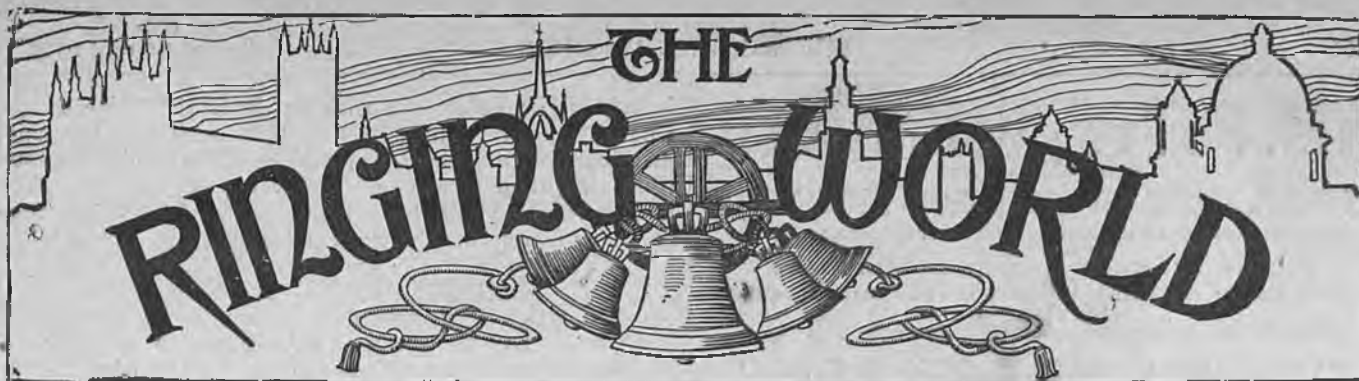




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THE CHALLENGE OF THE BELLS.

Speaking last week at the dedication of a restored peal of bells in the ancient Church of the Holy Rood, Southampton, the Bishop of Southampton declared our church bells to be a challenge to the nation in these days when people were dominated by the desire for pleasure and riches. It would be well if we, as ringers, realised more fully our duties in this respect. It is from this standpoint that more and more in the future we shall be called upon to justify church bellringing with a public that, living in a world of din of its own creating, is calling out for the suppression of noise; and already church bells have been mentioned in connection with the agitation. The ringing of bells for the church services is, our readers scarcely need to be reminded, the primary duty of all bands of ringers. Moreover, practice is necessary to efficient service ringing, and peal ringing is the highest form of such practice. Ringing which takes place other than for service can be justified on these grounds, and this is an argument which should be strongly placed before those incumbents who, taking the line of least resistance, will rather silence the church bells than oppose the wishes of an influential parishioner. The challenge of the bells is the challenge of the Church, and the nation should know it. The voice of the bells can reach farther than the voice of the preacher, and the incumbent who silences the bells is muffling the challenge of his own church.

But there is the other side of the question—the bells that are silent through the neglect of the ringers. There are far too many towers where the bells are not rung for the Sunday services, or where there are insufficient ringers to man all the ropes. As we recorded last week, the chairman of Bristol United Guilds said there was no ground for the excuse that ringers could not be obtained. There are constant examples coming to light which go to show that, properly approached, the difficulties of raising a band are not insurmountable. An interesting instance is seen this week in the report presented by the Farnham district secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. In the area there are 11 towers, with an aggregate of 76 bells, and there are 132 ringers who are members of the Guild. It is not everywhere—even in the area of the Guildford Guild—that such a record can be shown. It is the result of enthusiasm and youth and the practical application of the slogan of a well-known organisation in the social field—'service above self.' The more ringers realise that their primary duty is the efficient ringing of the bells on Sundays, the easier will it be to keep up the supply of material of the right type and the stronger will be their claim to the use of the bells on other days, in the face of

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individual or public opposition. It is the voice of the Church speaking through the bells which is the chief justification for bellringing, and once that point of view is lost sight of it will be a sorry day for ringers. The modern Church will have little use for bells when they are rung merely for the ringers' amusement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 7 lb.

GEORGE OLLIVER 1 Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
*JOHN O. WELLER 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
LEONARD TIDY 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	CHARLES BROWN 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	EDWARD ATKINSON 6
HARRY C. WALTERS 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
*FRED NEWTON 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Royal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Stratford, Bow, E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE HAYDEN 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 3	ERNEST W. FURBANKS 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	ERNEST D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by T. DAV. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Specially arranged and rung on the 90th anniversary of the birth of Robert K. Knight, who was elected a member of the above association on February 20th, 1867, and has therefore been a member for nearly 68 years.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935 in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
ALFRED J. CLAYTON 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GREEN Treble	*NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
ARTHUR GILL 2	*GEORGE LEE 6
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 3	FRED WATKINSON 7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	PETER MANGHAM Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to a sister of one of the local band.

CURRY RIVER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 8TDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
MISS IRENE HASTIE Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 5	ALFRED J. WYATT 2	S. PERCY MERSON 6
DAVID G. TAYLOR 3	S. GEORGE COLES 7	WILLIAM A. SIVIER 4	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by S. G. COLES.

First in the method as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	† FRANK CLAYDON 5	* FREDERICK RIDGWELL 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 3	* LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7	† ALEC M. GENEY 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
 * 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Claydon, wife of the ringer of the 5th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS 5	W. CYRIL SMITH 2	ALBERT E. CHESMAN 6
NORMAN HOBDEN 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7	* JOHN HOBDEN 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.
 * First 'touch' in the method. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Capt. and Mrs. Acland, of Banstead.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	FREDERICK BOREHAM 6
* DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 3	LEONARD PRYKE 7	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 4	LAURENCE POULSON Tenor

Composed by F. HOOGOOD. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.
 * First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. D. A. S. and A. Symonds.

BACUP.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS 5	H. W. EMMETT 2	F. KENDALL 6
JOHN HILL 3	JACK BRACEWELL 7	S. T. SLATER 4	* NORMAN BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers. Rung to commemorate 25 years' service ringing by John Hill and Jack Bracewell and the 'emerald' jubilee of the church.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 20, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
E. GREAVES Treble	J. HALL 5	H. HALL 2	R. R. BARLOW 6
J. F. WOLSTENHOLME 3	W. RIDGHOUGH 7	J. SCOWCROFT 4	J. ROSTRON Tenor

Conducted by W. RIDGHOUGH.

First peal for all except conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. Ridehough for his unceasing labour in teaching the band to ring. Believed to be the first peal by a local band at this church since 1889.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 8TDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT WALMSLEY Treble	HAROLD WALMSLEY 5	ARTHUR W. LEIGH 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
FRED DONKERLEY 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7	ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	RICHARD W. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 8TDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FRED NEWTON Treble	JOHN H. LENTON 5	* ARTHUR WALKER 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
HORACE FOX 3	* HARRY C. WALTERS 7	HARRY BROWN 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* 50th peal together.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT 5	* JOHN E. METCALFE 2	HARRY J. SANGER 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	RONALD G. BECK 7	* DAVID MACKAY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
 * First touch in the method. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CHESTERFIELD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ROBERT BARBER Treble	WILLIAM FLATT 5	SELIM GOODSWEN 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
CHARLES LOOME 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7	CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
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On Friday, January 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	Treble	JAMES TOPP	5
RAYMOND PHILPOIT	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	Treble	JOHN MCGLENN	5
JAMES A. TEALE	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	6
WILLIAM DIXON	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
MALCOLM ROBSON	4	WILLIAM E. ASH	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of S. Brown, for 57 years a ringer at Guiseley, also to the memory of J. Hutchinson and Captain N. L. Cheetham.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	Treble	ROLAND BIGGS	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
ARTHUR MARTIN	3	JESSE ELDRIDGE	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

Arranged and rung as a 'welcome home' peal for Mr. George Martin and Mr. W. H. Fussell from their Australian ringing tour.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D flat.

MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL ...	5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

This peal was specially arranged and rung, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

BRO. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ...	Treble
Wor. Bro. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, 4549 ...	2
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ...	3
BRO. ARTHUR S. DOWNES, Benevolence Lodge, 4035 ...	4
BRO. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481 ...	5
BRO. ROLAND BRAGG, Silhill Lodge, 4786 ...	6
BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ...	7
BRO. JOHN MARSHALL, Lodge Abbotsford, 937 ...	Tenor

Conducted by Bro. THOMAS H. REEVES.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Wor. Bro. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and Master of the Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

W. COLL	Treble	W. RIMELL	4
F. PUGH	2	J. ATTWOOD	5
* F. WHITE	3	* C. COLL	Tenor

Conducted by W. RIMELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob, two Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

* REV. C. DAVIES	Treble	† E. GRIMES	4
CHARLES F. MEE	2	EDGAR RIVERS	5
K. W. WHITTELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Mee, of Sproughton, father of the ringer of the second. K. W. Whittell's 90th peal.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	4
FRANK L. FISHER	2	T. WILLIAM LAST	5
GEORGE PRYKE	3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT, JUN.

First peal of London Minor for the Suffolk Guild.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* DENNIS E. ROBBINS	Treble	† GEORGE L. CORNWELL ...	4
THOMAS G. BEVAN	2	JOHN WEBB	5
† FREDERICK E. J. REYNOLDS ...	3	HARVEY H. WINNEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WEBB.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

HOPE, NORTH WALES.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* EDWARD P. EVANS	Treble	FRED HARTMAN	4
* J. HERBERT JONES	2	GEORGE SPERRING	5
* JAMES METCALF	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

*DAVID L. REES Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS 4
*WILLIAM J. THOMAS 2	†JOSEPH LOVETT 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LRWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on six bells. First of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. A birthday peal for the 3rd ringer's sister.

EISHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE E. FEIRM Treble	GEORGE L. HALL 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 5
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. 100th peal together by Mr. and Mrs. Bray.

LEIGH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

H. JIM RALPH Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 3
HAROLD C. R. VINE 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4

PERCY N. G. RAINEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FREDERICK T. BOLTON ... Treble	ERNEST G. STEVENS 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM E. REDROP 5
*FREDERICK J. BOLTON ... 3	WILFRED EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDROP.

* First peal in the method.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID MACKAY Treble	LEONARD DUNFORD 4
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
FREDERICK TARGETT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 4
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAWSON.

Bung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday, January 18th, 1935.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HENRY HODGETTS 5-6
†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † 150th peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

*WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HENRY HODGETTS 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by B. SWINSON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* 200th peal. Umpire—John E. Rootes.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT HOLLY BANK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire (four callings) and 16 of Plain Bob (four callings).

*DEREK M. SHARP 1-2	WALTER M. GODDARD 3-4
*ARTHUR E. WEST 5-6	

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

Witness—J. Atkinson.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

REV. E. B. JAMES 1-2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY 5-6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	†WALTER AYRE 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the association.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. FARNHAM DISTRICT ENTHUSIASM.

'If all ringers carry out their duty to their respective churches every rope will be manned for service ringing. Punctuality is very necessary, and—do not get downhearted if a few members are slack. In ringing, as in everything else, it is the enthusiasts who keep the organisation alive.'

This is an extract from the report of the Farnham District secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, presented to a gathering of nearly 60 ringers at the annual district meeting on Saturday. It comes, we know, from the heart of one of the most enthusiastic district secretaries that could be found anywhere. Mr. C. W. Denyer is not only the mainspring of his district, but the principal driving force in his own tower at Aldershot, where there is a band of over 20 ringers, mostly young. Each of the eleven towers in the district is at full strength, and they have 132 members between them. When it is recollected that six out of the eleven are six-bell towers, the staffing of the belfries represents nearly two ringers per bell in the district. Seven of the eleven towers were represented at the meeting, viz., Aldershot, Seale, Yorktown, Bentley, Bagshot, Farnham and Ash. Other towers represented were Pirbright, Wokingham (All Saints'), Haslemere, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicholas'), Worplesdon, West Clandon and Dore (Sheffield).

Canon E. M. Girling (Vicar), who conducted the service, gave an interesting address on bell towers, and referred to the fact that Farnham was now confronted with the task of refacing the tower of its ancient church. He suggested that members of the Guild might like to assist in the work, and if so there were collecting cards available.

The Vicar, who presided at tea, reminded the meeting that Mr. Edward Clapshaw, the captain of the Farnham ringers, was that day celebrating his 90th birthday. With Mr. Hasted he had visited him and found him as well as one might expect for his advanced years.

A resolution of cordial greeting and congratulation was sent to the veteran from the meeting.

Before the Vicar left he was thanked by the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who mentioned that Farnham was selected by the Guild as one of the representative churches to be included in the album of pictures taken out to Australia by the band which recently toured the Commonwealth.

Mr. A. J. Stedman (churchwarden) presided over the business meeting, when the district officers were re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. P. L. Eldridge; representatives on general committee, Messrs. L. Muddell (hon. member), F. Nye and T. Upshall (ringing members).

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed receipts amounting to £16 0s. 3d. from subscriptions and interest, expenses £5 7s. 4d., remitted to general fund £8 1s. 3d., balance in hand £15 15s. 1d., against £13 3s. 5½d. last year.

The Ringing Master's report stated that ringing at the various towers had been maintained at the usual standard, but he regretted there was no marked advancement in change ringing. He congratulated the band at Yorktown upon their peal of Grandsire Doubles. The only other three peals rung in the district had been at Farnham, one for the birthday of Bishop Greig, one as a farewell on his departure and one as a welcome to the new Bishop. This last was representative of the whole diocese, being rung by the four district secretaries and the four Ringing Masters.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary's report showed that during the year the ringing members had increased from 120 to 132, and the hon. members from 24 to 30. Service ringing being the primary motive of church bell-ringing, he appealed to all ringing members of the district faithfully and loyally to do their job, thereby supporting the Guild's main object. Six district meetings, in addition to the annual meeting, were held during the year, with an average attendance of 36. This attendance included 81 per cent. members of the district—a very creditable percentage. The report regretted the death of Canon Stuart, of Bagshot, who was loved and esteemed by all the members. Thanks were accorded to Mr. T. A. Stroud, for his services as organist at the meetings; to the incumbents who had permitted meetings to be held at their churches, and to the hon. members for their support. Thanks were also extended to all district members, and particularly to tower captains for the assistance given during the year.

The reports were adopted with thanks to the Ringing Master and secretary.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Ash, Seale, Hawley, Bentley, Bagshot, Aldershot and Farnham (annual).

