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VARIETY IN METHOD RINGING.

Many times in the past in this column we urged ringers to 'get out of the rut' in regard to their peal ringing, and it is gratifying, in looking back over the last few years, to find that there has been a great deal more enterprise exhibited than was formerly the case. The Spliced Surprise peals in anything up to a dozen methods and the considerable number of new Surprise methods rung are examples of the determination of the advanced ringers to break away from the limitations with which, in days gone by, many very capable bands were content. And this indication of progress is being maintained. With less than two months of this year gone, six different bands have rung the first peal in six different Surprise methods, which have included Major, Royal and Maximus.

This is a very encouraging sign, but we would like to see greater expansion in method ringing by some of those who do not look upon themselves as being quite so far advanced as those who, to a large extent, concentrate on the Surprise methods. There is a book published by the Central Council, 'The Collection of Plain Major Methods,' which most ringers have heard about, and which all ought to possess, although we are afraid that a large proportion of ringers do not do so, and even some of those who do have put it away in their bookcase and no longer study its possibilities in practical use. In this volume are many methods which Bob Major ringers could easily master, and they ought to be as keen to score the first peals as those among the Surprise ringers who seek out new methods and ring them. The methods in this Central Council volume are not freak productions; many of them are such that any good Bob Major band ought to be able to ring them proficiently after a practice or two, and, incidentally, there are companies who have passed the Bob Major stage who would find quite a lot of the methods interesting and worth while ringing.

It is rather strange that nearly all the new Major methods that are rung are in the Surprise category, which indicates that at present it is really only the advanced ringers who have got 'out of the rut.' It is a mistake for the 'moderate' ringer to suppose that he must wait until he reaches a more exalted sphere before he can hope to launch out into fresh seas. A departure from the 'standard' methods would enable him all the quicker to reach what are sometimes called the higher methods. We hope that during the present year many of those who have put their 'Collection' in the bookcase will fetch it out again and make real use of it, while those who have not yet taken the trouble to study the contents of the volume and the scope it offers will invest in a copy, not merely for

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the sake of possessing it, but in order to get that new interest and incentive in their method ringing which it is the object of the volume to provide. And, too, we would like to see some of the advanced ringers turning their attention to some of these plain methods. The 'halo' which once surrounded the word 'Surprise' has, in these days, lost some of its lustre, and there are plain methods waiting for performance which would require nearly as much concentration to ring as some of those in the so-called more advanced class. The scope of Surprise ringing has vastly expanded in the last ten years; why should not the plain methods be practised in equal variety?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38¾ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIES	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	GEORGE RADLEY	8
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
*ERNEST W. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

FREDERICK SEAGER	*Treble*	JAMES COTTERELL	6
WILLIAM BARTON	2	JOHN AMBLER	7
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3	GEORGE AMBLER	8
WILLIAM AMBLER	4	*TOM SMITH	9
PERCY J. JOHNSON	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 125) Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. Seager and J. Hardcastle.

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COLLETT	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
MARGARET E REYNOLDS	2	FRANK WEST	7
FRANCIS E. MAY	3	ALBERT E. LOCK	8
JOHN P. PELLOE	4	HERBERT IMPEY	9
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	5	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK WEST.

First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	8
FRANK I. HAIRS	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
ALFRED W. GROVES	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES:
Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*GEORGE GRAY	*Treble*	‡CYRIL A. HOUSE	6
†MISS MARGARET PACK	2	THOMAS J. HULL	7
*JOHN G. NASH	3	GEORGE B. COLLINS	8
STANLEY A. CARTER	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	5	JOSEPH LADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters. † First attempt for a peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire and first attempt for a peal on ten bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN.	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	8
GEORGE POLLINGER	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	9
WILFRED ANDREWS	5	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Mundy, a member of the North Stoneham band since 1893.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED BARNES	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	6
HAROLD JACKSON	2	*WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
*WILFRED STEVENSON	3	*JOHN WORTH	8
ALLEN F. BAILEY	4	FRED PAGE	9
PETER LAPLIN	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
JOSEPH MARKS	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
HARRY HOSKINS	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
J. Marks has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY KIRBY	*Treble*	JOHN W. BOOTH	5
JOHN SADDINGTON	2	*FELIX J. SUTTON	6
JOHN H. GRUNDY	3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	7
*WALTER FERN	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the opening of the octave, also immediately following the dedication of a tablet recording the first peal of Major on the bells—5,152 changes, August 2nd, 1897, composed and conducted by the late W. H. Inglesant.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, February 8, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALFRED KING	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH	2	*JOHN THOMPSON	6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	3	*ERNEST STONE	7
*EDWIN MARTIN	4	D. HAROLD ARGYLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by D. HAROLD ARGYLE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal in the method as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, February 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YOXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
GEORGE WHITING	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
This method, of which Mr. G. Lindoff is the author, is now rung for the first time.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS	*Treble*	*RALPH SAYERS	5
WILLIAM LEWIS	2	*REGINALD WOODYATT	6
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	*FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman. First in the method as conductor. The quarterly peal for the branch.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	*WILLIAM STANFORD	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	*JOHN COOK	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Canon Morley Headlam, who is leaving Horsham to take up the living at Atcham, Shropshire.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 10 1934 in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	GEORGE GREEN	5
WILLIAM LINCOLN	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung to celebrate the 78th birthday of W. J. Nevard.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

F. HORACE E. STUBBS	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
*COLIN H. HARRISON	2	KENNETH A. ROE	6
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	RICHARD F. ROE	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. S. H. Hoare, of Watford, who was on a visit to Leicester, and also rung as a compliment to Mrs. Milner, mother of the ringer of the 3rd, on her 77th birthday.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. GEORGE'S GUILD, WILTON.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*R. W. HAYWOOD	*Treble*	A. W. HAYWARD	5
*D. F. SHELDON	2	*W. A. SEVIER	6
S. A. WYATT	3	A. J. WYATT	7
*H. E. CAUSBY	4	S. G. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by S. G. COLES.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of New Cambridge by all the band. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Surprise Major by a band all attached to the same tower in the county.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN LOTT	5
CHARLES POTHECARY	2	WILLIAM H. JOINER	6
LAWRENCE GREENHOW	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
FRANK E. MITCHELL	4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
CLIFFORD ELLISON	2	ALBERT PICKLES	6
EDGAR WHITELEY	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*SAM LONGBOTTOM	4	CECIL DRAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harold Pearce (a respected member of the local company) to Miss Mary Bairstow, which was solemnised at the above church prior to the commencement of the peal. All Sunday service ringers at the above church.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	*Treble*	HARRY HOSKINS	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	*ERNEST BRETT	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

