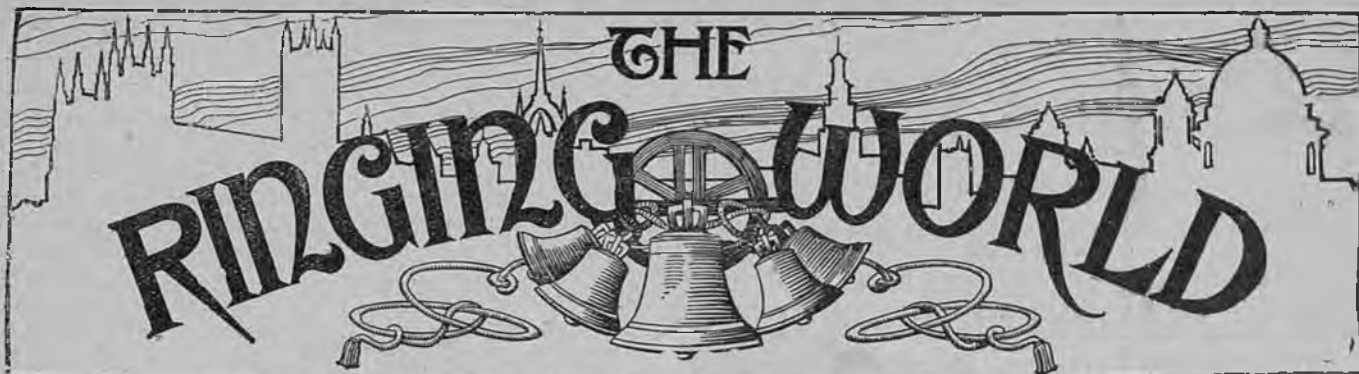




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CONTRASTS.

What contrasts we find in connection with ringing! The same post brought us a record of the doings during 1936 in the tower of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where over 118,000 changes were rung in successful peals and touches, and the almost pathetic story of the heartbreaking task confronting the leader of the band at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London, to maintain Sunday ringing and practice. One tower still on a flood tide, which has carried the company on its crest for years; the other struggling, almost submerged, in despair to keep the bells ringing at all. Ipswich is one of the outstanding examples of a tower blessed for more than a generation with the possession of a competent band, whose enthusiasm and enterprise seem to grow with the years. The ceremony which took place there only a few weeks ago is evidence of that. Ipswich has made twelve-bell history and the society, with many grey heads among its members, is showing it is still possessed of the spirit of youth by electing one of its youngest members—and a lady member at that—as 'Master' for the year. It is a pleasing compliment to pay to an accomplished young ringer, but it is a proof that the society has confidence in youth, when supported by the experience of age, and is not afraid to entrust its offices to the rising generation.

The difficulties confronting the band at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields are those which have come in the past to many London towers. There are very few in the inner radius of the Metropolis where ringing can be regularly maintained. Where service ringing is done, it is by bands who, for the most part, have to come in from the outer suburbs for the purpose. Indeed, in all the large towns and cities it is increasingly difficult to keep ringers at the churches. The migration to the outskirts has made service in this direction not only more costly in money, but also in time, and it is not easy to see what remedy can be applied. Ringers who are able to lend a hand at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, and at other churches where similar difficulties are to be found, will, needless to say, be cordially welcomed, but it seems to us the only real hope is to strengthen the band from among those who are worshippers at the church. Those who already have an interest in the services are more likely to respond to a call for help than those who have no present association with the church. This line of action has already proved itself in the City of London, and we believe is the only course that can be pursued with any hope of lasting success. We trust, however, that an appeal for help in building up a band may not fall upon deaf ears among the many ringers in and around London. Temporary

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help is often possible, where a promise of permanent assistance may be out of the question. Perhaps some form of pooling of resources might be a way of strengthening ringing in some of the London churches. The difficulties are numerous, but, we hope, not insuperable. The many ringing organisations which cover the greater London area might well discuss this subject, for St. Giles'-in-the-Fields is not the only church at which assistance would be valued, and if only the societies would draw closer together instead of seeming, officially, to keep as wide apart as possible, something useful might be done.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ERNEST J. DURRANT Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	EDWARD B. SMITH 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY 3	ALBERT J. CLARK 7
*HAROLD W. CUTHBERT ... 4	MAURICE J. LING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by M. J. LING.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are local men.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
MISS NORAH M. BIEBY ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL 5
SHEPHERD SPARROW 2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ARKSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	*HORACE S. MORLEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	*EDGAR C. STACEY 6
*EDWIN E. LEE 3	†FOORD P. NEWTON 7
WILLIAM FAY 4	†BEN BIRKETT Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Rung after meeting short for Major. A compliment to G. Clark on the 32nd anniversary of his wedding.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*WALTER M. GODDARD ... Treble	GEORGE E. FBIRN ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	*STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 6
†ARTHUR W. HODDLESS ... 3	†ERNEST BRITAIN ... 7
*GEORGE L. HALL ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. Marcon, Lincoln, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Monkseaton, and of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Gillatt, jun., Burton-on-Stather.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Kenneth Snelling ... Treble	WALTER CLAYDON ... 5
ERNEST W. RAZZELL ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
LEONARD S. LAKER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 4	CECIL NICE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*THOMAS E. DENYER ... Treble	*PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... 5
*MISS DORIS VIGGERS ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
*WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
*CHARLES W. DENYER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Superlative; none of them had previously made a bob in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

This method is now rung for the first time to a peal, and is No. 82 in Mr. G. Lindoff's collection.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	*COLIN A. HOPPER ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	HARRY HOSKINS ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt in the method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2	*REGINALD BLABY ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
JESSE HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, for the 20th anniversary of their wedding day, January 11th.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK L. FISHER ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*C. JOHN TROTMAN ... 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... 6
*A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 3	JOHN F. TILLET ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 4	ALDERMAN LING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the golden jubilee in holy orders of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by J. WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells and first peal since their rehanging by Taylor and Co. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5
ALAN R. HICKTON ... 2	ERNEST W. BEADMORE ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	WILLIAM F. BARNHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	JOHN FORD ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. BOWYER ... 2	HARRY MOSS ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS TILLET ... 3	LEONARD LAST ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method by both the ladies and a compliment to Miss Tillet on the occasion of her 18th birthday. Arranged to oblige the ringer of the seventh.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
WALTER AYRE 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER G. PAUL 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD C. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 672 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HENRY W. SHADRACK Treble	GEORGE M. RASBROOK ... 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	PERCY GREEN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his recovery from a long illness.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*BERNARD CASTLE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	†R. GORDON CROSS ... 6
†MARIE R. CROSS 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSROW.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Single Court, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JACK VESSEY Treble	RICHARD HARVEY 4
THOMAS VESSEY 2	FRANK VERNON 5
JAMES RAITHEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Rung half-muffled.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, and Friday, January 1, 1937, in

Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Morpeth and Alnwick; (2) Northumberland and Carlisle; (3) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (4) Norfolk and Primrose; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Lincoln and Coldstream; (7) London, Newcastle and Wells.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

Rung on New Year's Eve, 'Go' being called at 9.10 p.m. and 'That's all' at 12.17 a.m.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES RAITHEY Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	*JACK MILLHOUSE 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	*CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES HAYTINGS Treble	EDWARD S. MAUND 3
FRED HAWKES 2	CYRIL HALLING 4
ARTHUR GRIFFIN 3	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Dudley Smith, of Earls Croome Court, for many years a life honorary member of this association, who was interred in Earls Croome Churchyard that day.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 25 methods, viz. :—

- (1) College, Wavertree, St. Clement's, Childwall, London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford and Thelwall.
- (2) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel and Oxford Treble Bob.
- (3) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise and Ockley Treble Bob.
- (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Newdigate Delight.
- (5) Cambridge Surprise.
- (6) Double and Single Court.
- (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN A. MUSE Treble	GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 4
*JOHN C. BRITAIN 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
*JOSEPH J. LEBSON 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

* First peal in 25 methods. The above are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*E. JOHN RELFE Treble	JOHN J. BASSETT 4
BASIL J. SANDS 2	BERTRAM J. LOCK 5
†ALBERT RELFE 3	JAMES BASSETT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. † 200th peal. The conductor taught the remainder of the band to ring and they are all Sunday service ringers at the above church except the ringer of the 5th, who is a service ringer at Canterbury Cathedral.

METHWOLD, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells, which were made six by Osborn and Arnold in 1778.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 16½ in B flat.

"SIDNEY BROWN 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4	† WALTER AYRE 7-8

* REGINALD C. SHARP ... 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † 425th peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At 21, DEEDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

* LEO ARD E. PITSTOW ... 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
* ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... 3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 7-8

* ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Ernest A. Pitstow.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal in Saffron Walden.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

In ST. STEPHEN'S RINGING CHAMBER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
* EDGAR GUISE 3-4	JOHN A. BURFORD 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1937, in One Hour and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

FREDERICK J. SPICKER ... 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK 3-4
HAROLD V. FROST 5-6	

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

Umpire—George W. Debenham.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor and first attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

* REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	† REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by J. REHVE. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, January 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 14 in D.

REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	* REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) 7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

COMPLIMENT TO HESTON RINGER.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Sunday, January 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Odd Bob): W. F. Ellingham (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 1, W. Sparrow 2, W. H. Stevens 3, W. W. Webb 4, W. Morris 5, F. J. Cattermoul 6, H. C. Chandler 7, H. G. Cooper 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, for 45 years a ringer at Heston Parish Church.

LADIES' GUILD.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—It is a pleasure to read in your leader of December 25th that the general secretary of the Ladies' Guild is able to report 'increase in membership and renewed interest.' I think most ringers will hope that the secretary will again next year be able to make a like report.

The ladies have had to fight for this result and thoroughly deserve whatever success they have achieved. But there—where pluck and 'sticking to it' is concerned, the ladies beat us hollow.

With reference, Sir, to your remarks, 'Despite the scoffers who think the Guild redundant,' and again, 'there are still some ringers who think the belfry should be the exclusive preserve of the male sex,' may I say that, from experience gained in the early days of ladies' ringing, I believe that such men were always in a very small minority indeed.

I taught my wife to handle a bell in the years 1908-9, and between that time and 1918 we had cycled to, and rung in, just over 400 belfries, from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Penzance. Perhaps we were lucky, but we have nothing but the most pleasurable recollections of every one of the towers we visited, and in a very great number of those towers my wife was informed that she was the first lady ever to have handled a bell.

It surely goes without saying that the presence of a good woman in the belfry (as any and everywhere else) cannot but have an upward trend.

'To chase the clouds of life's tempestuous hours,
To strew its short but weary way with flow'rs,
New hopes to raise, new feelings to impart,
And pour celestial balsam on the heart;
For this to man was lovely woman giv'n,
The last, best work, the noblest gift of Heav'n.'

Why bar the belfry from all such advantages? God bless the ladies and their Guild, say I.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh, Surrey.

CENTRAL DISTRICT IN HERTS.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Herts, on Saturday, January 2nd, and, in spite of the 'flu' epidemic, was fairly well attended.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Murray Walton, who welcomed the Guild to his church. Miss Bradford (assistant secretary) officiated at the harmonium.

Tea was held at the Welcome Cafe and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Rector was present. Unfortunately Mr. Radley, who had been making all the necessary arrangements for the meeting and was present to welcome the visitors at the church during the afternoon, became a victim of the 'flu' and had to leave the party before tea much to his great regret.

After tea a very short business meeting was held.

Beckenham was proposed as the place of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 6th, with Beddington as an alternative.

The next Wednesday meeting will be held on February 1st at Laytonstone.

Further ringing took place afterwards.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

118,000 CHANGES IN A YEAR.

The annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on January 5th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Miss Phyllis E. Tillet, who is the first lady to occupy the 'chair' in this society; Deputy Master, George A. Fleming; treasurer, Charles J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillet; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich. The secretary, in his report, stated that during the year the society rang the first peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells of Stonham Aspal; a grandfathers' peal of Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, by a band all residents of the borough; and Cambridge Minor at Ashbocking. In addition the changes rung on St. Mary-le-Tower bells for services, practice and peals were as under: 1 peal Superlative Maximus, 5,280 changes; 1 peal Cambridge Maximus, 5,280; 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5,136; 2 peals Stedman Cinques, 10,014; 31 courses Cambridge Maximus, 16,368; 19 courses Superlative Maximus, 10,080; 10 courses Rochester Maximus, 5,424 (some being bob courses). Other methods of Maximus included Little Albion, 4,032 changes; touches of Cinques, 11,069; Royal, 25,320; Caters, 6,469; Major, 12,348; Triples, 1,798; grand total 118,618.

This is an average of 2,281 changes per week. The methods of Royal and Major included Cambridge, Rochester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Plain, Bristol, Superlative, London and Forward, Caters and Triples, Stedman and Grandsire.

These figures do not include failures in peals and touches. The total for 1935 was 117,035.

FOR BEGINNERS.

PLAIN HUNTING.

If the beginner has learned thoroughly to control his bell, the sooner he can get on to change ringing the better. He may not find it very easy at first, and we want to warn him not to be dispirited if he does not grasp it as quickly as he thinks he ought to do.

Change ringing is a curious thing to learn. Some people can see it almost straight away; others seem to grope about in darkness for quite a long time, until all at once the light of understanding breaks upon them—and they think how stupid they must have been not to have 'seen' it before.

The point we want to make is, if you do not grasp the idea of ringing changes straight away, don't give up. Stick to it and eventually you will master it and find what a fascinating thing it is.

