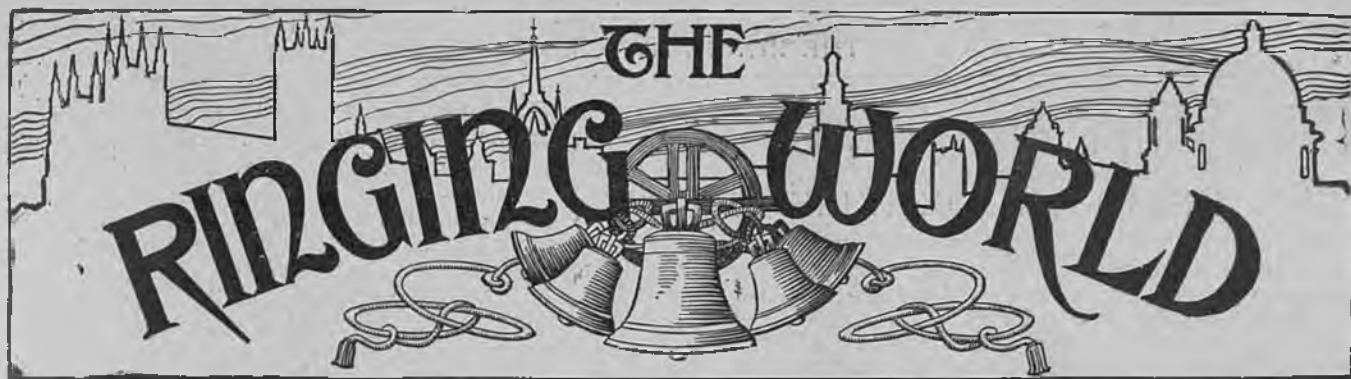




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THE FUTURE MATTERS MOST.

One of the district secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has recently done some plain talking in his annual report—which was quoted in our last issue—to the members of his own district, to the expert, the average and the worse-than-average ringers alike. With a nice appreciation of the difficulties at both ends of the scale, the district secretary uttered some timely advice. He concluded by reminding the members, as a whole, that the object of the Guild, which aims at the promotion of ringing for divine service, refers not merely to their own particular tower, but to every tower in the diocese, and asking those who do not try or trouble to do so in future, and those who do, not to expect too much. Mr. Grover's report was, of course, directed to the members of his own particular district, but it must have been read with interest by ringers everywhere and, we hope, will have given many food for reflection. The conditions which the district secretary feels are prevailing in the Guildford District are by no means confined to that area. There are many parts of the country where, even though the feeling may not be so plainly expressed, there is something lacking in the co-ordination of effort between the 'expert' and the 'worse-than-average' ringer, not merely in regard to peal ringing, but in the essential object of the promotion of the art in its relation to service ringing. It is, perhaps, difficult for either to appreciate the standpoint of the other, but it is necessary that they should do so if the best interests of ringing are to be served. Mr. Grover puts the two sides very aptly. The experts set the standard, he says, and without them change ringing would soon cease to exist, for no moderate or indifferent supporters ever kept a cause on its feet for long; they need continually to be stirred, encouraged, led and even pushed by the leaders. But the experts form only a small part of the Exercise, and the interest and support of the great army of average and less-than-average ringers are essential if the Exercise and change ringing are to survive, and your average man and those who are not up to average do not thrive long on kicks and neglect.

All this is very true, and it is, in the long run, the future of the art and the Exercise that matters most. The individual successes of to-day are of only passing moment; one hundred peals in spliced methods by the same band would be valueless to-morrow, even interest would vanish. The first peal in some simple method by a local band is of much greater enduring worth, for it is likely to establish more firmly the art of ringing in that centre. It is, we believe, a true, although perhaps an unpalatable, fact that we are, most of us, at bottom a little selfish over our ringing—the less-than-average man

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as well as the expert, for there can be selfishness in indifference as well as in enthusiasm. Would there not be a more general lifting of the standard of ringing if there were a little more mixing of the 'classes'? The experts would not lose their skill, but the rest would eventually profit by it. And when we speak of 'mixing' we do not refer only to the help which experts are prepared to give when they attend a ringing meeting. We feel quite sure that a vast amount of good would be done if those who are really expert and are constantly ringing peals would sacrifice, say, one peal a month and spend the time—divided, perhaps, into two parties—in giving a definite course of training to a couple of struggling bands where the ringers are most of them less-than-average. By this we do not mean dragging an indifferent lot of ringers through a peal, but giving them practical help and demonstration in striking their bells and the mastery of method ringing. Such services would, we believe, well repay the effort in increasing the standard of ringing, generally furthering the interests of the Exercise, and helping to ensure the future of the art.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF **BOB MAXIMUS**, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	*FRANK DEWEY 7
JOHN G. AMES 2	JOHN CORRY 8
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	HAROLD BARSLEY 9
GEORGE LADD 4	C. JAMES SUMMERFIELD ... 10
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5	*HARRY NICHOLS 11
*JOHN W. CARTER 6	*CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Arranged by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF **STEDMAN CINQUES**, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 42½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
EDWARD JENKINS 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 9
JAMES A. TEALE 4	FRANCIS BARKER 10
*GEORGE ROBINSON ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
THOMAS W. STRANGE ... 6	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal on twelve bells and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. F. Tetley, a patron of this church, whose generosity was largely responsible for this magnificent ring of twelve bells being installed. Also a tribute of respect to the late Edward Stuart Talbot, D.D., who was Vicar of Leeds from 1839-1895, and formerly Bishop of Winchester. Fiftieth peal together by ringers of treble and 8th.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,A PEAL OF **GRANDSIRE CINQUES**, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CECIL J. MAYER Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARTHUR BUNN 8
GEORGE CHESTER 3	HERBERT LOWMAN 9
JOHN WALDEN 4	HAROLD MARCON 10
STANFORD J. WOLFE ... 5	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 11
*TOM PYLE 6	C. BERT CHESTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band and for the Guild. Rung on the 40th anniversary of S. J. Wolfe's first peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5100 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 8
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 9
†WALTER R. FARROW ... 5	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First attempt for a peal on ten bells. A birthday compliment to 'Frederick the Great' (Norwich), William J. Nevard (Great Bentley) and Ernest Bishop (Swindon).

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HINTON ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4	FRED HAWKES ... 9
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 5	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Camm and S. T. Holt.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 7
TONY PRICE ... 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... 8
ROYDON DAVIES ... 4	DANIEL COOPER ... 9
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Royal rung in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	ALBERT WORMALD ... 6
*JOSHUA WORMALD ... 3	PERCY MASSAM ... 7
†FRANK ELLIS ... 4	*HARRY HOMER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All are members of the local company.

HOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Treble	*JOHN JACKSON ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 2	†ARTHUR HATCH ... 6
*THOMAS HARRISON ... 3	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 7
*ADAM BLOGG ... 4	ALFRED BLOGG ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (No. 19) Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. W. Sharples has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

Wor. Bro. FRANCIS V. JEPHCOTT, W.M. Yenton Lodge, 3484 ... Treble	
Bro. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... 2	
Wor. Bro. JOHN S. PRITCHETT, P.G.D., Alma Mater Lodge, 1644	
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire ... 3	
Wor. Bro. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, W.M. Birchfield Lodge, 4549	4
Bro. A. S. DOWNES, Benevolence Lodge, 4035 ... 5	
Bro. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... 6	
Bro. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... 7	
Bro. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481 ... Tenor	

Conducted by Bro. FRANK W. PERRENS.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the installation of J. W. Pemberton as Worshipful Master of Birchfield Lodge on January 24th and F. V. Jephcott as Worshipful Master of Yenton Lodge on February 2nd, both being ringers at the above church.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HERBERT W. STRICKLAND Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 5
*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 2	JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 6
*MRS. E. K. KING ... 3	*JOHN G. NASH ... 7
†EDWARD K. KING ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. This peal contains the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Denton Jones on the completion of 35 years as incumbent, the longest at All Hallows'.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
CECIL NICE ... 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by the association and by all the band.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First spliced peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 7th and on the bells. First peal of its kind by the association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW ... Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 5
HAROLD WALMSLEY ... 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	PETER NUTTALL ... Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	*GEORGE L. GROVER 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Treble Bob. William T. Beeson's 250th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

REEVES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS Treble	JOSEPH PACK 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	CHARLES ALLESOP 6
DAVID S. COLLINS 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal of Major as conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	*EDWARD J. BRAGG 6
MISS SYBILLA DAVIS 3	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method 'inside'. Leonard Stilwell has now 'circled' this tower three times.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BULLOCK Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	ERNEST COOMES 6
FREDERICK E. STONE 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY C. INGRAM Treble	†J. CHARLES HANBY 5
*JOSEPH SWIFT 2	*JOHN H. FOSTER 6
†JOHN BRADMONT 3	FRANK WHITESIDE 7
†JOHN HANBY 4	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Major on the bells, which have been in the church tower since 1911.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

T. HILL Treble	D. T. MATKIN 5
F. BROTHERTON 2	E. T. SMITH 6
W. FISHER 3	B. HORTON 7
J. C. ADAMS 4	J. S. EASTWOOD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. S. EASTWOOD.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 6
*HUGH C. BURT 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER

* First peal in an even-bell method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Judith, the first grandchild of Sir Charles Bennett, chairman of the above branch.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	EDWARD H. SPICE 7
WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. William Spice has now 'completed the circle' three times in this tower.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
NELSON BOURNE 3	LUTHER HONEST 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble	*JOHN H. BOYHAM 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

* AMOS SMART Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	† HARRY CHAMBERS 6
* ARTHUR BIGLEY 3	JAMES T. WARD 7
* CLIFFTON NEWMAN 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIFLER. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HOUSON Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
* FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 2	JAMES WILLIAMS 6
ALAN D. STEEL 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
MATTHEW R. BUCKLEY ... 4	† JOHN WEATHERHILL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. This peal was rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. C. J. Watkins, to the above church. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th belong to Stoke-on-Trent, the rest being the local company. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
* H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 2	† EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Superlative with 'inside' bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	* THOMAS SMITH 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ALBERT MASON 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS, JUN. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. J. Toase, who is taking up duties at Benwick (Cambs) after 7½ years in the above parish.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTH Treble	ALBERT SCOTT 4
JAMES H. MUSSON 2	CHARLES WILKINSON 5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by T. L. BAINBRIDGE.

It was 24 years since the conductor called his last peal.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

* HERBERT ARCHER Treble	LEONARD P. WARD 4
† SIDNEY MUNTON 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
FREDERICK MEARS 3	FRANK R. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Lewis (a local ringer) to Miss Doris Skelton.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES ROBINSON Treble	RICHARD V. FULLER 4
JOSEPH WALLIS, SEN. ... 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS 5
BERNARD H. WELLS 3	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gibbs to Mr. A. Holman, one of the local band. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and to Mrs. H. R. Thorpe, wife of the conductor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

* ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	* CHARLES W. GRIFFIN ... 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	* HERBERT C. READ 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells. Mrs. Gilbert, of the Manor House, again showed her appreciation by entertaining the ringers at her home after the peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST SWAIN Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY 4
* STANLEY CLIFFORD 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 5
THOMAS W. VAREY 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal.

FONTMELL MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of 12 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT H. CHANT Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. Verdon-Roe, late Rector of Bishop's Caundle and popular secretary of the North Dorset Branch, who left on the previous Monday to take up duty as Rector of Aldwinckle, Northants.

MARLBOROUGH. — On February 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. W. Deane (Marlborough) (longest touch) 1, W. Farmer (Chiseldon) 2, B. Thompson (Chiseldon) 3, T. A. Palmer (Aldbourn) 4, S. C. Archer (Chiseldon) 5, A. Yockney (Marlborough) 6.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALFRED E. EVEREST Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT 4
*WALTER CLAYDON 2	JOHN O. WELLER 5
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. It is 28 years since the last peal was rung on the bells.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Werburgh.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

ERNEST TWIGG Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
*WILLIAM EDWARDS 2	GEORGE HULME 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

* First peal 'inside.' This peal was arranged for B. P. Morris, of Kettering; also as a birthday peal for the conductor.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

*GEORGE E. SNOWDEN ... Treble	†FREDERIC ROWLEY 4
†RICHARD MASON 2	GEORGE H. DENNINGTON ... 5
JOSEPH LORD 3	*ARTHUR W. MADIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells by a local band.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. ... Treble	†MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 4
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR, SEN. 5
†ERNEST SIBLEY 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise and Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	GEORGE W. PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Park.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

A PUDSA' MEEATING.

A REET GOOD TIME.

Deer Mr. Editor.—Hev ye ivver heard o' Pudsa—t'spot wheer ahr 'Erbert,' t'cricket, comes fra—weel its noated for maer things th'n crickets, c'os I were thear t'other neet. It were like this: My pal G. ses, 'Ista bahn t'ot meating et' Pudsa,' an I ses, 'Why—that's wheer't craws floe backwards isn't it?' 'Aye, he ses, 'but if tha'hl coom tha'hl see summat better'n craws,' so that settled it.

We found t'church alreet c'os it were reet agen trams, an t'bells were going nicely like. They are a reet fine ring, praps a bit heavy going like, but t'Pudsa lads could afir mek 'em talk. There was plenty of variety, owt fra Plain Bob to London, but speciality like wert new method—'Pudsa Surprise,' a reet grand li'e method, composed, so G. ses, by an owd Armla bloke.

We'd been thear abaht an hahr an a hauf when I ses to G., 'What abaht laeting some teea,' o'os I were mortal dry like. Well he look't et me as if I were daft, an ses, 'What!!! Teea o't Pudsa, nut likely.' Anyhows we follered t'gang t'ut 'Park' wheer a reet spread were set owt—meeat an ham sanwiches b't thousand, an pickles as well, to say nowt o't ale which follered. I noateded some o't owd coves were mixin 'om up abit, an suppin t'lads graep froots in between times.

T'ringers were thear fra awr Yorkshire, old 'uns with lang beards, an young 'uns an even young wimen ringers. My mate ses, 't N.O.P.G.'s hadn't turn'd up,' but sum o't T.H.B.'s lan't in et hauf time. There were a bit of speech meking an then some o't owd blokes rang 'Caller Horring' on't handbells, an reet fine it were, too. This set t'others off, an't handbells were kept warm like wi touches o' Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Treble Bob, but o't time t'owd lads were suppin like billio. It were surprisin' how jolly everyan were, yan owd cove fair couldn't bide to goa, an he shook hands round a few times afoor he dare goa. G. sed he must ha thowt he were in't 'slow.'

Hevving a lang way to goa, me an my mate hed to leave 't party abaht 9 o'clock, an by then all t'others seem'd fair settled down like for't neet. G. tells me some o't visitors lost their coursing order an nearly miss'd last bus. So, Mr. Editor, if the wants a reet nice day owt amang t'Yorkshire ringers, thee cum to't nex't Pudsa meeatin, an reet fair thaht enjoy thesen.

'BOB MINOR.'

THE DEVON GUILD.

PRESIDENT URGES PRACTICE OF HIGHER METHODS.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild held a successful quarterly meeting at Lymestone on Saturday, January 27th, with an attendance of 45 members, including visitors from Exeter, Kenn, Christow and Sidmouth. A service in the church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. McIntyre), who gave an address of welcome and encouragement. Tea, provided in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Hill and a band of helpers, was followed by the business meeting with the Rev. E. A. Jullian, chairman of the branch, presiding.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, addressing the meeting, urged the members to make a move towards the practice of higher methods, and not to remain content with the first stages.

