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All down the centuries since bells became associated with our churches they have been one of the means of expressing our national joy. They have been rung in thanksgiving for victories from the Armada to the Armistice, in token of jubilation for the coronation of kings and for the birth of princes. Less than three months ago they rang for the marriage of one of our Royal House. Up and down the land, in city and town and village, it is the church bells more than anything else that consistently through the ages have interpreted the people's feelings on national and royal occasions of rejoicing. And if the ringers failed in their duty the public, whatever they may think of bellringing at other times, would want to know the reason why. English sentiment as well as English tradition demands the ringing of church bells on such festive occasions.

His Majesty's silver jubilee next May will afford a special opportunity for the bells to play their historic part in a demonstration of loyalty to the throne, and thanksgiving for the King's reign; and ringers, we are sure, will not be slow to do their part. It should be the aim of ringers to get the bells rung in every church where there is a peal. Such advice may seem superfluous, but it is not entirely so. If the bells are to be rung in every church it will need no little organisation, for there are many places where they will remain silent for want of ringers unless arrangements are made to meet such cases. Usually what is anybody's business is nobody's business, and therefore in the weeks available before the celebrations begin the ringers in every area ought to get together to plan their operations. Peal ringing during the jubilee can be left to look after itself. There will be no lack of peals, and the more the better, especially at those towers where, under normal conditions, peals are few and far between. But even the peal ringers should be prepared to give part of their time to ringing at other churches where there are no bands or to assisting in those belfries where the numbers are depleted. They will not have done their full duty if they spend three hours in one tower ringing a peal when at a neighbouring church the bells are entirely silent.

What is needed is organisation and co-operation. If associations could divide up their territory into small and convenient areas, each with a competent district organiser to bring the ringers into touch and formulate a scheme which would ensure ringing at every tower, the matter would be a fairly simple one. Depleted bands, and the authorities at churches without ringers would, we are convinced, welcome such assistance, and the ringers

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themselves would feel they had taken their share in the national celebrations in the spirit which should really characterise their activities on such an occasion. If, in addition, a peal were scored at one of the churches during the day, the ringers' satisfaction should be complete.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*HARRY DEVEREUX ...	...*Treble*	*J. WILLIAM HEATH ...	... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	... 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	... 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	... 3	FRED HAWKES ...	... 9
FRANK LAWRENCE ...	... 4	FRANK SADLER ...	... 10
*RALPH HARRIS ...	... 5	CHARLES CAMM ...	... 11
JOHN HALL ...	... 6	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on 12 bells. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Devereux, wife of the treble ringer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Devereux are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. WEST ...	... 6
JAMES BILBY... ...	... 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ...	... 7
WILLIAM LOUD ...	... 3	THOMAS F. KING ...	... 8
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING...	... 9
JESSE FRANCIS ...	... 5	SIDNEY FRANCIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. S. L. Harding, churchwarden of this church and father of the conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM CUNDALL ...	... 6
*WILLIAM O. TALBOT..	... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	... 7
*ERNEST RAYNER... ...	... 3	WILLIAM BARTON ...	... 8
JOB HARDCASTLE ...	... 4	THOMAS SMITH ...	... 9
PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (116). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. James Cotterell, conductor at Bradford Cathedral and for 27 years treasurer of the Yorkshire Association.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WIGGINS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE ADES ...	... 6
HERBERT RANN ...	... 2	GEORGE W. STOKES ...	... 7
FRANK BENNETT ...	... 3	NELSON ELLIOTT...	... 8
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ...	4	ROBERT J. DAWE ...	... 9
ROBERT W. E. DAWE ...	... 5	ALFRED J. TURNER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on Sunday, January 20th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Theobald 1, F. A. Burnett 2, T. R. Thorpe 3, F. W. Stemp 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
ROBERT SWIFT	5	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

JOHN FOSKETT	*Treble*	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ...	5
JACK DAFTERS	2	EDMUND MOUNTER	6
*MISS H. OAKSHETT	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	7
*WALTER J. TYLER	4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (418). Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal and first of Treble Bob as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE...	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
*RONALD SUCKLING	2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6
BERNARD HOLDAWAY ...	3	H. WALTER SMITH	7
ARTHUR BUTCHER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. WIFFEN.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. The monthly peal for the division.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER... ...	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
*MISS I. B. THOMPSON ...	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ...	6
LAWRENCE CHADBURN ...	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Thornton, of Nottingham.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ...	*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL	3	D. C. WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC.	7
O. NEVILLE CURTIS	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal of Major on the bells. First peal since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. This is thought to be the first peal on the bells since December 27th, 1892. The band was drawn from the three local change ringing towers.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 6th, at the Church of St. Mary's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Hunt 1, R. Mackrill 2, H. Cook 3, W. Judd 4, W. Bottrill 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, February 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
H. JAMES TURNER	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	6
JOHN E. EATON	3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	7
*VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ...	4	JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, February 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE H. LIMMER ...	*Treble*	EDWARD S. T. FARR	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	*CECIL W. PIPE	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	7
*GEORGE GILBERT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the 100th peal in which Messrs. Stilwell and Welling have rung together.

COLCHESTER.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ...	*Treble*	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ...	3	*FRED CHALK	7
WILLIAM CHALK	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*RENE REDPATH	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal away from the treble.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART, REVERSED. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*HENRY W. STOVELD	*Treble*	‡RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	5
FREDERICK W. STEMP	2	HENRY JAMES TUCKER	6
†THOMAS A. DOICK	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
WILLIAM E. TICEHURST	4	*ARTHUR CARVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' for 30 years. ‡ First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd is only 16 years old. It was the 250th peal rung by the conductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOSEPH REED	*Treble*	EDWARD F. MAWBY	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
*PERCY RUSHTON	3	CHARLES OLLIER	7
*ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The above band are all Sunday service ringers at Brookfield Church.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	JOHN E. EATON	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	C. HOWARD STANLEY	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	JOHN MARSHALL	7
H. JAMES TURNER	4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. E. Perfitt, B.A., L.Th., who was to be instituted as Vicar of Selly Oak on February 14th. Also as a compliment to the Rev. K. D. Mackenzie, M.A., a former Vicar of the parish, on his election as Bishop of Brechin, Scotland. First peal in the method on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
*EDWARD LANKESTER	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	†GEORGE M. KILBY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	HARRY KILBY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' † 250th peal.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	HARRY WINGROVE	5
MISS MARIE CROSS	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EXTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. L. WARD	*Treble*	*W. H. SMITH	4
GEORGE GEARY	2	*J. B. WARD	5
N. GEARY	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since restoration.

HALSALL, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, January 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, London New Bob, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Single and Woodbine Treble Bob.