The Guild officers were renominated and two new members of the Guild were elected.

The proposed benevolent scheme was mentioned, and it was decided to leave the matter until the annual meeting of the Guild, when a recommendation of the committee will be brought forward.

At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith a collection for the Farnham Tower Restoration Fund was taken and realised £1 6s. 6d.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman. The bells at the Parish Church were well utilised in a variety of tours during the afternoon and evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SONNING DEANERY ANNUAL MEETING.

An appeal for better attendance and more interest by the local ringers at the combined practices was made by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) at the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Wokingham, a small Berkshire town, has two churches, each with a ring of eight bells, and both peals were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Paul's Church was conducted by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch). The sermon was preached by the Rev. B. H. B. Atlee, Rector of Binfield, who made an appeal for unity and loyalty in all forms of church work. It was very pleasant, he said, for the Rector of a parish who had a band of ringers who were an example to the whole parish, who not only called others to worship, but who symbolised the unity and harmony of the Church, and, working together happily, led the way. They needed the appeal of the bells to make known the message of the Gospel. The preacher mentioned that in Gallipoli, where he served, soldiers improvised a peal of bells out of shell cases, the homely tones being used to call to worship. After they left bells were heard there no more, but he hoped that one day bells would ring out for the liberation of Constantinople.

A collection was taken for the Branch Restoration Fund.

A sumptuous tea was served in the Parish Room, the wants of the large party being attended to by a number of ladies and gentlemen. The Master thanked Mr. and Mrs. Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. Eamer and the other friends who had so excellently attended to them at the tea. The Rev. R. D. Wetter thanked Dr. Atlee for his inspiring sermon, and expressed pleasure at having Canon Coleridge back in his place once more (applause). He thanked the two Rectors for their towers, also the organist at St. Paul's.

The annual general meeting followed, over which the Master presided, and was supported by the Deputy Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), Rev. G. Kenworthy (All Saints', Wokingham), A. E. Carr (St. Sebastian's), R. D. Weller (Finchampstead), A. G. G. Thurlow (All Saints'), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), etc.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that he had received a letter enclosing a subscription, which, the writer said, was his 54th subscription to the Guild. That was from Mr. W. J. Fuller, who was present with them (applause).

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported the membership of the branch as two life members, 25 hon. members and 153 ringing members, several of the last-named being ladies. The figures showed an increase of seven over the previous year. They had lost by death Mr. F. Harrison, their oldest member, and the Rev. T. W. Sergeant (St. Paul's, Wokingham) by removal. The branch had rung no peals during the year, but East Berks men had rung a peal of Spiced Minor at Binfield. Combined practices had been fairly well attended.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand at the end of the year of £5 12s. 1d., compared with a balance at the commencement of £9 2s. 5d. Annual subscriptions were: Hon. members £6 10s. and ringing members £11 8s.; donations, including annual tea, were £4 17s. 6d. The expenditure included £2 2s. to the Jenkyn memorial and £8 19s. remitted to the parent society.

With great enthusiasm Canon G. F. Coleridge was re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. J. Paice hon. secretary and treasurer. The branch committee was constituted of the foremen of towers and the following representatives were appointed to the Guild committee: Messrs. J. Moth (Sandhurst), J. Rance (Binfield), F. Dentry (Twyford) and G. J. Wright (Sonning).

The following recommendations of the branch committee were adopted: 'That a half-yearly meeting be held in June at Waltham St. Lawrence,' and 'That combined practices be held monthly as before.'

The Master referred to 'The Ringing World' account of the wonderful visit of English ringers to Australia and Tasmania, when two out of the 13 peals rung were credited to the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Another peal was rung by half Oxford Guild and half Australian ringers. Referring humorously to the peal rung on the Red Sea, the Master suggested that a band of ringers might now charter an aeroplane and ring a peal round the North Pole (laughter).

THE RESTORATION FUND.

Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer) said the Guild this year was in a much better way than last year. On the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn they might have expected to go down, but he was thankful to say the Guild had carried on successfully. He was glad to see the Sonning Deanery Branch had £6 7s. 5d. in its Restoration Fund. He would like to see every branch run its own Restoration Fund. Last year £18 18s. was granted from the Guild Restoration Fund, and there was still a little balance left. He hoped the fund would be in such a position next year that he would not have to refuse any grant applied for.

(Continued in next column.)

A CONDUCTOR'S JUBILEE.**MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' NOTEWORTHY ANNIVERSARY.**

We are very glad to see that Mr. George Williams, the popular Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has sufficiently recovered from his long illness to be able to return to peal ringing.

On Thursday, January 17th, he called Holt's Ten-Part at Soberton, Hants. It was a notable occasion, for it was the 50th anniversary of his first peal as conductor. On January 17th, 1885, Mr. Williams called the same composition from the same bell in the same tower!

Mr. Williams is in his 79th year, and in the band a fortnight ago was Mr. William Linter, sen., also in his 79th year.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridges since that day in 1885 when Mr. Williams called his first peal, and Mr. Williams has rung a lot of peals, but there is no youngster to-day who is keener on ringing than he is when nearing four score years, and we hope his health will now permit him to add many more peals to his list.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) urged loyalty all through the Guild as described by the preacher.

Mr. Paice urged better attendance at practice and more progress. Every ringer should aim to qualify to ring his first peal, for peal ringing led to better ringing and striking. He deplored non-attendance at combined practices, as well as the absence of local ringers at these meetings. There might be more enthusiasm in wanting to make progress. He was sorry, he added, that some ringers preferred 'to dance the New Year in rather than to ring it in.' They wanted, he said, to try and make more progress (applause).

Mr. Moth said Mr. Paice's remarks were very timely. If young ringers would look up methods their foreman would help them.

Miss V. Robinson suggested that quarter-peals, in many different methods, could be rung for services.

Mr. Hibbert said ringers should go to towers in their own neighbourhood, prepared to ring some other method. It didn't mean much more mental worry. A wonderful example was recorded recently in 'The Ringing World' of a peal of 5,000 in 39 different methods by six ringers.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow praised the system of ringing a peal every month, as was done in one district in Essex.

The Chairman: 'A peal a week' (laughter). They were very grateful to Mr. Paice, he said, for bringing the matter forward. He had put very high ideals before them. Everyone should feel bound to do his utmost in the deanery to improve meetings (applause). To get on to something new would induce much greater interest.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations are extended to the following who have rung their first peal, and particularly to the seven Ramshotton men, who have rung their first peal together:—

Rev. C. Davies.	Bramford, Suffolk.
Norman Summerhayes.	Dartford, Kent.
J. Albert Kearns.	Sydney, Australia.
George H. Bailey.	Wellington, Herefordshire.
Joseph Prince.	Wellington, Herefordshire.
John Thompson.	Lillington, Dorset.
Arthur G. Chubb.	Lillington, Dorset.
W. Amos.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
J. Amos.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
John Symm.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
R. Thompson.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
Dennis E. Robbins.	Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire.
Edward P. Evans.	Hope, North Wales.
J. Herbert Jones.	Hope, North Wales.
James Metcalf.	Hope, North Wales.
Norman Butterworth.	Bacup, Lancs.
F. White.	Eckington, Worcestershire.
C. Cull.	Eckington, Worcestershire.
E. Greaves.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
H. Hall.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. F. Wolstenholme.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. Scowcroft.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. Hall.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
R. R. Barlow.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. Rostron.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
Ronald Thaxter.	Tevington St. John, Norfolk.