Three new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Broadclyst on April 14th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and ladies who had provided the tea concluded a pleasant meeting.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Coscely on Saturday, January 20th, in beautiful weather. Affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry were fairly well represented, and visitors from Coventry, Stourbridge, etc., helped to swell the throng. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m. and kept going in a variety of methods till service time. The Rev. N. B. Watson (Vicar) gave a very interesting address, the basis of which was 'Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days' (Eccles. xi., 1).

An excellent tea was prepared in the Schoolroom, at which 40 sat down. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, etc.; to the organist for her kind assistance; also to Mrs. Watson and her willing helpers for preparing and serving tea, was carried with applause.

AN OXFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

On Monday, January 29th, the ring of six bells at the Chadlington Parish Church were reopened and a rededication service was conducted by Bishop Shaw, who was attended by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Payne). Owing to rather short notice, only a small attendance was present. After the dedication had been carried out, the Bishop preached a very interesting address upon bells and ringers and churchworkers.

At the conclusion of the service the local ringers rang a few rounds. Then the Oxford Guild ringers took over and rang some good touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

The restoration work has been the gift of a generous donor, Col. F. W. Schofield, C.M.G., who has defrayed all expenses. The bells have been rehung upon a new 'A' pattern iron frame, which is a great improvement upon the old one, as the bells were previously hung on a wooden frame in two tiers.

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LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT AT KILBURN.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on February 3rd, and, in spite of the fog, was very well attended, about 21 members being present.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a short but cheerful service, conducted by the Vicar. The company then adjourned to the school nearby, where they found an excellent tea had been provided, at which they were joined by the Vicar.

After tea a short business meeting was held. Mrs. Deal, who presided, said how very pleased the district were to have with them at this meeting the president of the Guild, Miss Steel, who had travelled from Bedford to be with them.

Five new members were elected, i.e., Misses B. Hart, R. Sholey, V. Jaquest, E. Barnes and D. Vale, all proposed by Mrs. Atkins. Two members were also proposed by Miss D. Fletcher, and have since been transferred to the Southern District.

Miss K. Bradford then proposed Twickenham as the place for the next meeting, the date to be, if possible, April 14th. — This was seconded by Mrs. Deal and agreed to.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and being present at tea, to the organist for his services, and also to Mr. and Mrs. M. Atkins, who had made all the necessary arrangements for the enjoyable meeting and the tea.

This concluded the meeting and further ringing took place.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

The members of the High Wycombe bellry deplore the loss of a lady member, Mrs. Willis Twitchen (the wife of Mr. George Twitchen, the local secretary), who was laid to rest on Thursday, February 1st, mourned by all who knew her.

At the Parish Church of All Saints, the Rev. W. L. P. Float (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. Wigg (Deputy Master, Oxford Guild), conducted the service, which was attended by the full choir. The borough organist (Mr. H. Helman), played Chopin's Funeral March, and also accompanied the singing of the hymn, 'Peace, perfect peace.'

In the evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung with the bells fully muffled, conducted by E. R. Coles, F. Hayes and J. W. Wilkins.

On Sunday, February 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,231 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled by the local Sunday service band: J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 1, F. Hayes 2, R. Coles 3, Frank West 4, Frank Boreham 5, F. D. Boreham 6, E. Markham 7, George Hinton 8, E. R. Coles 9, P.S. C. Smith 10, S. Goodchild 11, W. Plumridge 12.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**FORESTERS' CONTRIBUTION TO NEW BELLS AT BECKENHAM.**

Members of the Ancient Order of Foresters are contributing the bulk of the money to increase the octave at St. George's Church, Beckenham, to a ring of ten. This information was announced at the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association, held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, January 27th, when ringers attended from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Eltham, Deptford, Lee, West Wickham and the local company.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept in constant use during the afternoon and evening in methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise, with rounds occasionally for the beginners.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Cotter, M.A.), and afterwards the members visited the Church Institute, there to partake of a substantial meal, some 56 persons being present as the guests of the Vicar. Then followed a touch on handbells, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar occupying the chair.

Five ringers were elected members of the association, and the election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett then read a report of proceedings of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November last. A vote of thanks was accorded to the author for its preparation.

Arising out of this report, Mr. W. Smith (Beckenham) stated that the tentative proposal to add two trebles to the peal at St. George's, Beckenham, was now a definite project, the bulk of the money having been subscribed by the Ancient Order of Foresters to mark the long, successful history of St. George's Court. It was hoped that the scheme would result in a fine ring of ten in this corner of the association's area.

The members decided that the next meeting should be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, April 14th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his generous hospitality was carried with applause.

The Vicar responded and assured the members of a welcome to Lewisham whenever they chose that place as their venue for a meeting.

Mr. H. Warnett, the popular steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, was congratulated on his recovery from serious injuries received in a motoring accident some weeks ago.

This concluded the business, and, after a collection (realising 18s.) in aid of the Benevolent Fund had been made, the members returned to the tower, where further ringing until 8.30 p.m. concluded a very successful meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is a good deal more enterprise among certain sections of ringers to-day than there used to be. In the first six weeks of this year we have recorded peals in three new Surprise Major methods, a peal in a new Surprise Maximus method, and now a peal in another Surprise Royal method.

This last was rung on Saturday at Boddington and is an extension of Bristol. In the opinion of the ringers it is more difficult than the London Surprise Royal rung by the band last year.

Just as we go to press we learn that yet another new Surprise Major method has been rung at Helmingham.

The Essex veteran, Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, celebrated his 78th birthday on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Superlative Surprise at Great Baddow. Incidentally it was also the 49th anniversary of Mr. Nevard's first peal, the 42nd of Mr. George Green's and the 38th of the conductor's (Mr. W. Keeble). Mr. Nevard entertained the band after the peal and received the good wishes and thanks of the ringers.

RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 9th inst., re the augmentation of Brixham bells, 'Devonian' asks if there are any previous instances of ringers' names on bells. When the ten bells of Beccles, Suffolk, were rehung in 1909 and the ninth recast, the name of Henry Hopson, captain, was included in the inscription. Mr. Hopson was a Sunday School teacher for about 60 years and a ringer about the same period, also captain of the Beccles ringers. His father before him rang in a peal of Bob Royal for the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837.

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

FOURTEEN NAMES ON ONE BELL.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Devonian's' request for information, I may say that the Warnham peal were recast in 1897, and on the 5th bell is inscribed the names of the whole of the ringers, 14 in number, who were doing service at that time.

Warnham.

WAL. CHARMAN.

THE CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For nearly nine years it has been customary in our belfry for the Rector or one of the assistant clergy to come to the belfry a quarter of an hour before the service begins, between the first and second peals, both morning and evening every Sunday. The first peal ended, the Lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer are said, followed nowadays usually by three short prayers: (1) For the ringers; (2) for those who are called by the sound of the bells to come to worship; and (3) for all who for any reason are hindered from coming. A cheerful greeting is exchanged between the clergyman and the ringers. The bells ring out again, and the clergyman leaves the belfry to go about his next work in the vestry or the church. (We have never once wished our clergy elsewhere, and we know they are glad to come to the belfry. And we are quite sure that the happiness of our company of ringers and the good fellowship that exists among us have been, and still are, furthered by the mutual interest of the members and the clergy in one another. At any rate, our prayers together are a unifying force.

Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno.

'LEADER.'

MEMORABLE MASONIC PEAL.