*WILLIAM SWIFT	*Treble*	WILFRED CORE	4
THOMAS PRESCOTT	2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	5
JAMES LONGTON	3	HENRY SERJEANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY SERJEANT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the above are local ringers.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN HODSON	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
†GEORGE HODSON	2	ROBERT SMITH	5
HAROLD WHITEHEAD	3	*ROBERT MITHAM, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. First, 2nd, 3rd and tenor belong to local company, 4th and 5th to Over.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
R. G. Knowles' 300th peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, Bourne, Annable's London, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDWARD S. T. FARR	3	ALAN R. PINK	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, York, Wells, Durham, Norfolk, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LORD	...Treble	DANIEL SMITH	4
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	ARTHUR GILL	...Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gill on the 33rd anniversary of their wedding. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*WILFRED PRESTON	...Treble	CYRIL ARCHER	4
†HERBERT ARCHER	2	SIDNEY MUNTON	5
HORACE MOULT	3	LEONARD WARD	...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD WARD.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob, with different callings.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	...Treble	JOSEPH BOWELL	4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
WILLIAM CHALK	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
Rung to commemorate Mr. J. Bowell's first peal, rung on the same bell on January 28th, 1905.

BRACEBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. WOODS	...Treble	WILLIAM NEAL	3
CHARLES E. BLACK	2	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HARRY GIBBARD	...Tenor		

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*CHARLES COLLIS	...Treble	*ARTHUR BOTT	3
†DENNIS ALLSOP	2	*ARTHUR MILLWARD	4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK	...Tenor		

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The band wish to connect with this peal the names of Mr. E. A. Marsh, for making necessary arrangements, and Mr. E. Bott, father of the ringer of the third, on attaining the age of 71 and on the completion of 42 years as a ringer at Welford. (Since this peal was rung Mr. Marsh has passed away.)

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	...Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS	4
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD	2	RONALD H. DOVE	5
CHARLES DAVIES	3	JACK BAILEY	...Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
First peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	...Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	*HARRY NICHOLS	5
*ARTHUR GROUND	3	JOHN G. AMES	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt

JAMES W. WILKINS	...Treble	PERCY NEWTON	4
A. REGINALD BLABY	2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	...Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band and rung at the first attempt. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald, son of the ringer of the 4th.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

*PERCY H. J. CHANT ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR G. CHUBB ...	... 4
MISS PAMELA J. PALMER ...	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	... 5
E. T. PAUL FIELD	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field), father of the conductor, on his 68th birthday. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Palmer, of Sunderland, sister of the ringer of the second.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 42 methods, viz.: (1) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Dover, Fotheringay Delight and Hull Surprise; (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone, Ely Delight and Bourne Surprise; (3) Melandra, Castleton, Bucknall Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (4) Crowland, Abbeyville, Canterbury, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh Delight; (5) Marple, Taxel, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden Delight; (6) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby Delight; (7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

KENNETH LEWIS	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	... 4
JAMES FERNLEY	... 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	... 5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, January 26th, when a large number of members and friends were present. The bells, a fine ring of ten with a tenor of 30 cwt. by John Taylor and Co., were requisitioned soon after 3 o'clock by the early arrivals, and were continuously in use until service time. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also contributed a very inspiring sermon, taking as a basis for his remarks the inscriptions which are to be found on bells generally, and particularly those of his own bells.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by the St. George's ringers and their good ladies, and about 60 members and friends partook of an excellent repast.

A rather lengthy business meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr. Hough, who first congratulated the band who were recently successful in ringing 40 Minor methods in a peal.

The secretary, in presenting his report, said that both membership numbers and the financial position were lower than last year, but, on the other hand, there seemed to have been an increase in the peals rung, several Surprise peals having been rung at Norbury, including one of Manchester Surprise, which was the composition of one of their members.

All the past year's officials were re-elected, and as there were vacant places caused by the deaths of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Fernley, a number of new officers were elected.

This meeting always seems to produce a crop of new members, and no less than ten were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the organist for the music in church, to St. George's ringers and their wives for the trouble taken with the tea, and to all who in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

During the evening the bells were made full use of, touches in 'standard' methods being rung, including three leads of Treble Ten.

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

A LIFE OF SERVICE.

It is with deep regret we record the sudden death of a well-known member of the committee of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. Ernest Augustus Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth. The deceased gentleman, who was 57 years of age, had attended the funeral of a relative at Burton-on-Trent, stayed overnight and was found dead in bed the next morning.

His life had been spent in the interests of the church. He had been Rector's warden since 1906 (29 years' continuous service in an office in which his father served for the previous 30 years). He was secretary of the Parochial Church Council, trustee of church charities, lay representative on the Diocesan Conference, member of the Market Harborough District and Parish Councils, Public Assistance, Highway, Housing and Rating Committees. He was also a member of the Midland Counties Association and Peterborough and Warwickshire Guilds.

The first part of the choral funeral service at All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rev. M. Lamb, M.A. (Rector), the lesson being read by the Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, Vicar of Theddingworth. In addition to the family mourners, brother, sisters and cousins, representatives of public bodies were present, as well as the following ringers: The Rev. T. W. Long (president), F. Wilford (Master), G. Hollick, Guilsborough Branch, Peterborough Guild; J. Harris (vice-president), Dr. F. S. Poole, A. Cheney, E. Cattell, Harrison, Allen, Brian, Leicester District, Midland Counties Association; A. Rowley, secretary, Hinckley District, and over 40 members from Billesdon, South Wigston, Hallaton, Welford, Great Glen, Saddington, Kibworth, Theddingworth, South Kilworth, Stanford-on-Avon, Naseby, Northampton, Hinckley, Croft and Market Harborough.

The cortege, consisting of over 150 persons, wended its way to the village cemetery, and at the rear followed a wagon full of floral tributes. The Rector officiated, and, in addition to the prayers, a hymn was sung and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

So passes from our presence a gentleman, ringer and friend ever ready to help a young ringer and to bring others along with him to ringing meetings; one who gained respect by his quiet sincerity, by his work on public bodies and as a faithful servant of the church.

Ernest Augustus Marsh, born May 3rd, 1877, died February 6th, 1935, aged 57. R.I.P. H.

An Appreciation.

BY THE REV. W. GROME-MERRILEES.

On Saturday, February 9th, we buried at Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, one of the best known and most respected members of the ringing world in the Midlands. He died quite suddenly in his sleep on Wednesday, February 6th. He went to bed on Tuesday night seemingly in his usual health, and was found dead in his bed on Wednesday morning. He was intensely interested in ringing and never missed a Saturday afternoon meeting if he could possibly get to one. He was also extremely keen to help beginners, and almost every night in the week he was at one tower or another giving his help to younger ringers so that they might became more proficient in the art of change ringing. He and his little car were always at the service of his ringing friends, and many young ringers owe him a debt which will not easily be repaid.

