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AN OLD STORY.

Often, as long as things appear, on the surface, to go smoothly, members of ringing associations are content to accept them as satisfactory, and it is just as well that occasionally they should be shaken out of their complacency. There is one place, at least, where ringers may be sure of being 'told the worst' when they hold their annual meeting, and that is in the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. There the members may be confident that they will get from their Hon. Secretary not platitudes and congratulations, but plain speaking on their shortcomings. It is given in the kindest spirit—and they appear to enjoy it. The trouble, however, according to Mr. Grover, is that they do not take it to heart, but we feel quite sure that it makes them think. Reports that are mere recitals of statistics and a means of handing out bouquets may be very charming, but it is a good thing that opportunity should sometimes be taken for plain speaking. This applies, not only to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, but to most other ringing associations. There would be less apathy and selfishness if, where it is needed, those concerned were given a few home truths to digest, by those in a position to express an opinion.

Speaking with a certain amount of inside knowledge, we can say that the state of affairs in the Guildford Diocesan Guild is no worse, even if it is no better, than in many other societies. Behind the scenes there is a good deal of hard work being put in, but, as everywhere, there are those who are content to let the willing horses work and to take all that is offered them without making any effort to reciprocate. There is a certain proportion of ringers who seem constitutionally apathetic where ringing affairs are concerned. It is an old story. To stir them into action and initiative is an almost impossible task, and there is, on the face of it, some justification in the argument of those who say that such ringers are not worth wasting time on or that if they have any desire to get on they will make their own opportunities. And yet even the most apathetic may have some point at which their interest might be touched. If they are left entirely alone, they will for ever remain outside the fold; but constant friendly contact may, and very likely will, have satisfactory results.

The real point, however, is that it should not be left to just a few enthusiasts to maintain touch with these lukewarm towers. It should be the business of all the members to share in the missionary work, to extend the hand of fellowship and keep the contact. It is not altogether a matter of instruction; it is, in the first stages

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at any rate, a question of seeking the confidence and interest of those who are loth to have anything to do with organised ringing. Once this is established, other steps to progress will probably follow, but the work at the outset is one in which all who have the interest of their association at heart should share. A solution offered by the secretary of the Guildford Guild, is that neighbouring towers should link up in pairs or threes and cultivate the spirit of fellowship upon which all progress must be based. It is a suggestion worth considering, but it would obviously be a mistake to carry the 'parochial spirit,' as a correspondent describes it, to the limit of excluding from peal ringing visitors from other areas in order to help the lame dogs and the stay-at-homes. Such a course would, in the long run, have disastrous effects.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM	...Treble	RENE REDPATH	5
MOLLIE REDPATH	2	*FRANK C. WALKER	6
*F. CARWELL COOKE	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	4	HARRY HOVERD	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method. Mr. F. C. Cooke's first peal in any method with a bob bell and rung at the age of 73, his previous performances being in 1902 and 1934, the treble to Grandsire Triples in each case.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN	...Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	TOM BROTHWELL...	6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	3	HAROLD CHANT	7
REGINALD PAYNE	4	ALBERT NASH	...Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.

Rung after, and to celebrate, the Proclamation of King Edward VIII. at Wath. First peal of Major on the bells.

THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE V.

MEMORIAL PEALS.

In this and the following pages we give details of further peals rung for the passing of His Majesty King George V. These were rung with the bells fully muffled, except in those cases where it is stated that the tenor was open at backstroke.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	...Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
GEORGE HINTON	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ...	8
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON / JOHN MORRIS	...Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON... ...	6
ARTHUR WALKER...	2	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HERBERT WALKER	3	CHARLES BROWN	8
HARRY BROWN	4	FRED NEWTON	9
HORACE FOX	5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD .	*Tenor*

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN A. RANDLES	5
FREDERICK R. EVANS	2	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ..	6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS	3	ARTHUR PRINCE	7
WILLIAM CATHRALL	4	ARTHUR TILSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

T. COLLINGE	*Treble*	*J. TAYLOR	5
H. EMMETT	2	W. GRAHAM	6
T. ROLLERSON	3	*W RIDROUGH	7
S. ASHWORTH	4	N. ASHWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. ROLLERSON.

* First peal. All are local ringers except H. Emmett, who hails from St. Saviour's, Bacup.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	ERNEST H. OXENHAM	6
RENE REDPATH	3	EDWIN A. BARNETT	7
MOLLIE REDPATH	4	WILLIAM E. BOND ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 5. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	HARRY BROWN	5
ARTHUR WALKER...	2	FRED NEWTON	6
HERBERT WALKER	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HORACE FOX...	4	CHARLES BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

ARCHIE MITCHELL	*Treble*	ELIJAH PAMMENTER	5
FREDERICK C. WILSON ...	2	THOMAS COOPER	6
GEORGE TUKE	3	FRANK PICKERING	7
FREDERICK S. WILSON ...	4	HARRY MORTEMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. SLACK. Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

All are Sunday service ringers.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN HOLLOWS	*Treble*	JOHN SMITH	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	JAMES OGDEN	6
THOMAS K. DRIVER	3	JAMES H. BASTOW	7
*JAMES RICHARDSON	4	ABRAHAM OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WARING	*Treble*	FRANK FOX	5
GEORGE F. SPERRING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	PERCY SWINDLEY...	7
RONALD G. JONES	4	JOSEPH LETHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE BIGGS	*Treble*	REGINALD BLABY	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	2	ARTHUR NEWTON...	6
ARTHUR G. JANES	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman. All the above are ringing members of this church.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK G. SMITH ...	*Treble*	†JESSE HARRISON...	5
RICHARD SMITH	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD CITY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ...	2	FRANCIS E. MAY	6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ...	3	RICHARD A. POST...	7
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ...	4	REGINALD S. WYATT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*H. ALLRED	*Treble*	F. GRUNDY	5
R. ALLRED	2	P. H DERBYSHIRE	6
*K. WELSBY	3	J H. RIDYARD	7
*E. W. YATES	4	†R JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung on the back eight.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	...Treble	HAROLD QUANTRILL	5
PHILIP W. J. FRYER	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	GEORGE T. PEGNALL	7
RUSSEL W. CURSON	4	WALTER R. FARROW	...Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

LEONARD LAKER	...Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	CECIL NICE	6
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILLIAM R. DIPLOCK	...Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE WOOD	...Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
REGINALD POSTON	2	HAROLD POWELL	6
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	THOMAS L. KNIGHT	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*HAROLD GOODBURN	...Treble	WILLIAM J. BEER	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	STUART SANDFORD	6
RICHARD SMITH	3	GEORGE BUTCHER	7
RICHARD CONSTANT	4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY W. SIMMONS	...Treble	†FREDERICK E. COLLINS	5
*MRS. FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	2	FRANK E. DARBY	6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	7
EDWARD G. TALBOT	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	...Treble	JOHN S. MORTON	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
LIONEL J. CULLUM	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

CADOXTON, NEATH. — On Tuesday, January 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Davies 1, B. Williams 2, W. J. Thomas 3, E. Phillips 4, A. Devonald 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6. Rung after failing in an attempt for a peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

RONALD V. J. CATTLE	...Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT	5
JOHN R. HARRIS	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
GEORGE HORWOOD	3	FRANCIS E. MAY	7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

Rung with the tenor open at backstroke.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR WALKER	...Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	5
JOHN H. LENTON	2	FRED NEWTON	6
HERBERT WALKER	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HORACE FOX	4	HERBERT BRADLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* 100th peal.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY R. LINNETT	...Treble	MISS AMY E. WALDOCK	5
ALFRED SOUTH	2	*FREDERICK T. LEWIS	6
WALTER H. CHALK	3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	7
FRED CHALK	4	*SYDNEY E. EASTER	...Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were recast and two trebles added in September, 1922. Rung by the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Beverley, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN W. COLLINGWOOD	...Treble	‡ARTHUR HOWARD	4
*GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	HARRY ROGERS	5
†FRANK VARTY	3	THOMAS ROGERS	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal and first attempt.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD NEWELL	...Treble	ARTHUR C. WILSON	4
*VICTOR CHAPMAN	2	CHARLES W. COOK	5
KITTY WILLERS	3	ERIC CHAPMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

* First peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Oxford Singles.

WALTER CHAPMAN	...Treble	HARRY HOWARD	4
WALTER MANSFIELD	2	FRANK HAYES	5
WILLIAM A. TACK	3	VICTOR G. LEE	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Primrose, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM PEASBY ...	...*Treble*	†HORACE L. WAITE	4
†WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ...	2	†FRANCIS TOMPKINS	5
†WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	3	‡WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods in the county by a resident band. Also rung in memory of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who spent many years of his life in this district.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN	...*Treble*	WALLACE CHURCH	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE... ...	2	REGINALD WEST	5
LEONARD WILLIAMS	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

R. PAUL...	...*Treble*	S. MURPHY	4
P. SMITH	2	*D PAUL	5
W. YOUNG	3	W. SEEKINGS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SEEKINGS.