The Masonic peal at Erdington on February 3rd was memorable for more than one reason. It commemorated the installation of two ringers W.M.s, J. W. Pemberton to the chair of the Birchfield Lodge and F. V. Jephcott, of the Yenton Lodge. Both are ringers at Erdington Church.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Recorder of Lincoln), who is Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and took part in Mr. Pemberton's installation, was one of the peal band. He was 79 on January 8th, and his previous peal was Stedman Cinques on his 76th birthday.

At the invitation of V.W.Bro. M. H. Clarke, P.G.Treas., the ringers joined 'Integrity' Lodge at dinner after the peal.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On reading of Mr. Stephen Wood's remarks at the Bristol United Guild's annual dinner, it seems necessary for me to point out a misunderstanding of his which is likely to have prejudiced his listeners. Why confuse my letters on 'Bell Broadcasts' with those criticising the Editor of 'The Ringing World' when both subjects were written entirely separately, the former replying to an article on 'Bell Broadcasting,' and the latter on 'Letters and Writers'? Had the two subjects been mixed by me, Mr. Wood's statements would have been justified; but such was not the case. In no letter on 'Bell Broadcasts' were criticisms of the Editor offered, or vice versa.

Wellingtonborough.

P. AMOS.

PEALS OF MINOR.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By THE EDITOR.

As one of those responsible for the 'Hereford Resolution,' which endeavoured to define a peal of Minor in terms that the Central Council would accept in order to include all compositions on what may be termed the 'Bankes James arrangement'—which those who drafted the motion believed then, and still believe, to be true 720's—I feel it is just as well that readers of 'The Ringing World' should realise that the arguments of those who take this view are not to be so airily swept aside as Mr. J. A. Trollope would have them believe by his letter in the issue of February 3rd.

First of all to answer a question.

'Would the people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720 say that they had rung a true 720 of Bob Minor if the final single was not correctly made,' he asks, 'and, if so, what is the use of that single at all?'

Those who 'keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720' say that one of the uses of the final single is to produce rounds and that the 720 is just as true whether the first or the last 'rounds' is counted.

'The people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720' are asked by Mr. Trollope to tear up their paper and go into the tower and ring it. But you cannot prove a peal by going into the tower and ringing it, neither does the diagram of a method prove that a peal is true. Truth can only be assured by recourse to figures, and figures, therefore, cannot be thus lightly thrust aside. The truth of a peal is tested by the rows on paper and not by the changes made in the tower in getting from one row to another.

In an extent of Minor it requires 721 rows to produce 720 changes, and it follows that, as there are only 720 different rows, one row is repeated. Usually that row is rounds, and it indicates that the touch or peal is ended; but the final rounds is a repetition of the first row, otherwise the use of the term, 'round block' when applied to touch or peal is meaningless. For the purpose of the truth of a 720 of Minor it does not, therefore, matter which row of rounds you count as one of the 720. If you count the first, you cannot count the last; if you count the last you cannot count the first, but why count the first, instead of the last, which up to recent times has been the practice?

The chief reasons are, first: You cannot produce the first 'change' without it. Secondly: The first row of rounds is an essential part of the first lead: you cannot construct the first lead of any method (with a single hunt) without it. The last row of rounds is not an essential part of any of the preceding leads—it belongs to the first lead of the next 720, whether the rest of the 720 is rung or not. The Methods Committee bear out this contention in the last edition of the 'Minor Collection,' by the fact that in every case 123456 is shown as part of the lead, and the back stroke, after the succeeding lead end, is definitely cut off from the preceding rows.

The difficulty of convincing ringers that rounds is an essential part of the first lead is that ringing has got into conventional form, much of it, of course, for the sake of convenience, but in arriving at the scientific truth of a touch or peal, things like hand stroke and back stroke, and whether rounds or any other row is the first row do not matter one iota.

If you are going to ring more than one 720 without a break, it does not signify a jot what the first row of the second and subsequent 720's is. In any case, it has got to be a repetition of something which occurred in the first 720. Why should it necessarily be a repetition of the first row? There is no more breach of truth by using, say, the 481st than by using the first. All that is essential is that the bells shall return to the first row, by the natural process of the method, when the peal is ended, in order to round off the performance.

Despite all the efforts by the various writers and speakers, made for very differing reasons, to prove that the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor is false, I believe that ringers who will strip themselves of preconceived notions and approach the subject with an unbiased mind will agree, after considering the above arguments, that each of the 720's, judged by the only correct way of testing it—by the rows, on paper—is true.

That I am not alone in my contention, I offer in support of it the views—however arrived at—of others whose opinions carry more weight than my own:—

Mr. J. A. Trollope: The 720's in the Rev. E. B. James' arrangement of Cambridge are all true, but they are not (save one) complete. ('Ringing World,' December 14th, 1928.)

Mr. J. W. Parker: It is a peal of seven true and complete 720's, and it begins and ends with rounds. No argument whatever can disprove facts, and it is an absolute fact that in ringing Mr. James' peal 720 different orders of striking are first rung out true and complete, and are thereafter followed by six other 720's, at the end of which the bells come round. ('Ringing World,' December 21st, 1928.)

The late Rev. H. Law James: Each of the seven (the seven 720's of his brother's arrangement) is true and complete. ('Ringing World,' January 18th, 1929.)

THE STRUCTURE OF A LEAD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. L. Joyce seems to have lost sight of the fact that a treble lead in any method commences with the back stroke and ends with the hand stroke of the treble's whole pull at lead, so that Norfolk does not require eighth's-place to be made at the lead-end to qualify for the title. If that were so, all the bob leads (6th's place) in a peal of Norfolk would have to be reckoned as another method.

As it is, the back stroke of the 4th's place bob at the end of the lead of Norfolk in the twelve-method peal is not part of the lead of Norfolk at all, but is the first row of the next lead of another method.

The structure of a treble lead in any method is not altered in any way, no matter which place—2nd's, 4th's, 6th's or 8th's—is used to couple it to the next lead.

Re Mr. Drake's letter, while appreciating the motives which have induced him to set the ball rolling, I think he has spoiled an excellent set of definitions by inserting his rather absurd No. 6.

The reason why a peal is commenced with two rows (or other even number) of rounds is simply a matter of convenience to the practical ringer to ensure that changes shall begin at a hand stroke.

But the truth of a composition is a theoretical matter, and the theory of campanology knows nothing of hand strokes or back strokes, or of bells either, for that matter. It is concerned solely with figures, and, indeed, a peal would be just as true and complete if changes started with a back stroke as with a hand stroke.

So that, while definition No. 5 may be a good practical rule, the contention contained in No. 6, that each extent in a peal must begin with not less than two rows of rounds, is neither true in theory or sound in practice.

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

MR. JOYCE'S CHALLENGE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope and myself had better be very very careful. We are to be tied down to a peal in which we both took part, and in which occurred some odd leads of so-called Norfolk with a fourth's place bob. We are asked to prove the right to the name of Norfolk for these leads. Well I, for one, am not going to try; it satisfies me to be able to say that a full description of the METHOD AND BOB was published. The composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman, when he first published a peal on the same plan (in ten methods), described the method as a second's place variation of Norfolk.

Of course, I might argue that a lead of Norfolk ended at hand stroke and that the fourth's place bob produced the first row of the next lead (in another method), but, having stated so many times my very definite opinion that all peals start FROM and end WITH rounds, I am not going to fall into Mr. Joyce's little trap. As a matter of fact, Mr. Trollope, myself and others discussed the point at the time, and considered that the name should stand rather than give it a new one for the ONE row only. We might have called the method 'Timbuctoo Surprise' or 'North Pole Surprise,' but that would have been a pity. Mr. Joyce would then have no reason to issue his challenge.