DEATH OF A LEWISHAM RINGER.

As a last mark of respect to Mr. A. E. Rowe, a member of the local band, who passed away on January 20th in the London Hospital, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Lewisham, by L. Roberts 1, J. Bennett 2, J. Foskett 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, W. Tyler 5, R. Wood 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katharine's Church on Sunday, January 13th, for evensong, 720 Plain Bob: Alick Cheaseley 1, George Welch 2, Kenneth D. Birt 3, Charles Killick 4, Bernard H. Wells 5, James Batters (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The faculty has been granted for the addition of four more bells to make a ring of twelve at St. Albans Abbey, to commemorate the jubilee of the Hertford County Association. The association is raising funds to provide one bell.

The new bells are to be cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. Robert Knight, of Leytonstone, who on January 18th celebrated his 90th birthday, joined the old St. James' Society in the year 1867. Among the peals rung to celebrate his birthday was one by members of this society under its modern title of the London County Association. Mr. Knight is one of its oldest, if not the oldest of its members.

Albert Lancefield, at the age of 14, and Edward Dixon, at the age of 74, have taken part in a peal together at Willesborough, Kent. Tell us of any other recreation, requiring comparable continuous physical and mental effort, sustained for three hours, in which 60 years can separate the ages of the participants!

Mr. Frederic G. Groombridge, youngest son of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., was appointed conductor at Whitstable tower at the annual meeting of the ringers there recently.

The three members of this family are now conductors at three different towers in Kent, Thomas, sen., at Chislehurst, Thomas, jun., at Crayford, and now Fred at Whitstable, which, one would imagine, is a record for one family.

The peals rung at Cradley on April 24th, 1934, and at Hanley Castle on April 29th, 1934, and published in 'The Ringing World' for May 11th should have been credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The weekly practice night at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, London, S.E.1, has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday, but there will be no practices at all until February 12th next.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Stedman Triples at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, January 12th, was Harry F. Holding, and not Harry F. Holden, as published.

Last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broadley, of Bradford, celebrated their golden wedding. Joe is the doyen of Bradford ringers and the custodian of the Cathedral bells. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1879 and has rung close on 400 peals for his county organisation.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space this week several reports of meetings and letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

SPlicing MINOR METHODS.

CHESHIRE MEN'S 'MARVELLOUS PERFORMANCE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the band that rang the peal in 40 Treble Bob methods at Sutton, Cheshire, on January 19th. It is a truly marvellous performance.

I must point out that the statement in 'Belfry Gossip' that only 42 methods are possible in the present stage is not correct. On page 14 of 'Method Splicing' Mr. J. W. Parker tells us that 46 are possible. This also is not correct, as I have figures of seven 720's, all having eight methods in them, and the only splices used are those explained in 'Method Splicing.'

Those who have seen the 'Splicing Tables' by Mr. A. G. Driver will know that even 56 are not the greatest number possible by using the splices explained by Mr. J. W. Parker.

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

EIGHTY-SIX METHODS POSSIBLE IN SEVEN 720's.

Dear Sir,—Your comment upon the 40-method peal appearing under 'Belfry Gossip' this week is surely due to an oversight. In 'Method Splicing' Mr. J. W. Parker stated (at the foot of p. 14) that 46 methods could be included in seven 720's, all coming round. Only a little later I discovered many new splices, and arranged a peal having 69 Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods in seven 720's.

If Plain, Alliance and Little Methods are used in conjunction with the above, the number in seven 720's can be increased to 86.

Belvedere, Kent.

ALBERT G. DRIVER.

IN HONOUR OF BISHOP OF RIPON.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, and reported elsewhere, was arranged specially to commemorate the consecration of Dr. G. C. L. Lunt (late Vicar of Portsea) as Bishop of Ripon, which took place at York Minster on the same day. It is interesting to note that the ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang), who was also Vicar of Portsea from 1898-1901. Dr. Lunt will be succeeded at Portsea by Canon H. L. Robins (Vicar of Barking), who will be inducted to this living early in March.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR. CONGRATULATIONS.

We have received many letters of congratulation to the ringers who took part in the Australian tour upon the success which attended their visit. The story of their journey has evidently been followed with the greatest interest at home.

At the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, on Saturday, a resolution was unanimously passed recording pleasure at the success attained by the Australian tourists, and expressing the hope that it will result in lasting good to Australian ringing.

SUGGESTED MEETING WITH TOURISTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel sure all readers will have read with real pleasure and also heartily endorse the letter of Mr. F. E. Dawe in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' which conveys in glowing terms our deep sense of gratitude and real pleasure in the success of the tour.

One almost regrets it is ended, for all will miss those delightful articles which have appeared from time to time telling us of the doings of the tourists from start to finish. I trust it will be possible for the Central Council to have all these articles reprinted and recorded in pamphlet or book form, with a list of the names and photos of the tourists, and the peals rung during the tour, so as to be a lasting memento of a very splendid effort. Also I hope it may be possible, at some date in the near future, to meet all the tourists either in London or at the next Central Council meeting in Shrewsbury and to see the wonderful collection of films taken by Mr. Rupert Richardson throughout the tour, which would make a very delightful and instructive evening. I have already mentioned this matter to the president of the Central Council, and have no doubt that, in his able hands, it will bear fruit. Again, sir, our hearty congratulations.

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

A CANDLE LIGHTED.

Dear Sir,—As a reader of 'The Ringing World' may I thank you for your delightfully descriptive articles on the Australian tour. They have indeed evoked the greatest interest.

You and your colleagues are all much to be congratulated on the prowess with which you co-operated with each other and with those overseas, to crown the mission with success.

You have lighted a candle which one is convinced will grow with a mighty beam in the great cities of the Commonwealth.

Our thanks, Mr. Editor, are also due to those who, in your absence, kept the ball rolling so efficiently at the Woking office.

MARGARET E. SNOWDON.

Curtmel, Lancs.

STORY WANTED IN BOOK FORM.

Dear Sir,—May I add my small voice to the chorus of 'Welcome home' and congratulation? I sincerely hope that you will lose no time in writing a more detailed account of the Australian tour than has appeared in 'The Ringing World,' with a view to its publication, with illustrations, in book form. What a charming frontispiece Miss Shimmie's portrait would make!

Newbury.

E. J. TAYLOR.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

In spite of the inclement weather, a good muster of members assembled at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for the meeting on Saturday, January 12th. The bells were made good use of in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, some members having their first try on ten and twelve bells.

A bright service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Jones), who also gave an inspiring address.

The following at a neighbouring cafe, after which handbells were brought into use. Messrs. J. Jagger and J. Screen demonstrated how tunes should be rung.

After the customary vote of thanks an adjournment was made to the tower, where, joined by Mr. F. Haynes (the newly-appointed Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and a few friends, a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was accomplished.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Pelsall on May 4th.

Rumour has it that a certain trio, while busily engaged in conversation, stepped into the wrong train and in a few minutes realised that they were miles off the right track. However, all's well that ends well, for eventually they reached their destination safely, though somewhat late.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES COTTERELL.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER FOR 27 YEARS.

With deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. James Cotterell, the honorary treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, who passed away with unexpected suddenness on Saturday last at his residence, 130, Harrogate Street, Bradford.

The sad news reached the members of the Yorkshire Association while assembled at their annual meeting at Doncaster during the afternoon, and naturally cast a gloom over the gathering.

With Mr. Joe Hardcastle, who had on the previous day returned from the Australian tour, Mr. Cotterell visited Mr. Tom Maude at Pudsey on Thursday morning. Later in the day he was taken ill. As treasurer of the association he would have been present at the meeting on Saturday, but was too unwell to go to Doncaster, and in the afternoon he suddenly collapsed and died.

It was only on January 8th last that Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell took part together in a handbell peal of Bob Major at their home, in celebration of the eighth anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. Cotterell called the peal, and the deepest sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to her in her irreparable loss.

Mr. Cotterell was one of the best known ringers in Yorkshire. He joined the company at what was then the Bradford Parish Church in 1887, when he began ringing with other young men who have also made their mark in the Exercise. For the past 27 years Mr. Cotterell has filled the office of hon. treasurer of the association, and for many years has represented the association on the Central Council.

Mr. Cotterell had rung a large number of peals, something like 240 for the Yorkshire Association alone.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being at the Cathedral, and the interment at Cuddenfoot.

A CHALLENGE TO THE NATION.

BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON ON BELLS.

The bells of Holy Rood Church, Southampton, have been restored through the Barron Bell Trust. The sixth has been recast and the whole octave retuned and rehung in hall bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The bells were originally cast by Lester and Pack, the tenor being 16 cwt. in F.

The service of dedication of the completed work took place on January 23rd, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a large congregation by the Bishop of Southampton. Ringers were present from Bishopstoke, Dibden, North Stoneham, Romsey, Southampton and Winchester. The dedication took place in the vestry, where the rope of the recast bell was handed to the Bishop by Mr. F. Hopkins, senior trustee of the Emma Barron Bell Trust.

In the course of his sermon, the Bishop said, as many of them knew, the bells had been famous in Southampton for 200 years, and they had rung the old year out and the new year in on every occasion except a recent one, when it was found that one of the bells was cracked.

Enumerating some of the purposes of bellringing, he suggested that the bells were a challenge to the nation. It was not true that England was godless, though just at present religion seemed to be overlaid with other things.

It would be wrong to say that we were a nation of hypocrites, because there was a lot of genuine religion in the hearts of the people, though it was apt to be overlaid with 'the cares, pleasures, and riches of this life.' He suggested that the bells should be a warning and a reminder of their solemn obligations, and that they should also be regarded as a call to rejoice.

The opening touch on the bells was rung by a mixed band from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham and Southampton, which comprise the three principal ringing strongholds in the Southampton district. The improved tone and the excellent 'go' of the bells gave great satisfaction.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY KING.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Bedfordshire Association has lost by death one of its oldest and most respected members in the person of Mr. Harry King, of Biddenham, who passed away after a somewhat lengthy illness on January 15th, at St. Columba's Hospital, London, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. King was one of the original members of the association, which was formed 51 years ago, and was a member of Biddenham Church choir for 45 years. Always of a cheery disposition and ready with a helping hand for a learner in the belfry, he was very much liked and respected by all.

The funeral took place in the parish churchyard on Saturday, January 19th, amidst every sign of respect and sympathy. The Vicar, the Rev. W. E. B. Norman, officiated. Immediately after the service 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, which was his favourite method, was rung with the bells half-muffled by: H. L. Harlow 1, F. C. Tysoe 2, Miss E. Steel 3, R. West (conductor) 4, N. Wiles 5, E. Tysoe 6. This was followed by 240 Woodbine, with C. Bransom and R. Brockett standing in.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S NONOGENARIAN

MR. EDWARD CLAPSHAW, OF FARNHAM.

Last Saturday, Mr. Edward Clapshaw, captain of the Farnham, Surrey, ringers, celebrated his 90th birthday and received the congratulations of many friends. Mr. Clapshaw became a ringer at Farnham in the year 1867, and has been a member of the band ever since. He was appointed captain in 1906, and still holds the office, although, owing to his advanced age, he has taken no active part in ringing for the past three years.



MR. E. CLAPSHAW.

He has rung in all about 24 peals, mostly in the Grandsire method, but he has not kept a detailed list of them.

Mr. Clapshaw was born at Upper Bourne, near Farnham, on January 26th, 1845, and left school when he was eight years old to commence work on a farm as carter boy with his father. After seven years on a farm he turned to gardening, and intermittently coupled with this work the post of coachman to his employers. It was not until he was close upon 30 that he retired from regular employment to look after his own large garden and allotment. He is an old and respected member of the Farnham Horticultural Society, and for years his name was prominent in the list of prize-winners at the local horticultural show.

Last Saturday he received many visitors at his home in College Gardens, where he has lived for the past 65 years. He was married in 1869, and lost his wife in 1916. His birthday coincided with the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the members sent him a specially cordial message of greeting and congratulation.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO BEDWORTH BEARS FRUIT.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Leamington on Saturday, January 19th, was poorly attended, but those who did put in an appearance had a very enjoyable time. There was ringing on the bells of the Parish Church from 3 o'clock until 4.30. Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, but the chief feature was the ringing in rounds of a boy of eight years of age, the son of Mr. T. Male, of Warwick. He handled his rope beautifully and rang with as much assurance as those of far greater experience. Mr. H. Bond, of Cirencester, was a welcome visitor at the meeting. His son, Mr. A. W. Bond (now residing in Brighton) is a member of the Guild, and while resident in Warwick assisted considerably in improving the standard of ringing in that district.

At the short service, held in a side chapel of the church, and conducted by the curate, the Guild form of service was used.

The curate accompanied the ringers to tea at Ballinger's Cafe, but had to leave early to conduct evensong. Shortly afterwards the Vicar (the Rev. G. Rolfe) arrived, and, after extending a welcome to the Guild members, proceeded to act as chairman for the business meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. W. Perrins, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinde, Mr. A. J. Hinde, Mr. C. E. Rayson and Mr. W. Stote.

Mr. E. Stone reported that the instruction given to the local ringers on the occasion of the meeting at Bedworth had borne fruit, as they were to be found on practice nights practising Grandsire Triples assiduously and showing marked improvement.

The meeting places for the next two months were discussed, and finally it was decided to hold the February meeting at Bickenhill and the March meeting at Chilvers Coton. The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Terry (Shilton), P. J. Hopkins (Warwick) and T. Male (Warwick, re-elected).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his presence at the meeting, proposed by Mr. J. H. W. White and seconded by Mr. A. H. Beamish.

On leaving the tea room the members made their way by car, bus or on foot to the small church of Lillington a mile or so away. This light ring of eight was kept going from about 6.30 until 8 o'clock in various methods, a few courses on handbells bringing the meeting to a close.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA.

KENT SCHOOL BOYS TAKE PART.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, Mass., U.S.A., writes: I hope the following report of our humble efforts to practise the Exercise on this side of the Atlantic may be of some interest to your readers. The only places where there is any regular change ringing in the United States are the boys' schools at Groton and Kent. Near Boston there are four towers where ringing is possible, and in the Christmas holidays we try to bring together a band from the schools and English ringers who live in this neighbourhood.