* First peal. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6¾ cwt.

FRANK BAILESS	*Treble*	GEORGE A. CHARLTON ...	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD	2	*SYDNEY BAILESS	5
JOHN H. BAILESS	3	ALFRED E. WARWICK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

* First peal 'inside.' Ringers of 1 and 4 have now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Plain Bob and four 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HAROLD T. JONES ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT THOMAS...	4
ERIC CLARKE	2	†JESSE BAYLEY	5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb

FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. BOWLEY	4
PERCY L. BISHOP	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
*ROBERT H. FRENCH	3	*GERALD H. ATKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal and first attempt.

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled:—

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT... ...	2	ERNEST F POPPY	8
WILLIAM TILLETT	3	FREDERICK J. SMITH	9
HARRY R. ROPER	4	HERBERT SHEMMING	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	6
*MATTHEW ANDERSON ...	2	ADAM DEAS...	7
JOHN ANDERSON...	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	8
KENNETH NICHOLSON ...	4	RICHARD THOMPSON	9
*HERBERT P. CLIFF	5	†LANCE INGLEDEW ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D

E. DENNIS POOLE ...	...*Treble*	†GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ...	6
*WALTER S. CRAWFORD ...	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
JOSEPH L. STANIER	3	WALTER LAGO	8
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	4	EDWARD V RODENHURST	9
CHARLES H. WATTS... ...	5	ALAN JONES...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIES... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	HORACE BELCHER	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	ERNEST BEETT	7
JAMES H. RIDING...	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*HERBERT FISHER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY...	5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	6
*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S HOBDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung at the Parish Church where King George worshipped when staying in Eastbourne.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOK	*Treble*	SIDNEY R. HICKS	5
ARTHUR H. PAINTER	2	HARRY S. PARSONS	6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.	3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD	7
HERBERT L. COOKE	4	*FREDERICK F. BLOXHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*FREDERICK W. E. WARD	*Treble*	*SAMPSON WALKLATE	5
GEORGE WARD	2	ARTHUR BRAINES	6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	3	*ALBERT G. F. WARD	7
ALBERT H. WARD	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The first peal of Triples rung on these bells since their restoration.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A

WALTER SOUTHGATE	*Treble*	MAURICE J. LING	5
EDWARD E. DAVEY	2	*EDWARD B. SMITH	6
*WILLIAM A. ROOSE	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY	4	*ALBERT J. CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING	*Treble*	JOHN KENDALL	5
WILLIAM POTTER	2	GEORGE DAVIES	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
WALTER MASTERS	4	REGINALD ALLPORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK L. BARNES	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
RALPH HARRIS	2	JAMES BRADLEY	6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
MRS. RALPH HARRIS	4	MISS FLORENCE A. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung before the memorial service: All are members of the local band.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT A. HARDING	*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	5
WILFRED G. WILSON	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
A. MARK STACEY	3	JAMES H. HUNNISETT	7
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL	4	ARTHUR HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN J. REVILL	*Treble*	VICTOR E. TAYLOR	5
HARRY HOPKINSON	2	THOMAS DENT	6
ALFRED W. H. BOWLER	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
EDWIN HOPKINSON	4	JOHN R. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD WEBSTER	*Treble*	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	5
PETER NUTTALL	2	ARTHUR HEYWOOD	6
WILLIAM TYSON	3	JOHN NUTTALL	7
JAMES YATES	4	JAMES LEATHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE HARVEY	*Treble*	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER	6
MICHAEL F. HARISSON	3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON	7
THOMAS STEPHENSON	4	FRANK AINSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb

GEORGE PULLINGER	*Treble*	*ROLAND CLARK	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	HAROLD P. REED	6
CHARLES J. FRAY	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
REGINALD A. REED	4	REG. C. H. CONNOLLY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. The band represent Southampton, Bishopstoke and North Stoneham.

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HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 different six-scores of Grandsire and 12 different six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD MAUND ... ...*Treble*		HARRY PRICE 4	
GEORGE GUNNELL 2		CHARLES CAMM 5	
FRANK LAWRENCE 3		HENRY BISHOP ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM WINDSOR ... ...*Treble*	*HAROLD THORN 4
*CHARLES STRICKLAND ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED 5
CHARLES TREMLETT 3	*LESLIE BICKHAM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. TREMLETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of London and two each of Westminster, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
EDWIN BROMLEY 2	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

KIRK ELLA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALAN T. HOPPER ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4
ARTHUR H. FOX... 2	†COLIN A. HOPPER 5
JOHN H. HOWELL 3	JOHN W. HOBSON ... ..*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EADBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire, all called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HORACE INGLES... ... ...*Treble*	*PERCY RIVERS 4
JOSEPH HALL 2	FRANK SADLER 5
HARRY FINCH 3	*DENNIS INGLES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SADLER.

* First peal. First peal ever rung by an entirely local Broadway band. Rung at the first attempt.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods, viz.: (1) Durham; (2) York; (3) Surfleet; (4) Beverley; (5) Ipswich; (6) Cambridge; (7) London, Cunecastre and Wells. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD ... ...*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE TRENDALL ... ...*Treble*	ALFRED BIRD 4
*RALPH BIRD 2	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 5
CHARLES WEAVERS 3	THOMAS BIRD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

* First peal and first attempt.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*HERBERT V. DIGBY ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4
*ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
ERIC DORRANT 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal other than Bob Minor. First peal in two methods by all except the ringer of the 4th.

THORNHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

DEREK LOCKWOOD ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST POPPY 4
JAMES BETTS 2	FREDERICK HAYWOOD... ... 5
HARRY MOSS 3	GARNHAM BLAXCELL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. BLAXCELL.

This peal was also a token of respect to the late Mr. Alphæus Berry, a ringer at this church, who was interred the previous day.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID BUSSEY ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT W. ABBOTT... ... 3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND ... 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BURLEY P MORRIS.

Also as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper, late Rector of Warkton with Weekley, who passed away that morning.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each differently called. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD BROWN ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT TAYLOR 4
WILLIAM DUFFY 2	CHARLES PERKINS 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK PONTING ... ...*Treble*	FRANK SIMMONDS 4
EDWARD JEFFERIES 2	HARRY BARRATT 5
JOHN HAMMOND 3	FRANK CANTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK SIMMONDS.

First peal as conductor.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*GEORGE W. DAVEY ...	...*Treble*	†CYRIL E. TOWNER	4
CECIL WARD	2	*ANTHONY BARKER	5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEON	3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal ever rung by a band resident in the parish.

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936 in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LAURIE WILTON	...*Treble*	FRANCIS BEAUMONT	4
EDWARD J. PRESSLAND ...	2	JOHN CHURCH	5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	3	PERCY TOMPKINS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 13 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 16 of Grandsire, with 18 callings.

WILLIAM DELAMONT ..	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. MARSH	4
MRS. G. W. RENDALL ...	2	GILBERT W. RENDELL ...	5
DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ...	3	LESLIE J. HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 15 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ...	...*Treble*	ERIC WADMAN	4
FREDK. TARGETT...	2	DAVID MACKAY	5
LEONARD DUNFORD	3	REGINALD TARGETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. MACKAY.

First peal as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY CARNELL ...	...*Treble*	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ...	4
WALTER RICH	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Thursday, January 30, 1936 in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER MARSHALL ...	...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
ALBERT RELFE	2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ...	5
JAMES BASSETT	3	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

MUFFLED RINGING.

MUFFLED PEALS FOR THREE SOVEREIGNS.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Triples rung in Leeds on January 28th, it is interesting to note that Mr. Francis Barker has now taken part in muffled peals on the death of three Sovereigns, viz., Grandsire Caters at Wakefield on February 4th, 1901, for the late Queen Victoria, Kent Treble Bob Major at Liversedge on May 14th, 1910, for the late King Edward VII., and Stedman Triples at Leeds on January 28th, 1936, for the late King George V.

FOR BEGINNERS.

SOMETHING ABOUT PROOF.

When you prick touches of Grandsire Triples you will find that it will perhaps be easier to check the truth of the touch if you write it out by the lead ends. Then, until you have called a single, if the lead ends are true, the touch will be true. If singles have been used, then make another column beside the first in which you write all the handstrokes and check these also against themselves and the backstrokes in the first column.

The composition of peals of Triples is a much more difficult matter than peals on higher numbers, the reason being, of course, that in Triples every change has to be used, whereas on higher numbers there is a very much larger scope.

For instance, in a peal of Major you have 40,320 changes from which to select your 5,000, and even if you do not 'part the tenors,' which means that both the 7th and 8th are left to follow the work of a plain course throughout the peal, you have as many as 13,440 to choose from in a plain method.