Mr. Warrington appears to forget that only last Whitsun an attempt was made to get the Bankes James Cambridge recognised by the Council (I refer to Mr. Stephen Wood's resolution), but it was completely turned down. Does he think that there is much chance of the Council, as at present constituted, acknowledging the peal? So many of us are definitely of the opinion that this peal cannot be admitted without all the others mentioned in this controversy; and whilst some are prepared to do this, a larger number are not. I should like a good argument from Mr. Warrington which will help us over this difficulty, but before he writes again he might read, very carefully, the letter from Mr. Trollope published this week.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUGGESTION TO MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Sir,—As one of the band who took part in the first peal of Cambridge Minor under the Bankes James arrangement, I would like to suggest that ALL members of the Central Council who object to it and who have not previously done so, endeavour to ring the peal some time before the meeting at Whitsun. The reason is this: A few years ago I attended the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Cambridge—I believe it was the meeting at which the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was first appointed hon. secretary. In the course of business the 'Bankes James arrangement' came up for discussion, and one of your correspondents in your last issue (Mr. Frank Warrington), like many more who have never rung it, criticised it considerably. Since then, apparently having rung the composition, he has seen the error of his ways; hence his letter in last week's issue.

I should like to add that, although I had previously rung many Minor peals (the majority in seven methods), I considered the Bankes James arrangement the most interesting Minor peal I had rung.

ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

Weston-super-Mare.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HONORARY TREASURER'S LONG SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, due to be held in the Northern Division this year, was held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, January 27th, when, despite the fact that Ripon is geographically unfavourably situated for ringing meetings, some 50 members and friends were present. The bells have recently been recast and rehung by Taylors, and are now a peal worthy of the place they occupy and a credit to their founders.

The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, which was carried out by Messrs. R. W. Jennison and E. Hudson.

Choral evensong was held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when a short address was given by Canon Tuckey.

Tea was served in the Black Bull Hotel, and at the end Canon Tuckey came in and gave a hearty welcome to the association.

The general meeting was held in the Cathedral Hall, with the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. Lewis, F. Clark, G. Clark, G. Halksworth, F. W. Dale, J. Lawson, W. Idle, H. N. Imeson and J. W. Addison. The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. T. Metcalf, the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and said how pleased the association was to have him with them at that meeting. Canon Marshall also proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements they had made, and this was acknowledged by Mr. F. Tingle.

In presenting the annual report, the President alluded to the fact that Mr. J. Cotterell had now completed 26 years as hon. treasurer. The report was accepted, as was also the report of the auditors, and the auditors were thanked for their services.

Another point referred to by Canon Marshall was the alleged lack of interest taken by the clergy in ringers. He said he felt this matter was being worn rather threadbare, because as the association held its meetings throughout the county it always received a very hearty welcome from the clergy wherever they went, and this did not point to a lack of interest.

Mr. J. Cotterell was re-elected unopposed as hon. treasurer for a further term of three years.

At this juncture the Dean of Ripon came in to welcome the association to Ripon, and for this and the use of the bells he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Two invitations were received for the next meeting, one from Lightcliffe and one from Eastwood, Rotherham, and Eastwood was chosen.

The Rev. P. Thorman (Headingley) and Messrs. C. Howroyd (Ripon), N. Simms and H. Ashton (Burley) were elected members of the association.

Mr. P. J. Johnson gave notice of motion for alterations to Rules 2 and 3 for the next meeting, and he also very kindly relieved the secretary of his duties during the course of the meeting to enable the latter to catch the only available train for home, where he eventually arrived about 11 p.m., after having spent eight hours in travelling to and from the meeting.

After the meeting the bells were again available until 9 p.m.

MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Balderstone, Rochdale, on Sunday evening, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandairs Triples with the bells half-muffled: S. K. Taylor 1, W. O. Rowland 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. Jones 4, F. Ormerod 5, S. Clegg 6, F. Appleton (conductor) 7, E. Chadwick 8. Rung as a token of respect for the late Mr. J. H. Kershaw, a former ringer and leader of this band.

PEALS OF MINOR—Continued from previous page.

FROM REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Sir,—I have an old print by John Leach, in which the man at the peep-show is exhibiting 'The Battle of Waterloo.'

'Which is the Duke and which is Boney?' asks a small boy.

'Which ever you like, my little dear, you pays your money and you takes your choice,' says the man.

I can assure Mr. Severn that I am not at all interested in the question that he asks me, nor in any other scientific questions that have been debated in your columns.

I know perfectly well that a true peal of Minor is impossible, and the only question that I put to myself is, 'Is my arrangement as good as any other compromise that has been tried?' In my opinion it is. Others may think differently.

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seafeld Park, Fareham, Hants.

'HOW IS IT DONE?'

Sir,—I hope the members of the Central Council will note those words in the suggested definition of a peal of Minor put forward by the Rev. E. Bankes James, viz., 'shall begin and end with rounds.' That is the stumbling-block for a great number. In any other 5,040 we start from back stroke to finish at back stroke, but in the Cambridge Minor you commence at back stroke and finish at back stroke. Now, sir, can you or anyone explain how it is done, keeping entirely to the practical side—not pencil and paper?

A. H. PULLING.

YOUTH ATTEMPTS A RECORD.

YOUNG BAND MEETS AT CRAYFORD.

Some months ago an effort was made to organise a 'knickerbocker' peal among boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 14 years. Owing, however, to the insuperable difficulty of getting a strong enough company together, the project fell through, but some of the young folk determined to move in the matter for themselves. Happily for them, Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was one of the band who made the 'old men's' record a few months ago, was extremely interested in the original scheme, and readily lent his aid in making the plans which were to raise a band sufficiently juvenile to create a new record of youth. Certain young people by their ability 'picked' themselves for the band, but it was not quite easy to fill all the places. Eventually a band between the ages of 13 and 17 and of both sexes was raised to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Crayford last Saturday.

Much trouble was taken over the travelling arrangements, the meeting of the young people at London termini and the accommodation of long distance visitors for the week-end. And only one went astray. Making the journey from Loughborough on Friday night, the ringer in question was misdirected in changing trains at Kettering, and consequently reached London much later than schedule. But all's well that ends well, and eventually the whole party assembled at Crayford Church on Saturday afternoon. The band were met by a number of ringers, the contingent who travelled through London being escorted by Mr. Dawe and Mr. A. P. Cannon, who had rendered valuable assistance. There was a little delay in starting, for it was found necessary to lower the ropes on some of the bells to enable the more diminutive members of the party to reach the sallies.

At length a start was made with the band in the following order: Percy Stone (Nuneaton) 1, Arthur Jones (Croydon) 2, Phyllis E. Tillett (Ipswich) 3, Walter H. Dobbie (Sittingbourne) 4, Margaret Pack (Egerton) 5, John J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield) 6, Joseph T. Pack (Loughborough) 7, Edwin A. Barnett (Crayford), conductor, 8. Their average age is just over 15 years.

After a false start, a second attempt was made, and the ringing went on for about 40 minutes when it came to an end. The breakdown was really the result of over-anxiety, but the band showed how excellently they can ring by a splendidly struck quarter-peal, which John Gilbert conducted. So well did this touch go that the youngsters gained confidence in themselves and had no hesitation in arranging to meet again on April 21st, when there is every hope they will be successful.

After the ringing the company were entertained to a sumptuous tea by Mr. Dawe, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., and Mr. A. P. Cannon. Afterwards Miss Margaret Pack, who had been invaluable in helping to make the arrangements, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dawe, who suitably acknowledged it, and expressed the wish for success on the next occasion. He presented a useful and acceptable gift to each member of the band.

The visitors spent an enjoyable week-end, despite the disappointment of the lost peal.

A WESTMORLAND LOSS.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM ATKINSON.

Members of the Exercise in the Lake District have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. William Atkinson, of Kendal, who expired on Monday, February 5th, after an illness lasting nearly ten months.

Mr. Atkinson was 75 years of age, and is survived by one son and four daughters, two of the latter having been on their way from New Zealand at the time of his death.