* First peal in four methods. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY KEMP	*Treble*	†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
JESSE BEAGLEY	2	FRANK KEMP	6
GEORGE UPSHALL	3	RICHARD HASTED	7
*SIDNEY MEADOWS	4	THOMAS UPSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. HASTED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of Dr. J. H. Greig, Lord Bishop of Guildford, who is in residence at Farnham Castle. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Upshall, wife of the ringer of the tenor, and to Mr. E. Clapshaw, the esteemed captain of the ringers, for his 89th birthday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN A. GREEN	*Treble*	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	5
FRED WILFORD	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	ALBERT J. GREEN	7
GEORGE J. WHITEHEAD	4	*FREDERICK PATEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 14, 1934 in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

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

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Bob Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol by resident members of the branch.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. ERNEST RAWSON	*Treble*	CECIL ROTHWELL	5
HAROLD W. EMMETT	2	ERNEST PARKINSON	6
FRED KENDALL	3	MILTON ACKROYD	7
*ALEX BARNES	4	STANLEY PICKUP	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd belong to St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, the rest are regular service ringers at the above church.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

AMES W. GROUNDS	...*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM SHARPLES	6
JOHN CHARNOCK	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
ADAM BLOGG	4	*ALFRED BLOGG	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 416). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES
* Fiftieth peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON	...*Treble*	ALBERT COPPOCK	5
R. ALLEN HICKLIN	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	PERCIVAL PRICE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Donald Chitty, who was inducted to the above church on Tuesday, February 13th. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Lowe, of Beeston.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	JOHN MARSHALL	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	ALBERT NASH	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	THOMAS E. LEE	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	WALTER ALLWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 209). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE	...*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
GEORGE IVES	2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
*S. R. FELTON	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Nevard, and was the monthly peal for the district.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN	...*Treble*	VICTOR GLASS	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS	2	WILLIAM KEBBLE	6
REGINALD GRAINGER	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	7
PERCY GREEN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS	...*Treble*	ARTHUR GROUND	4
HARRY GIBBARD	2	FRANK TAYLOR	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	HARRY NICHOLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.
This peal was rung to enable the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th to ring a peal of Doubles.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES WILKINSON	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. SCOTT	4
GEORGE BOOTH	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. MUSSON.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK LAWES	...*Treble*	CHARLES HIGH	4
LLOYD CHAPMAN	2	GEORGE MAYERS	5
DAVID WARK	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Ringers of 5 and 6 from Norwich, remainder local.

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On Friday, February 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's thus: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Double Oxford; (2) Kingston Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Court; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
First peal in eleven methods by all. Rung as a compliment to A. Deas, whose birthday was on February 6th.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK HARVEY	...*Treble*	*ALBERT HARVEY	4
*ALFRED GREEN	2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS	5
*STANLEY ATWELL	3	*MAURICE WATCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.
* First peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN W. LAKE ... ...*Treble*		ALBERT E. SCOTT 4	
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 2		CHARLES WILKINSON 5	
JAMES H. MOSSON 3		THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise by all except the conductor. It is 25 years since the conductor called the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor ever rung. It was also recorded by the same branch of the Guild.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

*WILLIAM E. GRANT ... ...*Treble*	EDWARD T. BARRETT ... 4
†GEORGE GILBERT 2	‡RONALD WALKER 5
GEORGE J. BERRY 3	DOUGLAS D. JAYCOCK ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BERRY.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal on a working bell. Mr. Gilbert kindly rang in place of a local ringer who was unavoidably prevented from taking part, all the rest are local Sunday service ringers. A 'christening' peal for the grandson (Benjamin John) of Col. S. H. Hanbury, C.M.G., donor of the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four of Stedman, four of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER 3
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	*H. DENMAN 4

ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

* First peal of Doubles, and specially arranged for H. Denman, this being the tower in which he commenced ringing. First peal as conductor on tower bells. A birthday compliment to Miss L. Calnesbert.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 29, BELLE VIEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

The conductor's 750th peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, February 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT LAVENHAM, 25, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

STUART SANDFORD 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER 7-8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ... 3-4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 9-10
GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6	HARRY HOVERD 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

Umpires—Richard A. Constant and Mrs. George H. Cross.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer, Miss Kathleen Beer and Cyril Hammond

First twelve-bell peal on handbells by the society.

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GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Amongst the towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Killingholme, Thornton Curtis, Scunthorpe, Mablethorpe, Marshchapel, Elsham, Waltham and Gainsborough, together with the local members. The Rev. J. W. Sutton (Rector of Mablethorpe), the Rev. J. D. H. Patch (Vicar of Ulceby), the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. R. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet) and Mr. W. Bramwell (Cleethorpes) were also present. The fine peal of eight were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Burrows), who gave the members an excellent address and a welcome. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

Tea followed at the Church House, 46 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry), who has just been appointed by the Bishop of Lincoln to be the first Archdeacon of the new Archdeaconry of Lindsey, presided. The secretary's report on the year was read and accepted. Owing to the illness of the secretary, Mr. H. Rushby kindly deputised for him.

Archdeacon Parry was re-elected president.

It was a unique and memorable occasion in the annals of the Grimsby District to be able to re-elect an Archdeacon as president. Two years ago it was a Canon that was re-elected. Archdeacon Parry, as the whole Diocesan Guild, and especially the Grimsby District, knows, champions the cause of bellringing and ringers. His interest in the art has been shown for a great number of years, and only on unavoidable occasions is he absent from the district meetings. The wish of the Grimsby District is that he may long be spared to be amongst the members.

Mr. H. J. Mingay was re-elected secretary, Mr. J. Bray Ringing Master, Mr. G. Blanchard Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. C. W. Taylor representative on the General Committee.

The Rev. J. W. Sutton, Rector of Mablethorpe, was elected an honorary member.

The district bell fund accounts were presented and accepted by the meeting, and district meetings were arranged as follows: April 7th, Elsham; May 12th, Ulceby; June 9th, Bigby; June 30th, Burton-on-Stather; July 21st, Barrow-on-Humber; August 25th, Laceby; October 27th, Scunthorpe.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Burrows for his kindness, for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address; he also congratulated him on the honour which had been bestowed upon him in being made a Canon of Lincoln.—The Vicar suitably responded.

The President moved a vote of sympathy with the secretary in his illness and expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Canon A. A. Markham (late of Grantham and also of Grimsby) sent his best wishes to the meeting through the president.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded with applause to Archdeacon Parry for presiding over the meeting, and the President, in reply, thanked the members for their kindness and good wishes. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, after which some members indulged in handbell ringing, others returned to the tower, while some had to make for home.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT GRANTHAM.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Grantham on Saturday, January 20th, and ringers were present from Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Hough-on-the-Hill, Orston, Barkston, Surfleet, Bourne, Wymondham, Market Deeping, Folkingham and the local band. Through the kindness of the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Warde), the peal of ten were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches were rung of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, also various touches on the back eight. Service was held in the ancient and beautiful Church of St. Wolfram, at which the Vicar officiated and gave a very helpful and appropriate address, at the same time extending a hearty welcome to members of the Southern Branch.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, 22 sitting down. The business meeting followed, at which the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) presided. The first business was the election of a new president of the branch, owing to the Rev. R. D. Rowlands having left the district. The Rev. E. J. Hopkins, the newly-appointed Vicar of Edenham, who is a ringer, was unanimously elected president.