On Christmas Eve we rang for an hour at a church in Boston. On January 1st we were asked to join in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Paul Revere's birthday, by ringing at the 'Old North Church.' Revere was himself a founder and a ringer of bells, and it was in this belfry that a lantern was displayed as a signal for him in starting the ride made famous by our poet Longfellow. Through long disuse the heavy bells were so hard to handle that we could try nothing more elaborate than Doubles with the back bells covering.

On January 6th we gathered a band at Groton and were ambitious enough to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Considering our rare chances for practice, the result was not bad, and there were long periods of really good striking, but after more than 3,000 changes trouble occurred and the attempt failed. The following took part in this ringing: I. J. Attwater (conductor) from Kent, his pupils, A. D. Bosson and S. Wheelock, together with S. W. Sturgis and W. Sturgis, of Groton, James F. Laker, William Bashford and J. R. Henson, of the Boston Guild. We were not discouraged by the failure and are hoping for another try in the Easter holidays.

May I take this opportunity of sending friendly greetings to the ringers—mostly of the College Youths—whom I have had the pleasure of knowing when in London some years ago.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED ANNUAL MEETING OF HINCKLEY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, January 5th, some 50 members and friends being present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Pillifant), Mr. Nixon being at the organ.

Tea was served in the School, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair and was supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. A. Wood), Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. secretary), the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and the Rev. William Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth.

It was decided to nominate the retiring general officers en bloc. The district officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. W. A. Wood (vice-president), Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. secretary), with Messrs. G. A. Newton and A. Ballard to serve on the committee.

The secretary reported that 12 meetings had been held during the year, all of which had been fairly well attended. He pointed out, however, that it was nearly always the same faces to be seen, and said he would like to see some of the other members take more interest in the meetings of the district.

Both the vice-president and the hon. secretary referred to the splendid support given by the clergy in the district, and thanked all those members who had attended during the past year.

Thanks to the Vicar for his services during the afternoon, to the organist and to the ladies who arranged the tea concluded the business. Some members lingered for tunes and changes on the handbells, others were soon in action in the belfry, the ringing concluding a very successful meeting.

FIRST 720 AS CONDUCTOR.

A peal of Bob Minor unfortunately failed at Perranworthal, Cornwall, on January 14th, during the sixth 720. The band was: W. E. Minors 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, W. H. Sleeman 4, C. Gudgeon (Manchester) 5, C. E. Laxton (conductor) 6. Cyril E. Laxton, of Truro, celebrated his 17th birthday on the previous day and had never before conducted a 720. Better luck next time!

GUISELEY VETERAN DEAD.

A RINGER FOR 67 YEARS.

At the advanced age of 85 years, Mr. Sam Brown has passed away at Guiseley, Yorks, where he had been a ringer for 67 years. He had spent all his life in Guiseley, and was a weaver by trade. But he loved his garden, and he loved the bells. He began ringing at the age of 18, and had seen first one generation of ringers and then another disappear. Ringing with him was more than a hobby; it was a life work. Sam never wore a coat if he could help it. 'There's nothing like shirt sleeves for work,' he once said. 'The sight of shirt sleeves makes a tired man feel energetic.'

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, when at the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave. Among the many mourners and those who came to pay a last tribute of respect were the following Guiseley ringers: Messrs. F. W. Dixon, J. McGlenn, A. C. Walsh, M. Robson, A. Smith, J. Cloughton and A. Hardwick. Other old ringing friends present were Messrs. W. D. Clough (Otley), T. M. Thompson, H. Smith, J. Woodhead (Leeds), M. Birfield, C. Kipps and F. Dixon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT DISCUSSES PEAL RINGING.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Croydon, on Saturday, January 26th, and a representative gathering of about 60 attended despite the wintry weather conditions. Ringing continued at both churches, St. Peter's (10) and St. John's (8), throughout the afternoon.

A short service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Cooper, senior curate, who welcomed the association to Croydon in the name of the Bishop of Croydon and apologised for the Bishop's absence.

A company of 56 sat down to a very enjoyable tea at the Rose and Crown Hotel. The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the District Master (Mr. E. G. Talbot).

Four new ringing members were elected, and the election of one member previous to a peal ratified.

The district secretary (Mr. D. Cooper) presented the committee's annual report, which showed that the district was in a very satisfactory position. Sunday service ringing had been maintained in most towers, and five district meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 40. The membership of the district had increased by nine, making a total membership of 186. The number of peals rung had decreased again, but this was thought to be due to the difficulty of getting towers for peal attempts in the district.

The treasurer's report was also satisfactory, showing an increase in the balance in hand of about £5 over the previous year.

It was agreed to hold meetings as follows, if possible, during the year: Easter Monday, Leatherhead; May 25th, Kingston; July 27th, Rammore Common (jointly with the Guildford Guild); September 28th, Barnes; November 23rd, Benhillton; January 25th, 1936, Mitcham.

The officers and committee were all re-elected, a very hearty vote of thanks being accorded to them for their services during the year. The meeting also approved of the secretary's action of arranging mid-week meetings jointly with the Ladies' Guild.

It was also agreed that any young ringers who wished to ring their first peal or a peal in a particular method and could not do so with their own company, should apply to the district secretary, who would do all in his power to arrange such peals.

The suggestion for an annual dinner for the association was discussed. There was also much discussion about the reason for the decrease in peal ringing in the district during the year, and it was thought that more could be done if ringers kept in closer touch with the clergy at their own churches and pointed out to them that peal ringing was really necessary for the sake of good Sunday service ringing.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and ringing continued at St. John's until 9 p.m.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.**

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at Cockermouth on Saturday, January 12th. Members attended from Arlecdon, Aspatria, Carlisle, Cockermouth, Egremont, Hensingham and Keswick. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. W. Brighton (London), an old friend, who was staying in the district. Before the meeting the secretary paid a tribute to the late Vicar (Canon Parker), who had passed away about a week previously, and would have presided at the meeting had he been spared. He was president of the association and one of the original members when it was first formed in 1883. The members present rose for a few moments in silence as a token of sympathy to his memory. The secretary then gave his report on the past year's work. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £6 1s. 11d., a slight increase of the previous year.

An interesting discussion took place regarding alterations in the rules of the Ringing Contest, to be held at Workington on Easter Monday.

The tower of All Saints' was visited, and ringing took place in the following methods: Bob Minor, London Surprise Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Major, several touches being brought round.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ENJOYABLE MEETING AT THE COUNTY TOWN.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Herts County Association was held on Saturday, January 19th, when the grand ring of ten at All Saints' and John Briant's eight at St. Andrew's were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. About 40 members attended and spent a good time.