Mr. Marsh was a convinced and loyal churchman and a most regular and frequent communicant; he brought all his influence to bear on the ringing world to deepen the realisation of the spiritual side of the Exercise. He was extremely shy and retiring, and very much disliked pushing himself in any way, but once he was convinced that a certain course of action was right, nothing would deter him from taking it. This was particularly noticeable in the share he took in the work of the Leicester Diocesan Mission. With all his shyness and difficulty of expressing himself, he would face any congregation, indoors or out, and in the most natural and simple way give the reason for the faith that was in him. If he gave his friendship, he gave it generously and never withdrew it.

Ernest Augustus Marsh will be remembered with respect and sincere affection by all those who had the privilege of calling themselves his friends.—'Grant to him eternal rest, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.'

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWCESTER BRANCH'S IMPROVED BALANCE.

By kind invitation of the Rev. R. Howse (hon. secretary), the annual general meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Cold Higham, where there is a light peal of six bells. Service was intoned by the Master, Mr. F. Wilford, and the Rev. R. Howse preached. About 60 sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting, over which Capt. Grant-Ives presided.

The accounts, with an improved balance, were passed, and all the officers re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. M. Gray, who had removed from the district, Mr. B. Summers, of Wappenham, taking his place on the committee.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the Master congratulated the branch on having so many young ringers to carry on the art.

ASTON BELLS TO BE RECAST.

WILL THERE BE ANOTHER TAYLOR TWELVE?

The Loughborough Foundry have been favoured with the order to recast the ring of ten of Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, and rehang in a new framework. The present bells are a poor lot, tenor about 20 cwt., and the peal is to be increased in weight with a tenor of 25 cwt.

Tentative arrangements have been made for the dedication to take place on the patronal festival of the church, St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1935, and it is hoped that before that time two trebles will be ordered to complete the peal of twelve.

Aston Parish Church has historic associations with change ringing. For instance, in 1789 a peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung there, followed by a peal of 15,360 in 1793, and, until 1933, this remained the longest peal of Bob Major on record, rung by eight men only. Henry Johnson was associated with this tower and many good stories are told of the days when he used to ring there. He is buried in the churchyard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A very enjoyable time was spent at Westbury on Saturday, February 2nd, when a monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held. Visitors were present from Bath, Chilcompton, Stourton, Mere, Castle Cary and Kington Magna. The Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Turner) conducted the Guild office, after which tea, arranged by the local ringers, was served. Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and welcomed the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) and those who attended from outside the branch area.

Seven new members were elected. Potterne was decided upon for the next meeting. The secretary (Mr. W. C. West) brought forward a suggestion that some instructional matter should be inserted in the annual report. If there was lack of space, then extra pages should be included. After discussion, a resolution was passed that the branch representative bring the matter forward at the Guild committee meeting shortly to be held in Salisbury.

Votes of thanks were passed, the Master and Vicar replying.

Members then returned to the tower, and ringing took place in most methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. The number of ringers taking part reached just over 60.

Representatives attended from the following towers: Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), North Bradley, Rowde, Melksham, Trowbridge, Holt, Westbury, Warminster and Longbridge Deverill.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above district took place at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th, and, despite the very cold weather, over 80 ringers sat down to tea.

Service was held at St. Michael's Church, and the address, given by the Rev. Canon Boustead, D.D., was very much appreciated. At the business meeting, which followed tea at the Church Cottage, Canon Boustead was voted to the chair, and was supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. Judewine, the Rev. Macauly, the Rev. Sewell, Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) and others.

The district secretary (Major Stillwell) presented an encouraging record for the past year, both financially and numerically. The district meetings had been well attended and successful.

Various items were very widely discussed.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, the Rev. Canon Boustead, D.D.; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ostler; hon. secretary and treasurer, Major Stillwell; auditor, Mr. Ives; representatives on the committee, Mr. Chesterman and Mr. Balaam.

Meetings were arranged for Odiham and Upton Grey, Overton, Bramley, and the annual meeting at Basingstoke in 1936.

During the day the bells of both towers were kept going to a variety of methods, the bells of All Saints' especially in the evening being very much appreciated and good work done among the beginners.

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The second annual meeting of this district was held at Petersfield on Saturday, January 26th, when members were present from Alton, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Bramshott, East Meon, Hawkley, Liss, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Privett, Portsea and Steep. Mr. George Williams (Ringing Master) and the Rev. E. Bankes James also attended, making a total of 37. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to the standard methods. The Guild's service was held and tea was afterwards served at Hall's Cafe. The Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman) conducted the business meeting.

The accounts and balance sheet were read and adopted, and the Ringing Master complimented the district on its general and financial position

All the district officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Dr. J. P. Gabbatt, of Liss, was elected an honorary member, and five ringing members were elected from Bramshott, Hawkley and Petersfield.

The next annual meeting was fixed for January 25th, 1936, at Alton, and the next quarterly meeting for April 13th, 1935, at West Meon.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman, the organist (Mr. R. G. Harwood), and the Rev. C. Minton- Senhouse for officiating.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The half-muffled peal rung on February 5th at Bradford Cathedral to the memory of the late Mr. James Cotterell, conductor at the Cathedral and for 27 years hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, was originally arranged as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley and a welcome home, from the Australian tour, to Mr. Joe Hardcastle. Mr. Cotterell was to have taken part in it.

The bells of St. Clement's, Ipswich, upon which a peal in seven Minor methods was rung on February 2nd, were all cast by John Darbie in the year 1680.

Mr. William Alps, of Idol Lane, London, whose death we recorded in our last issue, joined the College Youths in 1874, and at their meeting last week the members passed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the relatives.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor, head of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, is recuperating at Torquay, after several weeks' illness.

It would be interesting to know, writes P.C. B. Sharp, who the young constable was who allowed himself to be literally 'turfed' off a rope end at Bow, during the Police Guild meeting, by a lady ringer, who is not even a policeman's wife. It is rumoured that the incident may have its sequel in the Courts (Bow Street, perhaps). A noted K.C. has been briefed for the lady, but it is expected that the constable will win with his forensic skill—as he usually does.

A peal book presented to Benhilton tower over 25 years ago has just been found in the vestry. Information as to the peals rung at this church from 1915 to 1930 inclusive is therefore sought, in order that the records may be entered in the book.

Information on early efforts in change ringing in the county of Bucks is desired by Mr. Frank West, of Bradenham Road, West Wycombe. Will any reader who has the information be kind enough to forward it?

The engagement is announced of Mr. Ivan Lindsay Barnett, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnett, of Upper Takaka, Nelson, New Zealand, and Kathleen Annie Jutson, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jutson, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

PEALS IN 1934.

A FURTHER FALL IN THE NUMBER.

Members of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee of the Central Council are now in the throes of the most exacting part of their task for the year—compiling the statistics which ultimately appear in the tables.