Mr. W. G. Thorpe proposed the re-election of the retiring officers en bloc.—Mr. H. Haynes seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. In addition to these, the Rev. G. H. Warde was unanimously elected a vice-president of the branch. The other officers are: Ringing Master, Mr. H. M. Day; treasurer, Mr. A. Holmes; secretary, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley; and auditor, Mr. W. G. Thorpe. Mr. G. A. Day, of Market Deeping, and Mr. E. Roys, of Grantham, were elected performing members of the Southern Branch, and Barkston was chosen for the spring meeting.

The accounts were presented, and showed a small balance after expenses had been paid for the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Guild), seconded by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley and carried,

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PEAL TABLET DEDICATED AT SHEPSHED.

On Saturday, February 10th, a slate peal tablet was dedicated in the tower of St. Botolph's Church, Shepshed, near Loughborough, to commemorate the first peal of Major on these bells and rung as long ago as 1897. The Vicar (the Rev. — Mack), in the presence of the two churchwardens (Messrs. S. B. Feckleton and W. Pallett) and a company of ringers, first spoke as to the record the tablet commemorated, then after the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' had been sung, he dedicated the tablet with appropriate prayers. The tablet, erected by Mr. W. Johnson, records a peal of Bob Major (5,152 changes) rung on Saturday, August 2nd, 1897, in 3 hours 17 minutes, by William Platts treble, Thomas Start 2, William Johnson 3, John H. Grundy 4, Edward Reader 5, Arthur W. Matthews 6, Israel Lovett 7, William H. Inglesant tenor. Composed and conducted by Wm. H. Inglesant.

Immediately after the dedication a band arranged by Mr. W. Johnson rang a similar peal of 5,152 Bob Major, composed and conducted by the general hon. secretary of the association, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S. (who is also a member of the Johnson Society of London). It was unfortunate that owing to an accident Mr. W. Johnson could not take part in this peal, but Mr. J. H. Grundy, who rang in the original peal, did so. Afterwards the band were sumptuously entertained by Mr. Johnson to tea, at which the Vicar and churchwardens were present.

RESTORATION OF DORCHESTER CHURCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, Dorset, on Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Smith 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White (conductor) 3, L. J. Noakes 4, W. J. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, W. A. Groves 7, J. G. Lock (first quarter) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Simons 1, J. W. Smith 2, G. T. White 3, L. J. Noakes 4, R. Hayward 5, J. Squire 6, W. A. Groves (conductor) 7, J. G. Lock 8. The conductor's first attempt to call a quarter-peal. These quarter-peals were rung to mark the completion of seven months' restoration work to the above church and to commemorate the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne on the occasion of the thanksgiving services held the previous Sunday.

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to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the service, coupled with thanks to the chairman, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, and to all who had contributed to making the meeting a success.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 8.30. It was good to see one very youthful performer at the end of the rope, in the person of Miss Enid Richardson, who, assisted by her father, displayed great promise and enthusiasm.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was held on Saturday last, when 36 members turned up at Pulham Market from Diss, Dickleburgh, Hethersett, Garboldisham, Redenhall, Palgrave, Starston, Shelfhanger, Saxlingham, Winfarthing, Wymondham, Norwich and the local band.

At the business meeting, which followed the tea, kindly provided by the Rector, Mr. Wm. L. Duffield, of Saxlingham, was unanimously elected chairman of the branch, Mr. N. Golden, of Norwich, secretary, and Messrs. Bennett (Garboldisham), Harrison (Diss), More (Palgrave), Riches (Redenhall) and Whiting (Pulham), the five elected members of the committee.

J. Woolnough, of Starston, was elected a performing member, and the Rev. W. H. Benson, M.A., of Buxton, an honorary member.

Diss is to be the venue of the next meeting, on April 21st.

The Rector of Pulham was heartily thanked for his generosity in entertaining the ringers.—In reply, the Rector said he was pleased indeed, and considered it a privilege to have the ringers of the district at Pulham. He felt certain the association was doing a great work for the Church and the cause of ringing.

Touches of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells, and Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise during the afternoon and evening on the bells of the Parish Church. The Norwich contingent passed away the time in returning by train with Forward, Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob Major on handbells. N. G.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bromham on Saturday, February 17th, and was very well attended. The fine peal of six bells were made good use of throughout the afternoon and evening in methods varying from London Surprise to Doubles, with a sprinkling of rounds. After an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, presided over by Miss E. Steel, but this, of a routine nature, was soon disposed of, and the members were quickly back in the tower to ring on this famous peal (tenor 23¾ cwt.).

There is every reason to believe that in the near future two more trebles will be added and the peal overhauled.

Among those present were Mr. C. T. Bradley (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild), Mrs. P. Humphreys, of Folkingham, Lincs, and Mr. P. Amos, of Wellingborough.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The number of peals rung in the year 1933 and published in 'The Ringing World' was 1,834, a falling off of 368 compared with 1932, when 2,202 were rung.

The Henry Johnson dinner on March 3rd will be attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1809, and died on January 7th, 1890.

Those who would like to ring at Bishop Ryder's Church before the dinner will be able to do so between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m., and Mr. James George will be there to welcome them.

A distinctly good performance is that by John A. Green, of Wicken, who has just called a peal of Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell. He is only 16 years of age. Who has been the youngest ringer to do this?

At the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) was presented with a bookcase from the members of the district and a wall mirror from the members of the Leatherhead band, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place a week earlier.

It is interesting to note that Mr. H. Smith, who rang the 42½ cwt. tenor at Leeds to the peal of Stedman Cinques recorded in our last issue, is 72 years of age. Are there any other ringers, apart from the Birmingham 'wonder,' who, at this age, have accomplished such a feat?

Incidentally, the name of the ringer of the 6th in this peal was Thomas W. Strangeway, not Strange as published, and the note of the tenor should, of course, have been given as C and not G.

March 1st is the 200th anniversary of the first of a series of long peals of Grandsire Caters rung at Painswick, Glos, viz.: On March 1st, 1734, 8,064, in 4 hours 45 minutes; on March 1st, 1735, 10,080, in 6 hours 27 minutes; on April 18th, 1737, 12,006, in 7 hours 55 minutes.

Forty-five years ago on Thursday, also, the Warnham, Sussex, band rang 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major in 7 hours 45 minutes. Walter Charman, one of that company, is still actively engaged in ringing at the same church.