If you studied the little practice 'game' we gave you a fortnight ago, you will have observed from the manipulation of the cards how changes are made. When you come to apply this to your actual ringing you have got to acquire the facility of 'seeing' where your bell is among the rest as the changes are produced at every pull on the ropes. This facility is called 'ropesight,' that is you have got to be able to distinguish, as you ring, which rope you are pulling after, and which rope is being pulled after yours. All your observations in the ringing chamber have to be made by the ropes as they rise and fall—if the ropes follow each other in the right order, of course the bells are in the right order in the changes.

Changes are produced by what are known as 'methods,' that is by systems which automatically carry on the sequence of changes from the 'rounds' from which you start, until 'rounds' again comes up, and your 'touch' or 'peal' is completed.

To ring changes successfully you must memorise your method and know exactly what to do at every change from beginning to end. That does not mean that you have to learn beforehand the order in which you will strike over the bells; but you must know the 'path' or track which you have to follow—it may be a straight path up and down, like the treble in Grandsire, or it may be an intricate one, such as is followed by a working bell in the more complicated methods.

A straight path is called 'plain hunting' and the beginner will do well to content himself for his first lesson in doing this plain hunting. If the hand to which he belongs are change ringers they will probably put him to ring the treble to Grandsire as a matter of course. If all the band are beginning change ringing together, their first step should be to learn to hunt their bells, and they can do this by a method called 'Original,' which in its plain course produces twice as many changes as there are bells engaged.

It will help things also if at the start changes are rung with the tenor 'covering,' so that you not only have a bell to keep the 'beat,' but you know exactly which to lead from, which is a great help in keeping good striking.

A little thought will show you that in hunting up, after you have led, your pace will be just a little slower than when you strike continually in the same place in rounds, because one more bell has to strike before you than in the last change. If you are ringing on six bells and are leading, between your two blows at handstroke and backstroke five other bells have struck, but when you move into 2nd's place six bells strike between your own two blows, and so on all the while you are moving up.

Whenever you remain a whole pull in one place, as you do at lead, or in lying behind, there are only five bells between your pulls, as in rounds, and when you hunt down, from back to front, there are only four bells before you pull again. This means that in coming down towards the lead, you pull in more quickly. Indeed, it is essential that in this hunting down you should do it smartly, not only to secure good striking, but to keep your place. You get lost more quickly by being slow in hunting down than in any other way.

Remember this, once you have pulled your bell off, nothing you can do can alter the place where it will strike at that change—it may be a good blow, it may be a bad one, but you can't alter it. Therefore, once you have pulled off, you can concentrate your attention entirely upon the next bell you have got to follow.

If you are hunting up it is fairly simple. It will be the bell that is following you this time. Look for him immediately you pull off. With only four other bells to trouble about, you will soon learn to spot him quickly. And, as you go, remember to count your places; that is the position in which your bell is striking, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.

Here is another point to remember. As you hunt up (or down, for that matter), once you have struck over a bell, you can dismiss it from your attention until you turn round and hunt in the opposite direction. Thus, as you hunt, you gradually reduce the number of bells from which to pick out the next you require, so that if you have already passed in turn over 2 and 4 you know the next must be either 3 or 5, and, if it is 5, then next time there is only the 3rd left. This knowledge simplifies your task very much, especially when hunting down, which is, perhaps, just a little more difficult in its ropesight than is hunting up.

It is for that reason that it is important to know the place in which your bell strikes. If you are ringing changes on five bells with the tenor covering, after you have led, and, in hunting up, have struck in turn over the other four, you are in fifth's place. Before you actually start hunting down you have to have one more blow

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DEATH OF MR. PERCY W. H. CAME.

BRISTOL RINGER'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

The death took place last week at Bromley, Kent, at the residence of his son, of Mr. Percy W. H. Came, who had been an outstanding personality at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, for over 70 years. As a boy he went to the school on Redcliffe Parade, a stone's throw from the church, and also sang in the choir of the Parish Church as a boy. He learnt to ring a bell there, and when at one time things were not exactly as they should be in the tower, the Vicar sent for him and asked him to take over control of the tower and bells. This he did, with beneficial results to the Exercise in Bristol, for, soon after, united practices were held which resulted in peals of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus being rung under the conductorship of the late Mr. H. Porch, and the powerful backing of the late Mr. James Hinton.

After the bells had been restored and the weight of the tenor increased from 39 to 50½ cwt., Mr. Came was the first to ring it to a peal. He rang many other peals, the most noteworthy being the peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of St. Helena, Lundy Island, in the year 1905.

He was senior sidesman at St. Mary Redcliffe, where the funeral took place on Saturday last, when a goodly gathering of old friends and representative people attended the choral funeral service, with Mr. Ralph T. Morgan at the organ. The 23rd Psalm and the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' were sung by the congregation, and the choir sang 'I hear a voice from heaven,' and the Russian Contakion for the Departed, 'Give rest, O Christ.'

The ringers taking part in the muffled ringing before and after the service were Messrs. E. J. Brown, H. H. Tucker, G. T. Daltry, C. H. Gordon, M. Osmond, F. G. Leaker, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, E. Clark, F. Porch, E. Pring and W. A. Cave, and Mrs. E. Wilkins. Canon Coleridge, who was also in the peal at Lundy Island, travelled from Crowthorne to pay his respects to his old friend, and the family of the deceased expressed their deep appreciation of this act. Whatever faults the deceased ringer may have had, his enthusiasm and encouragement did their part in the advance of change ringing which took place in Bristol during 1897 and onwards.

W. A. C.

A MIDNIGHT BELL TRIAL.

INTERESTING RESTORATION AT SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

On New Year's Eve the newly-rehung bells at Saham Toney, Norfolk, were given a first trial by the local and district ringers for the 'watchnight' service. The bells, it may be remembered, were dedicated on October 18th, but owing to the great amount of concrete used in restoring the tower, it was not deemed advisable to have them rung for three months. The old framework, one of the oldest in England, has been lifted bodily some 10ft. higher in the tower by the builders, who have tied the tower together with a concrete grill floor. On this has been erected a new teak frame, and the six bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) rehung on teak headstocks with all new modern plain bearings and fittings.

The work of restoring the tower was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Weir, the architect, by Messrs. Peek Vout, of Watton, Norfolk, and the restoration of the bells was carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. E. Burton, of Norwich, himself a ringer, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

Great satisfaction was expressed by all present with the 'go' of the bells. A representative party from the neighbouring towers attended, in spite of the very late hour of 11.30 p.m., for the trial. The old treble and fifth bells have been recast and all were tuned.

WEDDING BELLS

On Wednesday, December 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, immediately after the wedding of Miss D. M. Spenser Jones, daughter of the Vicar of the parish, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Page 1, G. Wines 2, G. Page 3, J. W. Jones 4, T. J. Hamlin 5, A. W. Heath 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

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(making a whole pull in 5th's). This gives you time to observe the four bells in front of you.

You have, at the next pull, to quicken your pace, so as to strike fourth instead of fifth. You must look for three ropes to go and pull smartly over the third one. Next time there will be only two to go before it is your turn and then only one. After which it will be your turn to lead. Do this steadily, leaving space for one bell between the backstroke of the tenor and your own handstroke. Don't forget, in hunting down, as you pull over each bell, you can ignore it until you have led.