In composing Major it is usual to do it by course-ends (the change at which the tenors are in the corresponding position to that from which they started and which would be more correctly described as 'course-heads'). It is not sufficient, however, for the course-ends to be correct—there can easily be repetition elsewhere. A check on this would be by the lead ends, as in Grandsire, but there is a shorter way.

The method is made up of a series of plain courses, 120 of them, with the tenors together, and every bob you call shunts you from one course to another. Thus, if you start from 23456 (omitting treble and tenors) and call a bob Wrong, you are shunted into the course which starts 52436, or if you waited until you reach the Middle before you call a bob, you are then shunted into the course which starts 43652, while if you wait for the Home before a call is made, then you switch into the course 42356.

You are not likely to let the course-ends repeat, and what you have to be on guard against is repetition of pieces of other courses occurring in between internal bobs, such as between Wrong and Middle.

For instance, if you called this touch—

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
52436		—	—
45236			—
23456	—		—

the course-ends are true, but the leads between the Wrong and Middle of the third course repeat with the corresponding leads in the first course. How can you prove it without writing out all your lead ends? Draw up a table of three columns. Over the first put 52436, which is the course-end produced by a bob Wrong from rounds. Over the second put the 43652, the course-end produced from rounds by a bob Middle, and over the third put 42356, produced by a bob Home, thus:—

52436	43652	42356

Now, under each column write the figures which will be obtained by transposing by the figures over the top of the line, whenever a bob is called. Thus you start from 23456 and in the first column you write the row obtained by the 52436 transposition, which is, of course, 52436. In the second column, as there is a bob Middle, you write the result of transposing 52436 by 43652, which is 42635, and in the third column, as there is a bob Home, you write the result of the transposition of 42635 by 42356, which is 64235.

Let us set it out.

Calling W	M	H	Transpositions 52436	43652	42356
—	—	—	52436	42635	64235
	—	—	64235	24536	52436
		—	52436	52436	45236
—		—	34256	34256	23456

You will notice that where no bob is called you make no transposition, but reproduce the figures from wherever the previous bob was made. You will see what we mean if you refer to the figures where the Wrong and Middle leads are plain.

To check the truth of the touch you examine each column separately. If there is no repetition in a column that much is true, but if there is a repetition in any one of the columns, then the touch or peal is false. In the courses given above there is repetition in the first column, and, therefore, the touch is false.

When you proceed to prove any touch or peal by this method you must have a column for each place in any course that a bob is called, so that if there are bobs 'Before' you must have a column for that. And here you must not only write down the rows produced by the bobs, but also the rows from which the bobs come, the reason being that if a bob Before is called in Bob Major, there are two leads in which 7-8 are on the front, and both must be taken into account. Here is a short touch which includes Befores, the transposition for a Before being 35264:—

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby. Owing to the death of His Majesty King George, the bells were fully muffled. Towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Bigby, Goxhill, Killingholme, Louth, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ucleby, Waltham and the local members. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson), Mrs. Richardson (secretary of the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild) and Mr. Bramwell, of Cleethorpes, were also present. The service was conducted by the Rev. Tallents (assistant priest), who gave an interesting address.

After service, members adjourned to the Church House, where tea was awaiting them.

At the business meeting which followed, the Guild Ringing Master kindly presided, through the unavoidable absence of the president of the district (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry). The Ringing Master and secretary's reports were read, and a vote of thanks passed to the officers for their reports.

Mr. Richardson proposed the re-election of the president. This was seconded by Mr. C. W. Taylor and carried with applause. The other officers were re-elected en bloc, and four new members were elected, viz., Miss Eayres (Barton-on-Humber), Miss K. M. Felle, Mrs. F. Cook and Mr. Renders (Barrow-on-Humber).

The District Bell Fund accounts were presented and accepted. Owing to the illness of his wife, Mr. W. H. Heyhoe asked to be relieved of the office of secretary of the Bell Fund. He had held office since its inception in 1923.—Mr. C. W. Taylor kindly accepted the office. It was decided to take a retiring collection for the District Bell Fund, and this amounted to 11s.

The following dates and places for meetings recommended by the District Committee were accepted, subject to alteration: Mablethorpe, May 23rd; Bigby, June 13th: Burton-on-Stather, July 18th; Elsham, September 19th; Scunthorpe, October 31st. As the combined practices had been a success, it was decided to have three practices, which will take place in February, March and April. Places and dates will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to their old friend, the Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton Curtis, in his illness.

A hearty vote of thanks were passed to the senior curate (the Rev. Wilson) for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Tallents for conducting the service and for his address, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. Stow, the caterer, and her helpers and to those who had made arrangements. Also to Mr. Richardson for presiding over the meeting and for his kindness in coming to show his films of 'The Great Adventure' and other subjects. Mr. Richardson also gave a running commentary, which made the pictures all the more interesting. Great thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for all the work they do for the Exercise. Nothing is too much trouble and distance no object to them, and ringers in the Grimsby District appreciate their kindness.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT A FARM HOUSE.

The annual meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on Saturday at Alderton, a small village of about 60 inhabitants and quite off the beaten track. The church has five bells, lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and credit is due to the ringers and villagers for the interest they have taken in raising close on £200 for the work. A broken stay rather marred the ringing before service, but with the assistance of Mr. H. Ridgeway a new one was fitted and ringing carried on.

In his address, the Rector (the Rev. Beasley) welcomed the Guild to Alderton and spoke of the good work ringers were doing. No village hall being available, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fountaine offered two rooms of their farm house to have tea in, 42 being present. After the meal had been disposed of, the business meeting followed. Capt. Grant-Ives was re-elected president. The Rev. E. V. Fenn was elected hon. secretary in place of the Rev. R. Howes (who now resides at Beenham, Berks). The Rev. E. V. Fenn said he was not a ringer, but would do what he could to carry on, and thanks were accorded him for taking the office.

Messrs. A. J. Green and E. C. Lambert were elected on the Central Committee, and the Branch Committee were elected en bloc.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Fountaine and the helpers at the tea, and to local ringers. Ringing continued up to 8.30, when a very good meeting was brought to a close.

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W B H				
	52436	35264	42356
— 2 —	52436	52436	—
		23564	
		36245	23645
— —	23645	23645	
		34256	23456

There is no need to have a column for the Middle in this case because there are no calls there.

Here is a calling which, twice repeated, will come round. Work it out and see whether or not it is true. The calls are W. B. H. H. W. M. H. (twice repeated).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two Worcestershire rings of six are to be rehung by John Taylor and Co., viz., Little Comberton, near Pershore, and Welland, near Upton-on-Severn.

Mr. Arthur Walker, who rang his one hundredth peal at Campsall, Yorks, on January 30th, made up his century by ringing peals in 18 towers and under 25 conductors.

The report of a peal rung at Stowmarket on January 28th has been sent without the time.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. W. J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, upon his 80th birthday anniversary. He celebrated it on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Bob Major at Holland, Essex, and afterwards entertained the company to high tea. By a coincidence, the peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. Nevard's first peal in the method.

The bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, will be broadcast from the Midland Regional Station on Sunday evening, February 23rd, 7.55 to 8 p.m. Will any reader who heard the old peal over the air please write to the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham, as to whether these tuned bells 'come over' as clearly and distinctly as the old type?

The 'Thousand Pealers' are to meet at St. Olave's, Hart Street, to-morrow for a peal. If experience counts for anything, they ought to ring it. We hope they will not suffer from 'nerves.'

A Suffolk newspaper has apparently found a new method. It records that 'A course of Bob Major and 168 of Grandsire Tripes were also rung with the bells half-muffled.'

BELLS FOR THE 'QUEEN MARY.'

HONOUR FOR THE LOUGHBOROUGH BELLFOUNDRY.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have been honoured with the order to cast the ship's bells for the world's largest vessel, the luxury liner 'Queen Mary.' The different watches will thus be sounded on the 'Queen Mary' upon a harmonically tuned bell, which means that instead of the displeasing 'clang' usually associated with ship's bells, the passengers aboard the 'Queen Mary' will hear the sweet and musical tones of a perfectly tuned church bell. There are to be three bells, and the largest bell, upon which 'Eight Bells' and the other watches are sounded, will be of enormous size for a ship's bell, as it will weigh 350lb., as against the weight of the average ship's bell of about 30 or 40 lb. Thus the 'Queen Mary' will have a ship's bell worthy of her importance.

BELL BROADCASTS.

RINGERS' 'GHASTLY FAILURE' AT WIGAN.