Mr. Atkinson had been a ringer at Kendal for 52 years, and had taken part in 12 peals, his last peal being Bob Minor in January, 1926.

The funeral took place on Thursday, February 8th, there being a large number of friends and ringers present. The funeral service took place at Holy Trinity Church, the bells being rung muffled before and after the service and also in the evening.

WEDDING BELLS.

To celebrate the wedding of Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., to Miss Tulk, which took place on January 3rd, 1934 (when St. Mary's bells were being augmented to ten), the local band at St. Mary's, Southampton, rang on Sunday, February 11th, previous to the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandairs Caters (1,296 changes). The ringers were: N. Curtis 1, H. Payne 2, H. Smith 3, A. Butler 4, T. Thirkell 5, F. Mursell 6, R. Brown 7, H. Reeves 8, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 9, J. Elliott 10. This was the first quarter-peal of Grandairs Caters for all the band and was rung at the first attempt.

The marriage took place at St. George's Church, Brentford, Middlesex, on Saturday, of Mr. Arthur H. Smith, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Miss Hilda Passey. Mr. Smith is the hon. secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and one of his colleagues at Leatherhead belfry, Mr. W. J. Whiting, was his best man at the wedding ceremony. In honour of the event a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted at Ashhead, Surrey, by Guild members from various towers, but a 'shift course' brought it to an end after 1 hour 50 minutes' ringing.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**NEW MASTER: MR. C. J. MATTHEWS SUCCEEDS HIS FATHER.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 3rd. The tower was opened at 4 p.m., when about 60 members were present, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, also rounds for younger members. A memorial service for the late Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) was held in the church by request of the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), which everyone attended. After service a move was made to the canteen adjoining the crypt for tea, but owing to unforeseen circumstances this had to be postponed till later, and in the meantime the interval was filled in by Stedman Cinques, etc., on the handbells, and was much enjoyed by the whole company. Tea then being ready, the company sat down to a substantial repast, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. The party were welcomed by the Vicar, to whom and the ladies who assisted hearty votes of thanks were accorded.

The business meeting was held in the famous Vestry Hall. The Vicar was voted to the chair, but said he could only stay till the election of the new Master, his time being so fully occupied. The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, showing as it did a balance on the right side. The secretary (Mr. G. R. Card) gave his report, in which he stated that steady progress had been made during the year. Twelve peals had been rung, viz., Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Pudsey Surprise (the first by the society), Oxford Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal, Cambridge Major, Stedman Triples and London Surprise Minor. It was a record year for new members. The secretary expressed the thanks of the officers to all those who had done so much to make it a very successful year.

The election of officers for the year followed. Mr. C. J. Matthews was elected Master to succeed his late father, who occupied the office for many years. The other officers were appointed as follows: Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; secretary, Mr. G. A. Card; trustees, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy; senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; junior steward, Mr. L. H. Baybutt; auditors, Mr. R. Bevan and Mr. T. Newman.

The new Master took the chair amid applause, and the Vicar, who wished the society every success and cordially welcomed the new Master, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services.

It was decided to renew the quarterly meetings, the first one to be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st, the second at Erith on Saturday, July 7th, and the last, if possible, at Staines in October, this being left for the secretary to arrange. Due notice of these meetings will appear in 'The Ringing World.' Eight new members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the year brought a very successful meeting to a close. Owing to the lateness of the evening, it was not possible to arrange for further ringing. Those who were not fortunate enough to get a pull are asked to accept sincere apologies.

RINGERS AND CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—The leading articles in your issues of January 26th and February 2nd must have given most ringers food for serious thought, as it is fairly obvious that as time goes the welfare of ringers will be more and more bound up with that of the Church, and that we must take all possible steps to arouse and retain the interest of the clergy.

May I suggest that much could be done if more interest was taken by ringers in the administrative work of the Church, as, generally speaking, ringers take very little interest in this very important subject.

Ringers should take steps to ensure that their names (if eligible) are upon the church electoral roll, and that one or more 'live' ringers are nominated and, if possible, elected on the Parochial Church Council, who would watch the interests of the ringers, because, although by law the incumbent is in sole charge of the bells, often he is largely guided by the wishes of his Church Council, who have the final word on all financial questions.

From the Parochial Church Councils, efforts should be made to obtain the election of ringers upon the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences, and even upon the National Assembly, as this appears to be the only way that we are likely to make our voices heard in the high places.

Again, how often do we see ringers at any of the functions of the Church? I do not say that it would be possible to attend all, but if the most important were attended, I feel that ringers would get to know their parson, and the parson his ringers.

I may say that the suggestions I have made have been carried out here at Bishopstoke for several years with excellent results. We run our local band as a society. At least one meeting is held each year at which the Rector presides, officers are elected and we nominate as many ringers as possible as candidates for the Parochial Church Council, and all turn up at the annual church meeting in order to vote for them.

Bishopstoke.

GEORGE PULLINGER.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF NORTHERN BRANCH.**

Nineteen towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Worcestershire Association at Stourbridge. The Vicar (Canon M. S. Newland) conducted the service, and afterwards presided over the business meeting, following tea, which was served in the Church Hall by the wives of members of St. Thomas' Church ringers.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding) referred to the loss sustained by the association by the death of valued members, including Mr. Hackett and Mr. Gibbs.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for the next quarterly peal in the hands of Mr. Whatmore (Stourbridge) and St. Thomas' band; and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Belbroughton.

The following new members were admitted to the association: Mr. J. Bate (Belbroughton), Mr. W. Hodnett, Mr. K. Lowe (Wordsley), Mr. F. Brotherton (Wolverhampton, life member), and the Rev. J. R. Bamber (Wollaston, hon. member).

Mr. W. Short (Ringing Master of the association) offered the congratulations of the association to the Rowley Regis band on being successful in their quarterly peal.

Mr. H. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Newland for offering such a cordial welcome to the visitors, and said that their best thanks were due to all who had made their visit so enjoyable.—Mr. H. G. Bird (Halesowen) seconded.

Mr. A. J. Skelding, who supported, spoke in appreciation of the work done by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Whatmore and other members of St. Thomas' band in the arrangements for that gathering. He referred to the progress made by the association, and said a welcome feature was that more interest was being taken in bellringing by the clergy. When he was a young man, ringers knew one another in the belfry, but some of them did not attend church services, and he was pleased to say that present-day bellringers were keenly interested in church affairs as well as in ringing. He concluded by asking the committee to recommend that Canon Newland be elected one of the clerical vice-presidents of the association.

The Vicar, replying, said he did not deserve that honour, as all the work had been done by the ringers connected with his church.

During the afternoon and evening ringing on the bells of St. Thomas' Church was enjoyed.

THE MAJOR RECORD.**UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT BENINGTON.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Herts County Association was held at Benington on Saturday, February 3rd. It had been arranged for the purpose of unveiling the peal board recording the Major record, 18,144 changes. In spite of a dreary and wet afternoon, ringers were present from Ardeley, Aston, Braughing, Barley, Cheshunt, Heriford, Watton, Ware, Much Hadham, Redenhall (Norfolk), and Great and Little Munden.

The tablet is of stained oak, written in gold, with the names of the band and the places they come from, namely, H. Wallace, treble, Great Munden; W. Tack, 2, Barley; R. Howard, 3, Barley; S. Carter, 4, Little Munden; A. J. House, 5, Cheshunt; W. K. North, 6, Braughing; B. Patmore, 7, Great Munden; J. Welch, tenor, Benington.

The Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills), with a dedicatory prayer, unveiled the board, the band having rung a course of Bob Major standing in the order in which they rang the peal.

