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POLICE!

In a speech on Saturday, at the annual gathering of the National Guild of Police Ringers, Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, made a very pertinent point upon the existence of the smaller ringing organisations. The question was sometimes asked if such societies were necessary. If they were not actually necessary, said Mr. Duffield, they were eminently desirable. And with this view most thinking ringers, who are in touch with the larger aspect of the organisation of ringing, will agree. This does not mean that all sorts and conditions of independent small societies necessarily make for unity and amity in the Exercise, or that, established with impunity, they are of real advantage. But where there is a section of the ringing fraternity having a community of interest which will draw them together in friendly intercourse and for the promotion of the art, it is all to the good if they form themselves into organisations which can usefully promote their special interests.

Such cases can be found in the Ladies' Guild, the University organisations and some of the smaller territorial societies, the members of which, owning allegiance to larger associations, combine locally to secure greater opportunities for united practice which they cannot otherwise obtain. The Police Guild is also a society which definitely comes within this category. The members of the Force are in an exceptionally difficult position for joining in any form of organised recreation, on account of the frequent uncertainty of their duties, and as individual ringers, even in such cities as London or Manchester, where ringers among the police are fairly numerous, they are, as it were, the victims of circumstance, and might easily lose all opportunity to practise their art. The coming of the National Police Guild, however, has put the members on a firmer footing of recognition, and in the cities mentioned above, if not elsewhere, those in authority are ready to give them, within the requirements of duty, facilities for ringing together, such as they could not otherwise hope to obtain, except probably by the coincidence of leave.

The National Police Guild is a thriving organisation, and there is no little enthusiasm among the members. They are, of course, widely scattered, but last Saturday they came in numbers from many parts of England for their annual reunion. All ranks are represented, from constables to superintendents, and they are growing numerically. Every ringer who enters the Force should make a point of joining the Police Guild, not only to strengthen the organisation and maintain its prestige as a ground for increasing recognition with the powers that

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be, but also to further that spirit of brotherhood which pervades the Guild and is always conspicuous when the policemen come together. There are probably a good many members of the Force who are or have been church bellringers, who have not yet joined hands with the Guild. We hope they will be induced to do so before this year is out, and thus add to the strength and influence of the Guild in the interests of change ringing and service to the Church.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK HANNINGTON	*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
EVAN COLES	2	ERNEST STITCH	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	ERNEST COOMBES	9
GEORGE LARGE	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWARD D. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE HAYDEN	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	8
CHARLES A. HUGHES	4	JACK A. WAUGH	9
FRANK G. NEWMAN	5	GEORGE DAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JACK S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ERNEST BISHOP	2	SIDNEY PALMER	7
CHARLES J. GARDINER	3	E. JOHN BERRY	8
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	9
NEIL ALLNATT	5	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

Rung by representatives of the three Swindon towers as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Bishop.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

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DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)
On Wednesday, January 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*ROBERT ALLSOP... ...	...*Treble*	†ALFRED H. BOWLER	5
*VICTOR E. TAYLOR	2	†HENRY HOPKINSON	6
†EDWIN HOPKINSON	3	GEORGE H. PAULSON ...	7
*BERNARD ALLSOP	4	*HERBERT E. TAYLOR...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 12⅝ cwt.

*EDWARD BUCK	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. BLOW	5
*WALTER D. POOLEY	2	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	6
CYRIL A. HOUSE	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	7
FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 68). Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES MEE	...*Treble*	JAMES DURRANT	5
JAMES ROSE	2	CLAUD WOODARD	6
CHARLES HEMMING	3	HARRY WELHAM	7
WILLIAM KINSEY...	4	GEORGE MOORE	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

*PERCY GRINDEY... ...	...*Treble*	*HENRY GRACE	5
JOSEPH LITTLER...	2	EDWIN BIRKETT	6
*THOMAS HESKETH	3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ...	7
STANLEY HARRISON	4	†PETER HOUGHTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ...	...*Treble*	FRANK DEWEY	5
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	*HAROLD BARSLEY	6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	3	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	JOHN G. AMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	3	FREDERICK WHITE	7
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. HAYWOOD ...	...*Treble*	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	7
*LESLIE HAYWOOD	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a compliment to Miss Turner, one of the local band, upon her engagement to Mr. Kelly.

THORVERTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*W. BAKER	...*Treble*	H. CORRY	5
*R. B. FORD, JUN.	2	W. H. HOWE	6
W. A. WILLS	3	A. T. TRUMAN	7
C. R. LILLEY	4	T. H. POOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.
* First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second for the manner in which he rang his bell. He is just 15 years of age and a member of the Thorverton band. The visitors wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ridler for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung and augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MORRIS J. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROWLAND BARROW	...Treble	GEORGE W. TILLSON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	KENNETH R. ELLIOTT	6
GEORGE WALKER	3	SIDNEY HARRISON	7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER	4	EDGAR ANKRETT	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged and rung as a farewell peal for the Rev. S. F. Winckley, curate at Belgrave, who is taking up the living of Snibstone, Leicestershire, the ringers offering their good wishes for success in his new sphere.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON	...Treble	*JOHN W. GARDINER	5
*JOHN ROBINSON	2	*WILLIAM ROBINSON	6
THOMAS W. HESKETH	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	7
*GEORGE HESKETH	4	*JAMES BARKER	...Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 23rd birthday compliment to G. Hesketh.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, February 1, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' First peal of Stedman as conductor.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	...Treble	JOHN G. NASH	5
ERNEST W. PYE	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

STANLEY G. ROBINSON	...Treble	GEORGE W. JEFFS	5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY	2	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	6
GEORGE JEFFS	3	CYRIL WILSON	7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES	...Treble	OLIVER G. BARNARD	5
MRS. A. E. LOCK	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	3	JOHN NOBES	7
JOHN P. PELLOE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*L. KATHLEEN BOWLING	...Treble	JAMES A. TEALE	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	WILLIAM WOODHEAD	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	7
†ARTHUR TEALE, JUN.	4	GEORGE ROBINSON	...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TOCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. 100th peal by J. W. Moorhouse. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. James Cotterell, who faithfully served the association in the capacity of hon. treasurer for an unbroken period of 27 years.

WEST WYCOMBE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	...Treble	THOMAS J. FOWLER	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR MARTIN	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	HARRY WINGROVE	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung to celebrate the foundation of the new church, dedicated to SS. Mary and George, for a rapidly growing part of the parish at Downley. The dedication, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, and the stone laying, by His Worship the Mayor of High Wycombe, took place the same afternoon.

ALDBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*ROBERT BARBER	...Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
STANLEY COPLING	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES LOOME	4	WALTER BARRETT	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT P. CLIFF	...Treble	JOHN A. BROWN	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON	6
*KENNETH ARTHUR	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	7
*THOMAS W. CROWE	4	ADAM DEAS	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK CRAPNELL	...Treble	*CHARLES SHEMMING	5
*PHYLLIS E. TILLETT	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	*CHARLES CLARKE	7
*JOHN F. TILLETT	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. J. Sedgley. The conductor has now called peals of Cambridge Surprise Major in every possible number of changes from 5,024 to 5,184 inclusive, also the same numbers of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*REGINALD BOWEN	...Treble	ALFRED GOODING	4
DAVID DAVIES	2	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
WILFRED NORGROVE	3	JAMES WILCE	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED GOODING.

* First peal (age 14 years). Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the rehanging of the bells. All are members of the local band.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

*ALBERT GOLDSMITH	...Treble	ALBERT RELFE	4
LESLIE W. JARVIS	2	JAMES G. POWELL	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	3	WILLIAM GORRINGE	...Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in any method.

THORNFORD, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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 9 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD C. R. VINE	...Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD	3
ARTHUR G. CHUBB	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY	...Tenor		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells. The Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Barnett very kindly entertained the band at the Rectory after the peal.

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob.

FREDERICK WOODWARD	...Treble	†JAMES PRESCOTT	4
*ARTHUR JACKSON	2	JOHN BROWN	5
JAMES MARTIN	3	ERNEST BENNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and re-elected a member of the association previous to starting peal. Both these ringers are members of the local company.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN ARBON	...Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT	4
GEORGE PRYKE	2	GEORGE WHITING	5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	3	GEORGE BENNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by G. BENNETT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Rev. E. L. Collins, Rector of Otley for the last eight years, who was buried at the church earlier in the day. First peal as conductor.

MORDIFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	...Treble	HENRY SYMONDS	3
NICHOLAS D. PREECE	2	JOHN WEBB	4
HENRY J. TAYLOR	...Tenor		

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, also as a farewell to the Vicar, who was leaving for a Gloucestershire parish.

CLIFTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

PERCY TOMPKINS	...Treble	JOHN CHURCH	4
ARTHUR DILLEY	2	HERBERT SHERMAN	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and 16 120's and two 240's of Grandsire.

*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	...Treble	LESLIE C. SMITH	4
EDWARD S. RUCK	2	WILLIAM LANCEFIELD	5
PERCY PAGE	3	EDWARD J. DIXON	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all the band except the conductor. The age of the treble ringer is 14 years and of the tenor 74 years.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK COLE	...Treble	WILFRED HAYWARD	4
FRED BLOWING	2	THOMAS PRICE	5
JOHN BALLINGER	3	LESLIE BARRY	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS	...Treble	JOHN BASS	4
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	HARRY PRICE	5
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JOHN LLOYD	...Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (nee Gilbanks). Messrs. Bass, Price and Matthews rang in the wedding peal at this church 25 years ago.

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SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Tulip, Cambridge Surprise, Queen Bess, New London, Royston Delight, London Scholars and Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ROBERT SYKES	*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Stedman Slow Course, 10 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire with 20 callings.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HERBERT GROVES	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. CHURB	3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4

†HAROLD C. R. VINE ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.' First peal in four methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	3-4	*GEORGE B. COLLINS	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes on the occasion of their silver wedding.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 8, WEST VIEW TERRACE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	3-4

*JOHN TRANTER 5-6
Conducted by J. L. STANIER.

* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Stanier.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF RICHMOND BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ...	1-2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	WALTER AYRE	7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 19th, in the City. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, where there is a ring of eight bells by Rudhall. Various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major were rung until 5 p.m., when tea was served at a nearby 'Lyons.'

At the business meeting subsequently held, the cash statement, presented by the auditor, Mr. F. C. Shorter, showed a record balance for the second year in succession.

The District Master reported another very successful year. Five meetings had been held with a high average attendance. The standard of ringing at these meetings had been maintained at a high level in all methods. In this connection he pointed out the practice which had been followed by the officers for some time of not crowding too many novices into one touch, with the result that both the novices and the striking benefited. Sunday service ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, for evening service on the fourth Sunday in every month had been regularly kept going since the restoration of the bells, and the Master asked for further support of this undertaking. Another 'high spot' of the year's work had been the joint meeting with the Southern District of the association, held in February at All Hallows', Lombard Street, with marked success, and it was hoped to arrange a similar meeting this year. Mr. Waugh concluded his report by thanking his fellow-officers for their support during the past year, particularly mentioning the secretary and the steward.

The officers were all re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh; secretary, Mr. J. G. Prior; steward, Mr. E. E. Holman; treasurer, Mr. R. G. Cousins; and committee members, Messrs. E. D. Smith and O. A. Hughes. It is a matter of interest that Mr. Waugh, who is 23, and Mr. Prior, who is 22, have been officials of the district in various capacities for seven years and five years respectively. It would be interesting to know whether this constitutes a record for youthful officers.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells concluded the business, and ringing afterwards took place on the famous ring of twelve at Bow Church, Cheapside, where touches to suit everybody were rung, from rounds to Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Two German press photographers were present at Bow, and they took several photographs of the bells and ringers for publication in the 'Berlin Illustrated News.' Prints of these photographs were promised to various ringers, but so far they have not materialised, but whether this, as was suggested, is because the combined good looks of district officials proved too much for the camera is not at present known.

Ringing ceased at 9.15 p.m. and concluded another most enjoyable and successful meeting.

FIRST 720's.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: W. A. Appleton (first 720) 1, J. R. Owers 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, H. R. Appleton 4, A. J. Cousins 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Appleton, father of the ringers of treble and 4th. Also 720 Bob Minor: J. R. Owers 1, H. Scobell 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, H. R. Appleton 4, A. J. Cousins 5, W. J. White 6. First 720 on an inside bell by H. Scobell.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, Miss Olive Biggs (first attempt for a quarter inside) 3, F. G. Biggs 4, A. G. Janes 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, Mrs. R. Biggs (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 8.

At Egerton, Kent, for morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Field (first quarter-peal, aged 14) 1, Mrs. J. Pack 2, W. Henniker (Charing) 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, F. Good (Charing) 5, F. Roberts 6.

At Frittenden, Kent, on Thursday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Sidney Harmer 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, Harry Baker 3, Frederick Morris 4, Nelson C. Bourne (conductor) 5, Bertram Boots (first quarter-peal) 6.

At Barking, Essex, on Thursday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Feun (conductor) 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, C. Hawkins (Dagenham) 3, E. G. Cottis 4, D. C. R. Wardell 5, S. J. Holgate 6, P. C. Willmington 7, E. G. Moore 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 3, 5 and 7.

At St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, on Monday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Vann (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Underwood 2, C. Henry Webb 3, A. Grant 4, J. B. Fenton 5, L. Watkin s6, Henry Franklin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. Bramall 8.

At Halewood, Liverpool, on Monday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Young 1, T. Robinson 2, J. Robinson 3, G. Hesketh 4, H. Ludkin (conductor) 5, W. Robinson 6, C. Lomax 7, J. W. Gardner 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local band.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT AT APSLEY.