It is a help also if you can remember the order in which you strike over the bells as you hunt up (with the treble in Grandsire). You will take the bells in the same order on your way down.

If you are all beginners, try a plain hunting course of Original. The odd bells (1 and 3) start by hunting up, and the even bells (2 and 4) start by hunting down. No. 5 will hunt down after lying one blow behind. This can be your first step, and if you are in an eight-bell tower you can try it out on seven bells with the tenor covering.

TITLES IN PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I enter a plea for the retention of titles in the records of peals? It seems to me that the record not only suffers from a degree of inaccuracy, but that in years to come it will lose some of its historical interest. The omission of 'Mr.' can lead to no misunderstanding and in no way lessens the position of man as 'Master,' nor is it likely to belittle him in the eyes of the opposite sex! But, in the interests of accuracy, I much regret the occasional absence of 'Mrs.' and 'Miss,' and of titles denoting office or rank.

(Rev.) E. V. COX.

Brampford Speke Vicarage, Exeter.

DUNCHURCH BELLS.

CONGRATULATIONS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to give a word of praise to the ringers at Dunchurch for the way they rang the new year in. The Moulton Radio Handbell Ringers were returning from the Birmingham B.B.C. Studio to Northampton, and about midnight reached Dunchurch, and, hearing the sound of village bells, stopped the car to listen. The music of those bells was most delightful and the tapping was perfect. I do not suppose the ringers realised that a party of change ringers were listening to them and enjoying the way they handled the ropes. We passed on resolving to imitate them.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton.

BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to supplement what my friend, Mr. Coles, wrote last week re the broadcast of Croydon bells. I was fortunate to hear the last four leads of the Caters and they came over perfectly and striking was 'O.K.' I had the pleasure of hearing them in Myland Lodge, Colchester, where I expect to remain for a short period. Will Croydon please give us some more in the near future?

W. KEEBLE.

P.S.—It is also to be hoped that we shall get bells on the air during the Coronation proceedings.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BRANCH AT ELY.

By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Elliott Simpson, the annual meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday. Mr. H. Cole, of the local company, was there to receive the ringers about 3 p.m., and good practice ringing took place.

A short Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, his address being much appreciated. Basing his address on the words, 'We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him,' the moral could be summed up in these words, 'The ringers, by ringing the bells, reminded people of the call to prayer, also that their own presence was required at worship.'

After the service tea was partaken of at Bonnett's, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The balance sheet of the branch was presented and passed, and several new members were elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. Elliott Simpson, M.A.; secretary, Mr. F. Warrington (Over); Branch Ringing Master, Mr. F. Thulbon (Wilburton); the committee to consist of captains of belfries attached to the branch.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, taking the Guild service and presiding.—The Vicar suitably replied.

The ringers returned to the church, where further ringing took place, the bells being lowered just before 9 p.m.

It was proposed that the next annual meeting take place at Over.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AND THE DUKE OF KENT.

ROYAL REPLY TO MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Boxing Day, in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) sent an intimation of this celebration, with the congratulations of the society, to H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and has received the following reply from the Private Secretary:—

'I am desired to convey to you and to the members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths the sincere thanks of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent for their kind message of congratulations.

'His Royal Highness was very pleased to hear of the peal of bells that was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by eight members of the society.'

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"We thank you very much for the care and attention you have given to the work, and for what you have done for us.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) F. H. W. TAYLOR."

Note—Bitton Church bells have recently been increased from six to eight, the six bells having been tuned, and the peal rehung by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A broken clapper put an end to an attempt for a peal of Treble Twelve at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday.

Members of the Royal Cumberland Youths should note that the annual meeting, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, is to be held on the 30th inst., and not the 23rd as advertised last week.

A nice compliment has been paid to that brilliant young lady ringer, Miss Phyllis Tillet, who, at the age of 18, has been elected Master of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich—an office never before filled by a lady. Miss Tillet comes of a long line of ringers, covering at least five generations, and she will now have the privilege of 'ordering' her father and grandfather, who are active members of the society.

Five members of the Aldershot band rang in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major last week without having previously made a bob in the method. Things like this happen, of course, among those expert bands who make a habit of ringing peals in new methods without previous practice, but that does not in any way detract from a fine performance by these young ringers, three at least of whom can count their peals on the fingers of one hand.

When Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent, rang his 200th peal last Saturday (92 of which he has conducted), the rest of his band consisted of his own pupils.

There are few rings of bells which remain in a tower for a hundred and sixty years before a peal is rung on them, but such has been the case of the bells of Methwold, Suffolk. They were converted to six by Osborn and Arnold in 1778, and the first peal was rung on them last Saturday.

In connection with the deaths of Messrs. H. Rann and R. J. Dawe, recorded in this issue, it is a melancholy fact to record that four of the band who took part in the first peal rung by the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' on April 8th, 1893, have passed away in little over a year, the others being Messrs. G. B. Bleach and E. C. Merritt. There is only one other survivor of the band, Mr. A. F. Nye, who has long since given up ringing.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I very much regret to find two peals of Treble Bob Major variations of F. Robinson's 5,184 which I have called are false, viz., 5,024 rung at Tenterden, April 2nd, 1923, and 5,056 at Farnham, May 21st, 1923. I used the alternate calling in last course of two parts. I tender my sincere apologies to those who took part in these performances.

F. BENNETT.

Brighton.

FALSE PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out that the peal of Bob Royal (5,040 changes) by H. Dains, rung for the Salisbury Guild at Wimbome on October 22nd, 1921, is false. As the conductor, I offer my sincere apologies to the members who took part in same.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Eastleigh.

PRESENTATION TO MR. MAURICE E. WILSON.

WEDDING GIFT OF CHIMING CLOCK.

A very pleasing ceremony took place in the Sheffield Cathedral belfry on Sunday last, when Mr. Maurice E. Wilson was presented with a clock, with Westminster chimes, by the members of the Cathedral company, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Eva Chafer, which took place on December 12th last.

The presentation was made by the Master, Mr. Harold Naylor, who spoke of the loyal support to the company given by Mr. Wilson during the past 15 years, in the course of which he had been a consistent member. He hoped Mr. Wilson would accept the gift as a mark of appreciation and esteem from the whole of the members, together with their best wishes for a long and happy union in the future.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, secretary, supported the Master's remarks.

Mr. Wilson feelingly thanked the members for their generous gift and hoped the good feeling that already existed amongst the members of the company would long continue.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is not the slightest wish to lessen the credit due to those men who have supplied the Exercise with so many good methods, but to put authors' names to the methods in the Central Council MS. collection is simply impossible. Cornwall Surprise, which Mr. Tipler claims, is one of those obvious methods which anyone who is interested in method construction is pretty sure to write out sooner or later. It has been composed by several people. Who was the first I do not know, but Henry Dains forestalled Mr. Tipler by many years.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

TWO SUSSEX RINGERS DEAD.