But here is some early information which will be of interest to our readers.

The total number of peals recorded for the year 1934 was 1,783. This is exactly 50 less than in 1933 and 419 fewer than in 1932.

The peals rung in 1934 are made up of 12 Maximus (compared with 27 in 1933), 29 Cinques (against 36), 66 Royal (against 56), 77 Caters (against 79), 771 Major (against 838), 331 Triples (against 361), 362 Minor (against 308), 135 Doubles (against 128). The handbell peals in 1934 numbered 87; in 1933 there were 99.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MASTER.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on Saturday last, it was decided to place a suitable memorial in the belfry of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to the memory of the late Mr. J. D. Matthews, who held the office of Master of the society for 21 consecutive years.

Subscriptions should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. All subscriptions will be acknowledged from time to time through the columns of this paper.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Albert J. Laucefield.	Willesborough, Kent.
James Prescott.	Walton, Liverpool.
Peter Houghton.	Woolton, Liverpool.
Charles Collis.	Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.
Arthur Bott.	Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.
Arthur Millward.	Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.
Ronald Suckling.	Bocking, Essex.
Wilfred Preston.	Desford, Leicestershire.
W. Baker.	Thorverton, Devon.
R. B. Ford, jun.	Thorverton, Devon.
Edwin Hopkinson.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
Alfred H. Bowler.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
Henry Hopkinson.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
William Swift.	Halsall, Lancs.
Kenneth Arthur.	Blackhill, Co. Durham.
Thomas W. Crowe.	Blackhill, Co. Durham.
Reginald Bowen.	Lyonshall, Herefordshire.
Percy H. J. Chant.	Buckland Newton, Dorset.
Henry W. Stoveld.	Chichester, Sussex.
Arthur Carver.	Chichester, Sussex.
John Hodson.	Swavesey, Cambs.
Robert Mitham, jun.	Swavesey, Cambs.
Arthur Teale, jun.	Holbeck, Leeds.

A MASTERLY PERFORMANCE.

FORTY-TWO METHODS IN A PEAL OF MINOR.

The Cheshire men, who have been making history in Spliced Minor ringing, are striding from triumph to triumph. Last Saturday at Disley they spliced 42 methods into seven true extents, the greatest

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DISLEY,
Where the Peal was Rung.

number ever included in a spliced peal, and two more than the Cheshire men's own record.

The composition was an arrangement by Mr. A. G. Driver. Six methods were included in each 720, and altogether there were 71 changes of method. The band, and particularly the conductor, Mr. John Worth, will be congratulated on a masterly performance.

Disley Church, where the peal was rung, is a picturesque building, 400 years old.

'VILLAGE BELLS.'

We have received a copy of the second edition of a little book which no doubt is familiar to many of our readers, but which deserves to be even better known. It is entitled 'Village Bells' and is a simple explanation of five six-bell methods and five five-bell methods. The author is the Rev. H. Howes, of Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, from whom copies may be obtained.

It is intended for learners, and as it is provided with a substantial cover, it can be carried in the pocket and studied at any odd time that presents itself. And that is what the learner should do. Far too many of them leave everything until they go into the tower and they expect their instructor to tell them things that they ought to find out for themselves. The excuse is often that they do not know where to look for the necessary information. The standard books are too advanced for them and assume that they already know the fundamentals. It is the rudiments that they want to be instructed in, and here they will find just what they want.

The work is, of course, no substitute for those in the Snowden series and does not pretend to be one. Rather it will serve as an introduction to them, and the man who has had his curiosity and interest aroused by this little book will the better be able to appreciate and understand the more advanced publications. The selection of methods is excellent, and an average six-bell band than can ring them all need not be ashamed of themselves.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Guy 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, L. A. Smith 3, S. Worsfold 4, J. Peyman 5, E. Cooper 6, H. Acock 7, J. Hope (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on tower bells by all except the ringers of 3 and 8.

THE SYDNEY PEAL RECALLED.

A LADY TELLS HOW SHE MET THE ENGLISH RINGERS.

In an interesting letter to her brother, Mr. John Jaggar, of Warley, Birmingham, a Sydney lady, living at Manley, one of the charming suburbs of the city overlooking the harbour, has described her meeting with the English ringers while they were there. She wrote:—

'The days came and went, and I began to despair of ever seeing or hearing anything of your friends. I was taking two papers a day, so as not to miss anything, when I gladly saw the enclosed cutting (announcing the visit to Sydney). So on the Tuesday, to make sure of seeing Mr. Fussell and party before they started ringing, I went in good time to the city—seven miles from Manley and two trams. As I neared St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral I heard the bells in full swing.

'"They are having a practice," said I. In a couple of minutes I was out of the tram, ran up the Cathedral steps to find the four front doors shut and locked. I went round the side and saw a priest. No one could help me. Then I saw a door open and two men came out. I rushed them. . . . I asked if they would take my card up to Mr. Fussell when the practice was over.

'"PRACTICE! Madam. PRACTICE! They have started a wonderful peal, and they won't finish for three hours!!"

'My turn—"Three hours!!! um-m, you mean to tell me the ringers won't finish for three hours!!! *** Allow me to step inside before I faint."

'I stepped inside, sat down and listened and enjoyed the glorious peal. The attendant said, "The ringers were locked in the tower and the whole church was locked against everybody during the peal—even the St. Mary's ringers were locked out."

'At long last, the ringers came down. I was introduced to Mr. Fussell, and he introduced me to others. The Rev. James was at home, not well. Mr. Fussell told me to tell you they rang a Treble Bob Major.

'A dinner was waiting them at a cafe and no time to be lost. They slipped away—Mr. Fussell and I walked a few yards. Then he cut across the park, and I went on to my tram. There was no time to get into any conversation. I should like to have asked what gifts were brought for the Australian ringers and if "The men who make history" was among them, etc. As they were doing the honours, I did not think it wise to forestall them, the situation was a little delicate. I should like to have seen more of them—it was a case of "half a loaf." They were only here a few days.

'The Prince is in Sydney, I watched the "Sussex" come in from my verandah, and the air-planes swish out. The excitement gets "wusser and wusser," guns booming, thousands of people hurtling about, giant buses looming up, soldiers and martial music everywhere. Ah ha! these are no ordinary days. This stirring up will do the people good.'

'SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I was at the dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 12th, listening to the account of the ringers' tour in Australia, I wondered whether any of my colleagues thought of the lines in Tennyson's play of 'Harold,' the last of the Saxon Kings, in which the poet describes the death of King Edward the Confessor, just before the Battle of Hastings. The dying King is supposed to be roused from a dream, or a vision, and cries:—

'The green tree!
Then a great angel past along the highest,
Crying "the doom of England," and at once
He stood beside me, in his grasp a sword
Of lightnings, wherewithal he cleft the tree
From off the bearing trunk, and hurled it from him
Three fields away, and then he dashed and drenched,
He dyed, he soaked the tree with human blood,
And brought the sundered tree again, and set it
Straight on the trunk, that thus baptised in blood
Grew ever high and higher, beyond my seeing,
And shot out sideloug boughs across the deep
That dropt themselves, and rooted in far isles
Beyond my seeing, and the great Angel rose
And past again along the highest crying,
"The doom of England."'

Is not the visit of our brother ringers to these 'far isles,' where they found themselves among friends and fellow-subjects of the same great commonwealth of nations, speaking our native tongue, a splendid example of the supposed vision of the dying King of England? It is surely something to be proud of to have done something which has never been done before, and which cannot be done now by the subjects of any other country in the world.

'A RINGER.'

A CHURCH'S TERCENTENARY.

Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, commemorates its tercentenary this year. On Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells for evening service: A. Lees 1, W. Fitton 2, H. Langden 3, R. Langden (conductor) 4, J. Wilson 5, B. Walshaw 6, H. Lees 7, J. Wright 8. Practice night at this church is Tuesday.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. A. A. HUGHES.

SILVER WEDDING GIFTS FROM THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

There was a large gathering of members and friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths last week for the periodical practice at St. Paul's Cathedral. The occasion which brought this numerous assembly together was a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes to commemorate their silver wedding. In addition to the members who usually attend these meetings of the society, there were numerous visitors from a distance. The Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) was supported by the stewards (Messrs. C. W. Roberts and E. H. Lewis), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), and the following Past Masters of the society: Messrs. W. D. Smith (1891), W. H. Pasmore (1901), C. S. Burden (1909), A. B. Peck (1910), C. H. Horton (1918), R. T. Hibbert (1923), T. Groombridge (1926), J. S. Hawkins (1927) and E. J. Chooet (1929). Mr. Hughes was Master from 1914 to 1917. Among other members present were Mr. Challis Winney (a trustee), Mr. J. Christopher Mitchell, J.P., Major J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), Mr. Stafford Green (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. W. Smith (Reading), Messrs. H. Hodgetts and M. F. R. Hibbert (Bushey), Mr. J. Hoyle (Ashtead), Mr. E. J. Taylor (Newbury), etc. A distinguished visitor was Mr. H. V. Morton, a well-known writer, whose series of articles, 'Ghosts of London,' is just now exciting a great deal of interest among readers of the 'Daily Herald,' and who was looking for ghosts among the College Youths. He was accompanied by Mrs. Morton, and several lady members of the Exercise were also present.

In a very happy speech during an interval in the ringing, the Master explained that at the last meeting of the society a small committee was formed, consisting of Mr. Cockerill, Mr. Roughton and himself, to organise among the members of the society a presentation to their very good and dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. There had been a wonderful response to the committee's proposal, and he hoped that what had been procured would meet with the members' approval. Mr. Hughes had been Master of the society on no fewer than four occasions, and very difficult years they were. He had also been treasurer for something like 20 years, and, practically, they might say, the name of Hughes had been written large across the pages of that Ancient Society's script for the past 60 years. As for Mrs. Hughes, in her own charming and gracious manner she had been an equally good friend to the society. They thought of her most, perhaps, on account of the enrichment she invariably brought to the programme at their annual dinners, but to mention that would be only to begin to mention the debt they owed to Mrs. Hughes.

Having reminded the company present that, as they were met for that little ceremony in the belfry of the Cathedral, where there was more room than at headquarters, they could not give such a demonstration of their affection as they might under other circumstances, he asked Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to accept a silver salver in the name of every member of the society (hear, hear). He asked them to accept it with their best wishes. He congratulated them not only upon 25 years of married life, but of really happy married life (hear, hear). He trusted that God's richest blessing would remain with them, and if some of those present were permitted to rejoice with them on the completion of a further 25 years, they would, indeed, be very pleased (hear, hear).

After Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had jointly received the salver, Mr. Cockerill handed to Mrs. Hughes a silver brooch mounted with a stone, and to Mr. Hughes a silver pencil case.

Mr. Roughton then presented them with a parchment bound brochure containing the names of the subscribers. This neatly executed booklet contained on the title page the name of the society and an illustration of its 'mace.'

These gifts were also accompanied by expressions of congratulation and good wishes.

Mr. Hughes, who had been unaware of what was in store when he entered the belfry, in acknowledging the gifts, said it was impossible for him to find words to express what he really felt. He could only say, 'Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.' Had he known of this conspiracy they would have had a job to get him there that night (laughter). What he had done for the society had been, as they knew, because of his love for it. It was his heartfelt desire to see its ancient integrity maintained (hear, hear).

Mrs. Hughes also made a graceful little speech. 'I would very much like,' she said, 'to add my word of thanks for this marvellous presentation. Not only do I thank you for these magnificent gifts, but I do thank you for what we value most, the wealth of affection and warmheartedness you have shown us. I join my husband in saying, "Thank you very much"' (hear, hear).

The handsome salver was engraved with the following inscription, the signatures being in fascimile:—

The Ancient Society of College Youths.
Presented to
MR. and MRS. A. A. HUGHES
On the occasion of their Silver Wedding,
26th January, 1935.
Edward P. Duffield, Master. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

Subsequently, at the conclusion of the customary business meeting of the society at headquarters ('The Coffee Pot'), the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes was enthusiastically drunk, on the call of the Master,

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THE LATE MR. JAMES COTTERELL.

AN APPRECIATION.

Probably for more than a decade no announcement has caused more deep regret to the members of the Yorkshire Association than the news received at the annual meeting, held at Doncaster, on January 26th, of the passing of the highly esteemed treasurer, Mr. James Cotterell, on that date.

Born at Bradford, the deceased was left an orphan at an early age, and was brought up by a kindly uncle and aunt at Bradford. He showed in early life a keen interest in ringing, to which art he was introduced by his old friend, Mr. W. Cundale, of Bradford. There was at that time an excellent band, under the leadership of the late Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, who were famed for their striking, and, as was common in those days, talked of and rang nothing else but Treble Bob, for ringing of which method the county became so famous. Mr. Cotterell rapidly became one of the best known ringers in the county, both as an excellent method ringer and a fine striker.

Business called him to Halifax, and there he remained until 1921, when he again took up residence in Bradford, where he became the mainstay of the Cathedral band. He rang 239 peals for the Yorkshire Association, his last peal being a handbell peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mrs. Cotterell, on Tuesday, January 15th.

In 1906 Mr. Cotterell succeeded the late Mr. W. Stainthorpe as treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, an office he retained until his death. He was presented with a gold watch by the members as a mark of esteem on completing 25 years in that office.