A very successful meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association was held on Saturday, January 26th, at Apsley, a very representative gathering being spent. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, having been delayed by a funeral. A very good selection of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening, including London, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise.

The service was taken by Mr. P. W. Wheeler (Bible reader), the Vicar being absent through illness. A bright service, with an unusual yet appropriate address, gave great pleasure to all present.

After tea in the Parish Room, Mr. A. V. Good presided at the meeting, the members first standing 'in silence' for a short period as a token of respect to the late president of the association.

Four new members from Redbourn and three from Tring were elected, and the election of Mr. J. B. Woolley was ratified.

Subject to the requisite permission being obtained, King's Langley was chosen as the place for the next meeting.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Vicar wishing him a speedy recovery and thanking him for kindly providing the tea, etc.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wheeler for the service and address, the choirboys for their attendance and the organist for her services.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. It was a very fine meeting indeed.

WALTHAMSTOW'S BELL HISTORY.

Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, gave a very interesting lecture to members of the Walthamstow Antiquarian Society on January 17th, his subject being 'The Walthamstow Belfry, the Bells, the Ringers and their Art.'

Mr. Coles dealt with the history of the bells from 1552 to the present day, and gave a brief review of the earlier ringing societies, mentioning that St. Mary's Guild was founded as a branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1874. He referred to the old ringers comprising the band of those days, two of whom still remain —Robert J. Maynard and John H. Williams.

The lecture also dealt with old ringers' rules, some of the 45 peal tablets and boards in the belfry and other peals rung there, including the Cambridge Royal record and the only peal of Caters in three methods ever rung.

Mr. Coles, with the aid of a model kindly lent by Mr. A. A. Hughes, described the mechanical operation of a bell, and also gave a brief description of change ringing.

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Harold Gale (nee Alice Stokes) at the early age of 29 years. She was taught to handle a rope in Portishead tower when quite a child, and was held in affectionate esteem by all the band. For ten years she attended regularly for Sunday ringing and practices, always ready to ring for the church's services and festivals. During that time she rang three peals of Grandsire Triples, all of which she conducted, and one peal of Stedman Triples. After her marriage in 1929 she left her native town and the belfry saw her no more.

The funeral took place at Portishead on Tuesday, January 29th, the officiating clergy being Preb. H. W. Jukes, R.D., the Rev. H. S. Briggs and the Vicar of Hallin. In addition to the family mourners, several ringers were present, including Miss Orchard, Mrs. W. Edwards, Messrs. E. J. Goldstone, A. L. Gale, J. Nisbet and R. Williams. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening by many who had enjoyed ringing with the deceased lady, and whose sincere sympathy went out to her husband, infant son and her parents.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

On Wednesday, January 30th, at the Cathedral Campanile, Chichester, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. T. Stoveld 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Blake, who has reached the age of 74 years and has been a regular ringer at the Cathedral for over 40 years.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire, on Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 70 leads of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,120 changes) were rung in honour of Mr. Walter Idle, of Dewsbury, who had reached his 70th birthday: Walter Idle (Dewsbury) 1, Arthur Clough 2, Albert Marshall 3, Ernest B. Betts 4, Arthur Barlow 5, Wilfred Clough 6, Gilbert Jones 7, Fred Lodgson (conductor) 8. Composed by Mr. E. Jenkins, a member of the Bradford Cathedral Society. All the ringers are service ringers at Liversedge except Mr. Idle, the usual treble man standing down in his favour.

PEAL TABLET AT GATESHEAD.

On January 23rd a peal tablet was dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead-on-Tyne, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung to commemorate the Rector's (Canon H. S. Stephenson) 25 years' ministry in Gateshead. Councillor A. Payne (president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) and Newcastle Cathedral Handbell Ringers were present, and rang a plain course each of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. The tablet was dedicated by the Rev. Harvy Clark, late curate at St. Mary's Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At a meeting on Monday of past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presided over by the present Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), it was resolved to offer to the society a suitable Master's badge to commemorate the Tercentenary of the Society, which will be celebrated in 1937.

It is interesting to note that of the 20 living past Masters, no fewer than 17 were present at the meeting, together with the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), who has seen so many Masters come and go during his long term of office.

A well-known London worthy has passed away in the person of Mr. William A. Alps, who has been for many years connected with the tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and was formerly at Waltham Abbey, where he was buried last week.

A distinguished visitor at the College Youths meeting on Tuesday, both in the belfry and at headquarters, was Mr. H. V. Morton, the celebrated journalist, who was in search of further material for his 'Ghosts of London' series which is appearing in the 'Daily Herald.'

Mr. Robert K. Knight, of 165, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, asks us to convey his deep appreciation and thanks to Messrs. T. H. Taffender, C. W. Roberts and G. Dawson and all other ringers who took part in birthday peals rung in his honour. He also tenders his warm thanks to other ringing friends who have sent him their kind congratulations.

Unfortunately, Mr. Knight has been practically bed-ridden for the past twelve years, and his eyesight has now failed him. The kind thought of ringing friends, shown in the peals and congratulations, have therefore been a great cheer and pleasure to him. Mr. Knight, despite his great age, still follows what is going on in the Exercise with the greatest keenness.

The handbell peal at Bushey reported last week as rung on Thursday, January 17th, was rung on Tuesday, January 22nd.

It seems a pity that two such important events as the annual meetings of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association should be held almost within a stone's throw of each other and almost at the same time, as is the case to-morrow. A little co-operation might have avoided this clash.

Their many friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Taylor, wife of Mr. Tower R. Taylor, of the St. Mary's, Portsea, band, is home again after her long and trying illness.

By the birth of a son to Mrs. Payne (nee Miss Martie Jennings), of Higher Waterston, Dorchester, the Dorchester branch secretary becomes a grandpa. Hearty congratulations!

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we are again compelled to hold over a number of reports of meetings and letters to the Editor.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE STALWART.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY FUSSELL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry W. Fussell, of Dursley, Gloucestershire, who passed away on Monday, January 21st. He had been ill for about two months following an operation at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, where he died.

Mr. Fussell was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for nearly 40 years. His first peal, which he himself conducted, was Holt's Original in 1900, and, although he only rang 14 peals in all, this performance revealed his capabilities.

He held offices of various kinds in the association for 20 years, was very keen and a valuable member in committee and meeting debates.

For the past two years Mr. Fussell, although being chairman of the Wotton Branch, had carried out the branch secretarial duties as well, no one having offered to serve in the office. Dursley without Mr. Fussell seems impossible, and the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association have lost a great comrade.

MR. AND MRS. A. A. HUGHES' SILVER WEDDING.

PRESENTATIONS BY COLLEGE YOUTHS

At a large gathering of ringers in the ringing chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes were the recipients of silver wedding gifts from the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The presents consisted of a handsome silver salver, suitably inscribed, a brooch for Mrs. Hughes, a silver pencil case for Mr. Hughes, and a parchment covered brochure, containing the names of the subscribers.