The service was held at All Saints', conducted by the Rev. Gray, in the much-regretted absence of the Vicar, who is just recovering from illness. This was the first time for several years that he had been absent from this yearly service. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. P. Routh, the Ringing Vicar of Hitchin, and a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the Hertford churches was heartily carried.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**SALISBURY BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury, on Saturday, January 26th, when there was a very good attendance. Members from all parts of the branch arrived during the afternoon, and the bells were kept busy.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. L. Bradyll-Johnson (Rector of St. Clement's, Oxford, and father of the Rector of Sarum St. Paul's), the lesson being read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary), and the address given by the Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson. The company subsequently partook of an excellent tea in St. Paul's Church Rooms.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine), the general secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson, and Rev. R. S. Smith (Vicar of Martin). There were also present members from Semley, Sarum St. Martin, Sarum St. Paul, Sarum St. Thomas, Berwick St. John, Winterbourne, Britford, Dinton, Longbridge Deverill, Bemerton, Martin, Wilton, Kingston Magna, etc.

The balance sheet was adopted, and the election of officers resulted as follows: Branch chairman, Mr. E. G. Caple; branch secretary, Mr. F. W. Romaine; Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and F. C. Smith; branch committee, Messrs. A. Southey, W. Roberts, W. Wright, A. E. Miles and F. Wyatt.

Two towers, with their bands, were admitted, namely, Hindon and Martin. Mr. R. Cooke, a new member at Wilton, was also elected. A joint meeting with the Devizes Branch, to be held at Heytesbury, was discussed, it being resolved, if convenient to the Devizes Branch, to hold it on April 6th.

The quarterly meetings during the present year will be held at Shrewton, Hindon and Martin.

The General Secretary, in the course of a short address, mentioned that he had heard recently from Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and he had called his attention to the enthusiasm of the new band formed at Hindon, and he, the secretary, welcomed them to the Guild. He also reminded the members of the excellent opportunity afforded for ringing, during the forthcoming jubilee of the King's reign. He closed by referring to the death at Bristol of an old friend of the Guild, Mr. Barter, late of Salisbury, the company standing for a few moments in silent tribute to his memory.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Paul's and the organisers for their good offices closed the business.

Rev. Bradyll-Johnson, replying, assured the members that they were very welcome at St. Paul's. They were particularly pleased to receive the Guild at that time, as they were in the midst of their patronal festival, and the Guild's gathering had been included in the official festival arrangements.

Later, the bells at St. Paul's, St. Martin's and St. Edmund's were rung.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**EXISTING ARRANGEMENT OF MEETINGS TO STAND.**

The annual general meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th, when the towers of Adwick-le-Street, Darton, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Cawthorne, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Royston, Sandal, Rotherham, Wath, Wortley and the local company were represented. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and continued in various methods, both Major and Minor. Owing to the illness of the clergy, the service arranged could not be held.

Tea was served in the Station Restaurant, about 30 sitting down. Mr. C. D. Potter presided at the business meeting, by which time a few more members had put in their appearance. Mr. Idle proposed that the retiring officers be elected for another year, and this was carried unanimously. Two new members, Mr. Lamp and Mr. Beavis, of Sandal, were duly elected.

Mr. Moxon, of Sandal, and Mr. R. Haden, of Barnsley, were elected auditors for 1935.

A discussion arose on the rota of towers for the monthly meetings, but it was finally agreed to carry on with the alphabetical order arranged.

Mr. Moxon moved a hearty vote of thanks to the officers for services rendered, which was carried unanimously.—On the motion of Mr. Cutts, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements made.

A few touches were given on the handbells, and then the majority adjourned to the tower for further ringing until about 9 p.m.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, January 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. E. H. Chetwood Aiken, churchwarden: Leslie Francombe 1, Mrs. J. Gould 2, C. Harding 3, C. Gould 4, A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING OF LINCOLN DISTRICT.**

About 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Lincoln District held at Harmston on Saturday, January 12th. Though actually taking place in the New Year, the business of the meeting is to terminate activities of the past year and to arrange a programme for the coming year. The company represented Lincoln Cathedral, St. Giles', St. Mary-le-Wigford, St. Peter-at-Gowts, Blankney, Ashby-de-la-Launde, Navenby, Nooton, and the gathering included the following clergy: Revs. H. H. Smith (Harmston), Harding (All Saints', Lincoln), Olsen (St. Giles', Lincoln) and Howard (Ashby-de-la-Launde). To swell the throng were visitors from Lea (Gainsborough District), Ordsall (North Notts Association), Hough-on-the-Hill and Folkingham (Southern District).

The Guild form of service was used at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Olsen, and the Rev. Smith gave an address.

Tea and business meeting which followed were presided over by the Vicar of Harmston.

The whole of the district officers were unanimously re-elected. Places and dates for meetings during the year were selected as follows: Walsby, March 2nd; Nooton, June 8th; Fulbeck, August 31st; Sotherton, November 2nd; Washingborough (annual meeting), January 11th, 1935.

The selection of Walsby will constitute new ground to many of the Lincoln District ringers, and the meeting will be held in co-operation with the Grimsby District. Given a good send-off, this meeting will make a most appropriate opening for the new programme, and will, it is hoped, be a source of inspiration to the ringing fraternity of both the Lincoln and Grimsby Districts. One representative present at the meeting expressed an opinion in favour of increasing the number of district meetings to further stimulate interest among the learners and lesser advanced ringers. The attendance at meetings in the past did not, it was intimated in a reply, merit an increase of meetings, which are attended by the same contingent of enthusiastic ringers, and the call of peal attempts, etc., claimed as much time as ringers were able to afford to follow up the art. There was, therefore, no change in the order of meetings, although the proposal, which came from a new member, was overruled, the enthusiasm of the speaker was much appreciated.

The Chairman intimated that his ringers (Harmston) were in need of assistance to extend their knowledge of campanology, and he hoped something could be done for them.—As an outcome of this there is every possibility of the neighbouring towers of this village amalgamating for combined practice ringing—a step which could be copied with advantage by other towers in the district.

The election of the following new members completed a very satisfactory meeting: Rev. H. H. Smith (Harmston), honorary member; Rev. Harding (All Saints', Lincoln), Master J. Freeman (Lincoln Cathedral), Mr. V. Briggs (St. Peter-at-Gowts), Mrs. Neal, Miss S. Norton and Messrs. Chambers, Millhouse, Hinton and Myland (St. Giles'), Messrs. Holmes, Cox and Teynbee (Navenby). St. Giles', it may be mentioned, is the venue of St. Peter-at-Arches Church, which has been removed from the centre of the City of Lincoln. From the secretary of the district we learn that this suburb is abounding with enthusiasm for campanology.

Thanks to those responsible for the arrangements of the meeting were accorded. The ringers then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN THE ELY ARCHDEACONRY.**

A splendid muster of ringers turned up on Saturday, January 12th, to have a pull on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Chesterton. Methods ranged from Bob Doubles to London and York Surprise Minor. Several of those present took a good step forward by ringing something they had not previously attempted.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. V. Wallace), with Miss Vincent at the organ. Tea was served by willing helpers in the Church Hall.

It was a great pleasure to elect Mr. P. A. Banyard and Mr. J. Taylor, both belonging to the local band, as members of the association.

Ringing continued until 7.45 p.m., when the last of the visitors left for home after a very happy afternoon and evening in Chesterton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE OF SECRETARY IN MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.**

A good meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association was held at West Malling on Saturday, January 12th. During the afternoon and evening good practice was obtained in Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, with several lots of rounds for beginners.

At the business meeting the district secretary (Mr. Charles H. Sone), who had previously expressed his wish to resign, could not be persuaded to continue in office for another year.