Visiting ringers will long remember the hospitable reception accorded to them by Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell, and his long and sustained interest in the affairs of the Yorkshire Association will ever remain a grateful memory with his fellow-officers, while his kindly manner with learners, his sincerity as a friend, his devotion as husband, and as a gifted adviser, will long be remembered by all who were privileged to meet him.

This short appreciation is a slight acknowledgment of much advice and kindly interest extended to the writer in a period of nearly 40 years, and the living friendship has been broken in the only possible way. R.I.P. P.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The fifth annual general meeting of the St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society was held in the Cathedral belfry. The Provost occupied the chair and there was a good attendance. The captain (Mr. Sargent) and vice-captain (Mr. W. Pickett) were re-elected. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. H. Leaver, 64, Grant Street, Glasgow, C.3.

After the meeting Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

The band at St. Mary's Church, Highley, Kidderminster, which was formed a year ago, have just rung their second 720 of Grandsire Doubles. All the ringers have been taught within the last twelve months with the exception of the conductor, who is also the captain. The 720, which was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. O. Beddard, J.P., was rung by E. Howe 1, J. Davies 2, E. Brown (conductor) 3, W. Turner 4, W. B. Unitt 5, J. Blount 6.

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who renewed the good wishes of the company for their future health, long life and prosperity.

Mr. Hughes again expressed sincere appreciation of the extraordinary kindness shown to his wife and himself. He hoped all the members present would long be spared to work together for the honour and glory of the old society.

Mrs. Hughes said she would like to second what her husband had said and to thank the Master for his kind words.

Afterwards a vote of thanks to the committee was passed on the motion of Mr. Challis Winney, seconded by Mr. Tom Hibbert. The latter, in characteristic mood, alluded to the many happy hours he had spent with the society—some of the happiest of his life—and to the hospitality which ringers always experienced at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

Earlier in the meeting the Master extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the society to the many visitors, and specially mentioned Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who had recently returned from the tour in Australia, and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Morton. Mr. Morton, he said, was looking for more of London's ghosts, about which he was writing a series of articles. Although in the past journalists had been inclined to poke fun at ringers, he thought they could look forward with pleasure to the way in which Mr. Morton would deal with that old society and its activities.

Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the cordial reception accorded to the visitors, and, acceding to the request of the Master, spoke for a few minutes on some of the aspects of the Australian tour.

Mr. Morton, who also replied, said the ghosts of the College Youths appeared to be very substantial ones (laughter). Links with London's past were fast disappearing, but when he saw Mr. Hughes in his shirt sleeves ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral and remembered that his bell foundry was started in the days of Queen Elizabeth, he could not help thinking that there, at least, was continuity, if ever there was. It was a great privilege to meet the College Youths in the romance of their Ancient Society (applause).

A LONDON SOCIETY.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD'S GOOD WORK.

Founded by the late Mr. W. E. Garrard in 1896, St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, continues to flourish, and the bells at this celebrated church are regularly rung for the Sunday services. Although the conditions which have sprung up round the church have made even occasional peals out of the question in recent years, the Guild spirit has been maintained, and, numerically, it continues as strong as ever, under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Judd, who was one of Mr. Garrard's earliest pupils, and succeeded him as captain of the company.

St. Mary Abbot's original peal of bells was a ring of eight, cast in 1772 by Thomas Janaway, whose bell foundry in Chelsea, carried on from about 1763 to 1785, began and ended with him. In 1869 the old church was pulled down and with it the steeple. The present building was completed in 1879, when the bells were increased to ten by the addition of a treble and tenor and the recasting of two of the old bells by Warner and Co. The first peal—Bob Major—on the old bells was rung in 1773 by the Cumberland Youths, who also rang the last peal in the old tower in 1869 and the first in the new steeple in 1882, the latter being a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by John Cox. Numerous peal boards in the tower record past performances, including a peal of Grandsire Triples by the London Society in 1774, 'the first whole peal rung on these bells,' and the 60 course ends of Oxford Treble Bob Major (6,720 changes) by the College Youths in 1791, conducted by James Bartlett.

Last Saturday evening, St. Mary Abbot's Guild held their annual dinner at Slater's Restaurant, Knightsbridge, when a company numbering about 30 members and friends, under the chairmanship of the Vicar (Canon E. Brook-Jackson), spent a pleasant evening together. Among the company were the Rev. C. P. Cowley (chaplain of the Guild), Mr. H. C. Haldane (churchwarden), Mr. A. B. Bennett (treasurer), Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Mrs. F. Humphreys, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, etc.

OLD RINGERS DID NOT OUTRAGE PUBLIC OPINION.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, Mr. Daniell proposed 'The Church' in an interesting speech. The connection between ringing and the Church, he said, had always been very intimate, and, had the clergy used their rights and shut their towers against its practice, there would have been no change ringing. In the old days the churches were kept in repair by compulsory church rates made by the Vestry. When these were abolished there were many who were afraid the church buildings would fall about their ears, but instead the clergy and laity took a fresh interest in their churches and the fabric had become an object of greater interest to a greater number of people. In the same way the parishioners took a greater interest in the towers and bells, and the ringers became churchworkers and were recognised as such. It was through the clergy of the past age that change ringing was able to develop, and it was a tribute to their old ringers that they, as a body, never outraged the public opinion of the time; had they done so they would not have been allowed to ring the bells. It was owing to the development of the good feeling between the clergy and ringers that they were able to meet as they were that night, and there was no body of men who would drink to the toast of the Church more cordially than the ringers (applause).

The Vicar, in reply, said he was glad to think the Church had been so great a help to ringers in the past, and he hoped the Church would prove to be equally generous towards ringers in the future. In Kensington they were sometimes up against little local difficulties in the matter of ringing, but the ringers had apparently very wonderfully overcome those difficulties, which had been responsible for outside criticism. This year, continued the Vicar, they would have a magnificent opportunity, and he hoped they would make the most of it, when the King's Silver Jubilee arrived. He hoped the bells of St. Mary Abbot's would ring out a really memorable peal. They could start at whatever time they liked in the morning and go on until any time the next day (laughter and applause).

CHURCHWARDEN JOINS RINGERS.

Mr. Churchwarden Haldane submitted the toast of 'St. Mary Abbot's Guild,' and said he was pleased to be among ringers again. Before the war he used to ring regularly at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and made a great many friends among ringers. Now he had been able to begin again, he hoped to make many friends among the ringers at St. Mary's. Everyone connected with St. Mary Abbot's must be very proud of the bellringers (applause). They had a splendid band and amongst them were some of the finest ringers in London. He had to couple with the toast the name of their old friend, Mr. Judd, who did so much for the Guild. He was always first in the tower and the last to leave. He wished specially to thank Mr. Judd and the other ringers who had shown so much patience with him in his effort to try and recover such ringing as he knew years ago (applause).