The B.B.C. have begun to do something to make change ringing better known to the public, and in their Northern programmes have instituted a series of broadcasts entitled 'The Ringing Isle.' On Sunday evening the item came from Wigan, where there has recently been installed a new ring of ten bells. A short introduction was given by the Rector (Canon C. C. Thicknesse), but the ringing which followed was, to say the least, a disappointing exhibition. We have received the following protest with regard to it:—

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Cannot something be done to prevent a repetition of such a fiasco as that which occurred with the broadcasting of Wigan bells last Sunday evening. The bells themselves were fine, the microphone admirably placed, but the ringing after the bells left rounds (which themselves were only moderate) can only be described as disgraceful. There were no leads, at times four or five of the bells were striking together, and the whole feature was turned into a horrible and ghastly failure by this poor performance on the part of the ringers.

The B.B.C. has been subjected in your columns to a good deal of adverse criticism from ringers regarding the broadcasting of change ringing, and it is most deplorable that such a mess should have been made of what would have been otherwise a splendid opportunity to popularise ringing broadcasts. Surely the ringers of Wigan must have been aware of their limitations—what a pity it is they were too vainglorious to admit them and that they did not invite a band of ringers on such an occasion who would be capable of good striking. Nothing but perfect striking ought to be aimed for by the authorities on these occasions—no band is infallible, but it was not a case of an odd trip, there was not a clear row of changes from start to finish. I am a member of the Lancashire Association myself and regard such a performance, on such an important occasion, as a reflection against the association. I suggest that in future, when change ringing is to be broadcast, the Church authorities should go over the local ringers' heads and approach the president of the County or Diocesan Guild in whose area the tower is situated and get him to nominate a band most likely to achieve perfect striking. 'DISGUSTED.'

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.

The dedication of a memorial to the late Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, is fixed for March 1st during the evening service, commencing at 6.30, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Old Hill.

The form of the memorial is a reading desk, given by his wife, and the dedication will be performed by the Bishop of Worcester.

All ringing friends that can possibly attend are invited to be present. The bells will be available for ringing from 5.30 p.m.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

GUILD JUBILEE SCHEME TO ADD TWO TREBLES.

For over half a century, among ringers of the Chester Diocesan Guild, it has been the hope that the Cathedral should one day possess a ring of ten or twelve bells. Yet for one reason or another this hope has never materialised; always there seems to have been some obstacle to bar progress in this direction. During the post-war period, when rings by the hundred have been installed or augmented, the long wished for augmentation at Chester remained a seemingly impracticable proposition. This does not mean, however, that the bells have been neglected. In spite of the fact that it has been necessary to raise and spend over £50,000 on the fabric of the Cathedral during the last 15 years, the bells were rehung in ball bearings and the frame strengthened about seven years ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank Previous to this some doubt had been felt about the safety of the tower, owing to the appearance of a crack, and ringing was discontinued for several months. Acting on expert advice, the Cathedral authorities had the walls braced with iron tie-rods and the structure was subsequently pronounced safe.

Up to 1867 the bells were a ring of five, probably cast (not all at the same time) by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, but of these only one remains, the present 6th. This bell bears the Oldfield trade mark and the Latin inscription states that it was made on the order of the Dean and Chapter in 1606. The original 2nd (now the 5th) was cast in 1604. A good deal of recasting seems to have been done between that time and 1827 by both Rudhall and Warner, and in 1867 the latter carried out a scheme which provided for three new trebles, recasting the old treble, and the construction of a massive oak frame. The Sanctus bell, cast in 1626 and weighing about 4½ cwt., was also hung in a separate frame with fittings for ringing. That the job was well done can be judged from the fact that it has lasted so long.

There is every indication now that Chester will presently be numbered among the ten-bell towers. A meeting of the Chester Branch held at the Cathedral last Saturday was attended by the Master and hon. secretary of the Guild as well as representatives of all the branches. The chair was taken by the Dean, the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett, and it was unanimously decided that, having regard to the fact that the Guild will next year celebrate its Jubilee, a scheme be launched for the addition of two trebles to the present ring of eight bells at the Cathedral.

The Master, hon. secretary, the Rev. F. J. Okell (vice-chairman, Chester Branch), Messrs. J. Morgan, J. Swindley, R. Sperring and the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Chester Branch were elected as an Executive Committee, and plans for launching the appeal for funds will be considered almost immediately. The cost of the augmentation will be in the neighbourhood of £220.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

A BERKSHIRE STALWART

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM E. TAYLOR.

The death occurred early on Wednesday, February 5th, of Mr. William E. Taylor, of 8, St. Luke's Road North, Maidenhead, after a very painful illness borne with much fortitude. Mr. Taylor was the eldest son of the late Mr. William Taylor, formerly a builder, of Norfolk Park, and was a native of the town. He spent most of his 64 years in the building trade, being a partner of the firm of Taylor and Davis. In his work, as in his ringing, he was liked and respected by all. By a strange coincidence he was buried on the 40th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise (in which he took part) to be rung in the county of Berkshire. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and Oxford Diocesan Guild from the date of ringing his first peal in 1892, also of the Hertford County, Middlesex County, Guildford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds and the old Waterloo Society, London. His last peal was rung at Old Windsor, Berks, on August 29th, 1934.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 8th, the first part of the burial service being in St. Luke's Church, the Rev. Canon C. E. M. Fry, M.A., officiating, and afterwards at Maidenhead Cemetery. The mourners included the following ringers: The widow and son, J. E. Taylor (Burnham, Bucks), T. J. Fowler and A. D. Barker (District Ringing Master and secretary), W. Walker (foreman), E. Eldridge, A. Fawdry, A. Baldwin (Boyne Hill), L. Stilwell (Windsor), F. Russell (Bray) and George Gilbert (Burnham).

The flowers, which were very beautiful, included one wreath (in the shape of a trowel) from his workmates, a wreath from the Boyne Hill ringers and one (in the shape of a bell) from the Burnham ringers. Individual wreaths were received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Thatcham, and one from Bertha and Hilda, also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell.

Following the lowering of the coffin, handbells were rung over the grave by A. D. Barker (London County) 1-2, T. J. Fowler (A.S.O.Y.) 3-4, L. Stilwell (R.C.Y.) 5-6, and F. J. Russell (Oxford D.G.) 7-8.

The bells at Boyne Hill tower were rung half-muffled on Thursday evening and again after the funeral on Saturday. Burnham bells were also rung half-muffled during the period of the funeral.

Mr. Taylor leaves a widow and three young children to mourn their loss.

Mr. Taylor's peal list is as follows: Minor: One method 4, two methods 2, three methods 4, four methods 1, five methods 1, seven methods 12, nine methods 1. Triples: Plain Bob 2, Oxford Bob 2, Grandsire 16, Stedman 16. Major: Plain Bob 14, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Norwich 9, Kent Treble Bob 8, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Spliced Oxford and Kent 1, Ashtead Surprise 1, Berkshire 1, Cambridge 2, Ipswich 1, London 6, New Cambridge 2, Runnymede 1, Superlative 4, and Grandsire Caters 1; total 118. Of this total Mr. Taylor conducted two peals of Stedman Triples in October, 1895, and from February, 1896, until January, 1926 (a lapse of 30 years), he did not participate in any peals. A Cumberland to the backbone, one of the most cheering pieces of news he received just before his death was the fact that his only daughter had been (in addition to his wife and son) accepted a member of the society at the annual meeting recently held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

MUFFLED TOUCHES.

Among the many touches rung for the death or funeral of His Late Majesty King George were the following:—

On Tuesday, January 21st, the bells at Portishead, Somerset, were rung half-muffled in memory of His late Majesty King George, and the 'whole pull and stand' 70 times. Also on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Edwards 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Miss H. Orchard 3, Miss G. Stadden 4, R. G. Williams 5, J. Nisbet 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Tuesday, January 28th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Beagley 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex, on Tuesday, January 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled: F. W. Corney 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, H. Rumens 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, R. J. Maynard 5, J. C. Adams 6, E. E. Holman 7, E. W. Pye 8, F. C. Maynard 9, F. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 10. Rung also as a mark of respect to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, librarian to the Central Council.

At Northfleet, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled on Sunday evening, January 26th: J. Dyke (first quarter-peal) 1, L. Stacey 2, E. Peartree 3, R. Smith 4, A. Durling 5, R. Constant 6, G. Butcher 7, C. Hammond 8.

At the Parish Church, Henfield, Sussex, with muffled clappers, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, E. W. Morey 2, C. Tyler 3, C. A. Barnes 4, F. Parsons 5, W. J. Alliss 6, A. E. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8. Also 560 Bob Major.

SILENT 'JUBILEE' BELL.

At Cosgrave, Northants, on January 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, with bells fully muffled: E. R. Lambert 1, J. Higgins 2, F. J. Lambert 3, F. Tustain 4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5. A treble bell has been added to make a peal of six to commemorate the Royal Jubilee, but has not yet been dedicated.

The first peal on the bells at Staplegrove, Somerset, since they were augmented in honour of King George the Fifth's Silver Jubilee was rung with half-muffled bells on the day of his funeral.