The Rector then said how pleased he was to have had the record length on eight bells rung at Benington and to have the tablet in the tower in company with many other very interesting peals rung and recorded there. He hoped that it would be an inspiration and encouragement to ringers who looked upon them and an example for good ringing for future generations.

The district secretary (Mr. W. H. Lawrence) thanked the Rector first of all for allowing the peal to be rung at Benington, next for accepting the tablet placed there, and, thirdly, for showing the interest he did and for unveiling the tablet.

The band then rang three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major standing as before, after which the members assembled rang touches in various methods. Thus ended another interesting event in the world-famed tower of Benington.

FORMER CHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. Charles Price, of Ecclesham, died at Slough on Friday, January 26th, in the 79th year of his age, at the residence of his son. Ancient members of Wrexham and Chester Cathedral belfries will recall his valuable activities of half a century ago. The cause of death was heart failure, following an attack of asthma during the long spell of east wind in November.

The day before his death he asked his son to let Mr. W. H. Fussell know he was ill. By a strange coincidence Mr. Fussell called promiscuously to have a chat with the old veteran on Saturday just 24 hours too late. The deceased was laid to rest in St. Mary's Churchyard—where his wife was interred on the following Tuesday.

WOODBRIDGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a letter I wrote to the 'East Anglican Daily Times,' a sentence was worded too concisely, and, further, was not printed as I wrote it. It was from this sentence that you quoted, and it is to this sentence that your anonymous correspondent refers.

In spite of that sentence, it was, I think, clear that I was only speaking of rings of eight bells that have come down to us untouched and which were cast at one and the same time. At any rate, I made this quite clear in a second letter I wrote to that paper. Thus your correspondent and I are not concerned with the same bells at all.

What I should really be glad to hear is this. Is there now left us any ring of eight bells, cast at one and the same time, older than those at Woodbridge, i.e., 1799? I have said that I do not believe such a ring is in existence. If anyone can prove me wrong, now is the time.

HERBERT DRAKE.

P.S.—Since writing this, I have had given me particulars of the ring of eight at Thetford. Not the ancient ring of six (referred to above) at Thetford St. Mary, Suffolk, but that at SS. Peter and Andrew, Norfolk. They were also cast by Thomas Osborne, but in 1790, so they beat the Woodbridge bells in age. But as the tenor is only 18 cwt. 3 lb., they cannot compare with the Woodbridge ring (tenor 25 cwt. 3 lb.) on that score. Now can anyone beat 1790?

It is not very convenient when people write to you about a letter they have only heard at second hand, and which your readers have never seen. If 'Old Ringer' or Mr. Cecil Pipe had read my letter themselves, they would have seen that I never spoke of a 'period of desolation,' nor did I use the word 'deteriorated.'

I was writing from an antiquarian point of view for antiquarians, and explaining which bells ought not to be recast; and I pointed out that the nineteenth century was not one which gave bells a reason for not being recast, i.e., from their age alone.

When Mr. Pipe heard me state that Grundisburgh had a pretty ring of bells, there must have been some mistake. I certainly did not mean that, for not only have I never formed any opinion of these bells, but I have not formed or expressed any opinion on a single bell in the whole of my life. My hearing would not allow me to do so, as those who know me are aware.

H. D.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cecil Pipe says my letter about the above 'contains a certain amount of truth, but is not accurate,' whatever that may mean. Will he (perhaps after reading my letter again) give details of the inaccuracies? Mr. Pipe is good enough to tell us what Mr. Drake meant. My sole concern was with what Mr. Drake said. The whole country was under review and not Suffolk only, and Mr. Pipe has wasted a lot of your valuable space in writing in bad taste on things beside the point. I rang at both Thetford and Colchester before Mr. Pipe was born, and know their geographical situation quite well.

'OLD RINGER.'

AN EARLY RECOLLECTION.

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest the account in your columns of the restoration of Woodbridge bells, and am sincerely thankful that the work has been done without recasting. It was listening to their glorious music in my early childhood that first instilled in me the love of bells. To this day—and I left Woodbridge in 1881—I can distinctly recall the impression that they made on me, and how my eager ear detected the difference in sound between the chiming on Sundays and the ringing on Queen Victoria's birthday. Long may that noble octave continue to ring out from St. Mary's fine old tower.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

FIRST LOCAL QUARTER-PEAL.

For evensong, on Sunday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by A. Grayston 1, S. Woodward 2, A. Rudd 3, G. Blake 4, F. Woodruffe 5, J. Woodruffe 6, J. Trotman (conductor) 7, G. Warner 8. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 8, and the first quarter-peal on the bells since the rededication. So far as can be ascertained, this appears to be the first quarter-peal ever rung at Woodbridge by a band composed entirely of local ringers, and the first for about 30 years by any band. Information on this subject will be welcome.

NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at Leominster to-morrow, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Church Institute 5.45 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

PEAL BOARD BLESSED AT PENZANCE.

A LINK WITH FIFTY YEARS AGO.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Penzance, on Saturday, January 13th, when a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's on Easter Monday last was accepted and blessed at evensong by the Vicar, Canon F. R. Carr. Prior to the service the peal band, standing in the same order, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples: H. Williams 1, Miss E. Symons 2, W. Wood 3, P. J. Hitchens 4, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 5, J. Wood 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. H. Sleeman 8.

Immediately after the second lesson, Dr. J. Symons (president of the Truro Diocesan Guild) asked Canon Carr to accept the board as a true record of the peal, rung to commemorate the jubilee of a peal he himself had conducted, and also to mark the centenary year of the Oxford Movement. He hoped that such a performance would be an incentive to the young band of ringers at St. Mary's, and that they would strive to emulate the recorded peal.

Accepting the board, Canon Carr, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, thanked those who had generously provided the record, and they thanked God that Dr. Symons had been granted a long life to be able to take an active part in the proceedings that day. They were proud that the peal had been rung at St. Mary's, and he hoped his own ringers would endeavour to become as efficient.

Canon Carr then placed the board on the altar, blessed it and offered suitable prayers. He afterwards handed it to his churchwarden, instructing him to see that it was properly hung in the tower.

It was a unique ceremony.

Evensong then proceeded and afterwards the beautiful ring (tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.) were kept going for an hour to Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Others than the peal band present were Dr. J. Symons, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. Ormerod (late Vicar of Manaccan and St. Anthony), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) and members of the Gulval company. Earlier in the afternoon all met at Gulval, about a mile distant, where a group photograph of the peal band with Dr. Symons and Mr. George Sellers, the two survivors of the band of 1883, was taken. Ringing was enjoyed on the eight bells, cast by Warner, and the whole party was entertained to tea at the Old Inn by Dr. Symons.

Mr. A. S. Roberts said, at such an informal and happy gathering, he did not want to propose a vote of thanks, but just to say 'Thank you' on behalf of them all to Dr. Symons for his great kindness. He remarked that various people had talked about peal ringers being glorified in 'The Ringing World,' and he supposed that such hospitality was their glorification.

Mr. W. Wood remarked how they appreciated being entertained in such a manner.

Dr. Symons, in acknowledging the thanks, remarked that when he called the peal in 1883 he was only a 'bob caller,' having not acquired the art of conducting, but the whole band rang well. He referred to a visit they had many years ago from the late John Carter and that he called a quarter-peal for them. He hoped that he would be able to continue his active ringing for at least a few more years, although he could not look forward to another 50 years.

BELLRINGERS' DINNER AT LEWES.

The annual dinner of the Southover Bellringers Guild, Lewes, was held in the King's Head Hotel. The Rev. D. G. Matthews (Rector and president) presided. There were also present Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master of the Sussex County Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. E. H. Fuller, Mrs. G. Lloyd and Councillor R. Gorrings (vice-presidents).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'The Southover Bellringers' Guild,' and expressed pleasure at meeting old friends. He and Mr. Rickman were old members of the Guild, and Mr. Rickman was the donor of the two bells which made the peal into ten. He impressed on the young ringers that regular attendance at service ringing and practice, and study at home as well as in the tower were the main steps to success.