HERBERT RANN AND ROBERT J. DAWE.

Sussex has lost two well known ringers by the deaths of Herbert Rann, of the St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, who died on Dec. 29th, at the age of 67 years, and Robert James Dawe, of Southover, Lewes, who passed away at the same age, on Jan. 4th.

By the death of Robert James Dawe, who died suddenly at his home at Southover, Lewes, on Monday afternoon, January 4th, Sussex ringing has lost a familiar figure, the County Association a stalwart supporter, and many ringers a valued friend. For 48 years 'Bob' Dawe was active in Sussex ringing, and the association owes a great deal to him for the quiet but excellent work which he did on its behalf while secretary of the Central Division from 1905 to 1912.

When Mr. Dawe began his ringing in 1889 at Lewes, there were not many places in Sussex where change ringing had been firmly established. The County Association was in its infancy and at his own tower only 'stone' ringing prevailed. Purchasing Snowden's 'Rope-sight,' Bob Dawe began to study change ringing and persuaded some of his friends to join him in the tower. About this time the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate at Ringmer, a village three miles away, and regularly for the weekly practice Bob Dawe did this journey on foot, with such others of his band as would join him, to learn something more of the mysteries of change ringing.

He was an apt pupil, and in May, 1891, he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, followed little more than six weeks later with Stedman Triples, with which peal began a long and intimate association with Mr. George Williams, who called the peal, and afterwards close on a hundred others in which Mr. Dawe took part. Bob Major and another peal of Grandsire followed in September of the same year, and in the meantime he was coaching the band in his own tower in the Plain Bob method. In October, with four of his pupils standing in, he called a peal of Bob Triples. Before the year was out he had rung the treble to a peal of Double Norwich, and the way was paved to an interesting career in peal ringing.

FIRST SURPRISE PEALS.

After spending a couple of years at Eastbourne, where he assisted Christ Church Society, he moved to Brighton, where greater opportunities were opened up by membership of the St. Peter's Society, at that time reaching the peak of its fame in Surprise ringing, under Mr. George Williams' conductorship. In the years that followed Mr. Dawe took part in the first peals of Norfolk, Westminster, Oxford and Bristol Surprise ever rung, and in the first peals of London in the City of London and in Hampshire.

In gauging the value of these performances one has to remember how little Surprise ringing was practised in those days. A Surprise peal was really a performance of considerable merit, and it was largely the activities and success of the Brighton company of that period that popularised this form of ringing.

Among other peals in which Mr. Dawe took part were 6,720 of London Surprise in 1901, at St. Peter's, Brighton, the only peal of Double Norwich Royal ever rung in Sussex (1902), and (in 1911) the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county.

With a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Clement's, Hastings, in 1912, Mr. Dawe was the first ringer to ring a peal on every ring of eight and ten bells then in the county. He afterwards rang peals on most of the new rings that were installed, but at the time of his death there remained one or two on which his ambition had not been fulfilled.

The total of the peals in his carefully kept peal book number 484, and it is strange that in this issue of 'The Ringing World' one of these peals, rung at Parnham in 1923, is withdrawn as false. Mr. Dawe never counted himself as a 'conductor,' preferring to leave that department to others, and he had called, in all, only 23 peals. He was, however, a very safe and good ringer. His peals for the Sussex Association numbered over 400, and others were rung for the



THE LATE MR. R. J. DAWE.

Kent County Association, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Oxford Guild, the Midland Counties Association, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and the Royal Cumberland Youths.

One of his closest ringing friends for something like 40 years was Mr. Frank Bennett, and it is interesting to note that he conducted no fewer than 180 of the peals in which Mr. Dawe took part.

Mr. Dawe's association with St. Peter's, Brighton, lasted from 1894 to 1906, when he removed to Seaford, before returning to reside again in Lewes. Throughout all his ringing career he has never ceased to be a member of the Southover, Lewes, Guild. In addition to serving the association for seven years as a divisional secretary he also represented the association on the Central Council from 1909 to 1911.

Mr. Dawe had not enjoyed very good health for some two or three years past, but his death came quite unexpectedly. He attended the funeral of his old ringing friend, Mr. Herbert Rann, at Brighton, on Saturday, January 2nd. On Sunday, he rang as usual for service, and went to work on Monday morning. He was taken ill in the afternoon and died within a few hours.

Widespread sympathy with the widow and family in their bereavement showed itself in the attendance at the funeral on Friday afternoon. A large number of parishioners attended the service at Southover Church, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews). The ringers present were Messrs. A. J. Turner, G. P. Elphick, F. J. Crees, T. W. Woolston, W. J. Coppard, W. Ward, W. A. Boyes, G. Wiggins, C. J. Rugg and H. S. James, of the local band, F. Bennett (Brighton), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), A. Simmonds, O. Wood, P. G. Piper and E. Garbutt (Seaford). The choir led the singing of the hymns, the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis, and the interment took place in the churchyard, not far from the tower where he had given loyal service to the church and spent so many happy hours.

In addition to the widow, a son and two daughters are left in bereavement. Mr. R. W. E. Dawe is now the conductor of the band at Southover.

LIST OF PEALS.

The following is the list of Mr. R. J. Dawe's peals:—

Grandsire Doubles	1
Grandsire Triples	60
Grandsire Caters	26
Stedman Triples	83
Stedman Caters	48
Stedman Cinques	1
Bob Minor	3
Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	42
Bob Royal	14
Double Norwich Major	39
Double Norwich Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	32
Kent Treble Bob Royal	17
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Superlative Surprise Major	44
Cambridge Surprise Major	25
Cambridge Surprise Royal	6
London Surprise Major	21
Norfolk Surprise Major	2
Westminster Surprise Major	3
Oxford Surprise Major	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major	4
Gloucester Surprise Major	1
Bristol Surprise Major	3
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1

Total ... 483

The peals which he conducted numbered 23, made up of Bob Minor 2, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 4, Bob Royal 1, and Grandsire Triples 15. Over 160 of his peals were rung at St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, Lewes, where he rang his last on April 15th, 1936.

HERBERT RANN.

Herbert Rann, who died at Brighton on December 29th at the age of 67 years, was associated for most of his ringing career with St. Nicholas' Church. He began his ringing at the little Sussex village of Waldron, where a young band struggled successfully to learn Grandsire Triples. It was not many years, however, before Mr. Rann removed to Brighton, where like Messrs. Merritt, Dawe and Bennett—he was employed at the Railway Works, and became a carriage examiner.

For a short time he rang at St. Paul's in West Street, where now the bells are entirely unused for ringing, and then Mr. Rann transferred his energies to St. Nicholas' Church, where he was a member of the band for considerably over 40 years. As a ringer he never aspired to anything above the standard methods, but he was a safe conductor of Grandsire Triples and Caters, of which he called many peals for the Sussex Association.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 2nd, and was attended by several old ringing friends.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Central Council President on Coronation Ringing.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday by members and friends of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on the occasion of the seventh annual dinner, which was held at the Lion Hotel. About 80 were present, the chair being taken by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who was supported by the Ven. E. J. Newill (Archdeacon of Dorking), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, the Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. Newsom (Croydon), etc. Members were present from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Mersham, Pirbright, Seale, Thames Ditton and West Clandon.