At St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Tuesday, January 28th, previous to the commemoration service held for His late Majesty King George V., the bells were rung deeply muffled, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples. After the service, the whole pull and stand was rung by H. T. Pye, G. Townes, G. M. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, R. W. Stannard, V. Kerridge and E. P. Duffield. In the evening, with bells half-muffled, touches of Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and London Surprise; in addition to above, Messrs. W. Dent, G. Boyden, G. Wightman, R. Cadamy (all of whom are local members), A. Andrews and H. Littlewood, from Thorington, also took part.

At Ewell, Surrey, on Sunday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jesse Beams 1, C. E. Read 2, H. Sycamore 3, J. E. Beams (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, A. Hadley 5, J. Beams 6, E. T. Grove 7, W. Poplett 8.

At St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, on January 28th, with the bells half-muffled, for a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Rose Prudent 1, F. Dedman 2, H. Whitney 3, W. Insley 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Vickers 6, E. Belson 7, J. Arnold 8.

At All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung, and on Sunday, February 2nd, for a memorial service, 1,080 Grandsire Caters.

At St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, on Sunday, January 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled: F. Lasbury 1, G. Popnell 2, G. Palmer 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, W. Page 7, J. Lovett 8. A peal in the same method was attempted on Tuesday, January 28th, with G. Wines and H. Crabb in place of G. Popnell and G. Palmer, but was lost after 2 hours and 45 minutes' good ringing.

BELLS THAT RANG FOR EVERY STATE VISIT TO WESTMINSTER.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster (Church of the House of Commons), after service attended by members of the House, the tenor was tolled 70 times muffled, and then a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung with the bells fully muffled: Miss N. Hardcastle 1, H. Hoskins 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, J. Euston 5, J. E. Davis 6, H. Belcher 7, R. Sanders 8. These bells have been rung for every State visit of His late Majesty King George V. to Westminster during his reign—the last time being his visit to Westminster Hall in Jubilee week, May 9th, 1935.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Tuesday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss O. Biggs 1, F. G. Biggs 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, P. Newton 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. On Sunday morning, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Blaby 1, R. Biggs 2, F. G. Biggs 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Janes 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. On Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jos. Evans 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, Miss O. Biggs 3, F. G. Biggs 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

At Haslemere, Surrey, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Venton 1, R. D. Elliott 2, H. R. Moore 3, E. J. Aylifte 4, R. Hayes 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A ringers' tribute with muffled bells.

At St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Friday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,273 changes): F. Mason 1, T. Bent 2, J. Morris 3, G. Humphreys 4, E. Cattell 5, E. Morris 6, G. S. Morris 7, H. Hammersley 8, contained all the possible 4-6's 'at hand.' On Sunday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,241 changes): E. Tanser 1, E. Morris 2, F. Mason 3, T. Bent 4, G. Humphreys 5, W. Tanser 6, J. Morris 7, G. S. Morris 8, E. Cattell 9, J. Vernon, jun. 10. Both composed and conducted by Ernest Morris.

At Lewisham, Kent, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Tyler 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, H. Warnett, jun. 4, H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 5, A. P. Cannon 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

A HALF-PEAL.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Tonbridge Wells, with the bells half-muffled, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung after the failure of a peal attempt: A. J. Batton 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Worsfold 3, B. V. Collison 4, H. Markwell 5, S. Russell 6, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 7, A. Mayes 8. All the ringers are service ringers at St. Peter's.

At All Saints' Parish Church, Bedworth, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with half-muffled clappers: J. Castle 1, R. Lydster 2, J. Taylor 3, C. Lawrence 4, P. Stone (conductor) 5, H. Dodd 6, L. Lawrence 7, W. Lowndes 8. First quarter-peal by 6th and tenor ringers.

At the Parish Church, Tring, Herts, on Tuesday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Campbell (first quarter) 1, G. Celey (first with a bob bell) 2, R. Hearn 3, J. Puplett 4, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 5, H. Brackley 6, C. Badrick 7, N. Brackley 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled. In addition to being a tribute of respect to His late Majesty, this was also rung as a mark of respect to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who, when he was Vicar of Wigginton, Herts, used to ring at Tring Church.

At St. Mary's, Southampton, on January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), with half-muffled clappers: N. Curtis 1, D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac. 2, H. Smith 3, R. Curtis 4, T. Thirkell 5, L. M. Squires 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 9, R. Brown 10. Also on January 28th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Roy Faithfull (first quarter-peal) 1, N. Curtis 2, H. Payne 3, T. Thirkell 4, L. M. Squires 5, N. Curtis (conductor) 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, J. Elliott 8.

On Sunday, January 26th, for evensong, at Thorne, Yorks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last mark of honour to His late Majesty King George V.: R. A. Andrews (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, T. H. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: R. A. Andrews 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, A. Ensor 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, T. H. Hepworth 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, a fully muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Dean 1, A. Jones 2, W. Bulpitt 3, F. Locks 4, F. Jones 5, E. Denham 6, H. Simmons 7, G. Ades (conductor) 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret, Castle Bromwich, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: George Crofts 1, John Wilkinson 2, J. Leonard Stokes 3, H. Herbert Brown 4, William Rhodes (conductor) 5, Charles Bolton 6. This ringing had special local interest, as Her Majesty the Queen attended matins at this church on Sunday, August 21st, 1927, at the time she spent a holiday at Castle Bromwich Hall with the Dowager Countess of Bradford.

RUNG FOR THREE BRITISH SOVEREIGNS.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, who took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, Oxford, on the day of the funeral of King George, has rung memorial peals for the last three British Sovereigns.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Penhow, Monmouthshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with half-muffled bells, on Monday, January 27th: A. B. Flook 1, the Rev. I. J. Richards 2, G. Day 3, F. Harris 4, J. A. Freebury (conductor) 5, S. Flook 6.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, London, on Wednesday, January 29th, with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute to His late Majesty King George V.: E. S. Owen 1, G. A. Parsons 2, R. E. G. Geare 3, A. Hawkins 4, W. F. Troke 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 6, E. Murrell 7, J. Clifford 8. This was followed by 630 of Grandsire Triples, in which the treble was rung by W. A. Hughes.

At Dover, Kent, on Tuesday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells of St. Mary's Church fully muffled except the tenor: C. Hardeman 1, H. J. Saunders 2, C. R. Millway 3, H. Whitehead 4, R. T. Clark 5, L. Leach 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. J. Walker 8.

At Manaccan, Cornwall, on the occasion of the Royal Funeral, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: O. Lovesey 1, R. Vague 2, H. Ninnes 3, J. Ninnes 4, C. F. Jerram 5, J. Vague 6.

At Sedbergh, with the bells deeply muffled, 448, 576 (Sunday), 384, 672 (Tuesday) changes of Superlative Surprise Major: H. Dawson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, H. Haresnape 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Cheshire, on Wednesday, January 22nd, a half-peal of Minor (2,520 changes), consisting of 720 each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and 360 Single Oxford Bob: A. Howard 1, G. Ledsham 2, J. W. Collingwood 3, F. Varty 4, H. Rogers 5, T. Rogers (conductor) 6. This was rung with the bells fully muffled.

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, the old custom was adopted on Tuesday, January 21st, of tolling 'the passing knell.' The tenor bell was tolled 'three times three' and was then rung 70 times by Mr. James George.

At the Church of All Saints', Newport, Monmouthshire, on Tuesday, January 28th, prior to the memorial service for the late King, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: J. James 1, H. Forbes 2, L. Bainham 3, T. Ford 4, F. Millard 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Bullock 8.

A quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, consisting of 1,344 changes, was rung, with the bells half-muffled, at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, Essex, on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service: S. Warne 1, B. Redgewell 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Wiffen 4, R. Martin 5, H. Felton 6, L. Wiffen (conductor) 7, A. Wiffen 8. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers, and it was the first quarter-peal of London Surprise Major for the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th. Mr. H. E. Hammond has just reached his 70th birthday.

At St. John's Church, Beeston, Notts, on Tuesday, January 28th, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled: H. Rogers 1, J. C. Dicken 2, H. Price 3, A. B. Moss 4, N. Kirk 5, A. Lowe 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Walton 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at Wing, Rutland, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Huckerby 1, F. Hubbard 2, W. J. Tugwood (conductor) 3, W. Sewell 4, H. Goodman 5. Rung with bells half-muffled after the memorial service.

Other touches will be published next week.

MEMORIAL RINGING.

At Cirencester, Glos, on January 22nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun. 1, H. L. Cooke 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, S. Hicks 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. F. Bloxham (first quarter-peal of Caters) 10. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to the Earl and Countess Bathurst, Cirencester Park, whose only daughter, Lady Alastair Graham, was interred at Campsea Ash, Suffolk, on this date.

WHEN GEORGE IV. DIED.

PEAL OF 100 YEARS AGO RECALLED.