The Minor record was made at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, on Feb. 27th, 1816, when 21 extents in different methods were rung. It was described as 'twenty-one peals.' On the same date, 41 years earlier, '10,080 changes (or 84 peals)' was rung at Whaplode, Lincs.

This latter is probably the longest peal ever rung on five bells. No method is stated, but the record reads:—

> 'Feb 27th 1775 was Rung 10,080 changes or 84 peals by Wm Jackson, Richd Harwood, Wm Money, Stepn Davis and Richd Pottenger. Raised and Settled the Bells in 7 Hours and 25 Minutes.'

The death is announced at his home in Parkstone, Dorset, of Canon George Russell Bullock-Webster, for 22 years, until 1932, Rector of St. Michael's, College Hill, London. He was well known to ringers visiting London for the College Youths' dinners, for it was at his church that the annual service of the society was revived, and during the time he was Rector he always officiated. Canon Bullock-Webster was 75 years of age.

DULL SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Complaints have frequently been made about the threadbare subject of ringers' attendance at church, which so often forms the subject of the address at a ringers' service, but no one seems to raise any objection to an even more monotonous subject, namely, the passage which is invariably chosen for the lesson (Numbers 10, 1-10).

Doubtless there are many ringers who, like myself, are heartily sick of hearing about the two silver trumpets.

If we are quite frank with ourselves, we must admit that even to-day a great many ringers rarely attend church services except on such occasions as at meetings and bell dedications, so that the only portion of Scriptures they ever hear is an isolated extract from the Old Testament, and in any case the resemblance of the two silver trumpets of Moses to the church bells of to-day is scarcely calculated to inspire ringers.

There is room for drastic alteration in many of our association services, and, in my humble opinion, one improvement could take the form of the substitution of either one of the New Testament lessons or the Gospel appointed for the day for the lesson at present in use.

Perhaps some of our clerical ringers would care to express an opinion on the subject.

R. H. DOVE.

Thornton Heath, Surrey.

VANCOUVER RINGER'S DEATH.

One of the band who took part in the first and only peal ever rung in the Dominion of Canada has recently died in Vancouver. He is Mr. William R. Warner, formerly of South Weald. He went to Vancouver some 24 years ago and had been a valued member of the band at the R.C. Cathedral Church of the Holy Rosary. He rang the fifth to the peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on July 1st, 1911.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung muffled to his memory after his passing.

PEALS OF MINOR.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You want the Central Council to recognise the Bankes James Cambridge Minor. So do we, and though we are not likely to agree with your arguments, would it not be well to act on the hint given in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago? Shall we try and get the Council and the Exercise to say definitely that it is quite allowable to use that and similar compositions in a peal; and leave the formal definition of a peal of Minor and the question of the Morris Doubles and others till another occasion?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

POSITION NEEDS REGULARISING.

Dear Sir,—While appreciating what Mr. H. G. Cashmore says of my suggested definitions, may I point out that they are not intended to be final, but are worded so that anyone may suggest an amendment, if he can think of an improvement. Perhaps Mr. Cashmore can suggest a better wording of this definition.

He implies that there is some law that one must begin ringing with an even number of rounds. I know of no such law, and do not see why it should be made.

While, in the old days, there was no stated number of rounds, a peal was not considered 'complete' without some rounds to begin and end with it. If we are to return to this position, my definition is one way of doing so. If we are not to do this, then let my definition be amended accordingly. At present we have adopted the plan of having rounds only once between extents, without really thinking out what it involves. Hence our present difficulties.

We need not suppose that anyone will want to ring not less than three rows of rounds between each extent, but the point of the definition is that if they do not do this, or some other agreed number, they will not have rung complete extents. In the same way one may suppose that people will go on ringing only one row of rounds between the extents. But if so, they will have to recognise that they are ringing incomplete extents. There is nothing wrong in doing this, but it needs regularising by being mentioned in a rule.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A letter from Mr. G. L. Joyce is unavoidably held over.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S GOOD YEAR.

After visiting Isleworth for many years, the South and West District altered the venue for this year's annual meeting, and met at Heston. Strangely enough, it was the smallest attendance at such a meeting for many years. Custom dies hard, and maybe this was one of the reasons for the absence of some ringers. However, the step has been taken, and it is to be hoped that by next year the old tradition will be put out of mind and the same loyal support given as in the past.

The bells were rung to a variety of methods before and after tea, with the unique feature of a different ringing master for each session. (No prizes for answering this puzzle!)

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar of Heston (the Rev. G. Craggs), who gave an admirable address. Tea followed in the Church Room, where an excellent meal had been prepared by the Heston ringers and wives. They were heartily thanked for their efforts in this direction. Thanks were also given to the Vicar, who is fast gaining a reputation of being a 'ringer's parson.' He certainly appreciates what they do!

The general meeting, which was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), was attended by 30 members and friends.—The balance sheet showed a balance in the General Fund of over £8, while that in the Bell Restoration Fund exceeded £10.

Messrs. E. J. Wright, of Ealing, and K. Bishop, of Ruislip, were elected ringing members.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Ringing Master, Mr. T. Collins (Ruislip); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. M. Kilby (Ruislip); hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon); assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson (Ealing); hon. treasurer, Mr. C. S. Bird (Heston). Messrs. Chandler (Heston), F. Corke (Uxbridge) and E. C. S. Turner (Ealing) were elected as representatives to the Central Committee, and Messrs. Lidbetter (Isleworth) and Turner (Ealing) as auditors.

A new rule to the effect that, if possible, the annual district meeting should be held at a different tower each year, was passed.

It was also decided to grant £2 2s. to the Bedfont Bell Restoration Fund if and when an estimate for the work was accepted by the local authority.

The proposal to amend the title of the association was discussed, but no action was taken.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild are to be invited to hold a joint meeting at Hillingdon in October, while the next annual district meeting will be held there next February.

Notice was given of the next district meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on March 10th, and the association annual meeting at Ealing on April 21st.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TOWER AFFILIATION FEES.

A quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Feb. 17th.

Some good practice was put in on the bells prior to the service, which was conducted by the curate (the Rev. Parkes), who gave a very inspiring address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, at which 28 members and friends sat down.

After tea votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Ross for permission to hold the meeting and for the use of the bells, and to the curate for conducting the service and for the address.—The curate responded on behalf of the Canon and himself.

The branch president (Mr. C. Ollier) presided over the business meeting.

The majority of the towers in the branch were represented in the number present, which included also Mr. W. H. Shuker (general secretary of the association) and Mr. Claude I. Davies (treasurer), and members from other branches.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. George Newton, West Didsbury.

The treasurer asked for assistance from the leaders of towers in bringing to the notice of their Parochial Councils the scheme for affiliation to the association with a view to obtaining regular payment of the affiliation fees.