Mr. Hughes has been an office holder for many years in the society, and in the congratulatory speeches that were made tribute was paid to the many kindnesses received by the society at the hands of both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

A more detailed report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD CONDUCTOR.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, Glam., on Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, R. Dobbins 3, J. Williams 4, W. Dobbins 5, W. T. Dobbins 6, H. Dobbins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. The conductor is only 16 years of age.

POLICEMEN RINGERS.

WHY THE NATIONAL GUILD WAS FOUNDED.

The Office of President.

Nearly fifty policemen-bellringers foregathered in London on Saturday for the annual meeting of their National Guild. It was a thoroughly representative party, members being present from the following Police Forces: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Bolton, High Wycombe, Somerset, Surrey, Herts, Essex and Warwickshire Constabularies. St. George the Martyr's Church, Southwark, made famous by Dickens, is the headquarters of the Metropolitan branch of the Guild, and here the members enjoyed ringing in the morning, before assembling at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, for lunch, to which a party numbering 76 sat down, including the wives of many of the visiting police. The chair was taken by the president of the Guild (Supt. F. Ralph Williams, Manchester) supported by Supt. C. Hilton (Surrey) and Chief-Insp. W. Bottrill (Metropolitan), vice-president, Det.-Sgt. H. J. Poole (Leicester), hon. secretary, etc. Among the guests were Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World'), Mr. A. W. Brighton, Mr. R. F. Deal, Mr. F. Dexter (Leicester), etc.

After an excellent meal, the loyal toast was honoured and the annual meeting of the Guild was held.

The President welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at seeing so large an attendance of members, many of whom had travelled long distances to be present. The work of the members did not lend itself to gatherings of that kind, he said, and, as president, he was very gratified at the number present, which he thought was a record, and the interest which they were showing in the Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Constable of Leicester, Supt. A. Wiggins (Deputy Chief Constable of Berkshire), P.C. Butler for Insp. Meldrum and other members of the Liverpool Force, P.C. Heath (Cardiff), the only member of the Guild in South Wales.

AN OFFICE THAT SHOULD 'GO ROUND.'

Insp. Bottrill proposed the re-election of the president. Supt. Williams, he said, was rather desirous that the office should go round, but he did not say he would not stand if elected.

P.S. Crook (Bolton) said that, as he pointed out last year, he thought the office should go round. He, therefore, proposed Supt. Hilton, who was an active member of the Guild.—P.C. Bagworth (Metropolitan) seconded.

Det.-Sergt. Jenney (Leicester) seconded Supt. Williams' election, remarking that he had held office for two years, during which he had entered into the work of the Guild in a wholehearted manner and displayed great enthusiasm. He thought the best way to repay him was to keep him in office for another year.

On a vote being taken, Supt. Williams was re-elected, and, in reply, the President thanked the members for their confidence, but said he would really have preferred to see Supt. Hilton elected. He thanked Det.-Sergt. Jenney for what he had said, and if he had done anything to further the Guild he was satisfied, but the real work was done by the hon. secretary. He (the president) would do all he possibly could to carry their support for the next twelve months, but he hoped they would consider passing the office on next time.

Supt. Hilton proposed the re-election of the vice-president, committee and hon. secretary, and added that when his own name was put forward as president he wanted to withdraw in Supt. Williams' favour. Supt. Williams, however, wished him to stand. He was pleased they had confidence enough in him to propose him, but he was more pleased they had placed greater confidence in Mr. Williams.

The election of the other officers was seconded by P.C. J. Turner (Manchester) and carried.

A cordial invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Liverpool was received from Mr. G. R. Newton, but as the rota adopted last year provided for a meeting in the Midlands, Leicester was selected, it being understood that Liverpool's claims will be considered for 1937, when it comes to the turn of the North.

It was decided to postpone until next year (when the triennial elections take place) the question of electing a representative to the Central Council.

A SATISFACTORY REPORT.

In his annual report, the hon. secretary stated that the ringing membership of the Guild was 76, and there were two honorary members. Only two peals were rung during 1934, a peal of Treble Bob at Gorton, Manchester, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester. It was interesting to note that no less than seven members taking part in the latter scored their first peal of Stedman Cinques (applause). At the end of December, 1934, the Guild had a balance in hand of £8 17s. 0½d., compared with £6 3s. 0½d. at the end of the previous year.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and Det.-Sergt. Jenney (hon. auditor) paid a tribute to the excellent manner in which the hon. secretary had discharged his duties.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for all that he had done and was doing for the Guild, and this was carried with applause and acknowledged by Det.-Sergt. Poole.

Det.-Sergt. Jenney complimented the band who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques, and said that it was such an outstanding performance that it deserved to be recorded in the tower. He proposed that a grant of two guineas be made from the funds towards the cost of any tablet that might be erected.—This was seconded by ex-Inspector Wiffen and carried unanimously.—The hon. secretary said he hoped that Det.-Sergt. Jenney's name would be added to the board as 'reserve.' It was not usual to have a reserve for a peal, but in this case, as police duties were so uncertain, Mr. Jenney kindly volunteered to act as a standby (applause).

The President said that as Leicester was the place selected for the annual meeting next year, it would perhaps be possible to unveil the tablet on that occasion.

THE GUILD'S OBJECTS.

Insp. Bottrill said that was the fifth meeting of the National Guild, and as they went along their annual meetings got better and better, and the present meeting had touched high-water mark so far. The formation of the Guild really arose out of a meeting of a few police ringers at the centenary ringing of the Metropolitan Police Force. On that occasion a few London police ringers got together, some of the ringers from Leicester and the Midlands came along, and they rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, and a peal of Cambridge Major at St. George's Church. It was mooted then that it would be quite practicable to form a National Guild of Police Ringers, and it came into being. It was one of the things he had been keen upon from the time he joined the force. He found that police duties would not allow him to ring when other bands were able to get away, and if he was to do any ringing worth speaking of he would have to do it with other policemen. Some of their own London members would know how they struggled for 20 years, and met seven times for a peal of Bob Major before they rang it. That peal was conducted by Ernest Brett, who was present that day (applause). They did get a little bit of ringing in those days, but they still realised they could not get a very large share of it as police officers. That was the real object of starting the Metropolitan Guild, which eventually evolved into the National Guild.

There was one thing, he added, which he would like to impress on the members, and that was that as far as opportunity offered they should give their help by ringing on Sundays for service at some church. Even if a man were stationed in some country village, he should make a point of ringing on Sundays, whenever his duties allowed, at his own village church, or, if there were no bells there, then of helping his neighbours (applause). He should get whatever practice he could and do his bit towards the art they were all so proud of. That was the only way bands of ringers could be kept going (applause). They found that their Guild centred largely round three areas—Manchester, the Midlands and London. He thought it would be a good plan if members of the committee could be supplied with the names of the members of their Guild in the surrounding districts so that they could occasionally get together for a peal, even if it were only Grandsire Triples (applause). In conclusion, Insp. Bottrill thanked the provincial members for supporting the Guild so finely at that meeting.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME.