For the death of King George V., a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Leeds Parish Church. It is worthy of note that a peal of New Treble Bob Royal (Kent) was rung with half-muffled bells as a tribute of respect to His late Majesty King George IV. at Leeds Parish Church on July 15th, 1830, by the following ringers, who ascended the steeple shortly after 9 p.m. and completed the peal at 43 minutes past midnight: Thomas Rafton, treble, John Hudson 2, John Thorp 3, William Groves 4, Christopher Isles 5, Joseph Moxon 6, John Mortimer 7, William Gawkroger 8, Samuel Smallpage 9, James Naylor, tenor. The peal was composed by Mr. Hugh Wright and conducted by Mr. Samuel Smallpage, both of Leeds.

The William Gawkroger referred to in this peal designed the ring of 13 bells which were installed in the new Leeds Parish Church in 1841, which, according to the 'History of the Parish Church,' by John Rusby and J. G. Simpson, was the first ring of 13 bells to be installed in the Kingdom.

MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Both your own columns and those of local newspapers testify to the wholehearted response of ringers to the call of loyalty and duty in paying the tribute of muffled bells to the memory of His late Majesty.

It would be interesting to have some information as to different local usages in this respect. Doubtless in most places the death of the King was first announced by tolling a single bell. In some towers a muffled peal followed within a short time. In others it is the practice not to ring muffled peals before the day of the funeral.

Here I tolled the tenor bell at midnight and a muffled peal was rung the next day. Thereafter the tenor was tolled every evening during the King's lying-in-state. The bells were rung muffled both for the Conversion of St. Paul and on the following Sunday, and then at intervals on the day of the funeral.

Some of your readers may like to send a brief report of their doings in this respect. F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

ANOTHER QUESTION.

Dear Sir,—Here is another question which has raised controversy in this parish respecting the death of the King, and the Vicar is asked to settle it.

Should the tenor bell be tolled as at an ordinary funeral, or as the usual passing bell, or should it be pulled one stroke per minute? J. M. TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT DISCUSSES PROPOSED NEW RULES.

Tower Representatives to Meet District Committee.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Crayford on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing, which took place during the afternoon and evening, included rounds for beginners and touches in methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

Some forty members partook of tea, which had been prepared by the Social Committee of the Church Council. After the catering expenses had been defrayed, from the proceeds of a nominal charge for the tea, a sum of 9s. was left over and was added to the association's Benevolent Fund. A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their efforts in catering for and serving the tea.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary) was voted to the chair for the business meeting which followed, and referred to the death of King George V. A minute's silence to His Majesty's memory was observed.

Ten ringers, including the band of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, were elected members of the association, and the election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett (district representative) read a report of proceedings of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November. This report was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for its preparation.

The most important subject discussed at this committee meeting was the draft of the revised rules as submitted by the sub-committee previously appointed. Mr. Barnett's report compared the existing rules with these in the sub-committee's suggestions and with the final draft to be placed before the annual meeting, as amended by the full committee. Mr. Barnett gave the reasons for the various alterations, with special reference to those rules and proposed rules governing the appointment of district ringing masters and the admittance of unattached members.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries read a considered statement of various objections to the adoption of these rules as at present drafted, and suggested that a plebiscite of the members be taken before further action was taken.

A vigorous discussion followed on the various points raised, as a result of which it was decided that the district secretary send a copy of the proposed rules to each tower in the district asking that the members discuss them and choose one from their number (in each tower) to meet the District Committee at some date to be fixed, the district representatives to be instructed by this special meeting in time to enable the wishes of the members to be authoritatively presented before the annual meeting on Easter Monday next.

In reference to other points raised by the report, Mr. Mitchell stated that various grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund and Benevolent Fund had been paid; that the balance in the Benevolent Fund now stood at £250, and that during 1935 the association scored 155 peals.

It was decided to visit St. Luke's, Bromley Common, if possible, for the next meeting, Beckenham being chosen as alternative. The suggested date is Saturday, May 2nd.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and authorities for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the chairman.

GOOD STRIKING AT PENSHURST MEETING.

The Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held a quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing consisted of short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major. The quality of the ringing was pronounced by many present as some of the finest ever heard at a district meeting. Fourteen towers were represented, twelve being in the Tonbridge District. The Rev. J. Cropper, Rector of Penshurst, conducted the association's special form of service.

Forty-one members sat down to tea in the Village Hall, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the secretary (Mr. A. Richardson), the Rev. E. L. M. Allen (Vicar of Edenbridge) and the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne). Mr. A. J. Battin appealed to the members to make a better effort than they had done in the past to attend the annual general meeting of the association, which was to be held this year at Westerham. He said it was not fair to the general secretary not to support him after all the work he had been called upon to do for them.

Mr. W. Latter supported Mr. Battin in his appeal.

A proposition was made and carried that the district invite the Romney Marsh and District Guild to co-operate with them at the July meeting which it is proposed to hold at Benenden.

An invitation by the Maidstone District to join them at Linton on March 14th was accepted.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting was closed, and members returned to the tower for more ringing.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On December 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. R. Norton 1, Mrs. Knight 2, *N. Yeo 3, G. Yeo 4, P. Yeo (first quarter-peal in the method 'inside') 5, W. H. Knight 6, *H. A. Price (conductor) 7, *H. W. Price 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

When the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild holds its annual meeting, the district secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) has a habit of calling a spade a spade and doing his best to dispel any sense of self-complacency that may have settled on the members. They had their customary 'shake up' on Saturday when they met at Guildford. Here are some of the points from Mr. Grover's report:—

The district has been carried on in accordance with the usual routine throughout the year, and I am able to report that it is still in being, but this does not mean that much progress has been made or that there are very pronounced signs of animation anywhere. It merely indicates that we are still doing little more than drifting apathetically along.

In no case was the attendance of district members at district meetings anything to shout about.

GOOD RINGERS' 'NERVES.'

Referring to the fact that interest was aroused at Shere in 1934 by Guild members endeavouring to score a peal with members of the local band, the hon. secretary said: Do not any of you think that what was done at Shere might with advantage be repeated there and also attempted at other places? It could not make things much worse. I found two years ago that our chief difficulty with regard to matters of this description is the tendency of really good ringers to get it into their heads that their nerves will suffer unduly if they have to struggle through peals with less able ringers. What, then, is their interpretation of the remarks made at the annual dinner by the president of the Central Council, who, in referring to our difficulty in obtaining towers for peal ringing, stressed the point that peal ringing teaches a ringer to strike and handle his bell in a way which nothing else can do? What interpretation can be placed on this other than we want towers for peals primarily for the purpose of polishing up the ringing of those whose opportunities for peal ringing are either very limited or non-existent and not solely for the convenience of experienced bands who desire to ring for mere pleasure? I do not mean by this that experts ought always to sacrifice their peal ringing pleasures and do spade work, but I do think that what little peal ringing we do in this district is not made to serve the best purposes from the point of view of district members.

INTERCHANGE OF VISITS SUGGESTED.

Analysing the 15 peals rung on tower bells in the district, the hon. secretary said that, excluding an 'officers' peal and two entirely local efforts, exactly 100 ropes were taken. One half of the total number were manned by ringers who did not live in the district and one-quarter of them by ringers who were not resident in the diocese. Apart from the two 'local' peals, in which there were six first peals, only two first peals were scored in the remainder, and, in addition, nearly all the other ringers taking part in the peals were ringers with long lists of peals to their credit.

Now although perhaps such a state of affairs does little to encourage local bands to welcome peal ringing at their towers, it can certainly be urged for those ringers who organise peals in our district that their activities are to a great extent restricted by the fact that in many places they find the attitude of local ringers to be modelled on the dog in the manger, and they can hardly be expected to encourage even district members who are not prepared to welcome them. The only way out of the difficulty seems to be to effect a compromise, and I suggest that during the coming year we should all try to meet each other a little more than half-way. However much the Church authorities may be blamed for prohibiting peal ringing, I personally think that in most cases it is the local ringers who hold the power of absolute veto. I do not suggest for one moment that many bands do not deserve to be neglected. Many of them do, but as I have stressed time after time it is useless for the enthusiastic and experienced ringers to sit still and wait until they are asked for assistance. If the activities of the Guild are to be carried on, it is the enthusiastic ringers who must provide the driving force.

A further suggestion made by the hon. secretary was that some of the towers in the district should be transferred to neighbouring districts. Guildford had 23 towers and none of the other districts more than 12. He summed up his report by suggesting that each tower should do something to interchange visits with its neighbours, by which, even if the standard of ringing was not improved all in a hurry, that friendly feeling which was absolutely vital to the carrying on of an organisation such as a ringing Guild would be fostered. He then put forward a scheme for this purpose and a proposal for the transfer of certain towers to other districts, subject to the consent of the members of the towers concerned.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PLANS.