Mr. Judd, who responded to the toast, said they were very pleased to have Mr. Haldane among them as a ringer. It was a great advantage to have a gentleman so closely identified with the church showing an interest in their Guild. Mr. Judd thanked the members for their united support during the year. The Guild, he said, was fairly strong in numbers, but he expressed regret at the loss by death of Mr. A. E. Cutmore, a regular service ringer for a great many years, and also the loss, through continued illness, of Mr. Wood. They

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YOUNG RINGERS IN BRADFIELD DEANERY.

An increased membership, including an encouraging number of young people, was announced in the branch secretary's report presented to the annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Pangbourne on Saturday, February 2nd. A beautiful day helped to bring together a splendid attendance of members and visitors.

Some very fine touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were brought round on Pangbourne bells before the special service, conducted by the Rev. A. Browning, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D., and Canon B. Long. The Rev. A. Browning gave a very interesting and instructive address.

Forty-four members and visitors were present at tea, over which the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D. (chairman of the branch), presided, supported by the Rev. A. L. Whitfield (vice-chairman), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), the Rev. A. Browning, Canon B. Long, Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. S. W. Palmer (branch secretary).

At the business meeting the branch secretary reported that he had received good support from all members during the last year. Membership had increased and the most encouraging feature was the number of young people who had taken up church bellringing and were most keen. Combined practices had been arranged at different towers in the branch every three weeks, and these had met with a great success. These practices will be continued.

The Rev. A. L. Whitfeld, treasurer, presented the balance sheet, which showed a good balance in hand. Financially, the branch is in a very good position.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J. Bower, of Goring (member of the Guild Committee), who said he could not continue and wished for some younger man to take the office.—Mr. A. Webb, of Pangbourne, was duly elected.

It was decided to hold a summer meeting at Aldermaston, and the next annual meeting at Goring.

The Chairman thanked the Rector of Pangbourne for entertaining the branch, and said how very much the meeting had been enjoyed by all.—Responding, the Rector said he was pleased to welcome the branch, and hoped to meet the members there again.

Whitchurch tower was open to ringers after tea, and ringing took place at both Whitchurch and Pangbourne during the evening.

MILTON KEYNES' NEW TREBLE BELL.

On the occasion of the dedication of a new treble bell by the Bishop of Oxford to make a peal of six at Milton Keynes, about 40 members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assembled on February 2nd. They represented the various towers in the branch, with visitors from the Bedfordshire Association, including Miss Steel, of Bedford, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. The service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by various clergy from the district, and the address was given by the Bishop of Oxford. The new bell was cast at the Loughborough Foundry, and the inscription indicates that 'This bell is the gift of the people and friends at Milton Keynes.'

The local ringers rang the bells at the dedication.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and the Rev. H. Adeane-Byard, chairman of the North Bucks Branch, congratulated Milton Keynes on the fulfilment of a long and splendid work. He was glad that the Oxford Guild had been able to assist in some small measure and hoped that the bells would be rung regularly.

The branch secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said it was a pleasure to the Guild to be able to assist financially such works as these, and hoped that other five-bell towers would, if possible, be augmented to six.

Ringing in various methods continued throughout the afternoon and evening.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual committee meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at the usual place ('Cambridge'), and a number of new faces were noticed.

The efforts of the treasurer to balance his budget in spite of an exceptionally heavy expenditure met with the approval of the meeting.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, May 4th, and it is hoped that it will be convenient for Beaconsfield to be visited.

After tea and some handbell ringing, the party adjourned to Stoke Poges tower, where the ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise (not forgetting Double Court). Afterwards:—

He packed them all in with the greatest of ease,
That daring young man with the flying trapeze,
But we can't say if one had to sit on his knees,
As he took all our sweethearts away.

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added three new members last year in Mr. F. Skevington, Mr. C. H. Dobbie and Mr. Haldane, and Mr. E. C. Turner had joined them this year. Mr. Judd thanked the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Cowley and Mr. Bennett for their help and encouragement, and said the members would be highly delighted to take advantage of the Vicar's request to ring for the King's Silver Jubilee (applause).

Mr. Selby proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Goldsmith responded, and interested the company with a short account of the Australian tour.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMPOSITIONS TO BE OMITTED FROM REPORT.

On Saturday, January 26th, the members of the Midland Counties Association held their third quarterly meeting at Hinckley (more popularly known locally as 'Tin-Hat,' owing to the famous sign of that nature displayed by a bygone local tradesman). The very fine ring of eight bells at the Parish Church was kept going throughout the afternoon and evening by a much smaller gathering than had been anticipated. The weather was most unkind, the wind being piercingly cold and boisterous, with occasional sleet and snow showers. This, coupled with the fact that there was a 'cup-tie' football match at Leicester, probably kept away many who would otherwise have attended.

At the committee meeting a long discussion, in which all the committee men present joined, took place on the subject of whether peal compositions be printed in or omitted from the report. The pros and cons were freely discussed, and, on a vote being taken, it was decided not to include compositions this year owing to the extra cost involved and funds not sufficiently allowing it.

The general hon. secretary would like to stress very strongly and feelingly that if those members who are anxious to see the annual report more fully printed with details of compositions, practice nights and other matter, they should use their influence more to get the apathetic members, who so frequently allow their subscriptions to get behind or lapse altogether, to take a greater interest and pay up promptly. There would then be no cause to discuss the matter at all. Funds would amply allow of the additional printing, and the association would then pay its way without drawing on capital.

In the unfortunate absence of the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) owing to illness, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, presided over the tea and meeting. Owing to the causes mentioned above, only 32 members and friends were present. Members were very pleased to welcome Mr. R. F. Deal, of London, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, of Cambridge University Guild, and other visitors.

The Chairman said he was sure all members present would join him in wishing the president a speedy recovery, and suggested that a message of regret and sympathy be sent to him.

In the president's absence, Mr. William E. White, hon. treasurer, read the notes Mr. Taylor had sent. In these he gave a review of the peals rung during the last quarter, which were up to the average. The general hon. secretary had been very busy in this direction and had passed his 600th for the M.C.A., a total never before attained by any member. He included in this the longest ever rung of Little Canterbury Pleasure Major (6,720), and the quickest tower-bell peal, 5,040 Cambridge Minor, in one hour fifty minutes.

The members had all read with the greatest interest the great adventure of the Australian tourists, and he wished to put on record the M.C.A.'s appreciation of that effort. He trusted that the seed sown in that far off portion of our great Empire would bear fruit, and that they would see their friends 'down under' ringing peals regularly, and bells generally more used and appreciated than ever before.—The members present were all unanimous in this and asked the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and other members of the expedition to accept their best thanks and good wishes.

New members proposed since the last quarterly meeting, viz.: 15 ringing, 3 honorary, 1 life, 9 rejoins, were duly elected.