It was decided that the meetings for the coming quarter be held as follows: March 17th, at Ashton-under-Lyne; April 21st, at Birch-in-Rusholme; and the quarterly meeting on May 12th at Brookfield, Gorton.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was given to the ladies and local ringers for providing and serving tea, and carrying out the arrangements of the day.

Afterwards a very pleasant and useful evening was spent among the bells, where late though welcome arrivals kept up the continuity of ringing.

WIGAN AND BOLTON BRANCHES MEET.

The annual joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches was held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday week, and was a very representative gathering, members being present from Wigan Parish Church, Poolstock, Coppull, Standish, Rainford, Aughton, Westhoughton, Leigh, Walkden, Holy Trinity, St. Saviour's, Newchurch, St. George's, Bolton Parish, along with the local ringers. The bells were soon ringing out merrily, and the following methods were indulged in: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association, who preached a very fine sermon on the ringers' attitude to worship. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. A. Sargent. A very enjoyable tea followed in the local cafe, full justice being done to the good things provided.

It was decided to hold the next joint meeting in June, at Westhoughton.

A feature of the meeting was the presence of three stalwarts of the association, in the persons of Messrs. William Blackledge, Thomas Eccleston and Peter Nuttall, who have respectively 48, 55 and 50 years' service to their credit.

The Vicar of St. Peter's (the Rev. W. A. Sargent) offered a great welcome to the ringers, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future.

The Rev. Canon Elsee thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and paid tribute to the organist and choir, and also to the ladies, who so generously gave the tea.—Mr. Peter Crook suitably replied on behalf of the ringers.

Credit is also due to Mr. W. O. Farrimond, secretary of the Wigan Branch, in organising such a wonderful meeting. 'Stand' was called at 9 p.m., and ended another great day for the two branches concerned.

ARTHUR CRAVEN AND BURLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I state for the benefit of 'Bob Minor,' his friend G., and others, that the late Mr. Arthur Craven commenced his ringing career on the old ring of six at Burley, Leeds (for confirmation see Yorkshire Association report, 1929-30). I once heard a ringer from the Sheffield district, on being asked where he hailed from, say, 'I come from Arthur Craven's country.' Now, while we cannot object at Burley here, to make kings for other places, we do object to the place of their birth being claimed for those other places. Burley is an ideal place, according to some people's idea; the ringing being on the voluntary system, and the result has been that no peal has been rung on the bells by a local band, though they were a ring of six in the year 1855. It has been a continual struggle to get them rung for Sunday services, while ringers who were brought up here have scored peals from Minor (seven Minor extents) to Maximus, from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

GEORGE WM. SLACK.

PASTON CHURCH BELLS REHUNG.

RURAL DEAN AND BELL RESTORATIONS.

The ring of five bells in the tower of the beautiful old Church of St. Margaret, Paston, Norfolk, has been tuned and rehung in a new frame and the tenor recast. They were dedicated by the Rev. C. W. Kershaw, Rural Dean of Tunstead, at a service held on Thursday evening, February 8th, when there was a good attendance.

The Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Vicar of Paston with Knapton, has probably established a record by having the two rings of bells in his parish churches restored within the short period of 13 months. Unfortunately, a severe illness prevented him from attending the service.

The five bells are dated 1623, but the third was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1905, and at this time it appears that the old oak frame was preserved by strapping the timber together with iron. For some years recently the condition of the frame caused anxiety, and, after expert advice had been obtained, it was decided to cease ringing. The last occasion on which the bells had been rung was on the Sunday after the funeral of Hugh Paston Mack in May of last year, when a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory. His daughter, Mrs. Roland Bell, of Paston, started a subscription list for the restoration of the bells, the amounts being augmented by the proceeds of various social events.

The ring has been rehung in a steel and iron frame with the most modern fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who had also carried out the restoration of the bells at Knapton Church last year. The weights of the Paston bells are: 1 (D), 3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.; 2 (C), 4 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.; 3 (B), 5 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.; 4 (A), 7 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.; 5 (G), 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Muir (Rector of Swafield and Bradfield), and the lessons were read by the Rev. F. A. Chase (Vicar of North Walsham) and the Rev. Francis E. R. Thompson, of Runham, who was Vicar of Paston from 1910 to 1914. The Rural Dean preached the sermon. The Rev. W. F. Sommerfeld (Vicar of Bacton and Edingthorpe) was also present.

The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers was represented by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary) and Mr. W. C. Duffield. Cromer and Northrepps ringers also attended the service. Mr. Cyril Johnston represented the bellfounders.

After the dedicatory prayers, a plain course of Bob Doubles was rung, the ringers being R. Francis 1, D. Burton 2, D. Yaxley 3, C. Burton (conductor) 4, T. Francis 5. A sermon was preached by the Rural Dean. A collection, made in aid of the fund, realised £10 5s. 5d.

MONEY SPENT ON BRITISH LABOUR.

After expressing regret at the enforced absence of the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Kershaw, in the course of his sermon, continued: 'It might be said, as it is being said in the Press and elsewhere about the purchase of the Codex Sinaiticus, that the money you have spent on the restoration of your bells might have been better expended on hospitals, the unemployed, or other charitable purposes. It might have been better spent that way, so might all the money spent on anything that is not a necessity of life—the millions spent on amusements, tobacco, cigarettes, sweets, drinks, superfluous smart clothes and even the three-ha'pence spent on some daily paper. And if a distinction is drawn between the spending of public and private cash I would retort that in a professedly Christian country the same principles of spending should be applied all round. You have spent your money on British labour and materials; you have provided yourselves with the means of affording an interesting occupation to those who care to learn the art of bellringing—an art interesting in itself and calling for intelligence, patience, perseverance, team work and good fellowship.

'I am no Pharasaic Sabbatarian,' said the Rural Dean. 'I believe that Sunday is a day to be enjoyed; that it can be and should be a day of rest and gladness. A day, indeed, for such pleasure as does not rob others of their leisure—a day of rest, not restlessness—a day of gladness, not licence. On our roads the tearing, shrieking, reeking, hire-purchase parade which has in eight years destroyed 50,000 of our fellow countrymen and injured one and a half million more has succeeded also in destroying much of the restful joy and gladness of our English Sunday. The motor vehicle, and a class of people who demand a seven-days week for pleasure, have done much—I think most—to destroy the English Sunday. Let the sound of the bells at least make you stop and think.'

After the service visiting ringers rang some well-struck touches in various methods, and the tone and go of the restored peal afforded the greatest satisfaction to all those who were privileged to ring on this latest faultless product of the Croydon Foundry.

A BIRTHDAY TOUCH.