An animated discussion followed the report, Mr. A. H. Pulling pointing out that it was no use going to other towers to help the ringers if the latter were not prepared to welcome the instruction given—and many of them were not. Again, those ringers who wanted help would be welcomed at the towers were they could obtain it, but they did not take advantage of the opportunities.

Mr. C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary of the Aldershot District) said he had found in his district that the only way to get into touch with ringers at backward towers was by personal visits and encouragement.

Eventually it was resolved to convene a special meeting of the District Committee to discuss the whole question.

The Ringing Master's report, which had previously been received, said that Sunday service ringing was very regular and general in the district, and most bands practised regularly, but only the most enthusiastic keep practices going throughout the summer. At the district meetings everyone was given a chance, elementary, intermediate and advanced. A combined practice was held at Old Woking, and perhaps more could be done in this direction. However, he pointed out that certain bands in the district practiced throughout the year on certain evenings, and if young and inexperienced ringers were keen to get on, they had the opportunity of attending these practices regularly. They would always be welcomed and receive their fair share of proper instruction. Sixteen peals had been rung in the district during the year.

The chair at the meeting was taken by Capt. H. J. Cann and the attendance numbered 48. The following officers were re-elected, with thanks for their services: Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden. Mr. A. J. B. Green (headmaster of Guildford Grammar School) was elected as hon. members' representative on the Executive Committee, and, after a ballot, the following were elected to represent the ringing members: Messrs. S. J. Elton and W. R. Melville.

The balance sheet showed that £17 19s. 6d. had been received in subscriptions and that the expenses of the district had been £3 8s. 6d. The balance in hand had been reduced from £24 9s. 9d. to £20 12s., but that was more than accounted for by a donation of £3 3s. to the Library Fund, and contributions of £2 2s. to each of three bell restoration funds, viz., Albury, Witley and Shalford.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The places for the district meetings in the forthcoming year were left to the hon. secretary and the dates to the Secretaries' Committee.

All the retiring Guild officers were renominated, and Mr. C. W. Denyer was added to the candidates for the Central Council.

The Revs. R. H. Sandiford and H. M. Insley (Cathedral) were elected hon. members, and 18 ringing members were elected, including the band of ten at Ewhurst, to whom a special welcome was extended.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection was taken for the William Pye Memorial Fund.

During the afternoon ringing took place both at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas', and the Guild's service was held at the latter church, where further ringing took place in the evening.

VISITORS: ARE THEY WELCOME?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is to be hoped that the parochial viewpoint expressed by Mr. G. Grover at the annual meeting of the Guildford District deprecating ringers from outside ringing peals on towers in the district is not the general attitude of the Exercise. While peals by local companies are to be commended, circumstances in ringing with the wide graduation of proficiency make it desirable that geographical boundaries should be swept away.

When I became enrolled as a ringer I was told that I had joined a Freemasonry that extended throughout the whole country, and that I would be welcomed in every tower that I visited. So far that friendly atmosphere has never been lacking wherever I have been.

As a Guildfordian, I should feel aggrieved if there should be an impression abroad that visitors are not welcomed in this district. Our visitors' book tells a different story, and is an example of that spirit of brotherliness that emanates from our tower. I should add that however august and distinguished our visitor might be, there has never been hesitancy to point out the error of his ways (if any) in handling or striking, in the fond hope that he might profit from his association with us!

Change ringing will be a dying art if this spirit of parochial isolation and dependence on purely local talent for peal ringing is generally adopted. Mr. Grover must remember that the strength of a chain is its weakest link, and so is the strength of those ringing together. Importations to local peals invariably strengthen the band and enable a group to accomplish what would at times be an impossibility.

'GUILDFORDIAN.'

OVERSEAL RINGER'S WEDDING.

At St. Matthew's Church, Overseal, Derbyshire, on February 8th, the wedding tock place of Mr. Geoffrey William Clayfield and Miss Jane Statham.

The bridegroom is an esteemed member of the local band and has been a member of the Midland Counties Association during the past eight years.

A large crowd gathered at the church to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rector of Seale (the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A.).

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, sisters of the bridegroom, and the service was fully choral, the hymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father' and 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden,' being sung.

The bride and bridegroom left the church to a touch of Grandsire Triples, rung by members of the St. Matthew's band, and to honour the event a peal of Stedman Triples was also rung.

THREE HUNDRED TWELVE-BELL PEALS

A NEW RECORD.

Mr. Albert Walker, who for so many years was the enthusiastic Ringing Master at St. Martin's, Birmingham, has just completed what is a remarkable record. In calling the first peal, rung half-muffled in memory of King George, on the newly-augmented peal at Aston, he brought his total of twelve-bell peals to 300, of which 195 have been on tower bells and 105 on handbells. Mr. Walker would be the last to claim any special merit in the distinction he has achieved; with him it has been, he says, largely a matter of circumstances and opportunity, but it is, nevertheless, a new record in peal ringing.

MR. ALBERT WALKER.

Bred to twelve-bell ringing in St. Martin's famous tower, and occupying the office there as conductor, he has been in the happy position of leader of a belfry where more twelve-bell peals have been rung than anywhere else in the country. In addition, the ability of the men he has had round him enabled handbell peal ringing to be brought to a fine art, and this helped considerably to swell his total.

Of the 300 peals which he has rung on twelve bells, Mr. Walker has conducted 126, an indication that, despite his opportunities, he has never sought to monopolise the calling, and many a man has to thank him for the opportunity of conducting a twelve-bell peal. Of the handbell peals of Stedman Cinques, one was non-conducted and one 'silent,' the latter being unique in that the band, when they met, 'drew' for the pair of bells they were to ring. Among the peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was one rung non-conducted at St. Martin's.

In addition to these performances it is to be remembered that Mr. Walker conducted the only peal yet rung on fourteen bells, a peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells. Here is the list of twelve-bell peals.

	Tower bells.	Handbells.
Stedman Cinques	169	101
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Erin Cinques		1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5	2
Bob Maximus	1	
Forward Maximus	2	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...	17	
	195	105

Mr. Walker's twelve-bell peals on tower bells have been rung at 27 cathedrals and churches, and he has conducted peals in 19 of them. St. Martin's, Birmingham, of course, heads the list. Here he has rung no fewer than 140 peals of Cinques and Maximus. In addition to St. Martin's, he has conducted twelve-bell peals at Exeter, Worcester, Winchester, Canterbury, Sheffield and Southwark Cathedrals, Tewkesbury Abbey, Aston, Taunton, West Bromwich, Walsall, Cheltenham, Wolverhampton, Painswick, Leicester, High Wycombe, Surfleet and Cornhill (London) churches. The other places at which he has rung a peal are St. Paul's, Lincoln and Oxford Cathedrals, Buckfast Abbey (the only peal rung on the bells), Reading, Bristol, Cirencester and Cripplegate (London).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT BROXBOURNE.

A very enjoyable time was spent by those attending the meeting of the Eastern District at Broxbourne on Saturday week. Some thirty ringers assembled and the musical peal was kept busy. The Vicar welcomed the association to Broxbourne, and conducted the service, and gave a short but helpful address, basing his words upon 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.'

Friends and members were present from Chelmsford, Springfield, Sawbridgeworth, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, Hertford, London, Nazeing, Cheshunt, Broxbourne and Little Munden. Methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH TO CONTINUE.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Paignton on Saturday, when ringers were present from Exeter, Sidmouth, Christow, Newton Abbot, Dean Prior, Cockington, Collaton and Plymouth, as well as the local ringers. Ringing took place during the afternoon, touches of Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples being rung, as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers. A service was later conducted by the Rev. W. V. Duke, who based an excellent address from the text, 'O come let us worship and fall down' (Psalms 95, v. 6).

The visitors afterwards adjourned to the Schoolroom for tea, and the general secretary (Mr. T. Laver) occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to His late Majesty King George V.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay, who wished to resign the chairmanship of the branch owing to continued illness in his household. The branch decided to place on record its appreciation of his valuable services with the hope that he would become chairman again at some future date. An apology for absence was also read from the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox), who was attending a similar meeting at Pyworthy.

The secretary's report showed that three meetings had been held during the year and that there had been an improvement in the attendances. A few bell restorations had been carried out in the branch, and three peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung during the year by mixed bands. There was a slight decrease in the membership of the branch.—The report was adopted, as was also the treasurer's report.