The question of the inclusion or omission of peal compositions in the annual report was freely discussed, but as the committee had already gone into the matter most thoroughly and decided that in this coming report they should be omitted, the matter was postponed.

Mr. Colin Harrison and Mr. J. H. Dean were elected to audit the treasurer's balance sheet.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the local committee for splendid arrangements made, and the ladies for catering, were passed.

Members then adjourned for more ringing at the Parish Church, and, for those who wished to go, the nearby Burbage bells were also available.

DEATH OF A CHESHIRE RINGER.

We regret to have to record the death on February 6th of Mr. Charles Sutton, of Acton, Cheshire, at the age of 59 years. He had been a loyal ringer for 40 years at Acton Church. Mr. Sutton had been in failing health for some months, and right up to the end he spoke continuously of his bells and church. Two of his sons are ringers at Acton, and his brother, Mr. W. Sutton, is the leader at Nantwich Church.

The funeral took place at Acton Church on Saturday, February 9th, when ringers from Acton, Nantwich and Crewe were present. While the funeral was approaching the church, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand 59 times to represent the deceased's years, as the coffin was carried into the church.

A very impressive service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Herbert Moore), and after the singing of the hymn, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul,' the organist played the Dead March in 'Saul.'

Mr. Sutton was laid to rest in the churchyard alongside the belfry door.

After the service several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Mr. Sutton had been a most loyal member of the Crewe branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild for many yars.

DEATH OF MR EDWARD A. HERN.

A NORTH SHIELDS STALWART.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Edward A. Hern, of North Shields, on Thursday, January 24th, at the age of 54 years, somewhat suddenly after a long illness due to heart trouble. He was a most enthusiastic ringer, and, being a son and pupil of one of the finest ringers in the North, Mr. Joel Hern, he soon became one of the standards in North Shields belfry. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1899, and held the rank of vice-president for three years (from 1929 onwards), as did his father before him and also his uncle, Mr. Johnson Hern, of Hurworth-on-Tees. The latter was one of the two original vice-presidents of the association (1877), but he eventually went to Reading, where he was a leading change ringer and licensed victualler until his death some ten years ago.

'Eddie,' as he was affectionately called by his pals, was an excellent striker and a safe conductor. He rang in 144 peals for the association, conducting 31 of them, and they ranged from Minor and Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques. He was a good safe man always in a peal.

During the war Mr. Hern served with the 9th Northumberland Fusiliers and was badly wounded. His passing is a great grief and an equally great loss to the association, and more particularly to his own belfry, where his successor will have a difficult task to follow in the wake of so capable a ringer and conductor.

He was buried in Preston Cemetery, North Shields, on Monday, January 28th, six of his brother ringers acting as pall bearers. The service was taken by Canon C. Milner, the Vicar of Christ Church, and was attended by a goodly number of ringing and other friends. His own band rang a course of Stedman Doubles over the grave on handbells, Stedman being his favourite method.

Unfortunately, Council business prevented the president, Mr. Arthur Payne, J.P., being present, but he was represented by Mr. C. L. Routledge, the editorial secretary of the association. The secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, of Sunderland, was also present, and a wreath was laid on the grave in loving memory of a good and distinguished companion. Nearly all the North Shields ringers attended, headed by Mr. J. E. Scott, and were supported by Messrs. W. L. Gofton (Whitley Bay), Adam Dean (Gosforth), William Sheraton (Chester-le-Street and Houghton), G. R. Holmes (Tynemouth) and many others of both sexes.

Mr. Hern's fellow-ringers rang 1,008 Stedman Triples on the Parish Church bells on the previous day muffled, and Canon Milner made very touching reference to 'Eddie's' kindly and sterling worth as a man and a ringer.

On the night of the interment a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung muffled by T. Burns 1, J. Scott 2, A. Cook 3, J. L. Gray 4, R. M. Gray 5, M. Livesley 6, J. E. Scott (conductor) 7, R. A. Skeoch 8.

At St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on Monday, January 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled: W. L. Gofton 1, R. Alder Gofton 2, G. R. Holmes 3, G. Johnson 4, S. W. Stratford 5, R. S. Stratford 6, R. A. Gofton (conductor) 7, W. Parker 8.

May we have many more like Eddie Hern in our association.

C. L. R.

A HERTFORDSHIRE APPEAL.

FUNDS WANTED FOR ASPENDEN BELLS.

The bells of St. Mary's, Aspenden, near Buntingford, having been silent for a long time, the Rector and ringers are trying to raise funds to have them put in repair. An appeal is therefore made through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to ringers throughout the country for donations, however small, to enable the work of rehanging the peal of eight in a new frame to be carried out. Contributions can be sent to the Rev. R. D. Fear, Aspenden Rectory, Buntingford, or to the secretary, Mr. G. Smith, 14, Sunny Hill, Buntingford, Herts.

LATE NOTICES.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting in Clergy House at 6 p.m. Will all members make own arrangements for tea? Plenty of cafes near the church.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn Church on Saturday, February 23rd. The bells (8), which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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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, *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. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.—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. 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.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

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 be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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.

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.

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.

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.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

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.

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. 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?—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, February 16th. The bells of St. Mary's (6) will be available. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Dujon Cafe. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Christchurch on Wednesday, February 20th, at 6.30 p.m. A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. If possible, the bells of St. Peter's will be available from 6.45 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

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

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

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 Temperance Hotel 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells), on Saturday, February 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Laxton on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) open from 2.30 p.m. Please notify the hon. secretary by February 20th if you require tea. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Business meeting in tower at 6 o'clock.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 20th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. Will all members requiring tea please notify Mr. Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by February 20th?—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 20th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30, with unveiling of peal board. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 23rd. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 2.30, and tea in Mission Hall at 5. Please drop postcard for tea. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Monday, February 25th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd (not on the 16th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by February 28th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due. The annual report available. A good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of Lincoln and Grimsby Districts will be held at Walesby, near Market Rasen, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells recently restored and increased from three to eight, rehung in new frame, etc., available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. except during service. (Special bus from Lincoln will be chartered if sufficient names sent in to H. Marcon.) Names for tea prompt by Monday previous to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, and H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secretaries.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 117th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open at 12 noon. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Saintbury, on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged and provision will be made for those only who notify me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on March 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by February 23rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Llandilo. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 26th certain?—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 2nd, when all ringers are invited to try the recently restored 10 bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the afternoon a committee meeting will be held in the vestry. No branch meeting, but subscriptions welcomed; reports to hand.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m. Other details to follow.—W. H. Harris, Branch Secretary, 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

ALL SAINTS', BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.—Information is required about peals rung in this tower from 1915-1930 inclusive. Please send to F. H. Randall, 7, Bushey Road, Sutton.

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