At Stevenage, Herts, on January 16th, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Smith, mother of Mr. R. W. Smith (churchwarden), a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): H. Cresswell (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, G. Cherry 4, T. H. Townsend 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A DAY OF HAPPY EVENTS.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Crossing London Bridge at 2.30 p.m., it was evident that 'something was on,' for the bells of St. Magnus-the-Martyr were ringing merrily, with those of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East as an echo just as pleasant to hear. The advertised 'bright and cheery' L.C.A. meeting had commenced with the officers of the North District in charge of St. Dunstan's tower, where Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London were all a-go, whilst the officers of the Southern District were quite at home at St. Magnus'. Leaving this neighbourhood at 3.45 p.m., it was not long before the bells of St. Clement's were heard to be 'going strong.' Here the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) was in charge of quite a packed tower, where methods numerous and well rung followed one another without break until 4.15 p.m. Everybody seemed in their best mood, which undoubtedly helped considerably towards the fine success of the short service, which was held at St. Clement Danes. The lessons were read by Messrs. E. A. Young and C. O. Moore, and a very helpful address commending ringers regularly to attend their own churches for worship after ringing was given by the Rector of St. Mary's, Woolwich. To give some idea of the number of those who had enjoyed the ringing and service, no less than 52 sat down to tea at the Willow Restaurant in Essex Street. Here again all went well, with an excellent tea in a bright and well-arranged room.

After tea, whilst cigars and cigarettes were handed round, one heard some very good tune playing by Messrs. Young, Herbert, Cross, Meyer, Mrs. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. At the same time numbers had again found their way over to St. Clement's, and further good ringing took place until 7 p.m.

The business meeting was then held in the Parish Hall. The Master took the chair, there being some 60 members present. A very satisfactory statement of accounts was read by the auditors, and the general secretary (Mr. C. O. Moore) reported fine progress in all departments, especially thanking Mr Barker and the officers of the Southern District for their pioneer work rendered during the year at the tower of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where they helped to form a new band of 14 ringers, all of whom became members of the L.C.A. Mr. Wyatt, on behalf of St. Mary, Lambeth, ringers, informed the association that, St. Mary's bells having been completely restored, the L.C.A. was offered the use of the bells once each month, as would be announced regularly in 'The Ringing World.'

Upon the suggestion of the Master, tribute was paid to the memory of the seven members lost by death during the year by the whole gathering standing in a two minutes' silence.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks was offered to those who had granted the use of the various towers and for all that the hon. chaplain had arranged.

The Camberwell band of handbell ringers, being unchallenged, were awarded the 'Dawe Cup' after a fine exhibition of Grandsire Triples, and, as further evidence of their splendid spirit, they offered to ring—and did well ring—silently, three courses of Stedman Triples, the composition of which was to be that suggested by any conductor there present. The 'Camberwell Band,' having now won the cup successively for two years, are unable to compete next year, so that in February, 1935, there should be plenty of young and new bands to enter the contest for this splendid silver trophy.

A day of happy events ended with only one regret, the absence through illness of the hon. chaplain (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford), who, with Mrs. Bickford, has so long given the association his full support.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH AT CHIEVELEY.

A successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 10th, when upwards of 30 attended from Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Compton, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore and Thatcham. Visitors were also present from Abingdon, Bramley, Mortimer and Overton. A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Salt, who also gave an address, the Vicar of Chieveley (the Rev. H. Bonsey) being away from home.—Miss S. Davis (Bucklebury) presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Vicarage Barn, when 33 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided. He was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The spring meeting was fixed for Midgham on Saturday, April 21st. The summer meeting is to be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 16th.

Five new members were elected from Kintbury tower.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Bonsey for the use of the bells, to the Rev. F. J. Salt for taking the service, to Miss S. Davis for playing the organ, and to Messrs. Prismall for providing the tea.—This was carried with applause.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

APPEAL FOR MORE SUPPORT AT BRANCH MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Ambrose, Bristol East, on Saturday, January 27th, about 40 members being present. The bells, a nice peal of eight, were set going at 3 p.m. and some useful practice obtained. The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Lee, M.A.), and was fully choral, Mr. A. E. Clarke presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave an interesting address.

After the service a move was made to the Parish Hall, where the ladies had prepared a very nice tea. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. G. Jefferies (branch chairman), supported by Mr. J. Gould (Master), the Rev. M. E. Thorold (vice-president) and the Vicar.

The secretary, in his report, emphasised the need of more support at the branch meetings. An analysis had been drawn up showing the percentage of attendance from each tower during the past year, and out of the 31 towers with bells and ringers in the branch there were 12 towers who had not been represented at any of the meetings during the last year. He hoped they would give better support in future to ensure the success of the branch.

The Chairman supported the secretary and added how very discouraging it was to go to some meetings where the attendance had been poor.

It was decided, after discussion, to continue the meetings as before.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies was re-elected chairman and Mr. F. Skidmore branch secretary, Mr. S. G. Riches being elected to serve on the Management Committee. Twelve new members were elected.

The place of the next annual meeting will be St. Philip's, and the quarterly meetings are to be held as follows: March, St. Matthew's; June, Pucklechurch; September, Olveston.

The Master thanked the officers for their work during the past year, and his motion was seconded by the Rev. M. E. Thorold and supported by Mr. S. G. Riches.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hearty welcome to the branch, also to the organist and choir, and to the ladies who had waited on them at tea.—This concluded the meeting, and further ringing was indulged in until about 9 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The first annual meeting of the new Alton and Petersfield District was held at St. Lawrence's, Alton, on Saturday, February 10th, when members were present from Alton, Alresford, Blackmoor, Bramshott, Bishopstoke, Fareham, Froyle, North Stoneham, Portsea, Petersfield, Steep, Titchfield, Winchester, Wickham, West Meon and visitors from Farnham and Farnborough. After ringing during the afternoon the Guild service was held, and a most helpful address given by the Vicar (the Rev. T. N. R. Griffen). An excellent tea was served in the Church Room, to which a company of 65 in all sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman) presiding. He paid tribute to the work of the Rev. B. C. Taylor (the late district secretary), and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him.

The balance sheet of the old Alton District was read and adopted.

The election of officers for the year 1934 resulted in the same committee returning to office, with the exception of the hon. secretary, whose place was filled by Mr. C. E. Bassett; the other officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. F. G. Eyres; auditor, the Rev. T. N. R. Griffen; district representative, Mr. W. Read.

Three new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Petersfield on January 26th, 1935, and the first quarterly meeting at Blackmoor on April 28th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman, caterers and organist, and also the Rev. Griffen for so ably arranging the tea and for his address. Ringing was then resumed, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on January 27th. There was a splendid attendance of members from Allesley, Bulkington, Exhall, Higham, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Warwick, Water Orton and Wolvey, together with the local band. The bells were set ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and continued in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Rev. E. E. C. Jones (senior curate), in the absence of the Vicar, presided over the business meeting, which followed the tea.