Arising out of a decision at the spring meeting last year to continue the branch until the annual meeting, it was decided to carry on the branch as usual, and the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, of Collaton, was elected chairman. Mr. A. L. Bennett was elected secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. R. Whiting (Collaton), C. F. Austin (Paignton) and J. Olding (Cockington) were elected representatives of the branch to serve on the General Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dartmouth on Saturday, May 9th, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

Messrs. C. Medland and L. Wensley, of Cockington, were elected members of the branch.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Paignton for the use of the bells and Schoolroom, to the Rev. W. V. Duke (assistant priest) for conducting the service and for his address, to the organist for his help, and to the Ladies' Committee for carrying out the tea arrangements.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Woodbury on Saturday, February 1st, when 50 members and visitors were present. The following towers in the branch were represented, viz., Clyst St. George, Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh, Lympstone, Topsham, Whimple, Withycombe Raleigh and Woodbury, with visitors from Brampford Speke, Christow, Exeter, Kenn, Sidmouth and Silverton.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Bateman, and the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Nealy) gave a most instructive address. Tea was held in the Public Hall and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the new chairman, the Rev. G. Bateman, of Withycombe Raleigh. The president (the Rev. E. V. Cox) gave him a most hearty welcome.

Mr. E. Bone was unanimously elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year. Three associate members were elected, and Rockbeare was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 25th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his able address, to the organist and choir, and to the caterer for providing the tea.

The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Bob Major.

RINGER'S 55th ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING.

To celebrate the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes, of Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, February 9th, at St. Marie's Church: F. Gates (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, W. Burgar 3, G. Holmes (conductor) 4, G. Lewis 5, R. Harrison 6, R. Harrison, jun. 7, H. Hurst 8.

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Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft replied on behalf of the visitors and congratulated the bellhangers upon the remarkable improvement in the 'go' of the bells.—Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., having also received nothing but praise upon the success of the work, suitably responded.

For some time Marple bells have had an unenviable reputation, and ringing them was a laborious task, due in the main to weak supporting beams and worn bearings. Now, new ball bearings have been fitted, the old timber frame strengthened and girders fixed under the beams carrying the frame. The result is gratifying to all concerned.

MARPLE BELLS.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD PEAL RESTORED.

In 1731, Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a new ring of six bells for the Parish Church of Stockport to replace five that had been taken out of the tower early in the 18th century. Some years later a portion of the tower gave way and some rude buttresses were erected. However, in 1805, after ringing for several days in succession for Nelson's great victory at Trafalgar, the old tower was so shaken that the bells were seldom rung again, and the last time they were heard from that tower was on October 13th, 1809, at the Jubilee when George III. was King.

In the following year the tower was pulled down and the bells stowed away, some in an old mill in Portwood and some in the hearse house. When the new, and present, tower was built, a new ring of eight bells was made for it whilst the old peal lay unheard and unrung.

MARPLE BUYS THE BELLS.

Messrs. Rudhall, who had placed the new ring of eight in the new tower, offered the churchwardens and trustees £400 for the old six bells, but there was a very strong feeling against them leaving the parish on account of their sweet tone, and eventually at a large meeting held in March, 1816, the trustees unanimously resolved that the township of Marple should have the option to purchase at the price offered by Rudhalls. This resolution brought forth the following appeal, dated 28th March, 1816:—

To the inhabitants of Marple and its vicinity.

The trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the taking down and rebuilding of the Parish Church of Stockport, having made the township of Marple an offer of the peal of bells belonging to the former edifice, it is earnestly hoped that a subscription may be raised equal to the purchase of them. The sum required is Four Hundred Pounds, being the price at which Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the original founder, has offered to take them from the trustees. Little, it is hoped, need be urged to prevail upon the inhabitants of Marple not to suffer these bells to be conveyed away from amongst them for ever. The real excellence of their tone must be well remembered by them, and scarcely an individual is there that has not listened to them with feelings such as few but would wish to experience again.

The site of the chapel is a consideration that ought to have its weight. On an eminence that commands an extensive view of the bold swelling hills of Derbyshire, as of the more fertile plains of Cheshire, no situation could be better adapted to give full effect to their uncommonly fine tone. From this hill the sound of them will go forth far and wide, and it cannot be doubted but that the inhabitants of the other townships, when they hear them, will rejoice that their neighbours did not suffer them to be removed for ever out of the parish, and will applaud both the spirit and the liberality of the township of Marple.

This appeal had such an effect that Samuel Oldknow, Esq., Nathaniel Wright, Esq., and the Rev. C. K. Prescott, curate of Marple, concluded the bargain and became personally responsible for the amount. On April 29th, Mr. Oldknow sent his dray for the treble and tenor, and Mr. Wright sent two carts for the remaining four.

June 30th, 1816, saw the opening of the peal; Miriam Isherwood, of Marple Hall, a descendant of Judge Bradshawe, who tried Charles I., was christened and the day kept as a gala day. Prizes were given and competed for by the ringers of the district; unfortunately, there is no record of what ringing took place nor details of the bands who competed, so our readers are left to imagine what took place.

In 1886, the bells were going badly, and the various fittings were suffering from a common complaint, old age. They were rehung by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, on the then modern principle, and again the parishioners liberally responded. The reopening took place on Easter Monday, 1886, by the Hayfield ringers, at that time one of the best companies in the district.

For some time past the 'go' of the bells has again slowly but firmly told the ringers that all was not well above, with the result the Church authorities wisely decided to make good the damage due to fair wear and tear. All the fittings have been thoroughly overhauled and new ball bearings of the latest type provided. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have again undertaken the work, which has been carried out with their usual efficiency. At the same time the opportunity was taken of having the old timber frame strengthened and the main carrying beams reinforced by heavy steel girders, and once more the parishioners have responded in their customary manner.

THE DEDICATION.

At a special service on a recent Saturday, the bells were formally reopened after rehanging; the service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Spackman. The Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.D., Vicar of Norbury and Rural Dean, delivered a striking sermon in his usual inimitable manner.

In addition to the numerous parishioners, ringers from six different dioceses gave their support to the service. The usual welcome was extended to the ringers and a very substantial tea was provided in the Parish Hall at a most reasonable charge.

The Rev. F. S. Spackman greeted the visitors and briefly explained the various items of work that had been undertaken by the church authorities.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 18th, St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 27th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 15th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Reports ready. Members' subscriptions due. It would add to the pleasure and interest of the meeting if as many ringers and would be-ringers as possible attended.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove (Repton bells *not* available for this meeting) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Visitors welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held jointly with the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service at 4.30 and tea and business meeting afterwards in the Institute.—A. H. Smith and H. F. Mills, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed, Loughborough.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head) in the Parochial Hall. Business: Auditors' report, election of officers, extension of radius for contest, etc. A good attendance is earnestly desired. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —The annual district meeting will be held at Sutton, near Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Bowell, of Ipswich, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Rev. Canon Woodard. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. — W. F. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Birch-in-Rusholme on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. Meeting in the tower 7 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, 5 p.m. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige if they notify me as soon as possible.—F. Ridgwell, Hon. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The monthly meeting will be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3. Tea has been arranged. Good bus and train services from most parts.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. — O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery. — Feb. 15th at Stoke Goldington. Begin 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells, a handy ring of six, available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting until 6.45 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MELTHAM, HUDDERSFIELD. — Centenary of Bells, Feb. 22nd.—Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon Marshall, President, Yorkshire Association. Free tea for ringers sending names to Edward Earnshaw, 124, Helme Lane, Meltham, before Feb. 17th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Feb. 22nd to mark the occasion of the opening of the bells after repairs. Bells will be available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea will be provided for ringers and friends at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Starling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Crediton (8 bells) on Feb. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Institute. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 15th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, 1s. per head, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon. Please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, how many for tea. A collection will be taken during the service to form the nucleus of a Bell Restoration Fund for the Branch.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Magpie Café. Will members of the District Committee please attend, to arrange quarterly meetings for this year?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meeting at Romsey Abbey on Feb. 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 19th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Important business. 1936 subscriptions due. Special attention to learners 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea guaranteed only for those who send names by Feb. 17th to G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. in Church Room. Election of officers, etc. Ringers who require tea must let me know Wednesday, Feb. 19th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Bus from Westgate Street 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Feb. 19th.?—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 3 to 4.45; All Saints' (8), 3 to 4.45; Cathedral (10), 6.45 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.45 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.30 p.m., 6d. each, to those notifying me not later than Feb. 19th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. G. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by Tuesday, Feb. 18th. Gentlemen welcomed. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, near Bexley Heath, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 18th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, 18th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wraysbury on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who notify me not later than Feb. 17th. Subscriptions now due. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., at Parson's Café.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those coming to tea please let me know by previous Tuesday?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Minster at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. R. Owen, 8, Long Lane, Beverley, E. Yorks, by Thursday, Feb. 27th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A farewell meeting to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D.). — H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 48th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, 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 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Feb. 29th at Ossett. Bus half-hourly from Leeds. Bells 2 till 9.15 p.m. Tea provided, ladies, by kind invitation of Mayor of Ossett. All must send names to Miss Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds, by Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—E. Dorice Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Church Rooms, Heene Road. All who intend to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 230, Dominion Road, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Little Waltham on Feb. 29th. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 26th. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone, bells (6), on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Notify me by Wednesday previous. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

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