Mr. Sone was warmly thanked for his many services to the district during the past eleven years.

Mr. Alec Waddington was elected to fill the vacancy. Will tower secretaries please note the change and send 1935 subscriptions and particulars to A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on Saturday, January 19th, when members and friends were present from Alverstoke, Alton, Gosport, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Ryde, Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Upham, Wickham and visitors from Brighton. The Guild service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (Canon G. Landon) officiated, and the Rev. S. Merby (Vicar of Titchfield) addressed those present. Tea was partaken of in Brodrick Hall, after which the business meeting was held, Canon G. Landon taking the chair. Apologies were received from the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and others. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Rev. E. H. Duke (Rector of Wickham) and Mrs. E. J. Harding, wife of a former secretary of the Portsmouth District.

The report and balance sheet were read and adopted, the accounts showing a balance of £13 12s. 3d. to the district after all expenses had been paid, and £5 18s. had been forwarded to the general treasurer.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and new members were elected from Portsmouth Cathedral, Wickham, Swanmore, Alverstoke and Portsea. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at the Cathedral on January 18th, 1936. It was proposed that a grant of £1 be made from the district funds towards the cost of new ropes at Curdridge.

A letter was sent to Mr. E. J. Harding, sen., from the meeting expressing the sympathy and condolence of the members on the sad loss of his wife.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Alverstoke for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service; also to the Rev. S. Merby for his fine address, to the organist, and to the ladies who catered for tea.—The Rector suitably responded.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Gosport bells were also available during the evening, thanks being extended to Mr. Reynolds for their use.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH AT SAXLINGHAM.**

On Saturday week the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Saxlingham, when over forty ringers were present from Buxton, Dickleburgh, Diss, Garboldisham, Hethersett, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham, Shelfanger, Starston, Redenhall, Winfarthing, Wroxham, Wymondham, Yarmouth and the local band. A variety of methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman, were rung in the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, generously provided by Mr. W. L. Duffield and the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Deuchar occupied the chair. Mr. W. L. Duffield was re-elected branch chairman, and Mr. N. Golden was asked to continue as secretary for the seventh year in succession. Messrs. E. G. Bennett, A. G. Harrison, C. J. More, R. Riches and E. Whiting were re-elected committeemen, while Messrs. W. E. Bason and E. G. Bennett were asked to represent the branch on the committee of the association.

The next meeting of the association is to be at Redenhall on May 11th next.

The Rev. J. S. Deuchar was unanimously elected an honorary member and thanked for his services, as was Mr. W. L. Duffield for his work for the association.

The North Norfolk Branch holds its annual meeting to-morrow at Aylsham, when it is hoped members will make a special effort to be present.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT MEETING

The January meeting of Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on January 12th, when a large number of ringers enjoyed the hospitality of the local company. The bells were kept going from 3 to 9 p.m. in a variety of methods from Bob Major to Surprise.

Headquarters were once again at the Park Hotel, and tea was on the tables from 5 p.m. After tea the tower was again visited, and a number of ringers took the opportunity of looking round the beautiful interior of the church. The bells, both hand and tower, were in constant use until the business meeting. The president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Almondbury, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad and St. Michael's, Holbeck, Idle, Ilkley, Ossett, Rothwell, Shipley and the local company.

Sixteen new members were elected, viz: Miss L. K. Bowling, of Headingley St. Chad's; Messrs. J. Broadley, E. Raynor and S. G. Kelly, of Bradford Cathedral; H. Barron and J. Aspdon, of Drighlington; F. Rhodes, of Elland; H. Chaddock, of Eastwood; J. Ward, T. Duffin, E. Smith, G. Duffin, G. Dows and C. Ekert, of Ossett; N. Barton and J. Harrison, of Tadcaster. These were proposed en bloc by Mr. G. Steel and seconded by Mr. J. Ambler.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. C. Pratt and seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. W. Barton replying.

The next meeting is due to be held at Liversedge on Saturday, February 23rd.

NOTICES.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Oxford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring to six.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A joint meeting will be held between the Blackburn, Preston, Wigan and Fylde Branches on Saturday, February 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall. A good attendance is requested for this important meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Haddenham, Cambs, numbers for tea. All ringers welcome. Ladies cordially invited.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 5 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells open 2.30 to 9. Service 4 p.m. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elm-side, 42, The Drove, Sleaford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Pangbourne on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 9d. at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Whitchurch tower will be open after tea. All honorary and ringing members are invited to attend.—T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A by-meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, February 2nd, for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 1s.). No rail allowance to this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

SHEFFIELD.—Re-opening of the fine ring of eight at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, which have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A ringers' day will be held on Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3.30. All ringers will be welcome.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting is at Aylsham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Marsham tower also open. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Room. Please give notice of attendance.—Nolan Golden, Berridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District meeting at Bures on Saturday, February 2nd, (six bells). Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30, at Mr. Baxter's tea room.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harworth on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) open from 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting following. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on February 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held on February 6th at Sunderland. Meet at St. Ignatius at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing both afternoon and evening at the above church.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 and ringing till 5 p.m. Tea in Canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30, with ringing from 8 till 9. Shoreditch bells (12) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, February 5th. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea is kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Sun Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector 4.30 p.m. Method, Cambridge. For tea, notify the Rector, St. Francis Xavier's, 8, Salisbury Street, Liverpool 3, before Wednesday, February 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on February 9th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting arrangements, Saturday, February 9th. Ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (12), 2.15-3.30 p.m.; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge (10), 2.15-3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3.15-4.15 p.m. Short service in St. Clement Danes', 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. Carew Cox. Tea at Perdy's Restaurant, Essex Street, 5 p.m. Ringing again at St. Clement's, 6-7 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in Parish Hall at 7.15 p.m. If all members will do their utmost to be present a very pleasant gathering will result.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, February 9th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available: All Saints (8) 3 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 4 p.m. Tea 5, at Lakeman's Restaurant, 1s. each.—R. Sharpe and Miss K. Willers, Dis. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held at Staunton, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church School. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, February 6th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m. All requiring tea please advise by Tuesday, the 5th.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 8, Beaumont's Buildings, Darton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

CHARING, KENT.—Kent County Association, Maidstone District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, February 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome. Diagrams of Double Court on application to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 2.45. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at Bedford Arms at 5. Good train and bus service. All ringers very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Aldbourne on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Will intending visitors notify me by February 6th?—A. Taylor, Branch Secretary, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday previous for tea.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Wednesday, February 13th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, February 16th. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rural Dean, Rev. E. C. Grimaldi. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Talaton tower also available. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, February 11th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting to follow. All welcome. Notify for tea by Tuesday 12th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each., to be applied for by Wednesday, the 13th, latest. St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Cathedral (10) will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Look up Stedman and come along, whether you can manage it or not. All welcome. Subscriptions due, reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, February 16th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available in the afternoon. Service at S. Nicolas' 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at Ayers' Cafe (next S. Nicolas' Church) at 5.30 p.m. Merrow bells available (if required) in the evening. Please send me numbers for tea and let me know if you would like to go to Merrow by February 12th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Finchingfield on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Wednesday, 13th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 20th.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in school at 6 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells and good company.—Peter Crook and William Farrimond, Branch Secretaries.

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