Mr. G. P. Elphick (hon. secretary) responded and welcomed the young ringers. They had had eight recruits during the year, bringing the number of ringers up to 18, the largest number for many years.

Mr. W. Ward proposed 'The Sussex County Association,' mentioning that this year was the 49th anniversary of its establishment, and it had done very valuable work in bringing the ringers and the clergy closer together.

Mr. J. T. Rickman, who responded, said that although the association had not set up any outstanding performances during the past year, it had maintained its steady position.

Mr. C. J. Rugg proposed 'The President and Vice-Presidents,' and referred to their valuable assistance to the Guild.—The Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews, president) and Mr. E. H. Fuller (vice-president) responded.—'The Host and Hostess' was proposed by Mr. C. T. Lloyd and was responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Muzzell.

Selections on handbells were given by Messrs. G. P. Elphick, J. Grees, C. Brown and W. Coppard, and songs given by Mr. C. Halliwell, Mr. L. S. Davey, Mr. A. J. Turner and Mr. R. J. Dawe. Mr. Perthen was the accompanist.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**PROGRESS IN NORTHERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Witham on Saturday, February 3rd, when 50 ringers were present from 21 parishes. After a period of preliminary ringing, service was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Barlow). The lesson was read by the district secretary. In a very interesting address the Vicar reviewed the history of church bells. People sometimes disliked bells and the ringers themselves were discouraged, he said. That should not be. Nowadays wireless was generally associated with broadcasting, but it should be remembered that church bells always broadcast their message to the people.

After the service, which was fully choral, the company were entertained to tea in the Church House. The guests numbered 60 and included members of the choir.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Bocking in April. This will be arranged for the 21st.

Mr. A. A. Saunders (District Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his interesting address, also to the organist and choir for their services.—Mr. L. W. Wiffen seconded and especially thanked the sopranos. One did not often get soprano voices and the help of ladies at ringing meetings.

The Vicar, in reply, said he wished to thank the local ringers for their loyal support. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors and made special mention of his old friend, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Although they were mostly strangers that day, they would be friends in future. He again thanked the local band and their wives who had made such excellent arrangements for tea; also Miss Eyre, who had sent a donation towards defraying expenses for tea. Her late brother was well remembered for his services as general secretary of the association.

Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) said he was pleased to renew acquaintance with some of his boyhood friends. He thought choirs and ringers should be on a par. They provided the voices inside and outside the church.

Mr. W. Keeble said definite progress had been made in the division during the year. He urged as strongly as possible that young ringers should learn (or be taught) the correct way of holding a rope. Correct holding and striking was absolutely essential. It was bad striking that set the public against ringing.

A pleasant meeting was concluded by entertaining the company with selections on handbells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, January 27th, and proved another very enjoyable meeting. Ringers attended from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benlilton, Camberwell, Carshalton, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul and Christ Church), Reigate, Streatham and the local company. Good use was made of the handy ring of eight bells during the afternoon in methods both for beginners and experts, and the members were very pleased to welcome among them for a short time the Rev. Carew-Cox, of Lyme Regis, who was staying in London for a few days. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Johnston, who gave a very inspiring address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, 39 sitting down. The Rev. C. M. Johnston presided at the business meeting which followed. Nine new ringing members were elected, including the band at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, the meeting being very pleased to welcome them into the association.

The committee's annual report and treasurer's cash statement were passed by the meeting without comment.

It was decided to hold meetings if possible during the year as follows: Easter Monday, Christ Church, Epsom; May 26th, Wimbledon and Merton; July 28th, Rannmore Common (jointly with Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild); September 29th, Lambeth; November 24th, Banstead; and the annual district meeting, January 26th, 1935, at St. John's, Croydon.

The committee was asked to draw up a provisional list of meetings in future, as it was thought that would simplify the business at the annual district meeting.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. E. Talbot, Beddington; treasurer, Mr. F. Woodiss, Banstead; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Cooper, Croydon; auditor, Mr. F. Housden, Beddington. The three representatives on the committee were Mr. J. Beams, Ewell; Mr. A. W. Clark, Croydon; and Mr. W. C. Smith, Benlilton.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their work during the past year.

It was decided, on the suggestion of the secretary, to notify the members individually in future of the annual district meeting.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. C. M. Johnston for conducting the service, the organist and to Mr. Smalley and the local company for their very cordial welcome.

The tower was again visited during the evening, and practice was obtained in a variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise Major.

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 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All heartily welcome. Just a card for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles (8), on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec., 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Institute afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea! Rounds to London and Spliced Surprise.—Nolan Golden, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (1s. per head).—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, by special invitation of the Rector. Frequent bus service from Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Tea, 4.30, at the Tower Café. Service 5.15. Ringing after. All those requiring tea kindly advise me by Feb. 20th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Asfordby (near Melton Mowbray) (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 24th.

Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify the undersigned for tea by Wednesday previous. *All ringers* are invited. Please make an effort to attend, and make a real good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 24th. All Saints' bells from 3 o'clock. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage, near St. Michael's. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By permission of Rev. B. Beavan, the spring meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at the Dog Inn. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 22nd.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Ramblers, 5.15 p.m.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Kempsey. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 21st. — Fred Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-West Division. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Billiards match and social at Bolton Borough Police Recreation Rooms, Old Hall Street, Bolton, on Saturday, February 24th, 6 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome. Names no later than 21st, to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

WATFORD.—Saturday, February 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Old School 5.30. Cheap tickets from all places by coach or rail to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Forster Institute at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells) on Saturday, February 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head at the Boscobel Tea Rooms.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the districts will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at All Hallows', Lombard Street (entrance Gracechurch Street). Bells (10) 3 to 8.30. Tea in St. Dionis Hall 5 o'clock. All welcome, postcards especially.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6, and J. G. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, E.1, Hon. Dis. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The February meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Will those who would like tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 21st?—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.45 p.m., St. Giles' (8), 3.30 to 4.45 p.m., St. Laurence's (12) 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's at 5 p.m. Meat tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m., St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 21st.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute, for which a collection will be taken. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Diagrams sent on application.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea (free), by invitation to the Rector, will only be supplied to those sending in their names by Thursday, the 22nd, to Mr. C. Nottage, 123, Doncaster Road, Woodlands, near Doncaster.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Tea provided for those notifying me by Wednesday, 21st.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Those requiring tea (1s.) please write H. O. Over, 136, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, near Leicester, by Thursday, February 21st.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The blessing of the restored bells of Sherborne Abbey by the Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Belfry correspondents or individual ringers intending to accept this invitation are requested to notify the Vicar, Sherborne, Dorset, of the number to be expected by Monday, February 26th. The tower will be open for ringing during the evening.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 46th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 3rd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note. The annual meeting of the society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, March 3rd. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Please notify for tea, Mr. Davis, White Hart Hotel, Eckington.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on March 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Feb. 27th, please.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley. Bells from three o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each at 5.40. Will members kindly advise me by February 28th? All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel (Clock Tower) on Saturday, March 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each. Applications by Wednesday previous latest.

All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Beddington, March 10th. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—During the indisposition of the branch secretary, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., it is requested that correspondence and subscriptions be sent to Mr. E. F. Honour, 21, Bunker's Hill, near Bletchington, Oxford.

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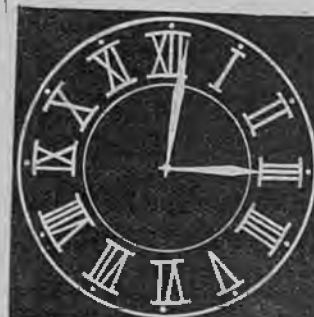
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