After an excellent dinner, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the chairman.

A BROKEN LINK.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from, among others, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Golding-Bird (Archdeacon of Surrey) and the Mayor of Guildford, proposed the toast of 'The President, Vice-President and Honorary Members.' While they regretted the Bishop's absence from that gathering, he said, they appreciated the fact that the Bishop occupied the office of president of the Guild. It showed his interest in their work and gave them a status in the diocese which they could not otherwise hope to occupy. They had met that evening, the speaker continued, under the shadow of a great loss. The death of the Provost of Guildford had removed one of their vice-presidents and it was difficult to say what they all must feel on such an occasion. They, as a guild, would miss the Provost very much indeed. He not only took an active interest in the Guild, attending their meetings and being present at their dinners, but they looked upon him as a liaison officer with the diocesan authorities. He was the strongest if not the only link with the ecclesiastical organisation of the diocese. That link had been broken and it would be difficult to replace. That it should be replaced, he was sure, would be the Provost's own wish. He hoped it might be possible to find in the diocesan hierarchy someone who would associate himself with the Guild sufficiently closely that they might feel that the Guild was still intimately allied, as they wished it to be allied, with other branches of church work in the diocese. It might be that they had with them that night a representative of the Church to whom they might look to succeed to the place in the Guild formerly occupied by the Provost. Mr. Goldsmith added that he wished to take that opportunity of associating the Guild with the many expressions of deep regret at Provost Kirwan's death that had been voiced throughout the diocese.

They were left, he continued, with only one vice-president at the moment, and they were very happy to have Mr. Harrison with them. He was no mere figurehead. Only those who had worked behind the scenes knew what the Guild owed to Mr. Harrison. From the Guild's formation he had thrown himself into the work with an enthusiasm which, had he (the speaker) not seen it, he would not have believed possible for one who was not actually a ringer. Mr. Harrison had served them without stint in everything they had asked him to do (applause). Mr. Goldsmith expressed appreciation of the support given to the Guild by the hon. members, but added that, while the Guild valued the financial assistance they received, they would like to see more of the hon. members among them on such occasions as that. He could assure them, however, that their money was well spent. But for their help the Guild would not be able to make the grants they did to bell restorations in the diocese, grants which, though of modest dimensions, showed that they were at least prepared to give as well as to take (applause).

LACK OF CLERGY'S INTEREST.

Mr. Harrison, who responded, also paid tribute to the late Provost, his co-vice-president, whom he had known, he said, probably longer than anyone else in the room. He had had the closest friendship with him for 42 years. It had been a privilege to know him and he favoured with his friendship and his approval—or disapproval, if, as sometimes happened, he disagreed. Mr. Harrison asked the company to stand a few moments in silent tribute to the memory of the Provost.

Resuming, Mr. Harrison said their success as a Guild was tempered with one or two things which one would like to improve upon. There was no doubt about the harmony of the Guild and the good fellowship, but he did wish that one or two of the weaker districts could receive a little more attention with the hope that they would take a fuller share in the corporate work of the Guild. Then there was the more or less vexed question of the attendance and interest of the clerical side of the diocese in matters relating to the Guild. He thought they ought to make a special effort during the next twelve months to see if they could not get the clergy to take an interest in their towers and particularly in the men in the towers. It was a pity that, even allowing for 'Mr. Influenza,' they only had with them that night their old friend Canon Coleridge, and Mr. Archdeacon Newill, whom they cordially welcomed to that gathering. He hoped more clergy would be induced to take a keener interest in the Guild

and help them in the various projects and questions which they had to face (applause).

PEAL RINGING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild,' and expressed his pleasure at being again asked to join the Guild at their annual dinner. They were very lucky in their Guild in having one of the best Masters and one of the best possible secretaries (applause). They alone should ensure the Guild a successful future. He congratulated the Guild upon the bell restorations which had taken place last year in the diocese. Several important works had been carried out during the past year. It was, perhaps, fortunate that the bells were ready, because this year should be a bumper year for ringing, owing to the fact that in a few months they were going to celebrate the Coronation of their beloved King and Queen. He hoped the members of the Guild were already practising for that event, so that, whatever ringing was done—and he hoped there would be ringing in every church in the diocese—would be of the best possible quality, not necessarily in method, but in the excellence of the striking and rhythm maintained (hear, hear). Another thing they might try and do was to ring the bells at some of the towers which had been closed for peal ringing in recent years.

A suggestion had recently been made that the length of a peal should be shortened. He personally was very much against anything of the sort (hear, hear). There was an historical and a mathematical reason for the standard length of a peal. If shortening the length of a peal would cause more peals to be rung, he did not think it would be an advantage. He thought that already too many peals were 'got.' If only peals that were rung correctly were counted, there would not be so many published week by week in 'The Ringing World,' and that would be a great advantage. He thought peal ringing should be kept for special occasions, or for occasions where bands can really ring perfectly. On other occasions they should be content with shorter lengths.

Mr. Lewis made an appeal for more honour to be given to quarter-peals. A quarter-peal was a very suitable length for practices. It was long enough to enable ringers to settle down and not enough to annoy the public, except a small minority who could not stand bells at all. If they had more quarter-peals and kept peals for special occasions, he thought it would be a good thing.

Returning to the subject of towers where peal ringing is banned, Mr. Lewis said it was probably due to the fact that the bells were noisy outside the tower. That was quite unnecessary, for the sound could be modified. They had an excellent example in the diocese at Haslemere, where great pains had been taken to modify the sound so that the bells were no nuisance to the public. That could be done, given sufficient pains, in practically all towers, and as a rule it was not a very expensive business.

Mr. Lewis added that quite recently a small leaflet had been issued on the subject by the Anti-Noise League. It was very well done, and when he saw it he wondered where the information had been obtained, because he did not know of any ringer having been consulted. But when he got the pamphlet he found that most of it was taken from Sir Arthur Heywood's book, 'Bell Towers and Bell Ringing.' A description of what had been done at Lincoln Cathedral was given, together with a plan of a cross section of the south-west tower. It would be a good thing, said Mr. Lewis, if that leaflet was circulated to all Archdeacons, so that they might be able to advise on this subject of the sound of bells, and he had already suggested to the secretary of the Central Council that they should take steps to have this done.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Master, in responding, said it was quite true that several of the towers in the diocese were closed for peals. Last year the Guild rang 21 peals, three of them on handbells. The others were rung in only eleven towers, which left a good many towers untouched. He would like to draw attention to one of the peals in particular, a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot, rung fully muffled for our late King. In that peal, rung by an entirely local band, there were five first peals, and he would like to congratulate Mr. Charles Denyer on his success (applause). With regard to restorations, he was pleased to say several important restorations had taken place, including Shalford, Chiddingfold and Yorktown, which were done under his own supervision. He was allowed to do exactly as he liked (applause), but it was sometimes after a big struggle (laughter). At Witley there was not as much done as he would have liked, but the bells had been rebung on ball bearings.