The meeting places for February and March were decided, viz., Allesley for February and Bulkington for March.

Seven new members were admitted—four from Exhall, two from Chilvers Coton and one from Warwick.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman, the Vicar and the ladies who prepared the tea. Handbell ringing occupied the next half-hour, both method and tune ringing being indulged in. Then a return was made to the tower for further ringing. The bells of Nuneaton Church being available, a number made their way there. So, with ringing at both towers in the evening, a pleasant meeting came to an end.

WOODBRIDGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake assumes too much. My criticism was not based on secondhand information, but after I had read his first letter in the 'East Anglian Daily Times.' In it Mr. Drake said that Woodbridge were 'the last bells cast before the ancient and beautiful system of casting and tuning was finally lost,' so that my description of a 'desolation period' was not far out.

Mr. Drake now says he was 'writing from an antiquarian point of view for antiquarians.' Then why write such inaccurate stuff? In my first letter I pointed out that Thetford and Colchester were older than Woodbridge, and yet Mr. Drake asks, 'Can anyone beat 1790?' which is the date of Thetford.

Colchester are 1763, so that's that, and I would hazard a guess that other parts of the country can produce still older rings. It isn't likely we have ALL the old ones in this part of the world, and Mr. Drake must really redraft his message to the antiquarians. 'This is all.'

'OLD RINGER.'

Dear Sir,—Just as I expected. 'Old Ringer' has attacked me like all anonymous writers usually do; with bitterness and sarcasm, using as a weapon his age and service. I refuse to go any further into the matter until our above mentioned friend has the courage to sign his correct name.

CECIL W. PIPE.

THE OLDEST BELLS.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the Rev. H. Drake, who claims Woodbridge bells, cast 1799, to be the oldest complete ring of eight, Merton College, Oxford, is the oldest peal intact that I know of, date 1680, tenor 27 cwt., cast by C. Hodson. Painswick back ten were cast in 1731; founder, A. Rudhall.

I can give 20 more peals cast before 1799. And probably there are a good many more.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

'MIXING OF THE CLASSES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have never previously trespassed upon the space of 'The Ringing World,' but I would like to offer a few comments on your leading article of last week, and upon Mr. G. L. Grover's report. The latter was a most excellent document, containing much food for thought, but I think that the reason why so many ringers have not rung peals is possibly due to three reasons:—

(1) That they do not care for peal ringing.

(2) That they are too apathetic to push their individual needs to the right quarter; or

(3) That there is some defect in their ringing which no conductor will tolerate.

I should think that most of the members in Mr. Grover's district come under these headings. I need not enlarge upon the first. Under the second, I think that if a ringer is keen to ring peals he should have sufficient initiative to make his case known to peal ringing bands or conductors. Thirdly, there are many ringers up and down the country who, although keen to ring peals, are bad strikers. I agree with Mr. Pulling that peals with bad striking are likely to do more harm than good. Striking can and should be perfected on practice nights.

Now, Sir, turning to your leading article, you suggest a better mixing of the classes and a giving up of more time to the 'less-than-average' by the experts. Surely the appeal for aid should come from the 'less-than-averages.' It is not my experience that these sort of appeals fall on deaf ears. I have always found the experts willing to utilise their knowledge to help the less favoured. I have, however, come across cases where expert help, voluntarily offered, has been scorned or not utilised as it might be, usually through the petty jealousy of the man with most influence in the tower. It is sometimes hard to avoid the accusation of 'poking one's nose in,' and, therefore, I repeat that appeals for aid should come from those who need it. If some ringers would be more broadminded and think a little more of the good of the Exercise rather than of their own position, I think we should find the elements would mix better.

ALAN R. PINK.

Windsor.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION ATTEND RINGING MEETING.

The beautiful modern Church of All Saints, Gosforth, on the outskirts of Newcastle-on-Tyne, was chosen for the pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and, on the suggestion of Mr. M. D. Oubridge, the local secretary, an innovation was made by inviting members of the congregation to join in and get to know some of the mysteries of change ringing.

The church contains a very fine peal of ten bells, with 22 cwt. tenor, and good use was made of them during the afternoon. Evensong, fully choral, followed, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. S. Kennedy), welcomed the ringers and friends.

An excellent tea followed in the Parish Hall, the company, including choir, ringers and members of the congregation, numbering nearly 100, and, on the motion of Mr. William Story, J.P., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his address, to the choir and organist for their services, and to the ladies for attending on the tables.

In order to stimulate interest in change ringing among the congregation, it had been arranged with Mr. C. L. Routledge, of the Newcastle Cathedral band, to give a lecture, illustrated by diagrams and handbell demonstrations, on campanology. Mr. Routledge dealt with his difficult subject in a masterly manner, and was heartily thanked, the handbell ringing being loudly applauded.

A set of handbells belonging to the late Capt. Murray was used, and the lovely mellow tone was much commented on.

Many of the visitors then witnessed practical ringing in the belfry, and a very successful meeting concluded at about 9 p.m.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THORNABY'S RESTORED BELLS.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Thornaby-on-Tees, and there was a very good attendance from the following towers: Ripon, Thirsk, Kirby Wiske, Darlington (Holy Trinity), West Hartlepool (St. Aidan's), Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Skelton, Saltburn, Stockton and Thornaby. Tea, provided in the Parish Hall by permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Palin) and the Church Council, was presided over by the president (Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk), who was supported by the Vicar of Thornaby, the vice-president (Mr. Newton, of Stockton), Mr. J. C. Pollard and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the association permission to have the bells for the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the association a hearty welcome to Thornaby, and said he appreciated the remarks of the ringers about the bells. When he came to Thornaby five years ago the first thing he was met with was the bad condition of the bells, but he was happy to say that, with the assistance of the Church Council and the parishioners, they had been able to put the repair of the bells into the hands of the well-known firm of bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who, he was told, had made a first-class job of them. The Vicar also expressed his thanks to Mr. T. Metcalfe for the advice and assistance given by him in carrying out the work.

Mr. J. C. Pollard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea.

The methods rung during the day included Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Bob Minor, and the meeting was most successful.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual committee meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was again held at the secretary's residence. The accounts were audited and the balance in hand shows the strong financial position to which the branch has attained. The election of 27 new members in 1933 was confirmed (all REALLY new ones).

A determined effort is to be made this year to increase the number of honorary members.

Various other matters were discussed and recommendations are to be made at the annual meeting of the branch, which it is hoped to hold on Saturday, April 28th. Members are asked to keep the date vacant.

General approval was expressed of the new 'Committee Room' (it is useful for parties, too), and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. A. D. Barker for the tasty tea, and to the 'Nippy' (bride-elect of one of the B.Y.P.).

Adjourning to Stoke Poges tower, a variety of methods were rung, Cambridge and London being the favourites, each being rung twice.