The President endorsed Insp. Bottrill's remarks. He hoped they would adopt the suggestion of getting the members together in the various districts for an occasional peal. He also hoped they would do all they could to assist other bands in Sunday ringing. In Manchester, he said, they sometimes took a complete band to ring at the Cathedral to relieve the local band, who had to ring there three times on a Sunday. They had also been able to guarantee a band at other churches in the district. In Manchester they were always glad to welcome visiting members and to do what they could to provide them with ringing, either a peal or otherwise (applause).

At the invitation of the president, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke upon the recent Australian tour, his remarks being listened to with much interest.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, on behalf of the College Youths, gave the Guild a hearty welcome to London, and said that had the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths been present, he would, he was sure, have joined him in that welcome. He would be delighted to see any members of the Guild at the annual dinner of the College Youths in London next November, an event which they of the College Youths looked upon as THE ringers' dinner of the year. He had been very pleased to hear their vice-president refer to the Sunday ringing. When one heard of a National Guild of Police Ringers one was apt to wonder whether all these guilds and associations were really necessary. He would say wholeheartedly, whether they were necessary or not, they were most desirable (applause). He ventured to think that that kind of thing—that jolly good fellowship—was what they stood in need of; and many of their problems, moral, social and international, would take on a smaller stature if they could have more of the spirit which dominated their ringing societies. He hoped the advice of Insp. Bottrill to share in Sunday service ringing would be acted on, and he congratulated those responsible for carrying on the Guild upon the success which it had attained, and which he thought they would feel had made their labours worth while.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who had joined the company during the proceedings, was given a cordial welcome, and, in replying, expressed great pleasure at the way in which the Guild was progressing. He

congratulated the members upon their peal of Stedman Cinques and was glad to know it would be permanently recorded.

In the afternoon there was further ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, and Bow Churches, and the company with many other friends reassembled at the Bedford Head Hotel for a social in the evening.

THEIR DAY OUT.

The Leicester and Manchester party, writes a correspondent, numbering over 40, travelled together, and the journey was mainly occupied in talking over old times and future Guild prospects. When nearing London, however, we suddenly remembered that we did bring a peal of handbells, and four members of the party lined up for a touch of Stedman Triples. At this stage the train was travelling so fast that it made one wonder whether the dead end at St. Pancras was sufficiently solid to stop her progress, and it was quite a job to stand, never mind ring handbells. Then one of the band said in true die-hard tone, 'If them there Australian fame hunters can ring a peal on the "rushing Red Sea," then we can surely ring a touch on a race-away, rattling train.' This was sufficient to put all on their mettle, and the touch was brought round.

We landed at St. Pancras at 11.30 a.m., and were met by P.C. Bannister, who acted as guide. A solemn vow had been made to have no 'rabbiting' on this London trip, but this was killed by the very first instructions from our guide, when he said, 'Underground to Borough.' On reaching daylight again we stood facing St. George's Church, Borough High Street, and, after some traffic dodging, reached the belfry. Various touches were rung on the eight bells there, and then the party proceeded to the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a move was made to the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, and, on reaching the church, the bells could be heard in motion. Here the party was joined by one of London's Ancient Youths in the person of Mr. Charles Roberts. He was with Mr. Ernest Smith, who very shortly interrupted the conversation with 'Charlie, what about that peal for the bachelors of the last touring party.' 'Ah,' says Charlie, 'I've been thinking about it, we shall have to see about it.' With the noise of the bells it was difficult to catch all the conversation, but, following a remark by Charlie, something about look out and don't miss church, he returned a few minutes later with a member of the fair sex. Surely this is not playing the game—I mean it is playing the game—with those other bachelors. 'Bachelors bold, beware and be quick, or you'll have young Charlie doing the trick.' The ringing at St. Lawrence's Church included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The next item was the tit-bit of the programme—a ring on the famous Bow Bells. The peal of 12 were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, and then some rounds were rung for the benefit of those not sufficiently advanced to take part in the other ringing. The party now included some very notable ringers—to mention only a few in the terms of the humorist:—

This indeed was no Duf-field for Dextrous Fred to Pull-in or even Kip-in, and the way Reuben Saunters along with a big bell—believe me, Bow—is a delight to watch. It was equally delightful to see Dick Deal with a big bell so easily. His Misses, when dodging—were nil. To see George's wife Edith Park-her-self on the sixth for Cambridge Twelve was grand. The ringing—Prior to this—had been indifferent—nay—very different, but it just shows what Mag(w)ic changes can be performed when the talent is Pooled.

A return was then made to the Bedford Head Hotel for the social, and the evening was opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells. An excellent programme was then 'put over' by the Versatile Blues of the Metropolitan F Division. The end came all too soon, and then, to return to the Manchester-Leicester contingent, a move was made for St. Pancras. Some took the high way and some the right way, but we all landed safely at the station, accompanied by the Birmingham 'Stop-out' and our guides, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. On checking up our party we found two missing, and, after a race from one platform to another, discovered that they were nearly half-way to Leicester—oh, the train went to Leicester all right.

The party was well served with handbell ringing on the return journey, but, alas! we received one complaint—a very serious one, too—Our Freddie repeatedly moaned that he had been invited—even taken—to Bow Bells and not asked to ring on them. This was 'Dexter's Monologue'—not 'Dexter's Variation.' We did our best to pacify him, but to no avail. He has threatened to boycott the police. This would be fatal to the Police Ringing Guild, and I appeal to all those who rang twice at Bow to send a card of apology to Mr. Dexter, 4, Stuart Street, Leicester, for Monday's post. He may then consider attending our next annual meeting.

At 3 a.m. we left our Manchester and Bolton friends to continue their course—no, long peal. We found our two wanderers waiting for us at Leicester Station, after a decent but lonely journey.

The thanks of all are due to Chief Insp. Bottrill and P.C. Bagworth, Metropolitan Police, for the excellent arrangements which were made, and the church authorities for the use of the bells. This was, indeed, another great day and a brilliant page added to the annals of the Police Guild.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE DEATH OF THE HON. TREASURER.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on January 26th. In spite of the very bad weather, there were about 64 members present, and good use was made of the Parish Church bells during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon Brook), who welcomed the members of the association, and, taking as his text St. Paul's words, 'Whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus,' spoke of the interest and pleasure and the real fellowship which were to be found in ringing, and of the fact that such a service, as a part of the meeting, did show that behind all was the desire to give some service for the glory of God. Speaking of the difficulty now so often experienced in securing ringers of the younger generation to carry on this work, Canon Brook expressed his belief that the clergy could do much to help in this matter.

THE LATE MR. J. COTTERELL.

