, Stoke Golding and Stoney Stanton, together with the local company and visitors from Loughborough and Rugby.

Tea was served in the school, the members being welcomed by the Rector (Canon J. Casson), who also presided at the meeting which followed.

Mr. W. A. Wood was re-elected vice-president, Mr. A. E. Rowley local hon. secretary, and Mr. A. Ballard on the committee, together with Mr. G. A. Newton, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. C. H. Webb after many years' faithful service.

A brief report of the year's working was given by the hon. secretary, who also expressed appreciation of the splendid support given by the clergy. He stated that fourteen meetings had been held during the year, all but one being well attended.

Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) said he would like to hear more of the ringers at meetings of clergy, saying that they were seldom included amongst other churchworkers as were the choirs, Sunday School teachers, etc., when special services were arranged.—Canon Casson promised to do all in his power to remedy this important omission. Speaking as Rural Dean, he said how grateful he was to the officers of the association for the splendid work done in the district.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening reached a high standard, the meeting being a great success.

ACCIDENT AT A BASINGSTOKE CHURCH.

GALE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING BELL WHEEL.

The gale on Saturday night blew a board from the window at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, across the frame of the 2nd bell. When the bell was pulled off on Sunday the wheel was smashed and the bell lifted from its bearings. The tenor wheel was also slightly damaged.

As a result of this accident it is doubtful if the bells will be available for the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild on January 27th, but there will be ringing at All Saints' Church.

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NOTICES.

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. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the North-East Branch will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Come in numbers.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, 5.15 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 20th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rector. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by invitation.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Guild service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members are asked to attend. Ringing friends welcomed.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend and have a jolly meeting.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, in the Church Hall. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Jan. 20th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at the Guild Hall, Hadleigh, on January 20th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Huntingdon, St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock for election of officers for 1934.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, January 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. B. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting will be held at Worksop on Jan. 20th. Please make your own tea arrangements. Bells open at 2 p.m. Methods for practice: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Major. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, 20th, at St. Martin's, Salisbury. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room, Gigant Street. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m., also Charminster and Fordington (6) from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilchester on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry. Turn up well and make the meeting a huge success.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Stephen's, Westminster (Rochester Row). Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 5 to 6.30. Further ringing till 8.30. Post cards re tea will be appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsea, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The annual meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church Hall. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—Two trebles added in a new frame to complete ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) and old No. 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY. — The ring of 6 (tenor 14 cwt.), restored and rehung with all modern fittings by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Canon G. F. Coleridge on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th (not 20th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, to be followed by business meeting. The bells of Nuneaton Parish Church (8) available during the evening if required.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at 1s. each. All requiring tea *must* advise me by Jan. 25th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.— C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 due, and may be paid at this meeting. For tea please notify.— E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available. Committee meet 3.15. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. in Schools, followed by general meeting. No tea provided unless notification sent to Mr. G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester, not later than 24th. Frequent buses from Hinckley and Leicester Western Boulevard.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Owing to the fact that Godshill bells are being overhauled and rehung, the annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 23rd?— B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lympstone on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 20th.— R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service (if possible) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Members are earnestly asked to attend this meeting. Everybody welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.— Annual meeting at Heckington, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Also Great Hale (8) in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by Thursday, Jan. 25th. Business meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting and unveiling of peal tablet at 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 23rd to the undersigned.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by January 24th please.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) open at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45. Service at 6. All ringers welcome.— H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol East, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions to be sent in before the 22nd inst. Kindly let me know for tea by 24th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (5), 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. When replying for tea please note change of address.—F. Browning, The Bungalow, Coldhigham, Towcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service. Ringing about 6.15. Visitors are welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Cambridge, Wexham, on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m., when all branch towers should be represented. Stoke Poges bells (6) will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at three o'clock. Subscriptions for 1934 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A meeting will be held at Uppingham (eight bells) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, January 24th, if you require tea.—R. W. Daniels, Hon. Sec., 53, St. Martins, Stamford.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday afternoon, January 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due. All ringers cordially invited.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. For tea please notify me early.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me not later than Tuesday, January 23rd. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 27th. St. Chad's bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by January 23rd.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Carr, 12, Church Street, Cheadle, near Stockport, by Tuesday, January 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 27th. Watermoor bells open 3 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Bells open for ringing after service. Will those who intend being present please let me know by 23rd?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. James' Parish Church, Benwell, Newcastle, on Saturday, January 27th. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., and tea will be served in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., at the charge of one shilling per head. Those requiring tea should reply to the undermentioned address not later than the first post on Wednesday, the 24th inst.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on January 27th. The bells (8) will be available from 3. Evensong 4.15. Will those who intend to be present for tea please notify me not later than the Thursday previous?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on January 27th. Bells (10) available from 12.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after the meeting until 9 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) will be provided at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post on Friday, the 26th inst. A very cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors who are able to attend this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, January 27th. St. Peter's bells (10) from 2.30 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells (8) will be available after tea. A short service will be held in St. Peter's Church. Tea and business meeting at the Clarendon Hotel. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Those requiring tea let me know not later than Tuesday next. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on Sat., January 27th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 3. Service 5 p.m. at S. Nicolas' Church. Tea and business meeting at Abbot's Kitchen Restaurant 6 p.m. Please notify as to tea by Tuesday next, Jan. 23rd.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service, by request of Vicar, at 5.15 p.m. Tea for members 5.45. Business meeting in Vestry Hall 7 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, January 30th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—At 7 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31st, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., will dedicate the heavy ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, January 30th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by January 31st. All ringers welcome, and the presence of members of the Guild from other branches will be particularly appreciated.—K. Eastes, Hon. Sec., 5a, Moring Road, Tooting Bec., S.W.17.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham on February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Local Sec., Haddenham, Cambs, for tea by February 1st. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All those requiring tea, please notify Mrs. G. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, not later than Wednesday, January 31st.—N. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, February 3rd. Particulars next week.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 31st inst.?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

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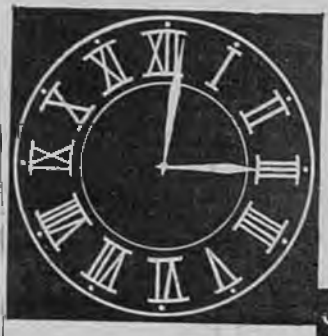
WILFORD—STURGESS.—On Thursday, December 21st, at the Parish Church, Moulton, Northamptonshire, Fred Wilford, of Northampton, to Ellen Sturgess, of Smeeton, Leicestershire.

DEATH.

GIBBS.—On January 13st, at the Elms, Crayford, Edwin Gibbs, aged 77 years.

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