DEATH OF MR FREDERICK JOHNSON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, which took place on Tuesday.

The funeral will take place at Hinton on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

SOME FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At High Wycombe, Bucks, for evensong on February 18th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Fred Hayes (composer) 1, S. W. Wilkins 2, F. Borcham 3, G. F. Hinton 4, G. White 5, E. Markham 6, F. West (conductor) 7, A. Hoing 8, E. R. Coles 9, S. T. Goodchild 10, P.S. Cecil Smith 11, W. H. Plumridge 12. The conductor's first attempt to call a bob on twelve bells.

On Sunday, February 18th, for evensong at All Saints' Church, Writtle, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Edwards 1, H. W. Kirton 2, F. G. Radley 3, H. A. Edwards 4, W. R. Thrift 5, W. Edwards 6, T. Lincoln (conductor) 7, P. Little 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 6th and tenor.

At St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, for evening service on Sunday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, James Bennett 3, J. Avenell (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, J. Foskett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet by the west door recording the reconditioning of the bells through the generosity of Mr. H. E. Girling.

On February 6th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ashford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, E. S. Ruck 2, P. Page 3, G. Swaffer 4, C. Butler 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, J. Burchett 8. First quarter for Mrs. Everett. First 'inside' by J. Burchett and C. Butler.

At Poole, Dorset, on Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Townsend, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *R. Hurst 1, A. Rose 2, *W. Young 3, B. Hampton 4, W. Houlton 5, R. True 6, J. Vatcher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Doel 8. * First quarter-peal.

At Waltham Abbey, on Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: *Mrs. Berry 1, G. Peace 2, *Miss G. Church 3, *C. House 4, *J. Bird 5, *W. Newnham 6, F. Perrin 7, G. Thurgood 8, G. Radley (conductor) 9, A. House 10. * First quarter of Caters.

At St. Matthias' Church, Burley, Leeds, for evening service on Sunday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Ashton (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Wallace 2, J. W. Scholefield 3, F. Scholefield 4, A. Armitage 5, W. Whitaker 6, L. Drake (conductor) 7, George Slack 8.

SURPRISE MINOR BAND'S DIFFICULTIES.

Although it is nearly two years since the peal of six at West Clandon, Surrey, was augmented to eight, the longest length yet rung on them is a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. This was accomplished on Monday, January 29th, by the local band as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Sir John Herschel, who is exchanging livings with the Rev. O. Boyd, of Perranzabuloe, Cornwall. The band was G. Jarrad 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, A. Walker 4, F. Day 5, J. Goacher 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, W. Matthews 8. It was the longest length on eight bells for the ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 8.

Before the completion of the octave, Surprise Minor was practised regularly by the local band, and they hoped to accomplish a peal on the eight without delay. Their hopes, however, have not been realised, mainly owing to the difficulty of getting the right band together at the right time and in persuading certain would-be treble experts to change to a working bell.

Hopes of a local peal in the near future are, however, now soaring, as, although perhaps that perfect beat which characterises the performances of experienced peal ringers was not always maintained, the ringing, on the whole, was good and free from clipping, and what few trips were made were negligible.

Sir John and Lady Herschel, who listened throughout, visited the tower to thank and congratulate the band.

SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. L. LEEKS, OF LAVENHAM.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Louis Leeks, of Lavenham, who died on Saturday, January 20th. Deceased, who was 60 years of age, was born at Brent Eleigh, where he started his ringing career on the three old bells at the Parish Church. Afterwards he went to live at Lavenham, where he took up the art seriously under the tutorship of Mr. Arthur Symonds, and was for many years a regular member of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society until a few years ago, when ill-health compelled him to give up ringing.

He had rung nine peals, all of them being at Lavenham, six of Bob Major and one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. He rang his first peal (Bob Major) on Saturday, Nov. 9th, 1901, and his last (Oxford Treble Bob) on Saturday, April 22nd, 1922. He was always found at the 'big end.' In addition to his love for ringing, Mr. Leeks was, during his younger days, a leading light in local cricket.

His remains were laid to rest in Lavenham Cemetery on Wednesday, January 24th, two of the bearers being his fellow-ringers, Messrs. S. H. Symonds and W. R. J. Poulson. Messrs. F. Parker and A. Symonds, two other old ringing friends, were at the graveside. Deceased leaves a widow, four daughters and a son to mourn their loss, the son (Mr. F. L. Leeks) being a member of the St. Peter's, Croydon, company of ringers.

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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, Bishop Ryder's (8) 3.30 to 4.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

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.—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. *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.—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.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

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.

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.

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.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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.

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.

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.

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.—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.—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.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on February 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Subscriptions for 1934 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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.—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. —D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

A 'SOUND' INVESTMENT.—Ringing, social gossip and tea table talk at Watford, Saturday, February 24th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at 5.30. Business after. Cheap tickets from all parts by rail or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Gateshead to-morrow (Saturday). St. Mary's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Anchorage adjoining church. All ringers and visitors heartily welcomed, so please rally round and make it another success.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs., 77, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury to-morrow, Saturday. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

OTLEY, NEAR IPSWICH.—At 3 p.m., on Sunday, February 25th, the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 1st (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on March 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (six bells) on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your Minor methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

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.

BARTON STACEY, NEAR SUTTON SCOTNEY, HANTS.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—The 50th meeting of the district will be held at Isham on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available early. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Please send names for tea by previous Wednesday.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea about 5. All ringing friends welcome. —W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 3rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than February 28th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by February 27th, first post.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Will those who require tea notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk, not later than Wednesday, February 28th? Members and friends will receive a hearty welcome at this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. Please notify those requiring tea.—Walter Scar, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. No business meeting. A meeting of the Northern Ladies' Guild will also take place at Milnrow on the above date in conjunction with the branch meeting and the Lancashire Association committee meeting. Tea will be served in the school at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. 3d. to all who send in their names not later than Wednesday, February 28th.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow, and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, Ladies' Representative, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on March 3rd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome. 1934 subscriptions now due.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome whether beginners, average or expert. Please look up Bristol.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (Harvest Home, Beddington Lane) 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Social or further ringing after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 7th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, March 10th, on the occasion of the opening, after restoration, of the bells of the Parish Church (8). Bells open 2.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held at 4 p.m., at which a collection will be taken to help to defray the cost of rehanging the bells. Tea will be provided free of charge at the kind invitation of Mrs. W. Norton Howe and friends, to those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, The Drove, Sleaford, by Wednesday, March 7th. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—H. Marcon and H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—E. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Bird's, Winscombe, 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorington on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify secretary not later than 9th?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 7 p.m. General meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the tower at 5 p.m. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1933-34 are due. Further particulars to towers by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley.

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.

BRIGHTON.—Ringers visiting Brighton for the Easter Conference of the N.U.T. are asked to communicate with S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

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