Proceeding, Major Hesse said the Benevolent Fund established a year or two ago was, on the whole, going on well. The more they gave to it the better for the future, because they never knew when a member might need its help. He hoped every member would do his best for the fund. The Master added his tribute to the late Provost and said what a friend they had always found him. With regard to the future of the Guild, he agreed with what Mr. Harrison had said and they must try to get further help from the clergy and see if they could not get some of the towers opened for the Coronation that were now closed. He supported Mr. Lewis in what he had said about the desirability of moderating the noise of bells outside the towers wherever this was necessary. They had an excellent example of what could be done in the case of the Cathedral in Guildford, and he was now trying further experiments at Haslemere, where much

had already been done. The openings were being shuttered so that they could be closed for peals and opened for service ringing, and the cost would be not more than £10. He hoped those in charge of towers where this sort of thing could be done would bring the matter to the notice of church authorities.

ARCHDEACON'S INTEREST.

Mr. J. Corbett proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to all of whom he extended a hearty welcome. Their presence, he said, showed that they were interested in the work of the Guild. Archdeacon Newill had heard what had been said about the late Provost, and he must feel how much the Guild appreciated all the Provost did for them. He (the speaker) hoped, after hearing that, the Archdeacon would extend to them the same sympathy and interest that Provost Kirwan did (hear, hear). They wanted someone to step into the breach and help them forward in their work. They offered him a very hearty welcome indeed (applause). Their Guild, continued Mr. Corbett, was one of the youngest in the country and they were trying to emulate all the best there was in the old guilds and associations. They aimed at the very fundamentals of change ringing; that was, service ringing, and he was glad to say that in their towers service ringing was the primary object of the Guild (applause). He had to couple with the toast the name of Archdeacon Newill, and also that of Canon Coleridge. Although the latter was not strictly a visitor, he came from over the border and they could not let him go away without having a few words from him (applause).

Archdeacon Newill, in reply, spoke of an association and friendship with the late Provost extending over 32 years, and said that if in any way he could fill in some small part the breach caused by the Provost's death, he would be only too happy to do so and to know that he was doing something to help on the work the Guild was doing (applause). As a very young Archdeacon, he had obtained a useful 'tip' that evening. He would be holding his 'visitation' shortly after Easter, and, like other Archdeacons, he was at the present moment drawing up a list of questions to be answered by the churchwardens. He had really got a new idea with regard to the shuttering of bells, and he had learned quite a lot from Major Hesse, which he hoped would prove very useful. He suggested that no time should be lost in distributing the pamphlets to Archdeacons, as Mr. Lewis had suggested.

Canon Coleridge, who was very cordially received as an old friend, said he had that day attended a funeral at Bristol of a ringer who was a member of the band who 32 years ago rang the one and only peal ever rung on Lundy Island. Only three survivors of that peal were present. He had come straight back from Bristol to keep his engagement with them that night. He brought them greetings from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which, as they knew, was a very much bigger concern. The diocese covered three counties and was very difficult to work. The Bishop found the diocese almost impossible to work, and, as Master of the Oxford Guild, he also found it impossible. To attend a meeting in North Bucks would break into two days unless one had available a fast motor-car. He attended what meetings he could, but by contrast with the Guildford Guild the area of his own Guild was too big to be convenient. He was very happy to be able to do what he could, for, after his accident three years ago, his doctor told him he would not be able to get about again except in a bath chair. He was determined, however, that he would. The only thing he could not trust himself to do was to mount belfry stairs, and he had to confine his ringing to towers where the ringing was done on the ground floor. Canon Coleridge concluded by wishing the Guildford Guild every prosperity.

The musical programme consisted of handbell solos delightfully played by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, songs splendidly sung by Mr. H. Platt, and community singing. In addition a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Hazelden, E. H. Lewis, A. H. Pulling and W. Melville, and a 'running commentary' was given on a bell-ringing performance at 'Seareham.' A very enjoyable evening terminated with a vote of thanks to the artistes (proposed by the Master) and 'Auld Lang Syne.'

ROUND BLOCKS AND TRANSPOSITIONS IN PEAL COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Two of the Methods Committee have at last replied. They calmly ignore the new discovery of round blocks and transposition in peal compositions, and they give an asymmetrical peal for comparison with two symmetrical peal compositions.

Following is their asymmetrical peal with its round blocks and transpositions, so that they, or anyone who cares to take the trouble, may compare with the three symmetrical peal compositions published in 'The Ringing World' on December 25th last.

F. I. O.	23456	2nd Part	Round Blocks	Transpositions
—	32654	x	53462	= 52643
—	53246	x	65324	= 62345
—	42356	x	23564	= 34562
—	25463	x	36245	= 65243
—	35264	x	55342	= 35264

48325 is not 23456.

GEORGE BAKER.

BELLS IN TELEVISION PROGRAMME.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

On Christmas Day four College Youths met at Baker Street and drove up to the Alexandra Palace, where they were due at 2.30, to prepare for their turn in the 'Picture Page' of the B.B.C. Television Programme. Three of them were wondering what the conductor would say when he realised that he would have to be 'made up.' They were disappointed to find that their peculiarities required no emphasis, and after a very brief wait in a dressing room they were shown into the studio, where most of the other 'turns' were waiting.

One end of the studio, which formed the stage, was lighted with a battery of very powerful lamps. The background was formed of screens of neutral grey colour, and facing the stage were two or three 'cameras' on movable stands, with microphones suspended above. The other end of the room seemed to be littered with properties and a number of chairs, which could be arranged in front of a receiving set, so that the waiting performers could see those who were acting both in the flesh and 'as received.'

After watching a group of Chelsea Pensioners rehearse their bit, the College Youths had to face the 'camera' for a trial. This was mainly for focussing purposes. Chalk marks were made on the floor when the positions were satisfactory so that later there should be no delay in being in the line. Just before three o'clock a roast turkey was wheeled in on a trolley by a chef. This quite upset the handbell conductor, who had had nothing to eat since an early breakfast. Here again there was disappointment. The bird was for demonstration only.

Punctually at three o'clock the programme was announced by Miss Joan Baxter at the telephone, and then the picture page started with 'How to carve a turkey' by the chef. While the next item was being 'shot,' apparently in another studio, the College Youths lined up, and, after a short wait, which, however, was long enough to make the heat of the lamps almost unbearable, the signal was given to 'go Stedman' on the handbells. After about half a course the second camera was turned on to the next item and the ordeal was over.