A generous tea was followed by the business meeting. The president (Canon C. C. Marshall) took the chair, and, after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, he asked those present to stand as a mark of respect to Mr. James Cotterell, the hon. treasurer, whose sudden death on that afternoon had brought such a grievous loss to the association. Canon Marshall expressed his own sense of the loss of a very true personal friend, and paid a warm tribute to Mr. Cotterell's wonderful record as a ringer and as an indefatigable worker for the association, having held the office of hon. treasurer for 27 years, and having helped to steer the association through many critical and difficult times.—This was supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and it was agreed that a wreath be sent from the association and also a message of sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cotterell.

Amongst the apologies for absence was that of the general secretary, Mr. J. E. Cawser, who was about to undergo an operation. The meeting received this news with regret and sent a message of good wishes to Mr. Cawser for a speedy recovery.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and choir of Doncaster, and also to the local company and the ladies responsible for the tea.—In reply, Canon Brook said that he was glad to welcome the association for its own sake, and even more for the sake of Mr. G. Halksworth, in appreciation of his great work for Doncaster over 45 years.—Mr. Halksworth also replied and made reference to the unnecessary extra trouble so often given to local companies by the slackness of members in sending in the numbers for tea.

DROP IN PEAL RINGING.

The annual report, which was on sale at the meeting, was presented by Canon Marshall and was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. Halksworth, seconded by Mr. Fred Cryer. In the report it appeared that the membership of the association now stood at 1,221, being 13 less than the previous year. Eighty peals had been rung during the year, including 69 tower-bell peals and 11 handbell. This was a decrease compared with the previous year, and the report pointed out that, although the quality of this year's peals was above the average, it should be remembered that the peal list was just as much an indication of the association's healthy condition as was the balance sheet. Amongst the performances were the association's first peals of Whitminster Surprise Major and Belgrave Surprise Major, both rung at Bolsover, the former being the production of their esteemed vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis, and the latter being the work of the late Mr. Arthur Craven. Fresh ground had also been broken in the handbell section by two peals of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob, rung at Pudsey, and this was the first time that the association had been able to claim peals of double-handed spliced ringing. Another peal which deserved special mention was the Spliced Treble Bob Minor rung at Felkirk in 20 methods. Although more methods than this had been rung in a peal of Minor for the association, this was the first time that so many had been rung in true and complete 720's.

The balance sheet showed that a gain of £11 7s. 4d. had been made during the year, and that the worth of the association now stood at £315 15s. 4d.

The auditors' report, presented by Mr. Stacey, was also passed, and a vote of thanks to the auditors was proposed by Canon Marshall, seconded by Mr. E. Hudson and carried.

It was agreed to leave the date and place of the next meeting to the committee.—Seven new members were elected, and Mr. J. E. Cawser was unanimously re-elected as general secretary. Mr.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FORTHCOMING MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

The Shropshire Association held their annual meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th.

The privilege of the use of St. Mary's bells had been obtained, and from 3 p.m. until tea-time members enjoyed ringing on this fine peal.

A company of over 30 went to St. Chad's Parish Room, where they did justice to a substantial tea.

Major Trevor Corbett, Ringing Master, presided over the business meeting which followed. All the officers were re-elected. The report indicated that six peals were rung during the year.

Two new members were elected, and chief among other items of business was a discussion on the forthcoming Central Council meeting to be held in the town this year.

A sub-committee was appointed, and Major Corbett consented to become its chairman. Arrangements are to be put in hand at once.

St. Chad's tower was afterwards visited, and ringing in a number of methods was enjoyed. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Plain Bob Royal and Major. It is believed that the first touch of Spliced Treble Bob Major rung in Shropshire was that accomplished at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, during the afternoon. Cambridge Surprise Major was also included during the evening.

Meetings in 1935 will be held at Coalbrookdale, Hodnet, Worthen, Ellesmere and Edgmond.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEPARTURE OF WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH SECRETARY.

Eighty ringers and friends from 18 belfries gathered at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th, for the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The Guild service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw), who gave an appropriate address. A collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 13s. 9d.

Tea was served in the Town Hall by the lady friends of the ringers, after which the Vicar of Bozeat (the Rev. Marlow) presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. Fred Barber, also the general secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. G. Black. The report and balance sheet were read and passed, the latter showing a balance of £3 6s. 8d., which was given to the Earls Barton Bell Fund.

In his secretarial report, Mr. Barber mentioned that the quarterly meetings had been well attended, the average being 61. He regretted the loss of the past president (the Rev. P. Dodson), who had removed to Gloucestershire, and an honorary member (Major Stockdale), who had left the district. Eight members had lapsed, and they had now three honorary life members, 21 honorary members, 171 ringing members and 14 free life members. Feeling reference was made to the death of Mr. Lewis Chapman, of the Higham Ferrers belfry, also to the death of the wives of Mr. F. Jones (Earls Barton) and Mr. A. Y. Tyley.

The Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Finedon), was unanimously elected president in succession to the Rev. P. Dodson.

A new hon. secretary and treasurer was needed, as Mr. F. Barber, after 14 years of faithful service, was moving to Lincolnshire. He proposed as his successor Mr. A. Bigley, of Irthlingborough. This was seconded by Mr. J. Stratford and carried unanimously. Mr. A. Plowman (Wellingborough) was elected to serve on the Central Committee, other officers being re-elected.

After a suggestion, made by Mr. W. Perkins, to appoint a Branch Ringing Master, he was himself given the office.

As a token of regard and appreciation for his past excellent services during his long term of office as hon. secretary and treasurer, a presentation was made to Mr. F. Barber. This took the form of a wallet containing a sum of money. The Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, in making the presentation, paid tribute to Mr. Barber. It was a difficult job, he said, to hold the office of secretary for 14 years, and he regretted the branch was going to lose Mr. Barber. Northants' loss would be Lincolnshire's gain.

Mr. T. R. Hensher (Finedon) supplemented the remarks of the Vicar. He was pleased to think they appreciated the work of Mr. Barber, who was a most efficient secretary and who put enthusiasm and confidence in his work. The speaker also appealed for loyalty to their new secretary.

Mr. R. G. Black ,hon. general secretary (Kettering), also eulogised the work of Mr. Barber and the interest he took in the branch.

Mr. Barber, in thanking the members, said it was not his wish to receive anything of the kind. He had tried to do his duty for all, and it was entirely a labour of love. Although absent from them, his heart would be with them at their meetings.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies for the excellent tea, the Rural Dean for his services and the use of the bells, and also to the organist, whose services were appreciated.

Amongst the ringing done was the first course of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung on the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. W. PICKWORTH'S DEPARTURE.

The annual meeting of the North and East District, held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday week, might have brought a record attendance if the weather had been kinder; as it was, a muster of sixty or over was exceptionally good. A bright service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Lloyd), with Miss G. Church, a ringer and a member of the association, as an efficient organist.