There followed an amusing three-quarters of an hour watching the other illustrations on the page, which included, besides the Chelsea Pensioners, Pop-eye the Sailor Man, a Saharan Princess, Father Christmas and a Policeman, Shackleton the Arctic Explorer, a L.P.T.B. interpreter, the chief of the Gravesend Pilots, a Plumber and his mate, and Miss Joan Baxter impersonating an American telephone girl. It was lucky that no ringers' wives were listening to the ticking off she gave her boy, when she found he was trying to telephone to another dame in the hotel. They might have learnt a bit too much.

Mrs. Hughes very kindly lent a brand new set of handbells for the occasion. Just in case the B.B.C. thought the reflections from the bright bell metal might spoil good reception, an old set were taken also, and the authorities at once chose the latter.

After a brief visit to Whitechapel for a cup of tea, the performers returned to their family circles, feeling proud that they had been able to give the first visible demonstration of change ringing by wireless.

There cannot be very many receiving sets in private use. The owner of one has been traced and he said that the College Youths made one of the best turns that have come through so far.

IPSWICH BELL FOUNDER BUSY.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has in hand the restoration of the bells, with new teak frame, at Hinton Blewitt, Somerset, a new oak frame for Meldreth, Cambs, and a new oak frame for Earsham, Norfolk. He is also recasting all five bells and rebanging in a teak frame at Ranworth, Norfolk; recasting two bells into three to make a ring of five and rebanging peal with new fittings at Stoke Ash, Suffolk; and restoring the fine heavy ring of eight at All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.

He has recently rehung on ball bearings the back four bells at Barton-le-Cley, Beds, where he added the three trebles 34 years ago.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

SEVENTY-TWO LEADS OF TREBLE BOB AND A RABBIT PIE SUPPER.

On Saturday last, January 9th, the Earlsington Society and a few friends were entertained to a 'rabbit pie supper' in celebration of the 72nd birthday of Mr. Walter Idle, which occurred on Friday, January 8th. In the afternoon a start was made for a touch of 72 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major (2,304 changes), but after ringing three courses one of the ringers was taken ill and 'stand' was called. Then an adjournment was made to the Park Hotel, where the party sat down to an excellent meal. Afterwards another attempt was made for the 72 leads, which was successfully brought round in 1 hour and 25 minutes, the ringers being Walter Idle 1, Percy Byram 2, Hemingway Dransfield 3, Harry Armitage 4, Maurice Hodgson 5, Harold Senior 6, Herbert Dransfield 7, Norman Ling 8. The touch was composed and conducted by Maurice Hodgson. Messrs. Senior and Hodgson are service ringers at Batley Parish Church, and Mr. Armitage is a service ringer at the Huddersfield Parish Church. The rest belong to the local company.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS 16th ANNUAL DINNER.—Available: St. Mary, Redcliffe (12 bells) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Motor coach leaves here at 3 p.m. for Bitton, 8 bells.) St. Philip's (8 bells) 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Temple (8 bells, the Leaning Tower) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Thomas' (8 bells) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Stephen's (10 bells) 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea, St. Thomas', 4 p.m. Dinner commences at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. John Austin.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Canon Coleridge. Meat tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket. Members of branch 1s., all others 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—Joseph Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Westminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8) after tea and meeting. — C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fifth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Norwood Green and Heston in afternoon. District annual general meeting at Isleworth on February 6th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in belfry and ringing for one hour.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

WATFORD.—Saturday, Jan. 16th, from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea, 5.30, in old school. Train and coach service from all parts to Watford.—Herts Association.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech branch will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Mole Brace, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of Holy Sepulchre will be available from 2.30 p.m. The service will be held in this church. The address will be given by the Rev. Rowson. Election of officers.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. All welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 until 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Friendship Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 16. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), on Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens) at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in Parish Rooms. An IMPORTANT meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at which all committee men are earnestly asked to be present.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. All members and friends will be welcome. — E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Make it *your* business to attend and help us make a good start for 1937.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The peal of eight will be available from 5 o'clock, so please come along.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Raunds (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 16th, at Darley Dale. Will all members and friends accept this late notice and rally up to this general meeting.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.—On Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 3 o'clock, the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the new treble of six installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th and 21st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Method for practice: Double Coslany Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Names please to Thomas B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 4 p.m. sharp. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) ready 5 p.m. Will all members who can make an effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at the business meeting which follows tea. In fairness to our hosts, members intending to accept are asked to notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5.15 p.m.) at Rogers' Café, The Borough; business afterwards. *Please* notify for tea by Wednesday, 20th. Everybody welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme. Re-opening of the Birch 'Ring of Bells' (8), after reconstruction of the mechanism by Taylors, of Loughborough. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester has kindly consented to perform the ceremony and conduct a short service in the church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. All ringers and friends cordially welcome. A postcard from those desiring tea, 1s. each, will be appreciated, before Jan. 20th.—Rev. A. E. Horner, L.Th., Hon. C.F., The Rectory, Birch-in-Rusholme.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Important: Please send me numbers for tea not later than Friday, 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. The bells of Charminster, Fordington and Upwey available from 3 p.m. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wroxton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Shenington (5) and Banbury (10) also available during the evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland (bells 8, tenor 23 cwt.) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m.; members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business proceedings afterwards. A fine peal of 8. All welcome. Please send names for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Blenkin Memorial Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 19th?—W. E. Clarke, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Kindly let me know numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 5 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 20th, please. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. A good 'turn up' requested. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—S. Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at 1s. each.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at Doncaster Parish Church. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Clergy House at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Memorial Hall, at 1s. per head. General meeting at 6 o'clock. It is essential that all who will require tea should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilborough on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells of St. Leonard's will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock at St. Leonard's. Tea at The Manor, at 1s. per head, followed by meeting. The bells of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, will be available immediately after the meeting till 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 36, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16, not later than Thursday, Jan. 28th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in canteen at 5.30. Business meeting on the Vestry Hall at 6.30. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, 27th. This is most important, for the catering. Usual practice at Shore-ditch Jan. 27th at 6.30 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, at 5. Important business meeting to follow. Ringing at Willesden from 7 to 9 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Triples. The District Committee will meet at 3.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please advise me by Jan. 27th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, January 30th, when the following bells will be available: Far Headingley (8) 12 noon to 9 p.m., St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Matthias', Burley (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Chad's at 4.15 p.m., the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The President asks that on this special occasion all ringers should do their best to attend. Tea will be provided in the schools at 5 p.m. for all who send in their names to Miss L. K. Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds 6, by Thursday, Jan. 28th, otherwise a charge of 1s. will be made. The general meeting will be held in the schools immediately after tea, and the presentation to Canon C. C. Marshall, who completes 25 years as President of the Association at this meeting, will be made by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on behalf of the members. The President and local company extend a very hearty welcome to all ringers.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells of St. Deny's Church (8) will be open 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Jan. 28th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drive, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, in Church Room. All ringers and friends given a hearty welcome. Subscriptions for 1937 now due. A p.c. for tea will be much appreciated by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. A. L. Chapman (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Keene). Tea will be provided in the Church Hall, price 1s. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Eight Bells Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify not later than Jan. 28th to H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 26th Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 26th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

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