Tea was served at the Express Dairy Company's High Street depot, after which the business meeting was held. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham and with the Hertford Association members on the loss of their president was passed in silence. The balance sheet was submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Oram). It showed a credit balance of £39 18s. 9d. and 3½ per cent. War Loan Stock, valued £73 13s. 8d. at par, whilst amongst items of expenditure were £5 to the Harrow Weald Restoration Fund and £1 spent on Central Council publications for the benefit of members. The balance sheet was adopted, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. G. B. Lucas, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

Amongst the 22 new members who were elected were eight of the band formed at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, where, under the leadership of Mr. W. F. A. Barrett, late of Willesden, good progress is being made. Ten members of the St. Mary's, Woodford, Society were also elected to membership of the association, they having expressed a desire to associate themselves with their ringing brethren in Middlesex. It says a great deal for the good relations existing between the Essex and Middlesex Associations that so many ringers in the Woodford, Walthamstow and Leytonstone districts can join up with a neighbouring guild without lessening their allegiance to their own county organisation.

Two elections made on the occasion of ringing a 'Thomas' peal at Bishopsgate on December 15th were ratified. The District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Oram), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) and the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. G. R. Goodship) were re-elected, as also were the three members of the Central Committee, Messrs. Geare, Kilby and Lucas. Mr. G. W. Fletcher was elected an auditor, and Messrs. C. T. Coles, Oram and Pickworth as trustees.

Mr. William Pickworth, who presided at this meeting, having expressed a wish to retire from the office of vice-president at the next annual general meeting, and also desiring to be relieved of the important task of auditing the accounts, which he had done for many years, it was resolved to ask Mr. Pickworth to accept an honorary life membership as a small token of the regard in which members held him. The hon. secretary said that Mr. Pickworth had done a great amount of work for the association, and he was sure that members would wish Mr. Pickworth much happiness in his retirement, and that Mrs. Pickworth would soon be restored to health. They all hoped to see Mr. Pickworth at some of their meetings, especially in the summer.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked to be allowed to associate himself with this proposal. As representing the South and West District, he wished Mr. Pickworth a long and happy retirement.—In reply, Mr. Pickworth thanked members for the honour they had conferred upon him. He spoke of the happy times he had had with them, and looked forward to seeing them again.

MR. WILLIAM PYE'S HEALTH IMPROVING.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: 'This meeting regrets the absence of the Master of the association and the cause thereof, and the members hereby accord to Mr. William Pye their good wishes and sincere hopes that his recovery will be speedy and complete.'

Mr. C. T. Coles said he was glad to be able to say that there was an improvement, and that there was every hope that Mr. Pye would soon be restored to health.

A resolution in connection with the tour to Australia was also carried unanimously. It was in the following terms: 'This meeting records its pleasure at the success attained by the Australian tourists, and expresses the hope that it will result in lasting good to Australian ringing.'

Mr. G. R. Goodship proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes congratulating them on their silver wedding, which they were celebrating that day. This was seconded by Mr. James Parker and carried with applause.

Hornsey was chosen for the next meeting of the district, and Southgate for the next annual meeting.

Mr. E. M. Atkins proposed a vote of thanks to the officers, mentioning especially the work done by the hon. secretary. This was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Coles, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to know that the work he did for the association was appreciated. It also gave him pleasure to meet his old friends at these meetings. This was his 25th year of office, and he hoped to carry on for another 25 years.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. A. H. Lloyd, to Miss G. Church for her efforts at the organ, and to Mr. R. E. G. Geare and the local ringers, was proposed by the chairman and carried unanimously.

A pleasing feature of this meeting was the presence of quite a number of young ringers, who were well to the fore in the ringing, and did not appear to lack the ability to join in the ringing of the

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S INTERESTING MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Underhill), who gave a short address. The services of Sister Helen at the organ were much appreciated.

Some 45 members were afterwards the guests of the Vicar, and enjoyed a well-prepared meat tea at the Church Institute. The Vicar, who occupied the head of the table, was supported by Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. general secretary) and Messrs. W. J. Jeffries (trustee) and T. Groombridge, sen. (Ringing Master).

A much appreciated touch of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., E. A. Barnett, J. A. C. Alsom and G. V. Murphy.

At the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, one honorary and six practising members were added to the roll of affiliated ringers. The election of three members previous to peal attempts was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett (district representative) read a report of the committee meeting held at Maidstone last November. This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for its preparation. Only those who were present at the meeting could realise the faithfulness of this report, but all who heard it could, and did, appreciate that the paper was a model of its kind.

Arising from this report, Mr. F. M. Mitchell had the pleasure of telling the company that Mr. W. Latter, late secretary of the Ashford District, was making a good recovery from his recent serious illness. The meeting took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Latter on this improvement, and expressed the earnest wish to see him quickly restored to his former robust health.

The choice of the place for the next meeting resulted in the unanimous selection of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, the date fixed provisionally being April 13th.

'Any other business' brought the usual bag of mixed items, some serious, some gay, but all essential ingredients to a successful meeting.

First, the chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing for and attending to the creature comforts of the ringers.

This having been carried with applause, the Vicar welcomed the association to Erith, expressing his life-long association with and interest in bells and ringing. He then engaged the services of the handbell ringers for a few minutes to entertain the Sunday School scholars assembled in the adjoining hall for their Christmas party, which event he had had to start on its merry way before meeting the ringers, and which demanded his reappearance at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. P. Ben, a former secretary of the Lewisham District, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect for one called to higher service.

The meeting instructed the secretary to convey sympathy and good wishes to Mr. R. Brett-Smith, of Chislehurst, whose health had recently necessitated a visit to hospital for treatment. All his many friends will join in the wish that Mr. Brett-Smith will soon be on the road to complete recovery.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and his address, for his generous hospitality and for presiding at the business meeting; also to the lady organist for her services.—This was carried with enthusiasm, and the Vicar's response concluded the meeting. Further ringing brought the proceedings to a close at 9 p.m.

During the day ringers attended from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Eltham, Gravesend, Lee, Lewisham, Deptford (St. John's), Greenwich, Woolwich and the neighbouring tower of St. John's, Erith.

Ringing, under the able direction of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., included rounds for beginners, interspersed with successful touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise, and a perfect eight leads of Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

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higher Surprise methods. The ringing altogether was good, both in quality of method and in striking. Rounds for beginners, plain methods to Surprise methods to suit tastes of others, with a good touch of 'Spliced' in four Surprise methods for the 'experts.' It was noticed that although a certain well-known writer once expressed his opinion that the tenor was the only bell worth ringing to Stedman, he was quite capable of ringing the seventh to that method and calling bobs from that bell as well. We wonder if it was a case of 'leg-pulling,' when he wrote to 'The Ringing World.' If so, he certainly succeeded in 'pulling' at least one leg.

Besides tower-bell ringing, handbell ringing was indulged in by the Edmonton contingent and others, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire being the methods.

Several South and West District members were prominent, including a young looking man without any hirsute adornment, who was afterwards recognised as Mr. William Hollier, the popular hon. treasurer of the association.

RINGING IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

A representative gathering of Isle of Wight ringers assembled at Carisbrooke on Saturday week, when the annual meeting of the island district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held. Ringers were present from Newport, Chale, Carisbrooke, Godshill and Ryde, and visitors from Portsmouth Cathedral.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by the Guild's service, the preacher being the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse, Rector of Chale, a ringing member of the Guild.

Dr. J. B. Williamson (district chairman) presided at the annual meeting, which followed tea at the Waverley Hotel.

Mr. F. Mew (Chale) referred to a suggestion made at the October meeting to add a sixth bell to the Chale tower as a memorial of the centenary of the wreck of the 'Clarendon' in 1836. An empty pit was available in the tower, and the idea was to put in a treble bell to complete the ring of six, or, if possible, to instal a peal of eight. With that object in view, Mr. Mew said he had endeavoured to get into touch with the owners of the ill-fated 'Clarendon' and others associated with ships wrecked in the neighbourhood subsequently, but could trace none of them; probably in each case the business had closed down or passed into other hands.—The Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse said it would be a great joy to him if they could have a peal of eight at Chale; it would mean three more bells in commemoration of the 'Clarendon.'

The accounts, presented by the hon. auditor, Mr. H. A. Phillips, showed receipts of £14 9s. 10d., including a balance of £4 10s. 10d. brought forward. The district expenditure was £3 15s. 10d., £5 4s. 6d. had been remitted to the general treasurer, and a balance of £5 9s. 6d. remained in hand.

Mr. B. J. Snow, hon. secretary and treasurer, in his report, referred to the active interest and assistance of the president, Dr. J. B. Williamson, and to his hospitality at the Chale meeting in the summer. Regret was expressed that some ringing members failed to attend at any of the meetings, even when held in their own tower, yet would go a distance to ring a peal. Interest in Guild matters unfortunately appeared to have waned at Freshwater, presumably through lack of ringers. With the completion of the restoration of the Godshill bells, the district could boast of one of the finest six-bell peals in the Guild, the 'go' being perfect. Two spare pits were added when the new framework was erected, in readiness for two trebles, and it was hoped that the octave would be completed in the near future. The passing of the esteemed veteran ringer, Mr. Woodford, of Chale, was recorded with regret. He was greatly missed, especially at Chale, where he was a regular service ringer. There were 11 honorary and 65 ringing members.

Mr. H. Barton presented a report on his visits as ringing master. He had endeavoured without previous notice to visit each tower in union with the Guild.

The retiring president, Dr. J. B. Williamson, asked the members' acceptance of a mallet and block for the use of the chairman at their meetings. The articles were made from a beautiful piece of oak 300 years old, from a tower in Walsall.

The gift was gratefully accepted, amid applause.

Dr. Williamson was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. H. Barton was reinstated as Ringing Master.

Mr. B. J. Snow, the zealous and able hon. secretary and treasurer, tendered his resignation, owing to pressure of engagements, although he had no intention of severing his connection with the activities of the Guild. Many tributes were paid to the efficiency of Mr. Snow's services for many years, and it was resolved to record in the minutes the enthusiastic vote of thanks accorded to him.

Mr. H. James, of Carisbrooke tower, was elected to succeed Mr. Snow, who promised his assistance.

Mr. H. A. Phillips was re-elected hon. auditor, and Mr. H. Barton as district representative to the Guild Committee.

Godshill was selected for the next annual meeting, and the quarterly meeting was fixed for April 27th at Ryde, with a by-practice at Brading.

On the motion of Mr. F. Mew, thanks were accorded the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse for taking the service and for his interest in the Guild.

The meeting resolved to write to the Vicar of St. Catherine's, Ventnor, promising the wholehearted support of the district in the event of a decision to place a peal of bells in the tower of that church.

A grant of a guinea was made from the district funds to the Godshill bells restoration fund.

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Halksworth proposed, and Mr. G. Lewis seconded, that for the time being the work of treasurer should be left in the hands of a sub-committee, consisting of Canon Marshall, Mr. W. Barton and Mr. P. J. Johnson. This was also carried.

It was proposed by Canon Marshall, seconded by Mr. W. Idle, that the best wishes of the meeting be sent to Mr. J. Broadley, of Bradford, who was that day celebrating his golden wedding.—This was carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a unanimous vote of thanks to the chairman, both for presiding at the meeting and also for his untiring work for the association throughout the year, proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer.

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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. Magnus' on the 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.

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.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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.—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.

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.

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.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at All Saints', Edmonton, N. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—M. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

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.—Claude J. Davies, Branch Sec.

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.

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.

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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Sat., February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—WANTED, 50 ringers to attend annual meeting to be held at Leominster Priory Church on February 16th. A splendid peal of 10 bells, available 3 p.m. Service in the church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Church Institute 6 p.m. All are welcome.—R. J. Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, February 16th. Light peal of six. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A bi-quarterly meeting for the promotion of the art of change ringing will be held at the Parish Church, Boldmere, near Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Cranford (six bells) on Saturday, February 16th. Usual arrangements. Please send numbers for tea by February 13th.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Bickenhill, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, 1s. a head. Frequent bus services from Coventry and Birmingham.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Combined practice meetings: Waltham (six bells), Saturday, February 16th, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise; Thornton Curtis (six bells), Saturday, March 16th, Double Court and London Surprise; Barton-on-Humber (eight bells), Saturday, April 13th, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. All start 6 p.m. All interested please look up methods and attend.—J. Bray, Ringing Master, Burton-on-Stather; H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, February 16th, the annual meeting will be held at Baldock. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. There are a number of subscriptions still outstanding, and I should be pleased to get them in at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. It is hoped a good number will try and attend, as it is the first meeting to be held at Meppershall. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 16th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. to all who notify me not later than Wednesday next, that they intend to be present. To be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16th, at Wolborough, Newton Abbot. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all those who intend coming please advise me by previous Wednesday? All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held jointly with Rossendale at the Parish Church, Bury, on Saturday, February 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Tea, at very moderate cost, can be obtained nearby. Will members please make an effort to attend? Practice, Miles Platting, 12th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Stansted on Wednesday, February 20th, at 3 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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.

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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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Church Council, only for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 20th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. Please send names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 20th.—Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 1s., with business meeting afterwards at the Institute. Pease send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by February 20th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Those requiring tea should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on February 23rd. Tea in the Church Hall at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 23rd. City bells (6, 8 and 10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 20th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Harlow Common. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea free to those who send notice before Friday, 22nd.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Members' subscriptions for 1935 are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Cecil C. Dilnot, 3, Kent Street, Whitstable, before Thursday, February 21st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 47th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

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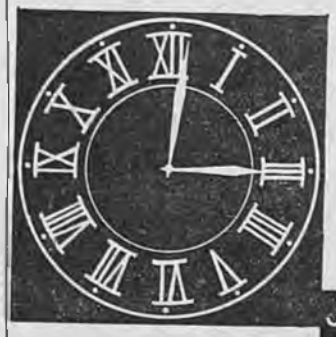

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